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Dear

Thank you for your enquiry regarding membership of the U3A. I enclose some information on the U3A nationally and Taw U3A in particular. Our latest Newsletter shows that we currently have 40 or so active Groups. Please include your email address on the application form enclosed. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are unable to receive the Monthly Newsletter by email, a printed copy can be collected at the monthly coffee morning. If you are unable to obtain the Newsletter by any of the above means, we are happy to post this to you at a cost of £9.50 per annum. Please see details of this on the Application Form. You can also access information about Taw U3A Events and our Special Interest Groups on our website - <https://u3asites.org.uk/taw>.

Our core activities are the Special Interest Groups and we also hold regular social activities, including a monthly coffee morning held at 10:30am on the fourth Monday of each month, in Roundswell Community Hall, adjacent to Sainsburys.

For 2024/25 the annual membership fee for members joining after 1st April 2024 will be **£12 per person**, and **£6.00 per person** if joining after the 1st October 2024. It is free for all who are 90+ years old. Some of the Groups make a small extra charge to pay for halls, equipment or other costs. **Please be aware that membership runs from 1st April to 31st March in each year**, so if you have joined some time during the year (even as late as say December) membership renewals and a further payment of annual membership fees (if applicable) are due in February for April.

You also have the option to receive up to 5 copies of 'Third Age Matters' (the national U3A magazine), which includes 3 copies of 'Sources'. To subscribe, please tick the appropriate box and add the relevant amount to your payment.

If you would like to see our Taw U3A Policy Documents and Constitution, they are available from our Chairman or can be seen on the 'Policies' page of our website - <https://u3asites.org.uk/taw>.

It would be particularly helpful to us if you were able to complete the Gift Aid form if you are a UK Taxpayer. Please see the information from our Treasurer on the last page in this pack.

If you would like to join us, please complete, sign and return the enclosed Application for Membership Form together with the appropriate subscription, and completed Gift Aid Declaration if applicable. I will then send you your membership card(s) and a Complimentary Ticket for a coffee morning.

I look forward to hearing further from you and welcoming you as a member of Taw U3A.

Yours sincerely

Veronica McLaughlin
Taw U3A Membership Secretary



The U3A Movement: U3A stands for the University of the Third Age, which is a self-help organisation for people no longer in full time employment. It provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities in a friendly environment and consists of local U3As all over the UK, which are each a charity in their own right and are run entirely by volunteers. Local U3As are learning co-operatives which draw upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide Special Interest Groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership. The teachers learn and the learners teach. Between them all, the U3As offer the chance to study over 300 different subjects in such fields as art, languages, music, history, life sciences, philosophy, computing, crafts, photography and walking. A typical U3A has about 250 members but could be as small as 12 and as large as 2000. Taw U3A has around 400 members. The U3A approach to learning is – learning for pleasure. There is no accreditation or validation and there are no assessments or qualifications to be gained.

The Third Age Trust and its relationship with U3As: The Third Age Trust is the national representative body for U3As in the UK. It is both a limited company and a registered charity. It underpins the work of local U3As by providing educational and administrative support to both their management committees and individual members. It also assists in the development of new U3As across the UK. It is managed by a National Executive Committee which consists of a Chairman, 2 other Officers and 12 representatives from the government regions in the UK. The Third Age Trust is funded mainly by annual subscriptions paid by member local U3As on a per capita basis, with the occasional grant for specific projects. It has a small number of paid staff and is located in London. Local U3As are independently managed charitable associations with their own constitutions. Membership of The Third Age Trust is a requirement in order to use the U3A name and logo, both of which are protected. Once registered, and providing the aims and guiding principles of the organisation are adhered to, local U3As are self-governing.

How do I join a Group? Special Interest Groups meet in each other's homes or local halls etc to keep the costs and travelling to a minimum. In addition we hold a regular monthly Coffee Morning that is open to all our members. This is an informal and mainly social get together that takes place at 10:30am on the fourth Monday of each month in Roundswell Community Hall, which is adjacent to Sainsburys supermarket.

What are Special Interest Groups? They are groups of members formed by another member who has a particular interest in a subject and who is willing to share that interest with others. The Leader of each Group need not be experienced or expert in the subject and may simply be someone who themselves wishes to learn more about something. The Leader and members decide their Group's meeting times and programme. The essence of the U3A is that we learn from each other. Occasionally, some Groups may have an outside speaker on a particular subject but that will not be a regular occurrence. The subjects covered by the Groups range across a wide spectrum.

To join any of our Groups the procedure is for you to contact the Group Leader or Group Co-Ordinator (details are in the Newsletter or complete the 'Contact Form' on our Website). After joining Taw U3A you can make a request to the Leaders of up to three Groups of your choice, to sit in on one meeting with each Group, on a 'taster' basis for free, except if this involves a coach trip. Be aware that some Groups may be full and have a waiting list.

If you are interested in a particular topic and would like to set up a new Group, do please contact our Group Co-ordinator who will be able to advise you. Contact details for our Group Co-ordinator can be found in the Newsletter, alternatively use the form on the 'Contact' page of our website - <https://u3asites.org.uk/taw>.



Barnstaple, Devon
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – 2024/25

(1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025)

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TAM		BACs/Chq

Applicant 1:

Title: _____ Forename: _____ Surname: _____

- Please tick one box: Existing Membership Application
 New Membership Application
 Affiliated Member (from 1st April 2024) - Affiliated Fee £2.50 pa

Affiliated Members Only -

Please state name of existing U3A _____

Please attach a copy of your existing U3A membership card.

Applicant 2:

Title: _____ Forename: _____ Surname: _____

- Please tick one box: Existing Membership Application
 New Membership Application
 Affiliated Member (from 1st April 2024) - Affiliated Fee £2.50 pa

Affiliated Members Only -

Please state name of existing U3A _____

Please attach a copy of your existing U3A membership card.

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel. No: _____

Email Address: _____

Applicant 1 Mobile No: _____ Applicant 2 Mobile No: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: *IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL INFORMATION ON THIS SECTION IS COMPLETED*

Telephone/Mobile: _____

Please state **NAME & RELATIONSHIP:** _____

NOTE: Please write your email address as you would see it on your computer (i.e. not in 'joined-up' writing) and please be aware of upper and lower case letters, and especially punctuation.

Newsletter:

In an effort to minimise costs and the amount of printed paper produced, Taw U3A members will have our monthly Newsletter emailed directly to them, at their email address given above. Printed versions are available at the monthly Coffee Mornings. **If you do not have an email address, then we are happy to post this to you at a cost of £9.50 per annum. Please add this amount to your membership fee (if applicable).**

MEMBERSHIP CHARGES:

For 2024/25 the annual membership fee for members will be **£12.00 per person**, and **£6.00 per person** if joining after the 1st October 2024.

From the 1st April 2024 the subscription for new and existing Affiliated Members will be **£2.50 per person, per annum**.

Taw U3A would like members to pay their subscription directly into the TAW bank account via internet banking. We are promoting this option as a safe and secure method of paying your annual subscription. To make the payment please use the following information:

Name of Account: **TAW U3A** *Once you have completed your BACs transaction would you then please*
Sort Code: **30-90-49** *complete the Membership Renewal Form and forward it to our Membership*
Account No: **02341066** *Secretary, whose address can be found at the bottom of this page. Thank you.*

Please ensure that you add your name when making the transaction so that an accurate membership record is maintained. However, your subscription can still be made by cheque.

PLEASE TICK ONE BOX with your preferred payment method:

- BACS (Internet Banking)
- Cheque – **please make your cheque payable to TAW U3A**

I/We make a payment of £..... to cover my/our subscription for the year 1st April 2024 to the 31st March 2025.

- Please tick the box if you would like the Newsletter posted to you and add **£9.50** to your payment.

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE IF 90+ YEARS OLD ONLY TICK THE BOX IF YOU ARE, OR WILL BE, 90 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER BY 31ST MARCH 2025:

- Applicant 1**
- Applicant 2**

If you would like to receive copies of **Third Age Matters** (the national U3A magazine) and **Sources** during 2024, please tick the appropriate box below and add the relevant amount to your payment total. The amount below includes delivery to your home address:

- £4.00** per address

The following can be found on the Taw U3A website <https://u3asites.org.uk/taw>. If you wish to have copies posted to you, please indicate below:

- Terms and Conditions of Membership**
- Taw U3A Privacy and Data Protection Statement**

***** WILL EACH MEMBER PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO SHOW YOUR CONSENT TO THE ABOVE STATEMENTS *****

Signatures:

Applicant 1: _____ Date: _____

Applicant 2: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE FILL IN AND SIGN THIS FORM THEN SEND IT TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, WHOSE ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE, PLUS DELIVERY OF 'THIRD AGE MATTERS' U3A MAGAZINE (IF REQUIRED). THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY WILL THEN BE HAPPY TO POST YOUR CARD(S) BACK TO YOU.

MRS VERONICA McLAUGHLIN, 2 LINSKOTT CRESCENT, WEST YELLAND, BARNSTAPLE, DEVON EX31 3ES
A SELF STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU

GIFT AID

TO ALL TAW U3A MEMBERS WHO ARE TAXPAYERS

Gift Aid raises more funds for the Taw U3A without costing you a penny more. If you are a UK taxpayer we can reclaim the tax on your membership subscriptions and donations.

For every £1 of your subscription, we can claim a further 25p from HM Revenue and Customs.

Colin O'Brien
Taw U3A Treasurer

GIFT AID DECLARATION

I/We would like the Taw U3A to reclaim the tax on this and any other eligible donations or membership subscriptions that I/we may make in the future or have made in the past 4 years. I/We understand that I/we need to pay enough Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in each year to cover the Gift Aid claimed on all my/our donations otherwise it is my/our responsibility to pay any difference.

Full Name Please: **Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms:** **(1)**

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms: **(2)**

Address:

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.....**Postcode:**

Signature (1):

Date:

Signature (2):

Date:

