



University of the Third Age



## Devizes & District

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### Suspension of Activities

Recent news bulletins have been changing rapidly as to the actions we as individuals, and members of social groups, might have to take to assist in the slowing down of the coronavirus. The official guidance from Government has been tightened over the last few days, and the clear message is to try and protect ourselves from sources of possible infection.

As of this morning, vulnerable groups, and I suppose most of us fall into that category, are advised to limit social contact by avoiding unnecessary meetings and places of social gathering for the next 12 weeks. It is also very likely that we will be asked to remain at home as much as possible, and to allow as much “social separation” as possible when out and about on essential trips to shop for food and essential supplies.

As a Registered Charity, Devizes & District U3A has a duty of care to our members, that must inform the actions we are now obliged to consider. With immediate effect, the Monthly Meetings and Coffee Mornings will be cancelled until further notice, as determined by the developing epidemic. The newsletter will also be suspended until we have some news to report.

All Group Leaders have been advised to consider the impact their activities have on the wellbeing of their members in the current circumstances and follow the latest government guidelines. Our advice is that all group activities should be suspended from now until the national situation becomes a little clearer. Keep an eye on our website where we will show updates as appropriate. Group leaders should keep you updated as to their activities. The Committee will be looking at possible ways for “virtual meetings” to be set up by groups wishing to maintain their social contact value.

In the meantime, keep safe, look after any members known to you who might need a bit of extra support and keep a nice glass of wine handy.

Best wishes.

Martin Houghton  
Chairman.  
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