

## Message from the Committee

It is clear that things are not going to return to normal for some considerable time and over 70s and those clinically extremely vulnerable are still being urged to be particularly careful.

Following the successful Zoom meeting on September 9 the Committee has decided to continue with monthly meetings via Zoom. Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday 14th October with a talk by Pam Ashton called "One Old Lady and a Bike" which describes a sponsored cycle ride in aid of the Jo Cox Foundation. Pam is joint leader of our Cycling Group so please support her.

The November Meeting will be "The Art Of Trickery: How Magicians are seen in Paintings, Prints & Cartoons" by Ian Keable

We are planning to have regular speakers over the autumn/winter months and details will be put on the Formby U3A website when they are known. In fact if any of you know of any good speakers please let us know, as we are keen to make a success of this.

A number of Groups are already using Zoom and as the Committee is gaining more experience we can help and give advice.

Some Groups have started outdoor activities following Government and U3A guidelines. The Third Age Trust will be issuing new Guidance following the Government new announcement on restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than six people.

At present we are not producing Newsletters but would do so online if we had sufficient contributions from members. We are sending regular emails to all members via Mailchimp and separately to Group Leaders. This gives the email to contact to register for the Zoom monthly meeting as well as other information. There was a glitch in sending out the first email to members and it did not reach everyone. If you have registered an email address with Formby U3A and do not receive these emails please contact the Membership Secretary. Also contact her if you now wish to register an email address with us.

We are well aware that not everyone has access to the internet and so would ask members to spread the word around of what we are doing and make sure these members are OK. It would be nice if we could set up a 'Buddy System' so that these members are informed of Future Events and the activities which have restarted and do not feel forgotten.

BOOK and JIGSAW EXCHANGE - We would like to restart the book and Jigsaw Exchange and, weather permitting, this will be held between 10 and 12 on Monday 14th September outside the entrance to the Workshop, Holy Trinity Church. If successful we hope to continue and if anyone else can offer a suitable more sheltered venue please contact Keith Jacques the Secretary.

Last but by no means least next year we will need six new committee members so it's not too early to start thinking about joining the committee and helping Formby U3A to run successfully. In fact we have vacancies at present. Please contact a committee member if you would like more information as to what is involved.