



The Chair's Report

06th April 2020

Dear Friends,

I am sure that in these difficult and trying times you are doing your best to stay safe and well. However, we should not forget that such a long period of isolation can lead to loneliness and anxiety and therefore we must take steps to combat this unpleasant situation. As a bonus we are being blessed with beautiful spring weather with bright sunshine and deep blue skies and I hope that you are taking full advantage of it.

Spring Break at Ravenhall, March 2020

63 members were booked to go on this annual break. On account of Covid-19 crisis this was postponed to Spring 2021 with no loss of deposits.

Trip to Wye Valley and South Wales, May 2020

20 members were booked to go on this trip but due to the present crisis this trip was also cancelled. We owe a big thank you to Liz for looking after the interests of our members. Following protracted and difficult negotiations Liz managed to arrange a refund for all the members in the group.

Convenors.

While our regular meetings remain suspended, it would be useful to know if any of the Interest Groups has organised their regular activities or any alternatives via the internet or any other means of communication. If any such activities are in progress, please drop me a line. I know that Photography 2 are trying out a free e-mail course as suggested by Alison Peck.

It's Good to Talk

If any of our members would like to receive a telephone call for a chat, you are most welcome to call Hazel Ward on 01482 849168. Hazel has kindly "volunteered" to take this on. If there is enough interest, we will make a request for more volunteers.

Mailing Link – Newsletter express.

This is a shorter version of the National Newsletter with up to date news and advise when needed. The Third Age trust would like to encourage you to sign in to receive this directly as and when it is published. This will avoid the need to redirect them to you by Graham. The success of this will depend upon all of you signing in for it. Graham will forward the e-mail from the Third Age Trust to you separately.

Group Face Book Page for Swanland U3A.

This is an excellent idea suggested by Keith Taylor, our Web Master, which should keep us connected while we remain apart. This has been tried by at least 3 U3A's in our area with varying success. There is no compulsion and only interested members need to participate. In the meantime, all important messages intended for the whole of the U3A will continue to be forwarded to you by Graham. Keith Taylor will communicate with you shortly with further details on the setting up of the face book Page.

Finally, we are already in the middle of the Easter week. Traditionally this is a time for quiet celebration and relaxation. This year we will have to see it through without the company of our families and friends. I would like to wish you good health and a peaceful Easter with lots of spring sunshine.

We also wish our Prime Minister a speedy recovery.

With Best Wishes,
Paul. Chair

