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I am so grateful to all those u3as in the East Midlands that have plans for u3a day on June 2nd. At least it looks as though the weather will have improved by then, which will be a help for all those outdoor gatherings. I have heard about their plans from 13 u3as but have a feeling there are more, so am not going to list them. Activities vary from a treasure trail, to live streaming of group activities, market stalls with displays and publicity leaflets, walks around the community with leaflets as well as window displays and bunting. Other u3as are opening up their virtual meetings to non members. There will be blue and yellow everywhere! It all sounds really wonderful and I do hope everyone has an enjoyable day.

In addition, press releases have been sent out and Roger Prescott, from West Leicestershire and the Leics. Network, has been interviewed by Sarah Teale of East Midlands today. Do watch out for that!

All this is bound to raise the profile of our wonderful movement, which is the whole idea. I know that many of you are waiting until later in the year, to hold your event, and it will be great to hear about all the activities that go well next week, to inspire others in the future.

Alternative ways of meeting

Just a reminder about this workshop, which will be held on Tuesday June 8th at 10.30. I will send out the link again in a separate email.

It is being run by Liz Thackray, who many of you will have come across on the Zoom training workshops. Liz is one of the candidates for national Chair, so it will be a good opportunity for you to hear her.

40th Anniversary

Do watch out for forthcoming plans for next year's celebrations.

- A quilt competition
- 40th Anniversary wood

Many thanks for all you are continuing to do. Please encourage your members to keep an eye on the national website for news of national online events, such as talks, cookery programmes and the ongoing photography etc. I know we are all hoping that the situation continues to improve and that it will become easier to meet one another socially – but do stay safe!

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