



June/July 2020 Newsletter - to all members By EMAIL Roger Poole

Looking Ahead - first meetings restart within guidelines: Autumn Term and AGM.

Welcome to our June/July Newsletter via EMAIL only, so could leaders and members please pass this onto members not on Email. It will be available on our Website so anyone with a computer can access it. The August newsletter will be sent with the AGM papers by EMAIL or Mail to everyone.

▶ **Restarting Groups within Government / U3A Trust advice - Cycling is the first.**

Ensuring the safety of our members is the top priority of the committee so they need to be assured that members will be as safe as possible from the virus when any group restarts. Our key guides are the current Government Advice and U3A Trust "Risk Assessment Form".

Cycling is our first group to restart, after demonstrating how they can safely achieve current Government guidelines. The Risk Assessment form shows how the group will meet: outside with social distancing and not sharing equipment, with each member assessing their own situation. This enables the committee to confirm that the group has met government guidelines.

Now Knitting & Crochet is also able to meet these requirements – by meeting outside, and will be our second group to restart.

If other groups would like to restart, require further information or help please contact our Activities Co-ordinator at groups@alsagerU3A.org.uk.

▶ **Looking ahead to the Autumn Term & the AGM**

At the moment it seems very unlikely that things will return to normal this autumn, especially within our U3A age group. Therefore the committee are exploring alternatives so that we can continue through the autumn while meeting government advice current at that time.

Our new Website will be a key tool to enable us to continue, if necessary, through the autumn without being able to meet in large numbers: in particular running the help desk and outings desks inside could be a challenge. So we are exploring how we could use our Website and technology to communicate with our members – or new members, and for them to provide information direct to us.

The AGM is one of our key meetings in the autumn, which as a charity we are required to hold. We may not be able to hold a meeting large enough to meet our 10% quorum attendance, so we are looking at alternatives. In particular, we are working on sending AGM information by EMAIL / Mail to each member including the meeting agenda, the presentations to be given, and the motions to be voted on, and using a postal vote (mail or email) to gather the vote. Motions include voting for the officers and committee, membership fees, and approval of the accounts. Hopefully the total votes cast will meet our quorum, so that the actual meeting can achieve its quorum however many attend.

The AGM calling papers for nominations & motions will be sent with the August Newsletter. This will be earlier than usual, to give time for the second posting - of nominations, motions and documents to be voted on, and for votes to be returned and counted prior to the AGM.

▶ **Member News: Remembering Kath Nixon**

Kath Nixon sadly died in June. She was well know and popular in Alsager and in our U3A, the leader of Local History (interleaving with Talk Time) and a member of several groups. Her family have requested that donations in her memory be made to local charities including Alsager U3A. If anyone would like to give a donation, please contact Bob our treasurer: treasurer@alsagerU3A.org.uk. Donations will be used to assist one of the groups with which she was associated.

With Best Wishes to all our members Roger

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