



## Sept/Oct 2020

### Covid 19 update

**Due to ongoing restrictions imposed to restrict the spread of Covid-19, much of our activity is suspended until further notice. But your NEC is still here to support the groups until normal activity can resume!**

Dear member,

Welcome to the first edition of the Gazette a short communication from the National Executive Committee (NEC) with a resume of the last NEC meeting. I understand that for many of you this year has been a real tough time. If you are finding life out there tough, please tell someone or seek help as everyone's life does matter.

I have some good news this month, we have a new group opened in Bromsgrove and Redditch. The group originally started up online by Judi Mander and now has held a couple of small social distancing events. Well done Judi and when it is safe to do so I hope to join its first group night. Judi is writing up a guide on how to start an online group. So, if any member would like to start up one then they will have some information on how to get started. Many of you may have seen that next year will be our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and that we have started to plan on an event. The date to put in your diary is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2021. As I write we are looking for a suitable venue in the central part of England to hold the event. To register your interest in joining the event then please email:

[rolfes@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rolfes@tiscali.co.uk).

Stay Safe

Steve

Steve Rolfe

National Chair

### Memberships during covid 19

It was agreed at our May meeting that all current plus memberships would be extended for one year free of charge. Paid for your 2020 membership prior to 15th March? You will get your 'free' year in 2021. Due to renew before 14th March 2021? Your membership will be extended free of charge for one calendar year.

### 80th Anniversary of Plus

2021 will be the 80th anniversary of Plus. Steve Rolfe is looking for photographs and memorabilia from across the years. Watch this space for further information on the celebrations themselves

### WASH 2020

Sadly due to Covid-19 restrictions and issues with the venue, there will be no WASH this year, but the committee are looking at options for 2021

### Can you help?

- Jeff Rea (National Internet Co-ordinator / Hillingdon chair) is looking for assistance with his project to re-invigorate plus. Please contact Jeff directly...
- Adrian Barnard is looking to transfer some Plus training videos from VHS to a digital format. Does anyone have the technology to help with this? Let Adrian know if so!

### Next NEC Meeting

Will be held via Zoom on November 15th - 10am