

u3a Herts Network Bulletin 21-7

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Good morning all,

Hopefully you are enjoying the period of warm, sunny weather. We have the daffodils and forsythia in bloom now, coinciding with the possibility (cautiously!) of increasing freedom and human contact, especially for those extremely vulnerable members of our u3as. A surreal prospect after a year of relative isolation!

AGM

Don't forget the Herts Network AGM at 11am on 16th April! Registration information was sent out to all members yesterday. Nominations and resolutions have been collected. There is still a possibility for a new committee member and a vice chair to join us, and to offer any topic for the discussion after the meeting.

OUR NEW ONLINE NETWORK FORUM

Up to four participants are welcome from each u3a. If your u3a has not yet nominated participants for the forum then please send names and email address to hertsnet.sec@gmail.com The forum is easy to use and does not require any special computer skills, but if you have any questions about the forum or how to use it please do not hesitate to contact the forum administrator Jim Farquhar (hertsnetweb@gmail.com).

COMMUNICATIONS (TAT/REGION)

We have been asked to forward this message:

"We are in the process of setting up a User Group to report to the Trust on the effectiveness, acceptability and accessibility of all internal communication channels between the Third Age Trust and its members.

Networks have been asked forward this to their member u3as as soon as possible with a request for volunteers who would be interested in joining this group. A knowledge of such communications is essential. Online meetings will be held two or three times a year, supported by regular communications.

Please contact barbara.cordina@u3a.org.uk for more information. The preliminary closing date is 9th April 2021."

Team Members:

*Barbara Cordina - Trustee for East of England
Malcolm Tulip - Launceston & District U3A*

*Brenda Kember - Chair Ver-Colne Valley U3A
Hilary Holt - East of England Regional Support Team*

RETENTION/RECRUITMENT AND FACEBOOK NETWORK – u3a TOOLKIT

New elements of the Retention and Recruitment Toolkit are still being published on the TAT website. To find them, you need to go to the site, click on "Learn" and then on "Sources Online", a new screen comes up and select the "Click to Enter" box on the screen. Recent additions include "Swap Shops" for ideas relating to recruitment and retention, also two Facebook-related entries. In case you haven't seen it, we have just received a Powerpoint presentation on this subject – which is attached.

GROUPS DATABASE

We sent out a draft version for each of you to look at. Sorry about the non-functioning link to my email – you should receive an amended file with a link that works.

Please let me know if you don't wish to be included in this, so that I can delete your details before it is published on our website.

We hope you will find good uses for it, especially as we emerge from lockdown.

ATTACHMENTS

"Recruitment and Retention Presentation" (PPT file)

"Keep Smiling 26" – PDF, but Word version available on request from hertsnet.sec@gmail.com

Last week saw the 50th Anniversary edition of this excellent diversion, previously published as "Bulletin" and then as "Stop Press" and which I and many others look forward to every week. Back issues will soon be available on our website. A fantastic achievement and which is sent via our network as well as direct to many u3as.



All the work of Phil Joiner from Wanstead and Woodford u3a– congratulations on this great achievement!

FEEDBACK

Your feedback and comments are always welcome. Please send any feedback or issues to hertsnet.sec@gmail.com

Best wishes

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