

Chat from the Chair

Hello,

Just a quick word to go with this one-off news bulletin in preparation for our restart in September.

Every member of the committee is doing their best to keep up with the ever-changing news, updates, advice and reminders from the government, the Third Age Trust and local networks of U3As. We have made some errors in our advice along the way in our keenness to keep you all safe and secure as we reopen our groups in indoor settings. This news bulletin is an attempt to clarify our messages to you, based on what we know currently.

The overwhelming message is that we trust our Group Leaders to make the best judgment for their groups as they know their members, their venue and the constraints or otherwise of the activity they facilitate. However, it will always be you, the individual member, who must make the final decision as to whether you feel comfortable about re-joining your groups in person.

As you know, we have cancelled our usual enrolment morning in August as we judged that most people would prefer to sign up for groups by email or telephone directly to the Group Leader this year. Please remember to do this as soon as you like so that GLs can begin to plan for the start of term. On a personal note, I have spaces in my 'Introduction to Duplicate Bridge' group so please do contact me directly if you are interested in learning to play Bridge or in just refreshing your knowledge.

Our monthly speaker meetings will begin as usual on September 15th in the Harlington. I look forward to seeing many of you for coffee beforehand and to enjoy a talk from one of our own Fleet U3A members. Yvonne Hockey will be speaking about 'Fragrances: facts and fables'.

See you there,

Paddy

Have you forgotten to renew or were you waiting to see if we were restarting? Well we are starting, in September, to meet in person again so why not join us. Ed.

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Membership renewal 2021

Please see page 2 for full details of the renewal process. It really will assist your Membership Secretary and the Treasurer if you will renew online. If you have never done this before please give it a go, it is safe and easy to do.

If you need to renew by post then please see page 3 for details.

Joining Groups

Anyone wishing to join a group should contact the Group Leader directly. The contact details are contained within the programme that you should have now received.

If you have previously been a member of a group then it may be that that Group Leader has already contacted you. If this is not the case then please do not wait, be proactive and get hold of them and ask what the way forward is for your group/s.

It will be up to each member to decide whether they wish to join in or not. What ever you decide I do hope that you continue to support the Group Leaders and your Fleet u3a. Ed.

New Members' Coffee Morning

It is planned that this will take place at 10.30 on Friday 3rd September at the Baptist Church in Basingbourne Road, Church Crookham, GU52 6TH

Whilst this is intended for new members existing members can of course also join in, particularly if they have questions, hopefully friendly ones, for the Committee or any GL's that are present.

P.S. plenty of biscuits and you can have tea if you prefer.



Ed.

The subscription for the coming academic year has been set at £14 per member. Three options for membership renewal and payment are set out below.

In 2015 Fleet & District U3A launched a web-based membership renewal system (Option 1). Those members who made use of the scheme last year will receive their renewal invitations via email. This paper invitation is being posted to those members who do not have an email address registered on our database.

Whichever option you choose this year, **PLEASE HAVE YOUR RENEWAL COMPLETED BY 25TH AUGUST 2021**

Renewal and Payment Options

Option 1 Fleet U3A's recommended renewal process: Go to www.fleetu3a.org.uk and select the 'Membership' tab and then 'Renew your Membership'. Please read the full Guidance notes on that 'Renew Membership' page. You will need your membership number, forename, surname, postcode and email address to log into Beacon. Beacon will transfer you to PayPal to pay, YOU DO NOT NEED TO SIGN UP FOR AN ACCOUNT WITH PAYPAL, you can just pay with a debit or credit card. Those who pay via this option should receive their membership card(s) by email within a few minutes. If your membership card email is not received within 24 hours, please inform memsec@fleetu3a.org.uk

Option 2 By arranging an electronic transfer to the Fleet U3A CAF Bank account quoting :

Sort code : 40-52-40 Account Number : 00006405 Your membership number as reference

Option 3 By cheque made payable to Fleet U3A in the sum of £14 per member. Please do not send cash through the post.

If paying by Options 2 or 3 please complete the form below (ticking the appropriate boxes) and post it to Membership Secretary, Fleet & District U3A, 39A Court Farm Road, Longwell Green, Bristol BS30 9AD

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am renewing my/our membership(s)	My/our membership number(s) is/	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>			

Payment method :	<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 2 : Bank Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Option 3 : By the enclosed cheque
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PERSONAL DETAILS Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

Member 1 : Title : Forename : Surname :

Member 2 : Title : Forename : Surname :

Address :

Postal Town : County : Post Code :

Telephone Number : Email address :

Gift Aid (As a registered charity, Fleet U3A is able to treat your subscription(s) as a Gift Aid Donation.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	I/we have made a Gift Aid declaration in the past and wish it to remain in force
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please let me/us have the papers to set up a new donation
<input type="checkbox"/>	I/we wish to cancel a previous declaration / I/we am/are no longer a tax payer(s)

Optional consent to receive Third Age Trust Magazines by post

<input type="checkbox"/>	I/we consent to my/our postal address information only, given above, being shared with the company that oversees the distribution of the Third Age Trust Magazines.
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A General Reminder Please notify the Membership Secretary (mesec@fleetu3a.org.uk) or update your details on line if you change your name, home, email address or telephone number at any future stage. **Thankyou**

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