

From the Exec

Peel Centre Update Further to our recent email regarding concerns about the suitability of the Edward Lucas Hall for DDU3a use, we are currently working to minimise the risks of using the hall and will let you know when this is complete. In the interim, the Committee has decided not to ban groups from using the Hall, but are asking them to consider using an alternative venue, if there is a suitable one available.

Trustee News We are sad to announce that Andy Baldwin and Angela Richards have resigned as Trustees because they disagreed with the Committee's majority decision to continue using the Edward Lucas Hall while more investigation is done into the risks associated with using it. We are very grateful for all they have contributed during their time of office and wish them well as they continue to enjoy their membership.

April Monthly Meeting - 8th April Doors will open at **9.45am** to allow time for people to book on a Trip or renew their membership (*see below*) before we have two short talks between **10.30** and **11.00am** from [Derbyshire All-Age Carers Support](#) and the [NHS Patient Experience Team](#). The rest of the morning is free for you to enjoy a coffee/chat or pop in to see the Advisor from Citizen Advice.

Membership Renewals We hope that most members will [renew their membership online](#) a straight-forward process which significantly reduces the amount of work for our Membership Secretary and Treasurer. If you need help renewing online, please come to the Council Chamber **10am - 11am** on the 8th April with **your own mobile phone or tablet**.

If paying by cash is your only option please ensure you have the correct amount. This is especially important if you receive the magazine with your membership as the fee is £14.20.

Groups News

Kurling Taster Session Despite two very successful Taster Sessions, we need at least one, ideally two people to step forward to act as Group Coordinators before we can launch a Kurling Group. Please contact our Groups Manager, [Terry Goodyear](#) if you think this is a way you could contribute to your u3a. It would be a great shame if we can't run the group for lack of a Coordinator.

Badminton Group Our fledgling Badminton Group is currently meeting on an ad-hoc basis on the 2nd and 4th Fridays/month, 10.30 - 11.15am at Dronfield Sports Centre. Ad-hoc because current members' availability is limited and we don't have enough people to guarantee the need for a court every time.

When the group grows we will run every 2nd and 4th Friday. Maybe you haven't played for a long time or have never played but would appreciate a bit of exercise. Cost: £2-3 depending on numbers. Please contact [Julia](#) or phone 01246 900201 if you are interested.

Canva Group We have started a group for people interested in learning how to use Canva, a web-based graphic design platform. A member of Bourne End u3a has put together a very comprehensive [Canva Course](#) with course notes, a slide presentation and other online resources. DDU3a has secured free access to Canva Pro for up to 50 users, so no need to pay for any level of access yourself. Each of us can follow the course at our own pace, using the DDU3a login on our own devices, keeping in touch with one another to share experience, tips and work we have produced, if we so wish. Please contact [Julia](#) if you are interested.

Useful Links

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- [Monthly Meetings and Coffee Mornings](#)
- [Interest Groups](#)
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