

Notes From the Chair.

To commemorate 10 years of Tadley & District u3a and in memory of Maureen Gifford, the driving force behind its founding, the committee decided to plant a tree. You can find it in the Children's cemetery at St Peter's church, Tadley.

Don't forget Open day, 30th March, 10:30 – 3:30, Tadley Community Centre

The choice of charity that our u3a supports is in the gift of the Chair, this year's charity was Homestart North-West Hants, I'm asking members to make suggestions as to what next year's charity should be. Please reply as usual to T&Du3a@Gmail.com

March Speaker

Tony Harris 'Behind You!...An actor's life...' 16th March 2023

Tony Harris is familiar to us as Henry VIII and Churchill and is one of our favourite speakers, but did you ever wonder about his acting career?

How did a member of the RSC end up on the U3A circuit? The journey is hilarious and Tony's telling of it is unmissable.

Oh, and he will come in drag and toss in the history of cross dressing and pantomime to boot!

March promises to be a fun-packed meeting - make sure you are there!

The website is nearly back to normal and is in a good enough state to provide all the information you may need, it's far from perfect but do give it a try!

Silver Surfers - Struggling with technology be it PC, tablet or phone? Finding online shopping a challenge, the surgery's e-consult defeats you? Then there are people who can help you! Every Wednesday 1:00 – 2:30 at Tadley Community Centre. No need to book. They just love technology problems so drop in.

You can always contact us on email TandDu3a@gmail.com

Our **Open Day** is designed to show what our u3a's all about for both current u3a members and those interested in joining. Most groups will be present to show what they get up to and for people to talk to group leaders to get more information.

Entertainment will be provided during the day by the Recorder, Ukulele, Guitar, and Scottish dancing groups.

30th March, Tadley Community Centre, 10:30 – 15:30.

This is also an opportunity for those who haven't quite got around to renewing to do so and for those who didn't include a s.a.e when they posted their forms to pick up their membership cards.



See through the wheelchair.

For some reason people used to glare at me.

But I don't know why, maybe it's because of my wonky body or the fact that I am stuck in a wheelchair.

The problem is that no one asks me.

Mainly due to fear.

The fear of being rude and offensive,

but I just wanna be talked to.

Disabled people also have lives and voices you know,

they laugh, cry and feel pain just like you do.

But the most important thing they do.

Is that they live their lives to the fullest.

So I implore you to please see through the wheelchair.

And take care of the boy inside.

Oscar

March 1st was International Wheelchair Day, one of Treloar's students penned this poem to mark the day.

Treloar's has a printing capability staffed by students, we use their skills to print all of our paper-based communications.

Oscar is a resident at Treloar College. He is unable to speak, uses a wheelchair and has no muscular control apart from the use of one finger for all his communications and to operate his wheelchair.



Jacki Cassidy Membership Secretary & Group Liaison We planted a commemorative tree, an Ornamental Pear. Should you fancy a look you can find it in the flower bed next to the children's section in the Burial Ground, next to St Peter's church.

Our thanks go to Nicky Barry, Clerk to Tadley Town Council for all her help in facilitating the tree planting.



By the by... just finished reading R C Sherriff's The Fortnight in September. A pleasant tale of a family's fortnights holiday in the interwar years. If your memory of a holiday was taking a train to the seaside, staying in a B&B, lazy days on a sandy beach then this book is for you. Serialised version available on BBC iPlayer.