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## FROM THE CHAIR

I'm sorry to let you know that the Committee have taken the sad but inevitable decision to put our U3A 'on pause' until September unless the Coronavirus situation improves.

We know how important social connections and learning are to us all but we have to follow the government advice which has come out over the course of the last few days. The risks of continuing our activities are too high especially for our age group.

We are cancelling all monthly Members' Meetings, outings and theatre trips (the venues are closing themselves) and all Activity Groups. While the Committee won't be meeting face to face, we are in touch with each other to manage the work that needs to continue.

You might find the national website useful - [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk)

Our own website - [www.knutsfordu3a.co.uk](http://www.knutsfordu3a.co.uk) will carry the message that we are 'on pause', and has personal contact details for the Committee under 'How we work' if you need to get in touch.

I can only wish you all the very best, try to keep positive and as active as you can and we hope that all our activities, trip, outings, Members' Meetings etc will be able to resume in September, if not before.

**Christine Jones, Chair (on behalf of all the Committee)**

### **Need for new Committee Members**

While it may seem strange to be mentioning this when I've just told everyone that Knutsford U3A will be 'on pause', possibly until September, that doesn't mean we can forget about planning for the future of our organisation as we hope that it will re-start as vigorously as it has been up until now, being an important local resource for retired people.

Several members of the current Committee are due to stand down at the next AGM (whenever we can hold it) and will need to be replaced by new people. The role is not too onerous but can provide people with an added interest in the activities and running of our U3A. If you would like to discuss this with me please give me a ring so that we can have a chat about it. 01565 633435.

**Christine Jones, Chair**

### **Vacancy – Newsletter Editor**

Hi, I'm Sue Allan, currently Newsletter Editor. I'll be taking on another role on the Committee later in the year and so will be relinquishing my role as Newsletter Editor and a replacement will therefore be needed. If you are familiar with 'Word' and emails it's not a particularly demanding role and can be quite interesting. I've enjoyed being able to keep up skills that I used to use while I was working. If you would like to know more about what is involved please give me a ring on 01565 632904 or 07773022373.

**Sue Allan**

### **Global Warming Discussion Group – Tree Planting**

As featured in Third Age Matters (TAM) in February 2020 tree planting is being encouraged by the U3A. Our recently formed discussion group on Climate Change is trying to proceed with a scheme for Knutsford. We have a general invitation from the Gardner at Tatton Park to plant some trees in the park. I hope a working party can be assembled from the all the members to plant trees as a token to reverse global warming but this will, of course, have to wait until the autumn when, hopefully, normal life will be resumed.

Co-ordinator - Tim Donnelly