



*Dear Ballymoney U3A Members*

*What can one say about Covid-19 that hasn't been said *ad nauseum* in the papers, on radio and television and on social media? I'm sure that like me you are sick sore and tired of the very mention of the dreaded C-word. The roll out of a new vaccine or the discovery of a new variant are undeniably interesting but the one thing we must keep abreast of, however, is the edicts emanating from Westminster or Stormont. The Governments are trying their best to control the beast but it is a very difficult balancing act between keeping the economy of the country going, protecting the NHS and safeguarding our individual freedom. It's easy to criticise those in authority but I must say I wouldn't want their job for anything. We really have to do as we are told, no matter how annoying, otherwise Covid will win and we will all be losers.*

*Who would have thought this time last year that the world would be brought to its knees by something invisible to all but the most powerful microscope? Apart from the ravages of illness and death that have affected so many of us, we have all suffered the frustration and inconvenience of cancelled holidays, restricted shopping, the loss of social interaction and the curtailment of the freedoms that hitherto we simply took for granted.*

*It's hard to find words that might bring a bit of cheer to our lives, particularly at this time of year when plans for family gatherings have been so radically changed. However, the human race has been there before and survived. We will get through it. We just have to be positive no matter how difficult that may seem.*

*U3A will continue to function, albeit in a different way from previously. We have the technology to enable us to carry on doing things that even a few short years ago would have been impossible. Let us make the most of the many beneficial assets that are at our disposal and stride forward into 2021 believing that things will get better. I therefore wish that you and your families have the best Christmas possible and a much better New Year.*

*Yours sincerely*

*John W D Rinkerton, Chairman*

**29 DECEMBER 2020**

The next quiz will be on Tuesday 29 December at 7.30 pm. Join us for the craic. Win or lose it doesn't matter – you can even keep your score a secret!  
If you wish to take part please contact Irene at: [quizbu3a@gmail.com](mailto:quizbu3a@gmail.com) and she will send you an email with a zoom link so that you can join the Quiz.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN our "GET TOGETHER" ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, AND HAVE SOME FESTIVE FUN!**

**DATE:** Thursday 31 December 2020

**TIME:** 8 pm (Irene will send zoom link prior to the event and rooms will be open from 7.30 pm).

**ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY:**

**OUR VERY OWN TALENTED BU3A MEMBERS**

**Ps If you would like to contribute in any way just let us know!**

Contact: [marion-14@mail.com](mailto:marion-14@mail.com) or Mob: 077 1400 9460



## MEDICATION SUPPLIES - DURING LOCKDOWN

Remember to order sufficient medication (as your GP Practice permits) for the next number weeks. **Keep well stocked, to avoid running out of essential medications.**

## DIGITAL TRAINING (via Zoom)

**Thursday 4 February 2021 at 10:30 am x 4 weeks**

Topics to include:

- *Intro to Zoom*
- *Getting to know your device*
- *Downloading apps/Social media*
- *Setting up an email*
- *Shopping online/Online safety*

**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE PLEASE email: [groupsbu3a@gmail.com](mailto:groupsbu3a@gmail.com) with “digital training” in the Subject line. Deadline: 15 January 2021. Please reply asap as the places are limited.**

## WELCOME TO 2021

**Join us at our JANUARY 2021 MEETING(Zoom)**

**DATE: Tuesday 5 January 2021**

**TIME: 11 am**

**SPEAKER: FRANK RODGERS**

**TOPIC: 'Shakespearean Sayings'**

NB: Your Host, Irene will send an email to all members, containing the link to enter the Meeting. The Meeting Room will be open from 10.30 am

*Have your favourite beverage ready, and join us from the comfort of your own home!*