

Special Bulletin 6a June

Fairford and District U3A Websites

The New Website

The new website has been in development for over a year but mostly from October last year. It is hosted on WordPress which is used by a third of the world's websites so there should be many possibilities for support in the future.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Fairford and District U3A website. At the top is a large banner image of a stone building by a river with the text 'Fairford and District U3A' overlaid. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: HOME, LOCAL HISTORIES, ABOUT, EVENTS, INTEREST GROUPS, CALENDAR, CONTACT US, MEMBERS, and USEFUL LINKS. The main content area is titled 'Home' and contains a welcome message and several paragraphs of text. On the right side, there is a 'Login Status' section showing 'You are logged in as Fairfordadmin' and a 'Diary - Interest Groups' section with a calendar for May 1st (Friday) listing activities: 11:30 am Table Tennis - Relaxed and Begin... @ Keble Room, Fairford Community Centre; 12:00 pm May Test Notice; 12:00 pm Poetry 1; and 2:30 pm Poetry Circle 2.

If you click on the following link it will take you to the 'About this new website' page where you will see an overview of all the menu choices.

[New Fairford and District U3A website](#)

The new address is www.fairfordu3a.uk. Note the missing '.org'

When you have read the 'About this new website' page you can explore the rest of the website by clicking on the various Menu options.

You will note, from the 'About' page, that some pages are in the Members Area. This is a protected area which is only accessible by the U3A member logging in. This is to protect the members contact information given in the Newsletter or Special Bulletin from being seen by the general public.

To login, the member must first register his or her details so they can be checked against their U3A Beacon entry (Beacon is used by the Membership Secretary to store your membership details). After confirmation, access will be allowed to the Members Area using the username and password that you gave in the registration process. The whole process is explained in the 'How to Register' page under the Login Menu item.

If you find a mistake or can help with the missing images for the Interest Groups, please contact me via the new 'Contact Us' page. Please select 'Contact the webmaster'.

I hope you will enjoy this new website, if you would like to suggest additions please feel free to do so via the above 'Contact Us' page.

The Current Website

Our current website is retiring. It will remain at its current website address, but it will no longer be updated. This is the last Special Bulletin to be loaded to the old website.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Fairford and District U3A website. At the top, it says "Welcome to the Fairford and District U3A" with the U3A logo (The University of the Third Age) and "Registered charity No: 1072658". A light blue sidebar menu on the left lists: General Meetings, Beacon, Data Protection, AGM 2019, Membership, Activities and interest groups, Newsletters, Notices, Outings, Officers & Committee, Constitution, Local Histories, Main Society, Useful Links, and News. The main content area features a paragraph about the U3A's purpose, a photo of Lechlade Bridge with the caption "Lechlade Bridge", a photo of Fairford Millpond with the caption "Fairford Millpond", and a paragraph about general meetings. A "News" section at the bottom left indicates that the 25 March 2020 and April 2020 newsletters were uploaded.

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