

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The slow return to normality is beginning at last and, subject to any restrictions that may still be in place, TWu3a will soon be meeting face-to-face once more.

All being well, we hope to have our first "real" monthly meeting on **Thursday 19th August**. Details of the venue will be in the August Newsletter and on [our website](#) so please check then.

Though many of you can't wait to get together again, we realize that many will still feel reluctant to come to a normal monthly meeting. For the time being, therefore, we shall continue to have some talks on Zoom. Eventually, we hope to arrange hybrid meetings so that some of us can gather together while others attend the meeting on Zoom. If this is successful, we intend to make it a permanent feature so that those with mobility or transport problems can attend meetings from their homes. We shall, of course, continue to offer help to those who have not yet set up Zoom.

Trinity has reopened and we shall be restarting our coffee mornings there on **Friday 30th July**. As with our talks, we shall continue for a time to have virtual coffee mornings for those who prefer to meet online. You will find all the details on page 2.

Many of you have been enjoying Caroline Piper's virtual walks and I am delighted to announce that she is now planning actual walks. The first one will be on **Thursday 22nd July**. Caroline has taken great care to comply with all the existing restrictions and you will find full details on page 9.

All this is very positive but, as we are all well aware, the virus has not gone away.

So, please, continue to take precautions and stay safe.

[Eryll Fabian](#), Chairman (01892 513805)

Caroline at St Pancras with only John Betjeman for company



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TW u3a Celebrates 30 Years in November!

On 12th November 2021 TWu3a will be 30 years old and we shall be marking the occasion with a bumper edition of the Newsletter in December. Some of our long-standing members have already sent us contributions telling of the early days, and now it is the turn of everyone to let us have their reminiscences.

Send us your stories

Whether you have been with us for years, or have only recently joined, we would like to hear your memories and impressions. **Funny incidents, disasters, interesting visits, exceptional talks, the pleasure of making friends** – there must be so many things that you would like to share.

Please send your contributions to me by [email](#) or by post to 5 Broadwater Court, Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5PB, by the end of September (at the latest!). Photographs will be very welcome, but for data protection purposes, please make sure that everyone in them has agreed to the photo appearing in the public domain (Newsletter, Website, Facebook, etc).

Eryll Fabian, Chairman



DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS

for

THE LUNCH TIME BARBEQUE

at the Nevill Golf Club

TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST 2021

12.30 for 1pm

2 Courses (£30)

Choice of salmon, lamb, chicken or vegetarian

Salads and breads,

Selection of desserts

Tea or coffee.

Ground floor bar will be open

Nevill Golf Club, Benhall Mill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5JW

**APPLICATION FORM AT THE END OF
THE NEWSLETTER**

Anyone for Coffee?

Good news! From **Friday 30th July** we shall be resuming our monthly coffee mornings at **Trinity Arts Centre**, subject of course to any restrictions that may then be in force.



We hold coffee mornings at Trinity at **10.30 a.m. on the last Friday of each month** and the café offers us a coffee and cake deal of £4.00 for a cup of filter coffee or English breakfast tea and a slice of the house tray-bake which changes every month.



We hope to see many of you there for a chat, but we realise that some do not yet feel confident about meeting face-to-face.



We shall therefore continue the **Zoom Coffee Club on the third Friday of the month** for the time being. Very few members came last month, so if you want Zoom meetings to continue, please come along. If you have not already joined the Club contact me, so that I can send you a Zoom invitation. The next meeting is on **Friday 16th July**.

[Eryll Fabian](#) (01892 513805)



u3a day

Our first awareness day was certainly colourful and it was lovely to have the sun shining on us.



Summer Zoom Talks

Bob Slater continues to find diverse, interesting and entertaining speakers for our monthly talks. Here are the next dates to put in your diary. These talks are free of charge and start at 2.30. However, you do need to be on the mailing list. Please email suebrimlow@btinternet.com if you wish to be added to the group.

Thurs 15th July	Peter Griffiths	45 Years in Aviation (with a fear of heights)
Thurs 5th August	Delia Taylor	Victorian London Street Life

MUST I TWIST YOUR ARM?

Have you ever wondered how our events – barn dance, BBQ, games afternoons, strawberries after an AGM and so on – get organised? This is the work of the volunteers in the Events Team and they are now busy thinking of new events and old favourites which we can arrange under present circumstances.

NEW COORDINATOR FOR EVENTS TEAM NEEDED

Marilyn Smart has coordinated the team's efforts most efficiently for many years but she will be standing down at the end of the year and we need someone to take her place. **Please consider this!** You will need to be well-organised but you will not have to arrange an event yourself unless you want to -- you will be there to organise the committee and to give a guiding hand to others when necessary. Marilyn will be on hand to teach you the ropes.

BY THE MEMBERS, FOR THE MEMBERS

Volunteering can be hard work but it is a lot of fun sharing the load with others and the results are very satisfying. New or old member, if you would like to get involved, either as the Team Coordinator or as one of the helpers, please let me know or, if you would like more information about these roles, please contact Marilyn (01892 510194) who will be happy to tell you more.

Eryll Fabian (01892 513805)

Outings Coordinator

The outing for July on the new date Tuesday 27th July, will go ahead as planned, this trip is fully booked with a waiting list.

On the 17th August we will be going to **Uppark house** and gardens, **there are still a few places available**, if you would like to go, please complete the application form at the end of this newsletter and send it with your cheque to Stella Westrup, the organiser of this event.



"Uppark" by Georgie R is licensed under CC BY-ND 2.0

Our September outing is to Highclere Castle and gardens. This trip is also fully booked with a waiting list.

Please remember to bring your National Trust cards for the July and August outings to avoid incurring charges for visiting these National Trust properties.

For October we are planning to visit Audley End house and gardens. The application for this outing will appear in the August newsletter.

[Joan Young](#) Outings Coordinator

Groups coordinator

TW u3a groups.....by the members, for the members.

For the past couple of months our TWu3a open Facebook page has been used to share information about our u3a and the groups that are currently active. One of the most recent posts on Sunday 27th June caught the attention of over 1500 local people. What do you think it was about? Have a look at our fb page... @tunbridgewellsu3acomunitypage.

As we wait for more restrictions to be eased and groups to begin to meet again it is very helpful to hear of updates about groups from members and group contacts. We strive to keep the Groups Listing and Website up to date so that new members can make direct contact with groups they would like to join.



If groups are full or you have an great idea for a new group, we are always keen to facilitate your ideas. Cheers and please keep in contact.

[Lindsay Hassell](#)

Singing for Fun: looking for a pianist



We are a group of 14 singers, who meet at my home on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month (once we are allowed to sing indoors)

We have the piano and the music. Unfortunately, our lovely pianist who has played with us since 2015 when we started singing, has just gone into a care-home. The songs we sing are from the 1930's to the 1960's. They bring back wonderful

memories and put smiles on our faces.

If you are interested and would like to discuss it with me, please **phone me on 01892-549492**, or [email me](#).

Since, on some occasions, our 14 singers are not always free to come, we also have a reserve list, to replace them. Anyone interested in joining this, is also welcome to contact me.

Jean Phillips-Martinsson



OUT AND ABOUT

This car share group has gone from strength to strength. Since the easing of restrictions we have been able to visit Hole Park with its bluebell and wild garlic woods, Pashley Manor to see the amazing tulip displays, Sissinghurst, Riverhill Himalayan Gardens, plus a pub lunch and trips to the cinema to see *The Father* and *Nomadlands*.



[Sandra McDonald](#)

Due to the success of the group and an increase in numbers, it is now necessary to start:

OUT AND ABOUT 2

Having days out with like-minded people visiting the amazing places we have in our area is therapeutic and very enjoyable.

We have already had a planning meeting and have a group contact. This mid-week monthly car share group will begin by visiting Penshurst Place in July. If this new

weekday group is of interest to you please get in touch with [Liz Adams](#) (01892 532345)



Glyn Balmer sent this photo of the **Italian Conversation Group** celebrating Polymnia's (third from right) 92nd birthday.

Buon Compleanno!



And here are the **Breakfast Brunchers** enjoying a hearty start to the day at the Barn in Lonsdale Gardens.

Group News-Talks & Walks

Love and War

How we
created our
garden birds

Kevin Reynolds



In this fascinating talk Kevin took our thinking from early times where birds were considered food, or pests, to the enjoyment and interest in the birds we see in our gardens today.

Kevin began with the fact that birds had always been part of our diet, eg. "four and twenty black-birds baked in a pie", and that we were competing with them for the food we grew in the fields and vegetable gardens. We are familiar with dove-cotes built to provide eggs and fresh meat but countryfolk invented the very first nesting boxes in the shape of ceramic pots, a handy alternative place to nest when thatch was mostly superseded by tiles as a roofing material. People were used to being surrounded by birds and when some folk moved to the towns it became a popular practice to have a caged bird, say a linnnet or a goldfinch, in the home.

The idea of cruelty to animals in the time of bear baiting etc. was not recognised by many, although a wealthy landowner, Charles Winterton in the 1782 became so obsessed with protecting the wildlife on his estate that he built a 3 mile, 9ft high wall, to keep people out - the first nature reserve? Richard Martin campaigned for a humane attitude

towards birds but was ridiculed. He none-the-less founded the Dicky Bird Societies which by 1900 numbered over 300,000 members, mostly children. Also, a movement against the killing of birds for their feathers, popular in the fashions of the day, was begun by Emily Williamson and others. This eventually became the RSPB although the trade in feathers took another 30 years to end.

In Victorian times garden birds became more of an interest with the practice of making nesting boxes and leaving out food for birds in cold weather. However, both World Wars saw the feeding of birds becoming illegal and Sparrow Clubs would shoot them for a monetary reward as the shortage of food became more critical. After the last war gardening for pleasure became a delight once again. It became popular for kitchen windows to overlook the garden encouraging bird-baths and bird-tables, not just for scraps, but an annual £200m worth of bought seed! Bird identification books proliferated, and we now often refer to 'our' robin or blue tit. However, magpies, sparrowhawks, pigeons and so on are not so popular!



Kevin's last words, with a warning about climate change, were to encourage us to help fund such charities as the RSPB, but most importantly to become a little more untidy in our own gardens.

Yvonne Spencer

Erik Brown and the 4 seasons birding group — AGM special presentation

This talk dove-tailed (pun not intended) very nicely with Kevin Reynolds' talk earlier in the month. Erik reiterated the UK enthusiasm for feeding garden birds, whereas elsewhere in the world they are often still seen as food. We were also treated to birdsong recordings to accompany the excellent photos from members of the group.



There were a few quick quiz questions, plenty of surprising facts and folk names for common birds. But I am not going to repeat them here as I have heard a rumour that there may be another chance to hear this talk in September along with some added Autumn migration info.

Photo: Phil Sumner

Virtual walks group

There will be just one virtual walk each month over the summer. Each walk costs £5 per member and the Walks Group automatically get details of the next walk. As ever, I will email the group with details of the tours and how to book at the appropriate time.



Caroline Piper
Blue Badge Tourist Guide
<http://pipertours.com>

Please follow me on
www.facebook.com/pipertours
Or see Tripadvisor for reviews

Wednesday 14th July at 2pm - A Virtual Tour of Historic Pubs on the River Thames

Wednesday 11th August at 2pm - The emergence of modern London; based on objects and stories in the Museum of London

We're also planning a few real-life tours so that you can meet Caroline in person and explore some of London with her in person. ***See next page*** [Sue Brimlow](#)

Last Month's Walk

Walking Tour of Wapping, the River Thames and its Docks

Caroline started her tour by explaining how, by the 15th century, the Pool of London had become intolerably congested. The river traffic was chaotic, collisions were frequent, theft and pilfering were rife, eroding a huge percentage of traders' profits. Something had to be done, and the idea of building the docks as a safe haven for ships to unload took root. Alongside the docks warehouses sprung up to house the goods and, eventually, London became the biggest trading port in the world.



Pilfering and piracy on the river still continued and in 1758 the River Police were established. These river men operated in rowing boats right up until 1905. The riverside must have been a frightening place, opium dens proliferated, slums, like Jacobs Island, housed criminal gangs, murderers and all sorts of undesirables and rickety walkways straddled the noxious heaving mud. Pirates and notorious criminals were hanged at Execution Dock, where the hangman would shorten the rope to make death more hideous for the worst

offenders. The wooden gallows were built out over the river itself and the bodies hung there to be covered by three tides, then taken down and tarred to preserve the bodies which were displayed at various points around the docks.

Caroline highlighted the plight of Captain Kidd, a privateer turned pirate, who had to be executed three times since the rope broke twice. His body was held in chains at Tilbury Point... but no-one ever found his treasure.



In the 1960s containerisation saw the decline of the docks. But Wapping was still a rough area when Anthony Armstrong-Jones took Princess Margaret slumming to the Prospect of Whitby.

The warehouses have now been converted into luxury apartments, enclaves of Georgian terraces house the likes of Helen Mirren and Graham Norton. But the atmospheric pubs are still there. The Town of Ramsgate claims to be the oldest pub on the river while the Prospect of Whitby runs it a close second. And for those who wish to recall the old Wapping all they need do is look up from the beach below the Prospect of Whitby to where the hangman's noose still creaks in the wind.

Photos courtesy of Caroline Piper

Sheila Casey

CAROLINE GOES LIVE!

If you've enjoyed reading about our virtual walks with **Caroline Piper**, here is a chance to have a real tour **around St James on July 22nd**. Depending on demand, we may run further tours. The tour is fully Covid compliant and more details are available if needed.

Groups will be 10-20 people i.e. there needs to be a minimum of 10 people for the tour to run and there will be a maximum of 20. It is therefore very important that you attend if you book a place, as to not do so would jeopardise the tours for other people and / or may stop someone else taking your place. The cost is **£12.50 per person**. Payment should be made in **cash to Caroline on the day** (please bring exact cash). If you are interested, please reserve your place on a tour by emailing me suebrimlow@btinternet.com.

St James's; home of the traditional gentleman on Thursday 22nd July

Meet at **11am** in front of the Sainsbury Wing to the National Gallery, overlooking Trafalgar Square. The tour ends approximately 2 hours later near Piccadilly Circus (lunch options on Lower Regent Street, Haymarket or back towards Trafalgar Square).

Tour outline: Take a walk around the exclusive enclave of St James's, neighbour to two palaces, bordered by the fashionable shopping street of Piccadilly and on the edge of the West End theatre district. St James's is the traditional home of English gentlemen, with its famous gentlemen's clubs and old fashioned shops.

Our tour will start on Pall Mall, with its grand embassies and clubs, and royal connections. We will explore the elegant architecture and learn about the royals most closely associated with the neighbourhood, Charles II and George IV, as well as admiring one of the loveliest statues of the Queen's family. We will locate some of its traditional clubs, and discover why they were built, what it takes to be a member, and some of their most famous alumni. At the end of Pall Mall is the frequently forgotten royal palace of St James's, with 500 years of history from the time of Henry VIII.

St James's is famous for its exclusive boutique shops and the next part of our tour will visit all the shops a gentleman might need to be fully outfitted in shoes, suits, shirts, freshly groomed and with a cigar in his hand. We will visit delightful covered arcades built in the Regency period as well as the famous department store of Fortnum and Mason. After such frivolities it is time to focus on a bit of culture and we will admire Burlington House and a beautiful Wren church as we make our way towards Piccadilly Circus, glamorous / garish gateway to the West End.

It is possible that by July 22nd all Covid-19 restrictions will have been lifted. However, Caroline has risk assessed the tours as per the 17 May roadmap rules to be on the safe side, and also to offer extra reassurance to those understandably nervous of real world tours.

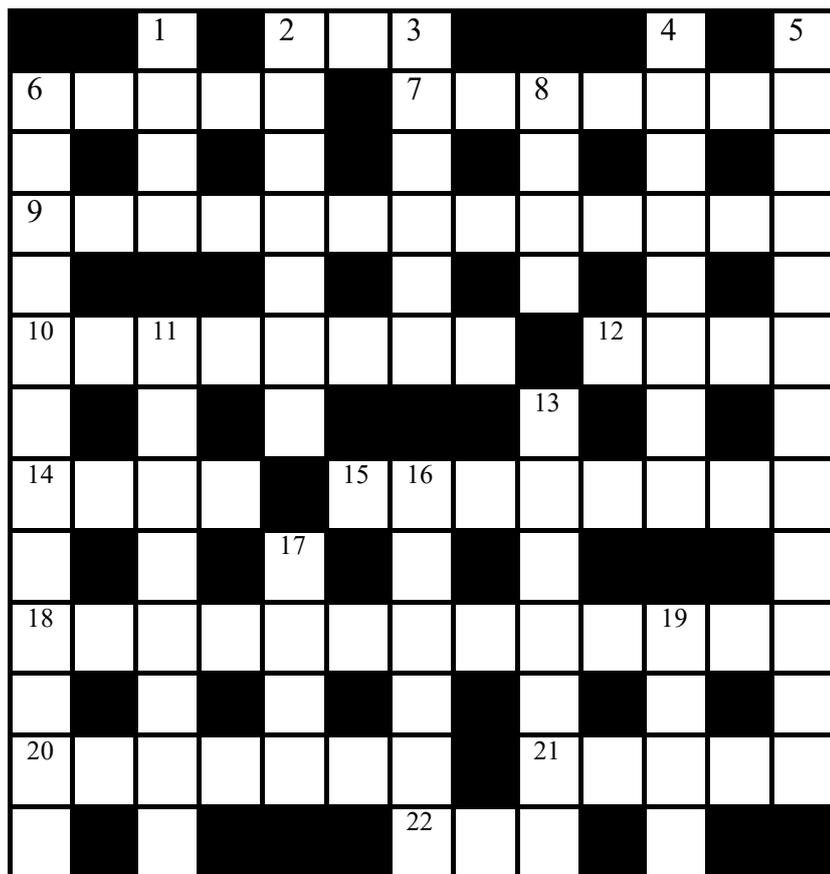
Colin's Spanish Holiday Quiz

1. Who was King of Spain in 2020?
2. On which island can you find the resort Magaluf?
3. What is the name of the peninsula containing both Portugal and Spain?
4. What is the capital of Andalusia?
5. What is the natural border between France and Spain?
6. Which dictator ruled Spain during its civil war?
7. To which Royal House does King Felipe VI belong?
8. From which city does Paella originate?
9. What is the Spanish word for Ham?
10. What are Albondigas?

Answers on page 11



BOOZE & BITES THEME - the answers to CRYPTIC and QUICK clues are identical.



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Answers on the next page.

QUICK CLUES DOWN

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- 1 Mythical Himalayan creature (4)
- 2 Blend (7)
- 3 Biological catalyst (6)
- 4 Containing most of a key beer ingredient (8)
- 5 Apple crushers (5,7)
- 6 Cocktail; former magazine (12)
- 8 Valley (4)
- 11 Spice (8)
- 13 People who drink too much Mother's Ruin (3,4)
- 16 French spirit (6)
- 17 Cheese (4)
- 19 Popular canapés (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- 2 Beer made from 50% of barley (3)
- 6 Irish coffee topping for 60's rock band (5)
- 7 Roman emperor with spirit mixed Italian cocktail (7)
- 9 Eponymous cocktail made her hair curl, maybe? (7,6)
- 10 Ate a sock mistakenly – crackers! (8)
- 12 Tiny, quiet sob (4)
- 14 Tropical vegetable, some of which cook rammed into pot (4)
- 15 Article follows sailors in spirit (8)
- 18 As democracies flounder, get a sundae! (3-5,5)
- 20 Attendees in a bar flipped over taste of ouzo (7)
- 21 Spanish dish of patatas cooked without a word of thanks! (5)
- 22 Agree to end day with last of wine and snacks (3)

CRYPTIC CLUES DOWN

- 1 Mythical snowman makes frozen cocktail (4)
- 2 Mixture made by Mike in lively Malaga (7)
- 3 Greek starter cooked all over New York aids digestion (6)
- 4 Flavour of bounciest beer? (8)
- 5 Police department in front of Queen holds down fruit crushers (5,7)
- 6 Sophisticated drink? (12)
- 8 Miller perhaps finds whisky is often distilled here? (4)
- 11 Spice which recruit mixed up with last of rum (8)
- 13 G'n'T is so fantastic for addicted drinkers! (3,4)
- 16 A pick-me-up for Boris, feeling fruity! (6)
- 17 Grilled rib with final bit of sauce makes perfect accompaniment to 10 across (4)
- 19 Compulsive alcoholic, loveless, slumps (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- 2 Beer (3)
- 6 Dairy product (5)
- 7 Cocktail made from gin, vermouth and Campari (7)
- 9 Non-alcoholic cocktail; child star (7,6)
- 10 Savoury biscuits (8)
- 12 Cry (4)
- 14 Ladies' fingers (4)
- 15 Strong spirit, usually green (8)
- 18 Frozen dessert in fizzy drinks (3-5,5)
- 20 Licorice flavour (7)
- 21 Spanish bites (5)
- 22 Affirmative (3)

U3A LOCAL WALKS BOOKLETS

We launched these updated booklets in 2020 and quickly sold out, so we've re-printed some more. Each booklet has 3 walks, which each take less than an hour to walk and are full of interesting facts about our town.

The profits from our first print run went towards the conservation of the Georgian Court Dress, which The Friends of The Museum were raising funds for. That target has been met and any further funds will go towards the conservation of the matching male suit. They will be a star exhibit when The Amelia opens next year.

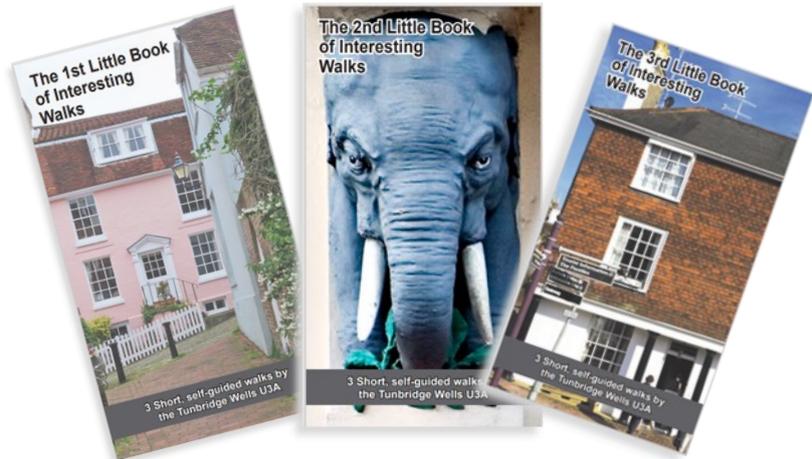
Book 1 covers Mount Sion, the High Street and Grove Hill Road.

Book 2 covers 'Calverley New Town', Camden Road and the Town Centre.

Book 3 covers Mount Ephraim, The Boyne Park Area and London and Inner London Road.

We can arrange to have them posted directly to you. They are £4.50 each, but if you order all 3, we will send them post free.

To order a book, please email suebrimlow@btinternet.com with your name and address and the book(s) that you want. Ideally, make an online transfer to Tunbridge Wells University of the Third Age, sort code 40-52-40, account number 00024097, with the reference—**Walks plus your surname**. e.g. mine will be WalksBrimlow, so we can identify who has paid.



We prefer online banking, however, we know not everyone can do this, so alternatively you can send a cheque. Cheques should be made payable to TWU3A and sent to Sue Brimlow, 1 The Grange, Langton Green TN3 0HR.

1 book costs £5.65 including postage

2 books costs £10.40 including postage

The set of 3 books costs £13.50 including free postage.

Colin's Quiz Answers

1. King Felipe VI
2. Mallorca
3. Iberian Peninsula
4. Sevilla
5. The Pyrenees Mountains
6. Francisco Franco
7. Borbon
8. Valencia
9. Jamon
10. Meatballs in tomato sauce

Crossword Solution

DOWN: 1 Yeti 2 Amalgam 3 Enzyme 4 Hoppiest
 5 Cider presses 6 Cosmopolitan 8 Glen 11 Turmeric
 13 Gin sots 16 Brandy 17 Brie 19 Dips

ACROSS: 2 Ale 6 Cream 7 Negroni 9 Shirley Temple
 10 Oatcakes 12 Weep 14 Okra 15 Absinthe 18 Ice-cream
 sodas 20 Aniseed 21 Tapas 22 Yes

Important information

Forthcoming Events For Your Diary

24 th August 2021	Lunchtime BBQ at the Neville Golf Club
10 th November 2021	30th Anniversary Tea & Big Band at Masonic Hall (to be confirmed)
10 th December 2021	Christmas lunch (details later)
19 th March 2022	Barn Dance (details later)

New members

A big welcome to our **5** new members this month.

Anna Alvey Sheila Phelps Anna Astin Stella Willett Tina McNab

Your Committee

Chairman	Eryll Fabian	01892 513805
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Treasurer	David Brimlow	01892 860598
Group Coordinator	Lindsay Hasell	01892 673180
Membership Secretary	Judy Horwood	01892 537601
Outings Coordinator	Joan Young	01892 546687
Newsletter	Bridget Sands	01892 546161
Short Breaks & Holidays	Sandra McDonald	01892 752196

A Message from the Editor

Any publication is only as good as its contributors and I do hope you will continue to support the Newsletter as it is such an easy and effective way to communicate with you all. If you have a great idea for an article or there is anything interesting you would like to see in the newsletter in the future please let me know.

If anyone objects to their photo being reproduced in this Newsletter, please contact me as soon as possible.

All contributions to the **August** Newsletter should be e-mailed to **Bridget** by July 31st at the latest (**earlier submissions are always welcome!**) or phone 01892 546161.

National Office



Keep up to date with National Office news on the website:

www.u3a.org.uk or write to:

The Third Age Trust, Room 104, Lenta Business Centre,
156 Blackfriars Rd, London SE1 8EN

SUMMER LUNCH TIME BARBEQUE at the Nevill Golf Club

TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST 2021

Please join us at the Nevill Golf Club, Benhall Mill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5JW
at 12.30for 1pm.

The cost per person is £30 for two courses plus tea or coffee and includes gratuities. Drinks can be purchased from the ground floor bar.

The first course includes a choice of salmon, lamb, chicken and a vegetarian option, served with salads and breads, followed by a selection of desserts and tea or coffee.

We will be in the first-floor room which overlooks the golf links. There is a lift from the ground floor.

PLEASE BRING YOUR TICKETS WITH YOU ON THE DAY

Any queries to: Marilyn Smart by email: Marilyn.tw@btinternet.com or phone: 01892 510194

Or: Carol Woodman, carol.woodman@hotmail.co.uk or phone: 01892 539452

Your ticket(s) will be emailed to you. **If you require a paper copy, please enclose a SAE**

Payment ideally by on-line bank transfer to:

TUNBRIDGE WELLS U3A

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account No: 00024097

Reference: Surname BBQ – e.g., mine would be Smart BBQ, and Carol's, Woodman BBQ

OR enclose a cheque made payable to TWU3A, with your application form.

Please post your completed application form (with your cheques if not paying by BACS) to:

Marilyn Smart, 49a Birling Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 5LY

Your ticket(s) will be emailed to you. If you require a paper copy, please send a SAE



APPLICATION FORM

I/We have made a payment of £..... by BACS

OR I/We enclose a cheque for £.....made payable to **Tunbridge Wells u3a**

Name..... Membership no.....

Email address.....

Phone no.....

If you are paying for your partner or a u3a friend, please include their details below

Name.....Membership no.....

Email address.....

Phone no.....

An outing to Uppark House and Garden in West Sussex.

Tuesday, 17th August, 2021.

In August, we shall be travelling to West Sussex to visit Uppark House and Garden. High on its vantage point on the South Downs ridge, Uppark has views as far south as the Solent. Outside, the intimate garden is gradually being restored to its historical design.

Filled with purchases from the Grand Tour, Uppark’s Georgian interiors illustrate the comfort of life ‘upstairs’ in contrast to the ‘downstairs’ world of its servants. Highlights include one of the best examples of an 18th century British dolls house in the country.

On arrival at Uppark, there will be time for a coffee. The servants quarters open at 11:30 am with the ground floor of the house opening at 12:30 pm. (Due to Covid restrictions some parts may not be open to the public or at an earlier time than on the itinerary).

Lunch will be free flow. The café (licensed) offers light refreshments, hot or cold lunches and afternoon tea. The afternoon is then free for you to explore as you wish. There is more information on the website which you might like to read before the day.

- 8:30 am** Coach leaves Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells
- 8:35 am** Coach leaves the bus stop opposite Sainsbury’s Local St John’s Road
- 8:45 am** Coach leaves Southborough Fountain
- 10:45 am** Arrive at Uppark
- 11:30 am** Servants’ quarters open
- 12:30 pm** Ground floor of house opens
- 3:30 pm** Coach departs for Tunbridge Wells
- 5:20 pm** Arrive back at Southborough Fountain
- 5 :25 pm** Arrive back at St Johns
- 5:30 pm** Arrive back at Crescent Road

Cost (for National Trust members) £15.00 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 £8.00 on arrival at Uppark, to cover the cost of entrance into the house and garden.

Applications (including cheques made payable to “Tunbridge Wells u3a” and a s.a.e for reply)

To: Stella Westrup, 19, Oakwood Rise, Tunbridge Wells TN2 3HD

Telephone: 01892 523413

Any queries on the day to Rosemary Rees mob:07979622270 or Val Apps mob:07768790647.

Please note that once monies have been paid out in advance, full refunds will usually only be given if your place can be filled by another u3a member.

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.

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TWu3a outing to Uppark House and Garden

On Tuesday, August 17th, 2021.

Please **print** your name and u3a number.....

Please reserve..... place/s for the outing. I/we enclose a cheque for £15 and a s.a.e for reply.

I/we will join the coach at Crescent Road at 8:30 am.....Opposite Sainsbury’s local St Johns Road at 8:35 am..... or Southborough Fountain at 8:45 am.....

Telephone number..... Mobile number.....

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