



The Chair's Christmas Letter

14th December 2020

Dear Friends,

With the pandemic still not under control, it has without a doubt been an incredibly difficult year for everyone. Having spent the best part of 2020 under considerable social restrictions, let us hope our sacrifices bear fruit in the coming year.

Living in the shadow of pandemic for the past 9 long months has had an effect on every aspect of our life. We have had a new awakening! We have become more reflective with a new realisation of the value of our families and friends. Newspapers and TV bring home the sad spectacle of the frailty of human life. Our hearts go out to those who suffered the pain in loneliness. Let us pause for a moment.

Organisations across the country are going through a difficult period and u3a is no exemption. But we must carry on with the task ahead of keeping the u3a alive and active so that when face to face meetings are resumed we will be able to move forward from where we left off. I have always believed that we need the u3a more than the u3a need us. Not surprisingly, during the pandemic our membership has slightly declined but I am hopeful the members will return when restrictions are lifted.

Our Committee is doing the best to keep the u3a connected and active in the very difficult circumstances. I would like to thank you for your support for our recent initiatives.

On a lighter note, I am looking forward to our u3a's Zoom Christmas celebrations on Thursday 17th December 2020 at 2.00 pm. Our Committee has put in a great deal of effort into organising this event and I hope you will support these efforts. Your participation will undoubtedly be a huge encouragement for the organising committee.

I hope you enjoyed the latest Newsletter produced electronically for the first time. Even though restrictions are to be lifted during the festive season, I would like to urge caution when you consider celebrating Christmas.

Whatever you choose to do, please stay safe. It has been an absolute pleasure for me being your Chairman over the past year and I would like to thank you for your kind support. I wish you and your family the very best for Christmas, and good health and happiness in the New Year.

Enjoy your Christmas!

Yours's in u3a
Paul, Chair