

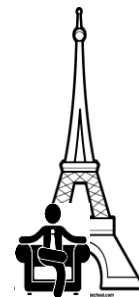


Even when expected, the passing away of her Majesty after so many years on the throne came as a surprise. Her passing will leave an unanticipated hole in so many people's lives. For u3a members this is especially true. For the majority of us the queen has been a quiet companion throughout our lifetime. Programmes on TV showing the life and times of the Queen and Prince Philip continually remind us that they were also our lives and times and that we've grown up together over those years. The Queen was deeply loved, we dearly hope that King Charles III will find the same home in the hearts of the British people as she did. Long Live the King.

Notes from the chair

Nothing much to report as most u3a groups paused for the month of August, some of them voluntarily and some involuntarily because of the heat (seems difficult to believe).

We're pleased to say that one of the groups threatened with closure, the Lunch group, has had a reprieve with Sue Geater, who is also on the committee, offering to assist the group leader Christine Keep with some of the admin. Thanks to both of you for helping to keep this popular group running. Sue has also contributed a Travel group report to whet your appetite.



The Theatre group on the other hand continues to be under threat and currently has no visits planned.

Just to reiterate Andy Imms, Group leader of the Family History group, has also given his group notice that he is standing down, replacements please.

As usual if you wish to contact us about anything to do with T&D u3a then email us at

September Monthly Meeting

After the delights of the AGM and the fascinating diversion of the speaker-cum-auctioneer we're almost back to normal in September albeit this time with a conjuror to make it different! **Thursday 15th** September is the date of our September meeting. Doors will open at **10:45**, with kick-off at **11:00**.

This month's speaker is John Field.



September's speaker

John Field

"The Amazing World of Magic"

John Field was admitted as a solicitor in 1976 and has practised law ever since. However, his main passion in life is magic and he has been performing as a magician for almost 50 years. He is a member of the world-famous Magic Circle and within that club has been elevated to the rank of Associate Member of the Inner Circle with Silver Star. This accreditation is only held by 350 magicians worldwide. He has raised thousands of pounds for charities with his talks on magic and his magical performances.

Today John will talk to us about the amazing world of magic which he says he has honed to perfection over 40 years.

There is always time for tea and biscuits.





Theatre Group

Post Covid the group leader doesn't feel they have the time, energy or enthusiasm to get the group up and running again and is thus standing down. The group leader is only too happy to assist others who are prepared to take on the task. It would be a shame if this group closed as it is popular and always well attended. As usual if you're interested email us at TandDu3A@gmail.com



TRAVEL GROUP COMPTON ACRES/POOLE TRIP

Well, the weather's perfect maybe a little too hot, not a cloud in sight and we're on our way to Poole.

Our first stop was Compton Acres, some had a coffee first, others made their way to the gardens –there certainly wasn't a hosepipe ban here!!! The Italian Garden was beautiful and the walk through the wooded Valley was shaded and made walking round a pleasant experience in this current heatwave.

Our next stop was Poole, where we had time to have lunch on the harbour front with an excess of restaurants, pubs etc. along the seafront to choose from.

At 2 pm we all boarded the 'Dorset Queen' for a guided tour around Brownsea Island and surrounding area including 'Millionaire's Row' at Sandbanks unfortunately Harry (? Ed) has now moved so we couldn't drop in for afternoon tea!!!

After disembarking time for another ice cream and back on the air-conditioned coach to come home – with a slight delay across the New Forest, however, our coach driver gave us a very informative history lesson on The New Forest.

We all had a very enjoyable day and look forward to the next trip – Sue Geater

