



tuesday forum

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Dear Forum members

Full of hope, we set our sights on resuming Forum meetings in September. But, as you all know, we are still not allowed to have an indoor meeting with more than 50 people, and there is no certainty that things will be any different by October or even perhaps November. This means that the year will be over for us. So, the committee has decided that it is best to take the long view and hold thumbs that we can start properly in February 2022.

2022 is an important year for us as it is the year of our 50th birthday, and we will be planning how to celebrate this milestone. My feeling is that the high point should be June, because that is the month, we also celebrate our founder, Joy Oldridge, with a "Joy in June" meeting. This is something special to look forward to. We also have another thought in mind. If, and it's a big if, restrictions on numbers are lifted by November we would like to have a meeting to enable us to meet up again and have a sociable tea afterwards (emphasis on the tea afterwards!) This would obviously presume that all of you will have had your full doses of jabs. Please let us know whether you would be happy to come to a November meeting if all the protocols are in place for it. It wouldn't be worth it if only a few members are keen to attend. We'll ask again closer to the time when things look more hopeful, but it would be helpful to have an idea of interest in this possibility.

A number of us are also members of U3A. U3A is also waiting for good news from Cyril. We had hoped to share our meetings, thus including those who only belong to either U3A or Tuesday Forum, on a no-pay basis. The only requirements would be that anyone booking a place would have had both jabs, and that the relevant group's members would have first option to book a place for the meeting a couple of days before opening bookings to the other group. This may happen before December and you will be informed of any progress in this regard.

We are living in uncertain times and we miss the sociable nature of life before Covid. So, we are really hoping that, in some way, we can get together again in the not-too-distant future. We send you our good wishes, and hope that you remain healthy and safe – and warm during this very cold snap. We'll be in touch again before the year ends.

Warm regards

Jenny and the Committee