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From the Chair

Welcome to 2021, surely it can only get better with the vaccine on its way. Hope you were able to have a good Festive Season even with the current restrictions.

For those of you who knew Adelaide Ogilvie she passed away on Boxing Day. She had been a committee member for quite a few years and will be sadly missed for her input to the committee and her sense of humour.

We will continue this year with monthly meeting on Zoom until such times as we can meet face to face again – whenever that might be.

Please excuse this brief Newsletter, but as you can imagine there is not much going on at the moment

Happy New Year to you all and stay safe.

Janice

Social Committee

Hi everybody, here we are into the realm of the unknown for the start of 2021. We have had the start of the new vaccine and let's hope that this will bring a successful conclusion and an easing of this dreadful pandemic.

So, let's look and see what is on offer for you, the members of our great u3a, for the coming twelve months. Obviously, the current pandemic and what tier we may be in, plus the freedom we are allowed will be determined over the coming months.

We hope that you will be able to support our suggested events as without that support we will be unable to offer them.

The first suggested summer month event is **Say Goodbye to Covid and Celebrate the Futures**. The venue will be the Bell Public House in Woodham Ferrers. There will be live entertainment plus buffet. It will take place one day during the week in the summer to appreciate the freedom of the outdoors. Due to the size of the venue, there will be a limited number of tickets available. Prices to be confirmed

The second suggestion for a late summer outing is a **Top Sail Barge Cruise from Maldon with a buffet**. The barge takes you down past Northey Island, Heybridge Basin, Mill Beach to Osea Island before returning to base. This is a lovely relaxing cruise with beautiful views of Essex countryside and lots of interest on the way. Prices to be confirmed

The above two events have not been booked and the booking will depend on how much interest there is.

Two events have been booked and the first of these is a Quiz Night on Saturday 6th November 2021 at Champions Manor Hall. Bring your own nibbles and drinks, table arrangements will be made closer to the time.

Cost of ticket will be approximately £3.00 inclusive of entry and raffle prizes.

The second event is a Christmas Party on Saturday 4th December at South Woodham Ferrers Village Hall. There will be entertainment with a duo called The Myra Terry Duo. This couple are quite versatile and will sing and play any type of music required for the evening.

The village hall has its own bar to quench your thirst but bring your own nibbles.

Estimated cost for this event would be approximately £8.00 for entry inclusive of raffle prizes.

The Social Committee can only undertake the completion of these events with your support when lockdown is over. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for the future.

If you have any comments regarding these future events, you can contact me on my e-mail address... brian.hurrell10@gmail.com

Brian

London Walks Group 1

There is not a lot to say except to wish you all a Very, Happy and Healthy New Year. I cannot see that we are going to be able to resume the walks for some time although the Virtual ones are excellent. Find them on: walks.com

Take care everyone and let's hope once the vaccinations really take hold we can get back to some sort of normality.

Mary

Walking Group

Well, we didn't get to do the walk we talked about on New Years Eve, pity but could not be helped under the circumstances. With Tier 4 restrictions in place, I hope you are still managing to get out for a walk on your own or with one other person. I hope to use the time to try out a few new walks which I hope we can put into a revised walks programme. Let's hope it's not too long before we can start up again.

Stay safe and keep well.

Bob

Pics, Bricks and Moore

Picture Quiz

The answers to last month's picture quiz are as follows:

1. L S Lowry (The School Playground)
2. Banksy (Untitled - New York, USA, 2013)
3. Monet (Water Lilies)
4. Vincent van Gogh (Sunflowers)
5. Pablo Picasso (Girl in a Chemise)

Well done if you got them all right. We have arranged two Virtual Tours with London Walks 1 for February. Details can be found in this Newsletter under Virtual Tour.

Very best wishes for the New Year.

Chris and Roy

Virtual Tour

Pics, Bricks and Moore and London Walks 1 have arranged two virtual tours for February 2021. The tours will be presented by Simon Whitehouse over Zoom and will take us on a virtual visit to the British Galleries at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Further details on the tours/booking etc. will be circulated in the new year but in the meantime, we have included dates and pricing information below.

These tours will be open to all SWF U3A members so Group Leaders please feel free to forward this email to your groups or any member you feel would be interested.

Dates:

Tour 1 - Wednesday 17th February (11.00 am)

Tour 2 - Tuesday 23rd February (11.00 am)

Each tour will cost £8.00 per screen, so £16.00 to do the two tours.

If you need any more information, please contact

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Useful Links

South Woodham Ferrers U3A	www.swf-u3a.org
Crouch Valley U3A	www.u3asites.org.uk/crouch-valley
Essex Association of U3A's	www.u3asites.org.uk/essexassociationu3as/welcome
National U3A	www.u3a.org.uk

Deadline for Inclusion in Next Month's Newsletter

Please send your contributions for the next Newsletter by Wednesday 27th

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