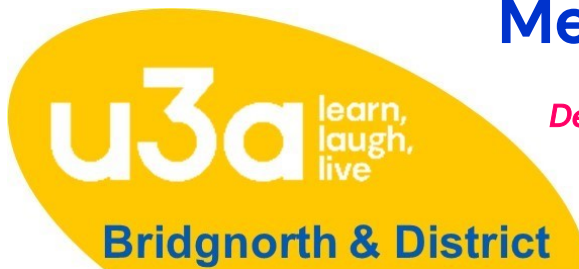


Members Together—Newsletter

December 2020



Dear Member ...

Months have now passed since Covid 19 arrived, un-welcomed, into our midst!

There is no doubt that we are living in extraordinary and globally unique times and 2021 will continue to bring personal challenges for each and everyone of us. Here in Bridgnorth your u3a Committee is working hard trying to adapt to these new circumstances. We are continuing to support our Group Leaders and keeping in touch with all of our members one way or another.

And now it is Subscription Renewal time. It does seem crazy to be asking for this when so much of our programme is, and will be, 'on hold' for some time. But with the good news of a vaccine on the near horizon, we do need your financial support to enable us to continue to keep in touch and to be ready to resume 'normal service' asap. We hope you consider that your £12 (£10 Joint Members) is being well spent. Please read on as to see what is happening as we go to print together with ideas for 2021.

Seasons Greetings to everyone.

u3a Chair—Maria Hughes

Annual Subscriptions

(Jan–Dec 2021)

Renewal reminders have been emailed (posted) to members.

As an established organisation members will appreciate that, in spite of Covid 19, we still have financial commitments! By way of a brief explanation, please see the below.

How to pay?

On line Renewals preferred.
Cheques/Cash by post.

Thank You

u3a Treasurer—Chris Wright

Adapting around Covid 19 during 2021 ...

We will be supporting our members to take part in

- Speaker Meetings using Zoom
- Smaller Interest Groups (6 max home/zoom)
- Trips with good social distancing
- Outdoor Activities

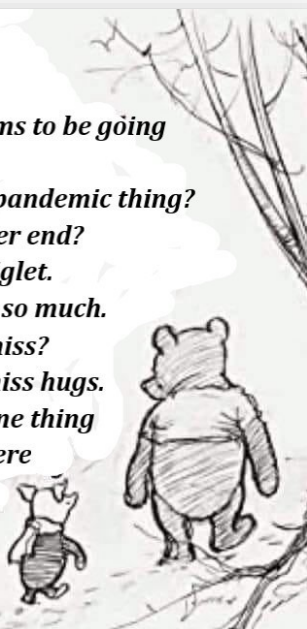
Check for updates on our Website:
www.bridgnorthanddistrict.org.uk



Summary of Outgoings - Averaged by Member

Third Age Capitation	£4.00	
Third Age Magazines x 5	£3.00	
Beacon IT Support	£1.00	£8.00
Newsletters x4/Print/Postage	£1.50	
2021 Speakers x 4 (Zoom)	£1.00	
Website/Zoom/Msoft Licences	£1.50	£4.00
TOTAL		£12.00

*Hey Pooh?
Yes Piglet?
This thing seems to be going
on forever.
You mean the pandemic thing?
Yeah, will it ever end?
Oh I hope so Piglet.
I do too, I miss so much.
What do you miss?
Hugs Pooh, I miss hugs.
Yeah, it's the one thing
the humans were
good at.
I know Piglet
I know.*



Keeping in Touch

with each other ... Coffee & Chat (Zoom)

Thursdays 11.00am fortnightly
Leader—Trevor Padget



Quiz Hour (Zoom)

Wednesdays 11.00am weekly
Leader—Kay Yendole

Bridgnorth u3a —Members Together

Private Group page for Members only
Leader—Chris Wright



The New Look ! Love it or hate it - we have been rebranded!

learn,
laugh,
live

Bridgnorth & District u3a learn,
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January Monthly Meeting ...

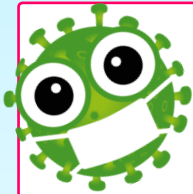
We had hoped to organise a socially distanced Drop-In/Renewals opportunity in the Low Town Community Hall for our January meeting ... but latest Government Covid rules now make this highly unlikely. **So it is back to the drawing board!**

Following on from the success of our Zoom Speaker in November **(The Heritage of Gilbert & Sullivan)** we have booked another for (4th Wed)

27th January ... this time Shakespeare's London—A Virtual Tour. More information

for 4th Weds in Feb & March will be coming soon. Meanwhile why not seek out a

Zoom Buddy to share this experience whilst settled down together with a nice cup of tea?



Covid 19 Rules and Guidelines ...

Yes ... it has been very difficult to keep up and there has definitely been less 'together time' than any of us would have liked. We do however have to continue to be guided by our umbrella organisation, the **Third Age Trust**, and of course keep within **Government**

Guidelines and Rules applying to Bridgnorth on what we can (or cannot) do! **u3a Chair—Maria**

GROUP ACTIVITY at the time of printing with a couple of new ideas ...

Active ... Social Media

Facebook Group—Members Together

Active Groups – Zoom Online

Coffee & Chat; French for Fun; Spanish for Fun

Genealogy; Quiz Hour ; Book Group

Active Groups – On Line/Email ...

Bridge; Cinema Goers; Writers

Active Groups – Other

Walking; Jigsaw Exchange

To Restart asap in 2021

Games: Bridge; Mahjong; Canasta; Table Tennis; Cribbage

Trips: Gardens; Out & About; Theatre; CBSO

Other: M2M Writing; Geocaching; German

In Planning and Ideas for 2021

Kindle Book of the Month

Recent releases by well known author/personality.

Dec Victoria Hyslop **One August Night**

Jan Graham Norton **A Keeper**

Feb Richard Osman **Thursday Murder Club**

Download, purchase or borrow the book.

Share your personal reading experience with others by email or on our Facebook page.

A new idea—why not give it a try?

Group Coordinator—Kay Yendole

IT (Zoom) Support

Every Monday 10.30–12 noon

Got an issue or just interested in IT?

Tel [redacted] or log in.

Zoom ID: [redacted] Passcode: [redacted]

Coordinator—Chris Wright



Postscript ...

Does your Charity Jar with small change need emptying? *If so, please let us know.*



We are here. Do make contact as we would like to hear from you ...

- * Want help to give Zoom a try?
- * Have an idea to set up a new Interest Group?
- * Would you just like a friendly chat?
- * Would you prefer a printed Newsletter?

- Call Trevor** [redacted]
- Call Maria** [redacted]
- Call Jane** [redacted]
- Call Jenny** [redacted]

