



Looking Back on 2023

Looking back on 2023 it's been a good year for your u3a. The cloud that was Covid has lifted, groups are back in action and trips are alive and well, what more could you want?

As in every year since the formation of Tadley and District u3a we continue to grow, as of today we have a total of 767 members which makes us one of the larger u3a in the UK. Still, plenty of room for new members.

The number of groups has grown this year with the Garden Visits group starting up, visiting gardens in the National Gardens Scheme. Being an organised group allows us to visit gardens 'out of hours' when the general public aren't around which makes a real difference to how much you can enjoy the experience.

The website replacement isn't moving as fast as we'd hoped but with over 700 u3a to migrate to the new system it's bound to take time, we'll get there.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the many people who make Tadley and District u3a possible. Firstly the 'Events Team', a group of members who Jacki Cassidy and Pat Higgins can gather together and between them just make our afternoon teas work, it's an impressive sight. Many thanks to all those members who help us tidy up after events such as the teas and monthly meetings, it does make a real difference.

Speaking of Monthly meetings Roland's ability to find new and interesting speakers over the last 12 years is definitely worthy of note. Finally, my personal thanks as Chair to all our Committee Members who make T&D u3a what it is today – Colin, Chair T&D

And finally...Don't forget no monthly meeting this month, next meeting
18th Jan 2024

Well, we finished 2023 on a high with an afternoon of pre-Xmas festive refreshments with music provided by the Belle Canto ladies trio. Comments that we've received from our members would seem to indicate that they enjoyed the event.

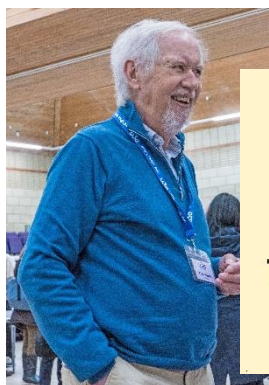


July saw the first afternoon tea of the year with the Pimms and Scones Tea.

Never was the phrase 'if wet then in the village hall' more apposite as it chucked it down on the day. Nonetheless it turned into a delightful afternoon with entertainment provided by the T&D u3a Guitar Group



We held an **Open Day** for both current members and those interested in joining our u3a, at the end of March, from what I could see and talking to members and group leaders, went very well. My thanks to committee members, group leaders and their helpers, for all the effort they put into the day to make it a success.



TADLEY and DISTRICT
u3a
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
OPEN DAY
TADLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
Thursday 30th March 2023 10.30 am - 3.00 pm
Free Entrance, Tea & Coffee
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