

Message from Jean Hogg, Trustee East Midlands, May 2020

Dear all,

It has been wonderful recently to hear about all the amazing things that are going on in U3As across the region, at this weird time. It really does show how creative and positive we Third Agers can be! I am also pleased that U3As are beginning to share what they are doing with others. Why waste a good idea or reinvent the wheel? We can all learn from one another in true U3A style.

I have had a request from Towcester Chess group, who would love to find others with the same interest. See below for contact details.

Due to the lockdown, the chess group are now playing the occasional game online. Because there are only a few of them, they had the idea of getting in touch with other chess players in other U3As, to see if they want to play online also. So of course the geographical location doesn't really matter.

Towcester U3A Chess group Leader Steve Maclean e mail fruitbog@outlook.com

Also I know that many U3As are trying to deal with renewals and AGMs. Advice about AGMs did come out in March but if you are unsure of anything please contact National office.

With regard to renewals, U3As are making their own decisions about either reducing the subscription or extending the year - or neither. I would like to ask that, if at all possible, you do not lapse members, who may want the chance to return in due course, even if they do not renew at the moment.

I am following up the responses to the enquiry that went out from the Trust asking what U3As were doing. I already know that many that claimed to be closed are in fact keeping closely in touch with their members. If I have still not heard, you may have a call from me or another Trust volunteer, just to see if you are ok or if you need any support.

With my thanks for all you are doing and best wishes for continued good health.

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