

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Belated greetings for the Lunar New Year of the Ox: Kung Hei Fat Choy to you all.

Almost everyone I know seems to have felt it harder to cope with this third Lockdown than those of last year. Perhaps it's the greyness and coldness of most days since Christmas which have made our "house arrest" more difficult to live through.

Thank goodness for Caroline and Rajni's massive efforts to keep up our spirits. They each deserve a medal and I hope they know how much we appreciate the time and care they have devoted to the entertainment they have provided.

Following discussion in Committee and enquiries through WhatsApp as to the day of the week convenient to most members on a regular basis, it was decided to choose the **second Wednesday in the month** for Coffee Mornings, Committee Meetings etc.

The next Zoom **Coffee Morning** will be on **Wednesday 10th March** and will include a **Garden Quiz**, so please have a pen and paper ready when you log on. There will be no charge for this meeting. Depending on there being sufficient interest, we are planning to hold other Coffee Mornings in the next few months and will send out details as they become available.

The meeting on **Wednesday 14th April** will be a little different as we will have a **Speaker, Chris Alexander, whose talk is entitled 'A Carpet Ride to Khiva'** and tells the story of the silk carpet workshop he established with UNESCO, employing and empowering local women. It should be very interesting and, I think, entertaining.

The AGM will be by Zoom on **Wednesday 19th May** and we are hoping to include a short video on the work at ADAPT.

For **June**, we are looking at the idea of a Garden Tour – a video featuring clips taken in our gardens with voice overs. Details will be shared in due course.

With yesterday's announcements for the roadmap out of Lockdown, it seems reasonable to hope that we shall be able to have a Luncheon sometime in August or perhaps early September. Another event to look forward to will be the **Christmas Luncheon at The RAG on Wednesday 8th December**.

So TWC has most definitely NOT gone to sleep! Your comments and suggestions are always welcome and the Committee is ready to discuss them.

Will all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you in the not too far distant future

Pat Yaxley