

Dear Members,

We have had our second committee meeting via Zoom which went well with everyone attending.

Our Membership Secretary, Yvonne Brenkley, has resigned from the committee. This was a decision Yvonne made this decision in February and she decided that now was the right time to leave. We thank her for her service to our u3a. Yvonne left the membership in good order for the next person who takes over. Just to remind you all that you can read the minutes on our website.

Since our last email requesting membership fees, we have had 110 members paying their £10.

We would like to thank all those who have supported us, and I would like to thank Kathryn Shaw and Christine Charlton for all their help with this.

There is no doubt that Covid is going to continue to blight our lives into 2021. We decided that we would try ways of engaging our members more. One of those ways is to use Zoom to have perhaps a Quiz or Book Club and we would like you to let us know if this is something that you would take part in. Firstly, though we need to know how much interest there would be in doing this. For some Zoom seems to be a bit scary but it is being used a lot now by the u3a to get groups together. We have our Jukebox run by Chris Merchant every 3 weeks and it is enjoyable.

I joined in a group meeting for Membership Secretaries in our Region yesterday. There were 34 people attending and some had not used Zoom before. There are also lots of speakers who use Zoom, and we could do this as well if there was enough interest.

In 2020 Zoom is one of the leading conference sites. You can virtually interact with people and it is great for social events too. If you are interested in joining in with this or other events that could be held then please email me back and put **Quiz and Book Club yes**.

The National u3a is holding an Emergency General Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The Board is recommending that the Trusts Articles (u3a) be amended so that members can attend and vote electronically at future AGM. We, as a committee, are duty bound to inform you of this proposal and to get your vote. Please reply to this email with your vote **EGM yes or no**.

We are also aware that there may be members who are living alone. If you know someone who needs support, then please let us know so we can get in touch with them.

If you wish to discuss anything within this message, then please do not hesitate to contact me. My details are below.

Stay well and safe,

Kind regards

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