

Milford & District U3A Monthly E-Newsletter: January 2021

Dear members,

New Year Greetings to you all! Note I have left out the “happy” bit as I don’t think any of us are feeling exactly cheerful with the restrictions imposed by Lockdown 3 and fears over the accelerating rate of covid cases. Even so we must stay positive and be grateful that the vaccination programme is now underway, indeed I expect many of you have already been fortunate enough to have had a dose already.

Of course as a U3A we are disappointed that our meetings must continue only online as before but this is your opportunity to perhaps try new interest groups: the joy of zoom meetings is that there is no restriction on numbers! Just contact the leader beforehand to get the link by email.

Here is a plug for the History of Godalming group, which coincidentally is run by my husband, Ian.

*“The next monthly Zoom meeting of the U3A History of Godalming group will be on **Wednesday 20th January at 2pm**. This time we have a very special guest speaker, **Mr Michael More-Molineux** who will speak for about 40 minutes on the history of Loseley House. The second part of the 2 hour session will be on Tudor Godalming.*

Those U3A members who are not members of the History of Godalming group may be interested in hearing this talk and are warmly invited to join the call. All they need do is email the organiser, Ian Honeysett, on: Honeysett@btinternet.com in advance so that he can send them the link in good time.”

New Cycling group

There was considerable interest in the suggestion in December’s newsletter to form a U3A cycling group. Obviously this will not happen until covid restrictions are lifted and the weather improves. But it is not too late to express an interest.

Walking Football

Someone has suggested that this might be another useful form of outdoor exercise so if you might be interested in joining such a group let me know.

As a committee we are aware that many of you have paid your current year's subscription and may feel you have had a poor return for your money thus far. We hope things will improve after Easter and are hoping to extend our U3A year and meetings until July and, hopefully, these will include actual as well as virtual sessions.

We ask for your patience in what has been a very challenging year indeed!

Our Milford & District website.

Alan, Bob and Kirsten (our techie experts) have been busy creating a new website for our U3A branch and aim to launch it in the next few weeks. We know that many of you never look at the site which is a shame as it contains so much useful information and the new format will be even better!

A message from our Chairman, John Oakey

"We are looking to re-invigorate the Organisation for next year. We have immediate vacancies for a Publicity organiser, a Newsletter & Programme compiler and for an Event/Outings Co-ordinator. These can be committee or non-committee roles. However, we do need more committee members as well. I have completed my term as Chair and Jan will also be stepping down as secretary. Please consider volunteering to join our team." This little poem sums it up.

*Are you an active member,
the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your
name is on the list?*

Do you take an active part

*to help the work along?
Or are you simply satisfied
to merely just belong?*

*Do you assist at meetings
and help to make them tick?
Or leave the work to just a few
then talk about the “clique”?*

*Think about it member
think both hard and long
Are you an active member
or do you just belong?*

[Courtesy Southport BSAC]

Finally, a mention about the new scams arriving on our devices claiming to be from the NHS about receiving a vaccination. Please don't respond to any requests for your personal details, especially bank details – IT IS A SCAM. You will receive your vaccination invites without having to send any info to anybody. Please stay safe and healthy.

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