

TUNBRIDGE WELLS U3A

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year and wish you all a healthy and happy 2020. I hope we can all shake off the coughs and colds that lots of us were suffering from before Christmas.

I'm writing this at the end of December and looking back we had a very busy year. In addition to the outings, short breaks and Barn dance we extended our events to include a summer BBQ, afternoon tea and board games afternoon and a quiz. These all seemed popular and with the help of the events committee we will carry on again this year. We've also added more groups and held 3 "Useful to Know" talks on Power of Attorney, help for the hard of hearing and on reducing our use of single-use plastics. All of this is only possible with the help of members who volunteer their time and we are really grateful to them.

Looking forward to 2020, an important date for your diary is Wednesday 3rd June, which is National U3A Day. This is part of the National Office's strategy to raise the profile of U3A. We hope to have a stall in the RVP and welcome any ideas for items we could display. We also are looking for a new Secretary as Wendy Maher has to step down after serving for 6 years. Please do look at the article inside and consider it; it is one of the essential roles that have to be filled for us to continue.

Sue Brimlow, Chairman, Tel: 01892 863691

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COMING UP

MONTHLY MEETINGS

at 2.30pm at the Camden Centre

Thursday 16th January
Exciting Wildlife from around the World, a talk by Tom Way

Thursday 20th February
Passports, Assassins, Traitors & Spies, a talk by Martin Lloyd

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

at Trinity from 10.30 – 12.00

Friday 31st January



Friday 28th February

OUR OUTINGS

There will be outings on

Wednesday 12th February
"Swan Lake"
fully booked

Thursday 26th March
Anglesey Abbey & Lode Mill
application form on p. 14



Anglesey Abbey
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

To be precise, we need a new secretary as Wendy will have served 2 terms at the next AGM and has to stand down. The main part of the role is taking the monthly committee minutes, and it also includes organising the AGM, liaising with the Charity Commission, and booking rooms. You'd need to be organised and IT literate.

Without a secretary, our U3A cannot function so we urgently need someone to take over the role in June. The post is interesting and includes being involved in formulating our U3A policy. It is certainly not all work and no play. As the photos below show, we are a convivial group. Every year, for example, the committee takes the AV team, website manager and talks organiser out for a meal as a thank you for all their help during the year.

Please contact either me ([Sue Brimlow](#)) or Wendy Maher (by [email](#)) for more information.



U3A BARN DANCE

Last year many of you came to our Barn Dance and enjoyed a lively evening. We have decided to hold what will be our fourth Barn Dance on 21st March 2020. We are using the same formula as previous years; you bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles and we'll provide the music, caller and fish and chips. We're holding it at Langton Green Village Hall again and, as last year, we've added an extra room to make space for more tables and dancers.

We've been able to hold the price to £15, the same as last year. Members were able to bring a guest last year and we hope to offer the same option this year, but if numbers are limited then members will get priority. So put the date in your diary – **Saturday 21st March** – and fill in the application form at the end of the Newsletter.

SHORT BREAKS NEWS

In May 38 of us will be away in **Devon** for our 5 day short break.

On November 25th 2020 we leave for our 2 nights away to the **Thursford Christmas Spectacular** in Norfolk. The largest Christmas show in the UK we have been very lucky in having secured top deluxe seats in the centre of the first 3 rows. **Places are going fast and places are limited so do not delay.**

Please see the attached flyer on page 12 below for more information.

For a booking form please contact:

Sandra McDonald, Short Breaks Organiser, or phone me on 01892 752196.

Sandra McDonald, Short Breaks Organiser

OUTINGS NEWS

The last trip of the year was to Kew Gardens, and what a finale, it was fantastic. The lights, lasers and music were truly amazing. We were very lucky with the weather as well, a dry, clear night and warmer than the freezing temperatures of the previous night.

Our trips are all planned for next year and the details, month by month, are as follows:

Wednesday 12th February: Swan Lake at the Marlowe Theatre Canterbury

Thursday 26th March: Anglesey Abbey & Lode Mill (N/T)

Wednesday 22nd April: The Spike Guildford & Dapdune Wharf

Thursday 14th May: Uppark House & Gardens (N/T)

Wednesday 17th June: Walmer Castle

Thursday 9th July: Lullingstone Castle & Lavender Farm

Wednesday 12th August: Wisley

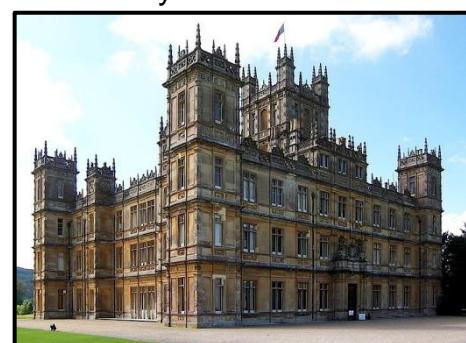
Tuesday 8th September: Highclere Castle

October (date to be arranged): Audley End

November: No Outing / Mini break

a 2 night break at Thursford Christmas Spectacular

December: No Outing



Highclere
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The October outing still needs finalising, and I will confirm the date when it has been arranged.

The ballet is now full and the application form for our next trip to Anglesey Abbey & Lode Mill is at the end of this newsletter, so please complete and send your applications in early to avoid missing this trip, which for National Trust members is only £17 per person. Please note we are trialling a new pick up for the Outings at the bus stop opposite the local Sainsburys in St Johns Road, as we always stop at St Johns Church on the way back and several members have asked why we cannot stop on the way to the Outings. So we will see if this is popular and if so, will stop on all of our trips in future.

Joan Young, Outings Co-ordinator

REPORT ON THE OUTING TO KEW GARDENS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



After all the wet weather we have been having this Autumn, we were pleased to be setting off for our trip on a fine evening. On arrival at Kew we found the entrance to the trail around the gardens and followed the paths which were clearly marked with the route.

A variety of light displays, some small and some large lined both sides of the paths.

Festive music was playing with each display putting us in the Christmas spirit.

Most of the displays were of course made up of electric lights, however there was one unusual one which consisted of several hundred oil lamps. A number of the displays used laser lights and we reached one where the laser beams seemed to be painting the outline of a large glasshouse.

We were pleased to find, about halfway round the trail, a fairground at which there was an opportunity to sit down and warm up with mulled wine and hot chocolate.

Suitably rested and refreshed we continued on the trail which became more and more spectacular as we walked through a curtain of lights and into the woods which were lit up with different themes. We finally reached the lake in front of the main glasshouse, where there was an impressive display of moving



images and laser beams projected onto the animated fountains, all synchronised to a range of Christmas music.

On arriving back at the main buildings there was still time for some more refreshments and to do some shopping, before boarding the coach for our return journey.

Our thanks to Jenny & Linda for organising this most enjoyable and illuminating trip.

*Pat Jessup
Photos by Rosemary Rees*

SOME CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

110 of us enjoyed an excellent Christmas Lunch
At the Masonic Hall on 12th December. ▼



THE ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP
held its Christmas Lunch at
Il Vesuvio in Tunbridge Wells ▼...



... while LONDON EXPLORERS 4
went to the Nevill Crest and Gun
in Eridge. ▼



▼36 AMBLERS went to the Crow & Gate in Crowborough. They're still puzzling over this as the maximum number of walkers on any one walk this year has been 18!



The U3A Quiz Afternoon on 19th December was a great success. Intrigued by the quiz (thank you. Colin and Jenny Brennan from the Quiz Group), fortified by mulled wine and mince pies (thank you Marilyn Smart and the Events Committee), plus tea and biscuits (thank you Linda Bateman and the Tea Ladies) and uplifted by the carol singing (thank you Jennie Jessup and the Singing for Pleasure Group) ... we forgot to take any

GROUP REPORTS

QUIZ GROUP

Tuesday 5th November was a memorable evening for the group, as a win of £80 brought our winnings to over £4,000; actually £4,066. The Group plays every Tuesday at the Beau Nash and often at other venues in the town. All our winnings go to charity and on the 5th we donated the £80 to Shepherd Neame's Charity for the Year, the Royal British Legion.

Categories included Words (without vowels), November, Geography, Pot Luck, British Baddies and Women in Fact and Fiction.

Words with no vowels, such as Lovers Tryst or A vertical groove in a Doric column or frieze? Eh! Not fluting then!? No, Gryph.

The next round, November, did include an oblique reference to the Gunpowder Plot, as in Kit Harrington is a descendant of which of the conspirators. Kit Harrington, in case you don't know, as I didn't, is an actor from Game of Thrones (Jon Snow) whose middle name is in memory of his antecedent. He can boast about it now! That would be Kit Catesby Harrington.



British Flag of the Falklands Islands,
Government of Great Britain [CC0]

On to Geography and what do the Argentinians *erroneously*, (my italics) call the Falkland Islands? Islas Malvinas.

Pot Luck or General Knowledge, by another name. Good job, we don't have Pot Luck and GK in the same quiz! That would really get my goat! Origin - a goat placed in the stall of a highly-strung race horse the night before a race, as a calming influence. Take it away and the horse gets REALLY annoyed! Always have a goat to hand to avoid anger and stress. In Italian

he's known as Topolino, what do we know him as? It's *Mickey Mouse*. Yay!

British Baddies, actually British actors who played Bad People.

Who played Ash, the Android (not even a real person) in Alien? Ian Holm.

Finally Women in Fact and Fiction. First woman to play golf? A Right Royal day on the tees! Mary Queen of Scots.

A Win for U3A with 60% brought up the £4,000; strangely, the same score that won us £3,000!!

Onwards and Upwards to £5,000. See you all next year!

Dick Hoare, Quiz Group Contact

CROCHET GROUP

This has been a productive year for the Crochet Group who have been busy supporting the charity knitforpeace.org.uk. Their work can be seen here. The Crochet Group are now up to

their full capacity and there is a waiting list for anyone interested in joining a new group.



Sue Bailey, Crochet Group Contact



FOLK SONG GROUP



The Folk Song Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at St John's Yard, TN4 9PE, at 2 for 2.30 pm to sing a variety of acoustic songs from Sweet Nightingale through the Fields Of Athenry to Big Yellow Taxi. Lyrics are provided if you need them, and the emphasis is on singing from the heart - we make a very pleasant sound together! Thanks to Celia, who took the picture and so isn't in it.

Contact [**Bob Kenward**](#) for more details and songsheets, or just come along in the New Year. We are meeting on Tuesday January 2nd but this Newsletter will come out too late for that, so come on February 4 and first Tuesdays thereafter.

A quick reminder that tickets for the Barn Dance at Langton Green on Sat March 21st are going fast – the application form is below – fish & chips provided!

Bob Kenward, Folk Song Group Contact

[Editor's Note: Bob and the Abbey Capers, provide the music for the Barn Dance – they're brilliant!]

FORTHCOMING MONTHLY MEETINGS

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| 16th January: | Tom Way will speak on "Exciting Wildlife from around the World". |
| 20th February: | "Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies", a talk by Martin Lloyd. |
| 19th March: | "The Forensic Investigation of Homicide", a talk by David Tadd. |
| 16th April: | "Dig for Victory", a talk by Russell Bowes. |
| 21st May: | "The Role of the Kent, Surrey, Sussex Ambulance Trust", a talk by AAKSS. |
| 18th June: | AGM |

UPDATE ON GROUPS

Happy New Year Everyone. I'm pleased to be able to introduce you to some **Brand New Groups for the New Year**. Sometimes it takes a while to gather enough interest to start a new activity, as with the dog walkers, suggested several times over a year or two and now ready for a first walk.

The **Four Paws Walking Group** look forward to a monthly stroll on a Friday afternoon.

The contact is [Lynn Birchard](#), 077399 99495.

Our new **Garden Visits** Group will meet early in the year to plan a schedule of fortnightly outings between March and October. To join, contact [Sheila Mulholland](#), 01892 537200.

And for something to stretch the brain you might like **Mathematics and Statistics**. The aim is to become more savvy about statistics, to improve numeracy, to understand about how maths is used in the real world, to learn about the evolution of maths and statistics, to tackle mathematical and logical puzzles and more! Meetings will be on 3rd Wednesdays at 2.00pm and the group leader and contact is [Graham McNeilly](#), 07896 542272.

Finally, a couple of new groups who have already got off to a good start:

The **Breakfast/Brunch** group will appeal to those who like to go for a coffee and chat, or breakfast. They have begun meeting once a month on the 2nd Friday at 10.00am in different venues. The contact is [Sandra McDonald](#), 01892 752196.

The **MOTO** group (Members on their Own) encompasses a whole variety of shared activities including visits to plays, films, lunches and even short breaks away. There will be weekly Sunday coffee mornings at 10.30 at Valerie Patisserie and monthly meetings on the first Friday of the month at 10.30 (venue to be confirmed). Please contact [Sylvia Joyce](#), 01892 319070, if you would like to join the group.

Suggestions for New Groups

A second **Recorder Group**: We need a few more recorder enthusiasts to have a viable group. No matter what your ability or experience do consider giving it a go. I can put you in touch with someone for more details if you wish.

A second **Crochet Group**: Beginners welcome. The first crochet group has been very successful, progressing from simple squares to communal projects such as blankets for charities. There will be help on hand where needed.

A third **Spanish Beginners Group**: Always exciting to learn a new language and Spanish is proving very popular. The group will be self-taught using books, internet etc.

A **Musical Instrument Group**: An idea of forming a group of people who are attempting to learn a new instrument and would like to join together to work on simple tunes. The suggestion comes from a lady who is attempting to learn to play the cello and who recognises how much more rewarding it is to practise with others.

News of other groups

The **French Conversation 2** of higher intermediate standard has places on 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings. Contact [Frank Monckton](#), 01892 533652

The **Apple ipad and iphone** group had their last meeting in December. The group has been popular and of great help to members over four years but nowadays people are more familiar with technology and Peter Costello feels it has reached a natural conclusion. Many thanks, Peter.

The **French Group** Develop Your Skills has been renamed **Entente Cordiale** and now has a new contact. The group is very grateful to Ginny Whitelaw for her hard work and inspiring leadership.

Please see the following pages for the **Art Appreciation** and **Local History Walks** programmes.

For more information or to join new groups please contact [Jan Sumner, Groups Coordinator](#) or phone 01892 860554.

ART APPRECIATION GROUP

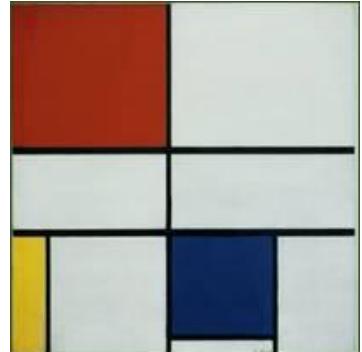
Spring 2020 Session

Happy New Year to everyone! All 3 meetings start as usual at 2.45 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Camden Centre. Please do not arrive before 2.30 p.m. as the hall is in use before then and it is necessary to set out chairs and equipment. Please be sure to check in at the desk on arrival. Newcomers are very welcome on payment of a visitor's fee of £2.00 per session.

We have a very interesting programme:-



1. **Tuesday 21st January.** Ray Warburton, a guide at Tate Britain and Tate Modern, will talk about **FIVE FAMOUS PAINTINGS: HOW TO DECIPHER ART** – Pieter Breugel the Elder’s “Children’s Games” 1560; Rembrandt’s “The Night Watch” 1642; J.E. Millais’s “Christ in the House of His Parents” 1850; Piet Mondrian’s “Composition C” 1935; & Andy Warhol’s “Marilyn Diptych” 1962. Ray



will discuss different ways of analysing and accessing paintings, e.g. their colour and form, mood and the contemporary social and political background.

1. **Tuesday 18th February.** Liz Strang will talk about **SOME WOMEN ARTISTS** – a subject that has been requested by the group. She will look in particular at some early lesser known artists, two of whom, **Lavinia Fontana** and **Sofonista Anguissola** are the subject of a new “Famous and Forgotten” exhibition at the Prado in Madrid. She will include **Artemisia Gentilischi** (see the forthcoming exhibition at the National Gallery - 4th April – 20th July 2020) and **Angelica Kauffman**, **Clara Peters** and **Elizabeth Vigee le Brun**. Her aim will be to bring to light those who deserve more recognition as well as touching on some favourites, such as **Berthe Morisot** and **Mary Cassatt**. She will end with work in the Tate’s current exhibition of women artists since the ‘60s, which include **Bridget Riley** (now at the Hayward), **Maggie Hambling** and, of course, **Tracey Emin**.
2. **Tuesday 24th March.** Liz will discuss the 16th century Venetian artist **Titian**. She will look at his life and times, his work in Venice and his patronage by the Holy Roman Emperor. We will see the amazing range of Titian’s work and his very personal portraits and self-portraits. The talk will reference the National Gallery’s forthcoming Spring Exhibition on “**Titian: Love, Desire, Death**” 16 March – 14 June 2020 which covers his “poesies”. These were based on Ovid’s “Metamorphoses” which was a commission for Philip II of Spain. In the exhibition four of these great works will be seen together for the first time.

Note to Members

As most of our members will know, Linda Sydenham and I will be retiring in March. We both have increased family health issues and, in addition, I feel personally that having run the Group since 2006, we need new ideas and new leadership.

You will be relieved to hear that Liz Strang will continue as our tutor and that two of our members, Miranda Baston and Elaine Royal, have kindly volunteered to take over from Linda and me.

I am sure you will be most grateful to them for enabling the Art Appreciation Group to continue.

[Alison Turner \(01892 526693\)](#)

LOCAL HISTORY WALKS 2020

The Local History Walking Group will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the venues shown in the provisional programme listed below. The walks will last about one and a half hours and generally cover around a mile in distance. Be prepared to do a fair bit of standing around – and remember that Tunbridge Wells is hilly! Please contact me if any of the start locations are unclear.

Please will past members confirm that they wish to continue in 2020. The group is currently rather large and I also have quite a long waiting list of folk who would like to join us when there is space. Therefore if I don't hear from you by the end of February I will need to give your place to someone else.

Sue Brown (01892 522488)

Provisional dates and walks for 2020:

24 th March –	Grove Hill Road etc (meet at entrance to Hooper's car park)
28 th April –	Mount Ephraim (meet on corner outside Mt Ephraim House)
26 th May –	Decimus Burton walk (meet outside Trinity Theatre)
23 rd June –	Hungershall Park etc (meet at Fir Tree Road car park)
28 th July –	St John's south section (meet by old Job Centre, opposite URC)
25 th August –	Boyne Park (meet at the top of Boyne Park)
22 nd September –	High Street etc (meet in Chapel Place by old Hall's Bookshop)
27 th October –	King Charles & The Pantiles (meet in Chapel Place by old Hall's Bookshop)

REPORT ON THE USEFUL TO KNOW TALK ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

Liz Orr, a U3A member and also Community Leader for Plastic Free Tunbridge Wells gave a talk to 50 U3A members in November.

Her first and really important message was to keep using what we've got! Don't rush out to buy replacement non-plastic or single use products until the current items have reached the end of their life. And then, consider buying second hand, especially clothes and toys. Liz then listed the top ten most prolific items that we need to reduce our use of, according to Surfers Against Sewage/Plastic Free Communities:

1. Plastic water and drinks bottles. Stainless steel metal ones are the best alternative.
2. Plastic drinks cups and lids. There are lots of alternatives that we can buy, including collapsible ones and a bonus is that your take-away drinks are cheaper.
3. Plastic cutlery. Wooden, multi-use plastic or metal ones are all alternatives.
4. Plastic straws and stirrers. If you must continue using straws, then metal ones are available, together with the original paper ones.
5. Plastic wrapping on 'food to go', especially the black non-recyclable sort.
6. Plastic bags. The 5p charge has seen a huge reduction in the quantity used.
7. Bathroom items, especially toothbrushes and disposable razors.
8. Plastic drinking cups and glasses. Reusable ones are available but often the cost of washing them makes their use impractical.
9. Condiment sachets – a surprising one but perhaps not when you consider how much fast food is purchased.
10. Balloons – we were surprised at this and are now going to feel quite aggrieved when we see them outside gates for birthday parties!

Liz was supported by Charlotte from the newly opened Zero Waste Shop in the Pantiles. They stock a huge range of goods from foods, cleaning products and beauty products and have a café too. You can take your own containers along to fill them up and reuse them.

There were some very interesting and enlightening questions and anecdotes and several people signed up to help Liz in her campaign to make Tunbridge Wells a 'plastic free' town. If you want to help, please contact Liz [here](#) or phone me on 01892 863691 for her contact details.

Sue Brimlow

Useful Information and Important Messages

Events in January and February

We have the following events arranged for January and February

16 th Jan.	Monthly Meeting: Exciting Wildlife from around the World , a talk by Tom Way
31 st Jan.	Coffee Morning at Trinity
13 th Feb.	Basic First Aid Course – by invitation
20 th Feb.	Monthly Meeting: Passports, Assassins, Traitors & Spies , a talk by Martin Lloyd
28 th Feb.	Coffee Morning at Trinity

Forthcoming Events For Your Diary

17 th March	New Members' Meeting – by invitation
19 th March	Monthly Meeting: The Forensic Investigation of Homicide , a talk by David Tadd
21 st March	Barn Dance
3 rd June	National U3A Day
11 th Dec.	U3A Christmas Lunch – by ticket

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members who have joined since 1st November:

Alan Ashby	Graham Easton	Margaret Murray
Christiane Bacot	Julia Easton	Mark Squire
Barbara Batty	Sheila Harris	Mary Thomas
Anne Cowper	Christine Hopper	Sylvia Westrup
Stephen Davis	Gerry Murray	

Your Committee

Chairman	Sue Brimlow	01892 863691
Vice-Chairman	Adrian Twiner	01892 459352
Secretary	Wendy Maher	01892 325272
Treasurer	David Brimlow	01892 860598
Group Coordinator	Jan Sumner	01892 860554
Membership Secretary	Ruth Johnson	01892 523097
Outings Coordinator	Joan Young	01892 546687
Business Secretary	Adrian Twiner	01892 459352
Newsletter	Eryll Fabian	01892 513805
Short Breaks & Holidays	Sandra McDonald	01892 752196

A Message from the Editor:

Members' photos and articles about group activities, places visited and anything relating to U3A events are always welcome. We can't guarantee to print them but will do our best if space allows.

If anyone objects to their photo being reproduced in this Newsletter, they should contact the editor.

All contributions to the **February** Newsletter should be e-mailed to [Eryll Fabian](mailto:Eryll.Fabian@btconnect.com) by 31st January at the latest (**earlier submissions will be welcome!**) or phone 01892 513805.



National Events

Details of interesting national events appear on the website:

They can be found on www.u3a.org.uk or by writing to:

The Third Age Trust, 52 Lant Street, London SE1 1RB



THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

See Short Breaks Report on page 3

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Heacham Manor Hotel, Hunstanton Thursford Christmas Spectacular



**THURSFORD
CHRISTMAS
SPECTACULAR**

Heacham Manor Hotel is a charming Grade II listed Country House Hotel set in beautifully manicured gardens close to Hunstanton. Heacham Manor is the complete country retreat set in a peaceful parkland location.

Thursford Christmas Spectacular is set in the magical surroundings of mechanical organs and fairground carousels, with a cast of 130 professional singers, dancers and musicians - many of whom are West End performers. The 3 hour performance delivers an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety.



**Wednesday 25th November 2020
2 Nights - Half Board**

Includes Visit to Ely Cathedral on Outward Journey
Excursion to Bury St Edmunds on Return Journey
Thursford show Tickets Included, Gratuities included

Single Room Supplement £30

Price £254 pp

SPRING BARN DANCE

Date: Saturday 21st March 2020

Time: 7.30 to 10.30

Venue: Langton Green Village Hall TN3 0JJ

Price: £15 to include fish and chip supper.

Bring your own drinks, nibbles and glasses



Abbey Capers will be providing the music once more and have promised that they'll gear the evening to our capabilities and will alternate between dance and music to listen to, if we need time to get our breath back. Priority will be given to U3A members, but if numbers permit you are welcome to bring a guest.

To reserve a place please complete the slip below and send it with your cheque made payable to **TW U3A** to:

Wendy Nice, 22 Asher Reeds, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 0AN,
telephone 01892 863717, or on the day phone Carol Woodman on 07710484065.
Receipts will be emailed or enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you prefer confirmation by post.



Please retain the above for information

I/We wish to attend the U3A Barn Dance and enclose a cheque for £15 per person made payable to **TWU3A**.

Name(s):

Address:

Telephone No:

Email address:

Details of any dietary requirements

I enclose a cheque for £.....(£15 per person)

U3A Members only

Tunbridge Wells U3A Outing on Thursday 26th March

A visit to Anglesey Abbey and Lode Mill. A National Trust Property

The outing for March takes us to Anglesey Abbey, the home of Lord Fairhaven until his death in 1966 when he bequeathed the Abbey, Lode Mill, Gardens and Furnishings to the National Trust. He requested that the Abbey, inside and out, and the gardens stay arranged as they were at the date of his death. A Jacobean style house with fine furnishings, books, paintings, silver and rare clocks give a feeling of opulence. The house, garden & Lode Mill are situated in 114 acres.

In 1926 Anglesey Abbey was bought by Huttleston Broughton, later Lord Fairhaven. In 1934 he acquired the mill and restored it to its original corn milling condition. This was completed in 1935-36. Freshly ground National Trust flour can be bought from the mill or their shop in the visitor centre. On arrival, the time is your own, to walk around the house etc at your leisure, as there is no guided tour.

The self-service licensed restaurant offers light refreshments and hot or cold lunches.

Itinerary

8.30 am coach leaves Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells.

8.35 am coach leaves opposite the local Sainsburys, St. John's (bus stop)

8.40 am coach leaves Southborough Fountain

10.30 am coach arrives Anglesey Abbey

3.30 pm coach departs for Tunbridge Wells

5.20 pm Arrive back at Southborough Fountain

5.25 pm arrive back at St Johns Church

5.30 pm arrive back at Tunbridge Wells

Cost for National trust members is £17, which covers the cost of the coach and gratuities. (You must bring your National Trust Card). **Non members of the National Trust** will have to pay an additional £15.80 on arrival at the Abbey, to cover the entrance into the house, Lode Mill and Gardens. Please note no food or drinks are supplied during this outing, members can purchase them at the restaurant on site.

Applications, including a cheque payable to Tunbridge Wells U3A for £17 should be sent to Linda Trowell at 20, Norfolk Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1TD, with a self-addressed envelope for reply. Tel Nos: for enquiries Linda on 528680 and on the day Joan Young 07504919081.

Members are advised that neither the TWU3A nor the outings organisers will accept responsibility for any mishap of whatever nature during the outing. Members are advised to consider personal insurance cover.

Tunbridge Wells Outing to Anglesey Abbey, on Thursday 26th March 2020.

Please reserve.....place(s) for this visit I/We enclose a SAE , plus cheque for £17.

I/We shall join the coach at (delete as appropriate) : Crescent Road /

Bus stop opposite local Sainsburys in St Johns Road / Southborough Fountain

Name..... U3A Membership number.....

Address.....

Signed..... Date.....