



June 2020

Hello, all you U3Aers.

The month of June already, and no holidays planned because we don't know how it will pan out. Things could be worse, of course, we could be sleeping in the Anderson shelter down the garden.

I had a delivery yesterday of a fabulous woollen fleece fully fitted under blanket. I decided to buy a new one as I had read the old one could be used for making face masks. Last night I went to bed and was greeted by what smelled was a herd of sheep in the bedroom, yes it was the blanket. I woke up in the night sweating like a pharaoh's underpants, luckily, I have a Velux roof window in the bedroom so launched that open to let a little cooler air inside.

The dog was very excitable in the morning because the house smelt of sheep from the bed, so I may just clear out the two old bicycles and step ladders from the Anderson shelter and sleep in there after all.

K.B.



COMMITTEE NEWS

Our Committee held a distanced meeting today (24th June) to discuss several options, as to when we may meet up again. Although it may be

some time away yet, talking through ideas and concerns helps us to form future plans.

One pressing point was our membership subscriptions. It was decided we should waive the April 2020 -April 2021 membership fee for all members. In effect, you have nothing to pay for this year.

As our subscriptions were due at the time of lockdown, a number of members who did pay for this year can have either a refund or have their membership carried forward for the following year April 2021 to April 2022.

We are all looking forward to meeting up again as soon as safety allows.

If you need further clarification, please contact Jen our membership secretary also to update your email or contact details membership@bdu3a.com

Please take this opportunity to think of new groups you would like to be part of. A suggestion for an Ornithology group landed on the desk and a Seated Exercise group has been put forward. Any ideas, send a message to

interestgroups@bdu3a.com

All up to date information can be found on the webpage <https://bdu3a.com/>

The Committee



...and the winner is...

The winner of our **Limerick Laureate of Lockdown** competition, by a narrow margin, is 'An elegant young lady from Clowne' by Anon. Another Robert Galbraith?

Was walking quite briskly through town,
When a twang of elastic,
Presaged trouble quite drastic,
As her panties began to slide down.

Cheers,

by Anon.

A big thank you to all who sent in their limericks. All entries have been put on the B.A.L.L.S. section of the website.

P.C.



A small step to normality

Great news, the Coffee Cup, has reopened for take-a-way drinks and snacks. A one-way system has been put in place. In from the main door, out to the yard, with a few well-distanced tables and chairs. It also has new front signage. If you're passing and the suns shining call in for a drink and sit in the yard.

UPDATE

The Coffee Cup will be fully open, following government guidelines from Saturday 4th July. For a trial period, Sally (the proprietor) will also be open on Sundays.

K.B.



Refurbishment of Hillstown Village Hall has begun with new outside wall cladding due to go up very soon, together with a new roof. So, a fresh look when we get back to our meetings up there.

K.B

Local writer Fred Kitchen

Farm Labourer and Writer 1890-1969

A new commemorative bench has been planned for the outside of Bolsover Library, named after farm labourer, writer and resident of Bolsover Fred Kitchen. He studied with the local branch of 'Workers Educational Association' (WEA) in Worksop, where he was encouraged to write his own works. He had 15 published books, became a journalist and radio broadcaster and in later life worked as a school caretaker.

K.B.

For more details on Fred Kitchen https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fred_Kitchen

Artist impression of the new bench outside of Bolsover Library



REIKI

Our intrepid Reiki Group decided they would venture out today on a nature walk (23rd June). The weather was beautiful and members were keen to adhere to the current social distancing rules. Pam organised the walk for the group and as you can see, a good time was had by all.

Comments from members of the Reiki Group who ventured out today

“It was lovely. Absolutely enjoyed it. Would love to do it again xx”

“Couldn’t have been better. Thanks to you all and hope to see Bev, Maggie and Jenny before too long”.

“It was a really nice walk and lovely to see people, enjoyed it very much xx”

Pam said, “I think we all enjoyed seeing each other, catching up, laughter & reflection. We had a lovely meditation at the end led by Wendy.

These were friends sharing time together. We are hoping that further restrictions might be lifted so that more of our friends can join in too. We missed you & Maggie.”

“We had a lovely excursion and I feel so much better for some company. Thanks to everyone and especially Pam”.

Pictures available to view on [B.A.L.L.S.](#)



The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. **Lao Tzu**

For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone. **Audrey Hepburn**

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity. **George S. Patton**



Hi

Kevin here, well eventually a slight movement on the UK lockdown. Please stay positive, it's been a long haul and not quite over yet but plans are afoot, so dust off your bucket and spade, just in case.

Anything for the next Newsletter please sent to publicity@bdu3a.com

Speak again soon

Kevin