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It's ready steady go for all of
the interest groups!



Early notice of our 40th
anniversary celebration event



A big thank you to retiring
Committee members and
officers



Usk u3a is keen to attract new Committee members to help the organisation continue to thrive and grow. You may like to take on a specific officer role or join as a general Committee member. Please consider joining our small friendly group and ensure that Usk u3a continues for the future. Contact Joan Clarke jpiljoc@aol.com 01633873211 or Wendy Young [wy@genesta.co.uk](mailto:wyoung@genesta.co.uk) 07592 032426 for information.

Would you like to
join the Usk u3a
Committee?

Celebrating the 40th anniversary year of the u3a in the UK



This year marks the 40th anniversary of the u3a in the UK. Across the country there are plans for a host of celebratory events and we would like Usk u3a to join in these celebrations. So thinking caps on please for how we can celebrate together. Perhaps you would like to hold a special afternoon tea or celebratory lunch, have a special 'away day trip' or invite special speakers on topical issues. If you have ideas for an anniversary event or would like to help organise the event, please email Wendy Young wy@genesta.co.uk 07592 032426.

Meet the new Committee for Usk u3a

The new Committee for Usk u3a was appointed at the AGM on 25 March 2022. The Committee members are Debbie Bainbridge, Joan Clarke, Reg Darge, Keith Edwards and Wendy Young. Maggie Corke will take on the role of Membership Secretary as a non-Committee officer.

A message from the new Committee

"As we return to our normal activities, we are looking forward to the next chapter of Usk u3a. With the great work of the convenors and the support of our members, we believe we have a promising and exciting future and as it is spring there are plenty of plans and projects afoot!"

No MATTER
how
long
the winter,
SPRING
is
sure
to
FOLLOW.

A BIG THANK YOU TO
RETIRING COMMITTEE
MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

IT'S READY, STEADY GO FOR ALL THE INTEREST GROUPS!

We are pleased to report that all of the interest groups are now up and running. The conveners have planned an exciting program of events for members so please check out the groups and contact details for the conveners on our website.

- Fortnightly Walking groups
- Monthly Gardening group
- Weekly Bridge group
- Monthly Craft group
- Fortnightly Scrabble group
- Monthly Book Groups (three now operating)
- Weekly Cribbage group



March 2022 saw the retirement of three Committee members and the Membership Secretary. We would like to send our grateful thanks to Joan Bennett, Margaret Hadfield, Ann Jones and Mel Witherden. These Committee members and officer have made a fantastic contribution to Usk u3a over recent years. We hope they will continue to enjoy being a member of the organisation and the shared experiences and social activities available.



MEMBERS' MEETINGS

The monthly zoom meetings have been amazing. You have told us how nice it has been to see friendly faces on the screen when we were not able to meet up in person. You will join us, we know, in thanking those members of the committee, Joan Bennett and Ann Jones who have been involved in organising these wonderful talks.



BUT NOW.....

How lovely that we are now able once again to meet up with friends over a cuppa and maybe a speaker? **We would love your ideas.** Would you like members' meetings monthly or every other month? Would you like an opportunity to bring a guest along to see for themselves how great Usk and District u3a is? Do you want a speaker each time or occasionally? Please tell us your views, we want these meetings organised to suit you! Please contact Joan Clarke jpiljoc@aol.com 01633873211 with your ideas and suggestions.



We have a date of **Friday, 27 May** for our next members' meeting. Please put this date in your diary and we will let you know more details soon.



INTERESTS and HOBBIES

Calling all members who have a hobby or interest you would like to share with us

We know Usk and District u3a is full of members who are actively pursuing their love of lifelong learning. Many of you are pursuing that learning through the interest groups at the u3a but maybe there are others who are pursuing their hobby or interest from the comfort of their own home or with a friend. We would love to hear about these. For example, are you an amazing wood turner, a collector of rare items or rare books, have you researched your family tree, can you knit anything, are you learning a language or how to play a musical instrument? Have you had a fascinating career in....?

Please tell us something about it. We are happy to chat to you and we will write up a small article for the next newsletter. Contact Joan Clarke jpiljoc@aol.com 01633873211 for more information or to share your story.



To start us off, we are planning a drama workshop! If you have an inner thespian in you, like exploring different roles, emotions and ideas, then this activity might just be what you have been waiting for. We will be sending out more details shortly. Watch this space for a fun event.