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### **Keeping going despite everything**

[Select here to watch](#) a short interview in which the chair of U3A talks about keeping going during these difficult times and the determination of the trustees to return to face to face meetings when allowed. Also plans to provide something festive via video link in the run up to Christmas. What can she be planning?

Over 30 groups are now using Zoom for their meetings. Others are using phone/email to keep in touch. In the past week, both the Railway group and Environment Forum have kicked off their autumn programme via Zoom with good numbers attending.

Some groups continue using the website to show creative talents. Always worth checking these links for some lovely work: [Drawing Group](#): [Craft Workshop](#) : [Art for Fun](#).

### **Group vacancies**

Both Peace Group and our new Play Reading group have spaces for the New Year. The groups hope to begin meeting in January or February either by Zoom or in person, as the situation allows. If you're interested in joining either group or need more information, [email Richard Thackrah](#).

### **AGM on 14 November**

Everyone will receive documentation in the mail over the next two weeks. The AGM is being held via Zoom video conference. You do not need a camera on your computer to join the virtual AGM. Once registered to attend, we send you a link to click a few minutes before the start. It really is as simple as turning on your TV.

If you want to see all the AGM documentation ahead of receiving details through the post, [they are available here](#). To vote for the resolutions on line [select here](#).

### **An update on our talks and events**

Over 350 of our members have attended at least one of these talks since we started the programme in July. Some of the talks have been recorded. To see them again or catch up on one you have missed [just select this link](#).

Upcoming talks and events are regularly added to the website. For more information on any of the following and to book your place on them, [select here](#).

10:30 am Thursday 8 October: Trekking in the Nepalese Himalayas. U3A member Mike Bamford's talk shows the Himalayan Mountains and describes being caught in an earthquake. Scary stuff!

10:30 am Tuesday 13 October: History of Leeds and Liverpool Canal presented by Mike Clarke, an expert and author of a book on the subject.

10:30 am Saturday 17 October: York – Chocolate City presented by Norman Simpson. York is a relatively small city and yet it developed not one but two major players in Britain's chocolate industry. Buy your own samples to enjoy while you watch!

10:30 am Thursday 22 October: A Visit to Barnard Castle presented by Bruce Speed, leader of our Architecture Group. More than just a castle.

2:30 pm Tuesday 27 October: Art of the Roman Empire with U3A member, Peter Butler. This is the first of two presentations looking at how art was used to project the power of the Emperor.

10:00 am Wednesday 4 November: Join one of the Science & Technology Group online meetings for a talk on the history of Bradford reservoirs and why it was necessary to create a 32-mile pipe! Spaces are limited so, if all are taken, we will create a waiting list. This will help us judge the demand, so please only register if you really want to attend.

2:30 pm Thursday 5 November: Looking at Paintings with Angie Grain. We will show how, with little or no initial knowledge of art, you can improve your enjoyment of paintings and make visits to galleries more rewarding.

### **More website links**

- This is where you will find more quirky cartoons - [Lockdown humour zone](#).
- Understanding green energy is the theme for [Green tip of the month](#).
- [The front page in October features](#) pictures around **Silsden**.

**My gardener talked to me about growing edible herbs. It was sage advice.**

**I stood in my garden this morning wondering where the sun had got to. Then it dawned on me.**

**Sherlock Holmes was doing some gardening when Dr Watson asked him what he was planting. 'It's a lemon tree my dear Watson', he replied. \*\*\***

Thanks to Bruce Chambers for the first two. \*\*\* I confess to not understanding the lemon tree until it was explained you have to speak the answer!!!

**Keep safe**

**John & Christine**

**Ask not what the U3A can do for you, but what you can do for the U3A.**

**Watch a short interview with our Chair Angie** who explains why volunteering is so important to ensure our U3A thrives in a post Covid World. Still time to nominate yourself as a trustee ahead of the AGM. [Select here to print off a nomination form.](#)

**Trivia question:** Only one prime minister has ever been born in Wales. Who were they?

**Answer:** Julia Gillard, the former prime minister of Australia, who emigrated Down Under from Barry as a child. She is the only prime minister of any country to have been born in Wales. Even David Lloyd George was born in Manchester.