



Notes from the chair

Firstly, welcome to those existing members who have renewed for the coming year and an especially warm welcome to our new members.

As most of you are aware T&D u3a has been up and running for over ten years and a very productive period it has been peaking at 865 members in 2020 but then, as we all know, out of nowhere came the Covid lockdowns which caused us all to pause our daily lives. Some of our groups managed to keep running thanks to Zoom but basically it was a very quiet period. With the new renewal period, eased thanks to the new Beacon system, membership numbers are not too bad, 675 at the last count. The future's looking bright.

It's easy to get old and stale so over the coming year we will be making a few changes within T&D u3a, some visible and some not so visible. For example, the old monthly update email will be replaced by a 1 or 2 pager such as this, hopefully providing a brighter and more interesting read?

We need your photos for the u3a 2023 calendar, see below for details.

We continue to be on the lookout for new committee members and members who can help in other activities, see boxes below for further information

Don't forget the
2022 AGM, 21st July

LOVE IS A SKIN

love is a skin
that protects you,
a warmth that spreads
from your fingertips
to your heart

sorry, not love
glove, I meant glove

Brian Bilston

BEACON – is our new
Membership system
replacing Excel
spreadsheets and a
direct mailing app.
Costs us
£1/member/year.

If you haven't
renewed your
membership, you
have until the
end of **May**,

May Monthly Meeting

Just the usual reminder that this month's monthly meeting is on Thursday 19th May, Tadley Community Centre, doors open 10:45 proceedings commence at 11:00.

This month's speaker is Jenny Mallin who hails from Kingsclere (the most irrelevant fact that I could have mentioned). Jenny's previous talk was on how her grandmother's cookbooks in India proved an inspiration for her own writing. Thursday's talk looks to be equally interesting.



There will of course be tea and biscuits.

May Talk - A Grandmother's Legacy "My Great Aunt Constance"

Jenny Mallin's career has been the culmination of several instinctive paths in her life which have led her to enjoy being an author and now a public speaker. With almost thirty trips to India over the past thirty years, she has explored and uncovered the history of her ancestors and their interesting paths.

Jenny's great aunt Constance was a woman of high social status as a wife of a British official. Born in 1898 this is her account of her life in Burma and the story of a civilian trek in 1942 involving thousands of people who had to face for the first time in their lives, an arduous hike across some of the world's most treacherous terrain, dealing with monsoon, climatic rivers, jungles and steep mountain ranges and dangerous wildlife.

We discover how living in Rangoon throughout its heyday of the 1930s meant a charmed life, one that was filled with opulence, bon viveur and style. We then learn how life can change overnight and the juxtapose of a situation where there is no possibility of turning back but only in moving forward.

Jenny Mallin

U3A Calendar 2023



We're collecting Photographs for next year's calendar 2023.

The topic is the British Isles, so you have quite a choice whether it is local or further afield. You need to supply a Photograph only (no file at this stage), 6x4 or bigger, landscape. If your picture is selected for the Calendar you will need to supply a digital file. Please bring photographs to the June Speaker meeting.

Contact details:- Mike Cassidy tanddu3a@gmail.com Thank you
Mike



Committee Members – A number of committee members retired at the end of last year having been on the committee for 10 years, since the beginning of our u3a, another member retired recently due to ill health, this has left the committee seriously understaffed.

We continue to look for new committee members to bring their life skills and experience to the committee and to express their views of what they, as members, want from T&D u3a. To contribute to the continuing success of your u3a do send an email to TandDu3a@gmail.com.



Events Team - To keep our members up to date with what T&D u3a doing and to entice in new members we usually hold an Open Day where members can talk to group leaders about their groups and activities. We are also aiming to hold infrequent coffee mornings for new members where likewise they can talk to group leaders and committee members about our u3a.

We are trying to put in place an Events team that can help with the organisation and setup up these events. If you feel that you might be able to assist us in any way do send an email to TandDu3a@gmail.com.



Communications Team - The majority of our communications for the last 10 years have been produced by one person! We are trying to make this task easier by putting together a small Communications Team to assist in producing documents such as this, helping to keep our website up to date and any other general communications. If you feel that you could help us do send an email to TandDu3a@gmail.com.