

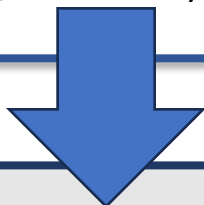


Notes From the Chair.

Hope you all enjoyed a well-earned break and are ready for the challenges ahead? I try very hard not to mention the weather but it's virtually impossible not to after this year's upside-down summer, it's 30C outside as I write this, I'm sure we'll have a hard frost and the central heating cranked up by the time you read it.

Things are afoot in the sustainability space, there are plans (not u3a) to set up a Repair Café in the local area where people can bring broken 'stuff' to hopefully have it repaired rather than it goes to landfill. They're looking for people with varied skills to help so it's time to wake up those grey cells, dig out that toolbox and dust off the sewing machine, more info below.

Our September speaker Eve Bacon will introduce us to a hidden part of Victorian Britain's history, that of baby farming. Promises to be an interesting talk.



September Speaker

Eve Bacon

Victorian & Early 20th Century Baby Farmers

The Victorian Era is known for its bizarre social practices, but one of the darkest periods of the history of the 19th century was the practice of baby farming in Britain.

At September's meeting Eve will present the story of Britain's baby farmers. She will tell us of the sad fate of some illegitimate babies in Victorian and early 20th century Britain, how the law made this darkest of businesses viable and how it was eventually brought to an end.

Our speaker, Eve Bacon, along with her husband Steve have been historical re-enactors for more than 25 years and started their "Live'n History" website in the year 2000. Eve is a retired teacher and has extensive experience in delivering presentations to museums, heritage sites, the National Trust, TV and more.

September's Monthly Meeting is on Thursday 21st September in the Community Centre. Doors open 10:45 meeting starts at 11:00.

If there's anybody that you know who would like to join T&D u3a or to get a taster of what we do, then the monthly meeting is ideal place to start so do bring them along.

We still have uncollected new membership cards; you can pick them up at the monthly meeting.

We need someone with IT skills to help us with the migration of our website, if you're interested do contact us on
TandDu3a@gmail.com



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Baughurst, Tadley and
surrounding villages



WE NEED YOU!

- ✓ Are you a keen fixer of broken items? Have any of these skills: electrical, carpentry, sewing, knitting, blade sharpening, jewellery cleaning, IT peripherals, bicycle, ceramics repair or any other repair skills?
- ✓ Do you get great satisfaction when you bring a broken item back to life and love the smile on someone's face when you repair their cherished item?
- ✓ Do you want to be part of a friendly team of like-minded people and can spare 4 hours a month?
- ✓ Do you love meeting new people and learning new skills?

If your answer to any of the above questions is Yes, we'd love you to join the Baughurst Repair Cafe.

Our Repair Café venue is Heath End Village Hall (RG26 5LU)

Join us by clicking on our QR code on the left.

Need more info about our Repair Café? Please contact us via

- Email at baughurstrepaircafe@hotmail.com, or
- Our Facebook page: Baughurst Repair Café
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550121630444>

We are pleased to announce that the Baughurst Repair Cafe (BRC) was formed on 9 August 2023.

The BRC aims to reduce unnecessary landfill waste by repairing (where possible) to make household items last that bit longer. The BRC is run by volunteers, the service is available to householders in Baughurst, Tadley and surrounding villages. The first Repair Cafe will be on 19th November 2023 in Heath End Village Hall and then monthly from January 2024, but we do need volunteers - those who can repair items or those who are good with looking after customers. To date, 16 people with different skills have volunteered but we do need more volunteers to allow for good coverage and to spread the workload, I have little doubt that a number of our u3a members have a wealth of skills which will greatly enhance the impact of this initiative.

Items to be fixed vary from small kitchen appliances not working, soft toys where the stitching has come undone, broken chair or blunt secateurs which need sharpening. No two repair cafe event is the same as you never know what's coming in!

If you would like to volunteer - please get in touch with us. We look forward to hearing from you and having you on board.



Post lockdown a number of members continue to feel uncomfortable rejoining their old u3a groups the Recorder group is one of those which has lost members.

I'm sure a number of you remember the recorder from their school days, not altogether fondly! If you have played in the past, you would be amazed at how much your fingers remember, so come along and have a go. If you have never played, we would need to chat about how to get you started but don't let that put you off.

Contact us via the usual email TandDu3a@gmail.com

**Don't forget that you can always contact TandDu3a
via email TandDu3a@gmail.com**

The building work at the TCC make look finished but it's not!

**Entrance to the TCC for the monthly meeting is through the double fire
doors on the right of the building.**