

Dear U3A members,

The committee has been working to find an alternative method to deliver our U3A monthly lectures. Zoom seems to be the best and most familiar method for this and, therefore, a series of Monday lectures using the Zoom platform has been planned. We hope this will be acceptable and accessible to members and allow us to benefit from our U3A membership.

Our lecture secretary Bernadette has organised the following programme:

Date	Subject	Type	Speaker
<b>2.11.2020</b>	Political Correctness - the New Insanity	Zoom	Andrew Baker
<b>7.12.2020</b>	'The Curious Incident of AGATHA CHRISTIE'	Zoom	Stephen Wells
<b>4.1.2021</b>	The semi-pro 60's and 70's	Zoom	David Caulfield
<b>1.2.2021</b>	A Poor Existence - Victorian Street Life	Zoom	Graham Harrison

This is, and will be, a learning curve for us, but hopefully it will work and our regular monthly meeting time will be restored.

We are very aware that these meetings will only be available to those who have access to the internet and are confident in using Zoom. We are sending letters to members who are not on our email list but may have access to the internet, or may have a family member or friend who may be able to assist. With the agreement of the speaker, we plan to record the lectures so they can be made available to those who may not be able to attend on the day.

For the first month please could you register your interest in attending the lecture by emailing the Membership secretary on [membershipsecretary@blackbourne-u3a.org.uk](mailto:membershipsecretary@blackbourne-u3a.org.uk). Closer to the meeting date a link will be sent to those interested with details of how to access the meeting. For the November meeting this will be from 28<sup>th</sup> October. We are limited by licence to the numbers attending so allocation will be on a first reply basis.

Depending on how this first meeting goes, we may well use an alternative booking system for the next lectures, but more details about that will follow.

We have prepared a guide to using Zoom. It is not a detailed guide but should be adequate to allow everyone to access the site, use some of the basic tools and be aware of protocols necessary to make an enjoyable experience for all. This guide will be available on the Blackbourne U3A website.

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