

Notes From the Chair.



At the time of writing snowdrops and aconites are flowering prolifically and there's even an early daffodil in flower but more importantly the rhubarb's sprouting, flowers are lovely but rhubarb's great.

The Travel group is off to a good start in 2024 with an exclusive offer to the Tadley U3A travel Group to a Strictly Dancing factory tour, Tuesday 7th May 2024. This is a new factory with a tour of the work in progress for the 2024 BBC programme. More info below.



This month's speaker is Stewart Linford talking about his life as a furniture maker and the significance of the 'The Windsor' chair in British life.

The Art group were trying their hand at marbling this week, being totally artless myself I decided to give it a try, great fun.

We received a nice email from Patricia Pearce, last month's speaker, thanking us for our contributions.

February's Monthly Meeting is on Thursday 15th February in the Community Centre. Doors open **10:30** meeting starts at 11:00.

February Speaker Stewart Linford

"The Remarkable Story of our National Chair: The Windsor"

Stewart Linford's passion for woodwork started at school. He studied furniture making and wood science at High Wycombe College in the early 1970s. After graduating from College, he went on to gain a degree in wood science and a distinction for his thesis on Traditional Chair-Making.

As a sole trader he started a furniture-making workshop from scratch with clients that included The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, The Duke of Marlborough, and Harrods. As a Liveryman of the Furniture Makers Company, he was made a Freeman of the City of London. In 2003 he met the Queen after being awarded her 'Award for Enterprise'.

His speciality is creating chairs to commemorate great British worthies using timbers from HMS Victory to build his Admiral's chair and timber from Blenheim Palace estates to celebrate Winston Churchill.

Today Stewart will give us his highly amusing and original interactive talk on the inside story of the craft of manufacturing Limited Edition Windsor chairs, created to celebrate our British Heroes.

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

Just a wee reminder that that Xmas present that isn't quite to your taste could be ideal for our raffle. Bring it along to February's monthly meeting for it to be included as one of this year's raffle prizes where it can be fully appreciated.

Email from Patricia Pearce
January's speaker

Lacking any skills on the art front when Jackie mentioned that the Art group is going to try marbling I thought that I'd give it a try, just how difficult could it be? Although there was an element of the blind leading the blind it was great fun. There'll be no sign of me next meeting as they're going back to proper art!

Art group meet 2nd & 4th Thursday in the month in the TCC.

Colin

Dear Roland

Thank you so much for inviting me to talk to your members. What a really lovely bunch they are...

I just wanted to let you know, so that you can tell your members, that I am so grateful for all their donations. With the cheque for £180.00 you gave me, I came home with a total of £469.00. That is amazing.

I am so grateful.

Kind regards
Pat

An exclusive offer to the T&D U3A Travel Group for a Strictly Dancing factory tour, Tuesday 7th May 2024. You'll have a tour, in their new factory, of the work currently in progress for the 2024 BBC programme. Even if you've been before it's all changed.

Priority will be given to those who were not on the 2022 visit. We will stop off at a garden centre for refreshments / lunch on the way.

The cost of the coach & the tour will be £45 each. Please ensure cheques are made out to Tadley & District U3A Social, no cash, no refunds.

For information on our website, click on this [link](#).

Membership Renewal

The festive season is all but a fond memory, the snowdrops are up, and the daffodils are showing all of which mean that it's membership renewal time.

No great changes from previous years...you will receive your new membership form in the post which you need to complete and bring with you to one of the renewal sessions at Tadley Community Centre, timetable below, where you will receive your membership card.

Monday March 11th 2-4pm Hall B

Tuesday March 12th 2-4pm Hall B

Wednesday March 13th 10.00 - 12.00 Hall A

Friday March 15th 10.00 - 12.00 Hall A

In our desperate attempt to cut down on paperwork our preferred method of payment is BACS, you will find our a/c details on the form. Please execute your BACS transfer in good time before returning your form.

We still have a number of membership cards from last year so if you've no alternative but to apply by post you **MUST** include a SAE for return of your card.