



Notes from the chair

Well, the Platinum Jubilee has been and gone and, as far as I can work out, people had a very good time indeed. I was at Heath End Village Hall for the day which proved to be pretty close to perfect. Apart from the weather, the day was made even better with performances by the T&D u3a Guitar group and the T&D u3a Ukulele group. Thanks to both groups for contributing to such a fun day.

After the glorious delight of a 4 day weekend, although some might argue that for our members our lives are a permanent weekend, normality returns. We're pleased to say that the new Communications Team is up and running with this Update being one of its first contributions. The website has also been revamped with old stuff being removed and revised, new content added and more photos to break up the text. We hope you like the new look. We've completed membership renewal with the result that we now have approximately 700 members, a drop of 150ish on last year (the figures are approximate as new members and renewals continue to drop through the letter box). If you have any views on how we might improve the renewal process, or anything else for that matter, do send an email to the usual address TandDu3a@gmail.com.

...note to self; make next month's notes read less like a school Head's report!

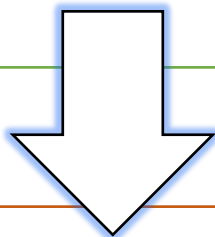
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June Monthly Meeting

Just the usual reminder that this month's monthly meeting is on Thursday 16th June, in Tadley Community Centre. Doors open at 10:45. Proceedings commence at 11:00. This month's speaker is Geoff Barton with the talk



There will of course be tea and biscuits



The Tottenham Outrage and Walthamstow Tram Chase

Geoff Barton spent 25 years working as a senior Scotland Yard detective and also the Metropolitan Police Flying Squad and the Counter Terrorism Command. Between 1979 and 1981 he served on the newly formed Diplomatic Protection Group.

Today Geoff will tell us about The Tottenham Outrage and the Walthamstow Tram Chase. In January 1909, two Russians carried out a wages snatch at the Schnurrman Rubber Factory in Tottenham. They fired six shots at the driver of the car making the delivery. This alerted the people next door, Tottenham Police, who jumped out of bed and abseiled out of the windows to give chase in their pyjamas. Having not used them for a while, they were unable to find the keys to the gun cupboard, so the PCs were issued with cutlasses instead. One thousand local residents joined the chase and four hundred of them, having served in the Army, brought their own guns with them including three tripod based machine guns. The chase lasted six miles and four hours and over one 1,000 bullets were fired. Four people were killed and twenty-five shot during the chase. It's a great story.

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Another reminder that 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), 7x5 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 or send directly to Mike Cassidy, 58 New Road, RG26 3AN

Petanque

The Petanque group are now planning to play on the Green behind Heath End Village Hall from week beginning 6th June. They have been playing at the Pelican Pub but unfortunately no longer have access to their pitch.



The French Group is restarting on June 8th, 2.00 – 3.00 at the Community Centre. It will be conversation based. The Group Leader is Meg Cochran.

Events Team

We are still looking for volunteers to become part of an Events Team that can help with the organisation and set up of Open Days and Coffee Mornings. If you feel that you might be able to assist us in any way do send an email to TandDu3a@gmail.com.

Chess

The Chess group are very keen to have new members. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at the Community Centre, 10am -12.00 noon. Group Leader is Alan Walker. If you are interested, contact him through the website or you can just turn up at the Community Centre. Go to reception and ask which room the Chess group are in?



Quilting Group

Some of our members have been participating over a number of months in a major project to make a double bed sized quilt comprising of 80 quilted blocks with sashing. It is hoped to raffle this off in due course in aid of last year's T&D u3a charity "Dingley's Promise", a local children's charity based in Newbury.

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Photos

It's been a busy time for a number of our groups, luckily their activities have been captured 'on film'.

The Scottish dancing group had a picnic to celebrate 40 years of the U3A organisation.

The Guitar group and the Ukulele group both performed at the Baughurst Parish Council Jubilee event at Heath End Village Hall and were widely complimented by the assembled throng.

