

Group News

The Shed Group is the latest group to take advantage of the U3A website to record their activities and achievements. [Use this link to see an impressive range of their recent projects.](#)

Histories of Nations: This new group is looking for members. Formed by Marten Koopmans, it's starting in the autumn. At each session members will look into pre-selected events or periods in the national histories of other countries, highlighting links with the history of the UK and exchanging their findings.

Marten's groups are always popular so we recommend that you register your interest early by emailing him on Koopmans@talktalk.net. Meetings will initially be via Zoom and eventually at the Lister's Arms, near Clarke Foley, on odd week Thursdays from 3-5 pm

Impact of lockdown for group activity: [Use this link to read again](#) an update recently sent by Groups Coordinator, Mary Podesta. For groups contemplating use of Zoom to restart an Autumn programme, a help document is under preparation and will be available on the website early in August.

Subscription renewals update

The Trustees would like to thank over 1,000 members who have now renewed their subscriptions ahead of time. To renew your subscription online [select here to visit the website](#), login, click on your name and follow the prompts.

If you don't want to pay online, please [select here for other ways to pay.](#)

The Summer Programme attracts large audiences

Both organisers and presenters have been overwhelmed by the kind, supportive and enthusiastic comments received so far.

An estimated 120 members joined a virtual visit to Bradford on Thursday. Using old pictures and a 1912 map of the city, the audience were taken on a tour of the city's magnificent architecture, a legacy of this being the wool capital of the world at the start of the 20th century.

Learn more about this and other events [by visiting our forum pages.](#)

Some of the presentations have been recorded. [Select this link to see them.](#)

[Select here for more information on all events, including online booking.](#)

Your snaps in lockdown

These can be found [on this link](#). Please send one snap that captures a moment of your personal lockdown experience. Use any kind of camera or mobile device. Attach

your photo with a ten-word (or less) explanation of the story behind your photograph and email to [Mary Podesta](#).

Guess the location

Have you tried to guess what is behind the partial images from Otley on the website? [Select this link](#) In August we will feature Addingham.

More additions to our Lockdown Humour Zone

Plenty of cartoons and whimsical thoughts have been added to the humour page. [Select here to raise your spirits.](#) .

Green tip for month of July

What is best for the environment? Having a bath or taking a shower? [Select here for the facts.](#)

Q. What is the difference between a cat and a comma?

A. One has claws at the end of its paws, and one is a pause at the end of a clause.

Q. Why shouldn't you tell secrets on a farm?

A. The potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears and the bean-stalk.

I've got a job making little models of Dracula. There's only two of us on the production line so I have to make every second count.

Keep safe

John & Christine

PS. Help fight COVID-19 by aiding research

PS. Several members have been using a [Covid-19 Symptom Study App](#) on their smart phones and tablets. This app contributes to vital research on COVID-19. By combining individual reports with software algorithms, it is able to predict who has the virus from reported symptoms and so track COVID infections across the UK.

One member writes "I've been using it for ages. It's really useful as a virus tracker as there are nearly 4 million people using it now and that's a pretty large survey. It's been able to predict hot spots and these have included areas not in the news as yet. It is both a tracker as well as a research project but not the same as the proposed Track & Trace system recently under trial in the Isle of Wight. My friend has been using it since the start and has reported two incidences of illness and both times received a test kit next day with results in 24 hours so it's a quick way to get a test too".

To find out more and join the study, select the above link.

Finally, another thought-provoking video from Bill Jones.

The Great Realisation is just over three minutes and tells the story of a World pre and post Coronavirus.