



## **Basingstoke - Old Basing U3A**

### Having Fun Despite the Virus!

All our activities continue to follow government guidelines and our groups have been taking full advantage of the freedoms we're allowed. Our Excursions & Holidays Group is no exception.

2020 looked marvellous for the Group. So many things planned, and all well supported by our members. Then came Lockdown. Cancellation of the holiday to Croatia, the trip to Stratford on Avon, and Buckingham Palace, as well as the concert at the Royal Albert Hall. But Group Leader Joyce takes every obstacle in her way as a challenge to overcome.

### A Mystery Coach Tour

In early September, she booked a 48 seater coach and 27 members set off on a socially-distanced Mystery Coach Tour, wearing face masks. With the final pick up complete, driver Gareth doubled round a couple of roundabouts to confuse everyone and start them guessing where they might be going. Our members love being in a coach, looking over hedges, enjoying the countryside and panoramic views that coach trips can give. They finally arrived in Arundel, with three hours to explore its castle, cathedral and some lovely gardens. And to have some lunch amongst its quaint streets and interesting shops. Members were so pleased to see each other 'face to face' again and everyone went home very happy.

### Next Stop Greece

At the end of September, a group left for a planned 10-day holiday in Greece. As Greece uses 'bubbles' rather than social distancing, they luckily received clearance to enter the country. And from the photo they've sent back, their 'bubble' seems to be thoroughly enjoying itself.

### Come with us

Any member of our U3A is welcome to join in our Excursion & Holiday Group trips, always following government guidelines. Check our website for details.

<https://www.basingstokeu3a.org/visits>

You will be looked after and made very welcome.