

## HAVE YOU ZOOMED TODAY?

The Creative Writing Group of the Bookham U3A have long been accustomed to innovation. We were early participants in Arts Alive, presenting a selection of our pieces to audiences first at Barton's Bookshop and then for many years in the Green Room of the Leatherhead Theatre.

Lockdown by 'The Virus' has not stopped us writing, but it has prevented us from gathering, as a Group, to read to each other the fruits of our creativity. So we have turned to Zoom. Our last two meetings have been virtual ones, linked by Zoom, so that we may all see each other and exchange greeting before settling to the serious business of reading our pieces and chatting together about them.

Our latest meeting, on Friday inspired two light hearted poems:

I have a link that's dressed in blue,  
I know the click that I must do...  
Now I have one, more up to date,  
Which stops me getting in a state...

Diane

The group read our stories on Zoom,  
Which helped creativity bloom.  
Stories of eggs, which really had legs  
And it seemed we were all in one room!

Martin

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*The poems have been lightly polished.*

The virtual meeting ended, as all our meetings do, by our leader, Edwina Vardey, agreeing the date of our next meeting and setting, remotely, the subject for our next piece of writing.

W E W, 18 Apr 2020.

Postscript. I have this morning, Sun 19 April, taken a back seat part as an observer, of an Easter Day service in Siberia, where my son is a minister. His Church is also in lockdown & members of the congregation were participating by Zoom & other means – some of the hymns were sung from a screen display, some individuals contributed readings or songs and a small group sang on a preprepared recording. It was not perfect but it was very effective!

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