

TUNBRIDGE WELLS U3A NEWS

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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Its renewal time again, so many thanks to the members who have already renewed or set up Direct Debits to do so. If you wish to renew and haven't already done so, do check the reminder article in the newsletter. We decided to manage without our Membership Champions this year, so do please contact me if you have any problems. I'm afraid the process isn't as straightforward as we would like, but hopefully each year it will get simpler.

Some of you who came to our June coffee morning may remember talking to Joanne who was applying for the role of editor of Third Age Matters. She'd asked me if she could join us to get some feedback on the current contents and we certainly had lots of comments to make! Joanne emailed me at the end of July to thank us for her input and to let me know that she had been successful and will be starting her new role in October. I congratulated her and also said that we'd happily road test any ideas that she had. I look forward to seeing the new developments in her first edition in February.

Finally, I'm passing on a plea from the Friends of King Charles the Martyr for help. We normally confine ourselves to U3A matters only, but I feel this iconic and historical part of Tunbridge Wells needs our help. If you have a couple of hours a week to spare you could be a volunteer and help keep it open for visitors. They hold a monthly meeting on the 1st Monday each month in the Church Hall in Warwick Park, where for £2 you can enjoy tea and a chat and on occasions hear a talk.

[Sue Brimlow](#), *Chairman*, Tel: 01892 863691

COMING UP

MONTHLY MEETINGS

at 2.30pm at the Camden Centre

Thursday 15th August
Charles Darwin and the Voyage of HMS Beagle
a talk by James Taylor

Thursday 19th September
Across India on an Enfield Motorcycle
a talk by Antonia Gallop

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

at Trinity from 10.30 – 12.00

Friday 30th August



Friday 27th September

OUR OUTINGS

There will be outings on

Tuesday 6th August to Manston and Reculver

Wednesday 11th September
Coach Trip to Beaulieu
Seats available, see Outing News

3rd to 6th October
Short Break to Bristol etc
Fully booked

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YET?

Our renewal process is in progress and you should have received a renewal email or letter by now. **Please contact me immediately if you haven't received either.**

I've sent out 2 correction emails that were sent to all members, so please disregard them if they do not apply to you. If you're trying to renew using a debit or credit card, this is the correct [link](#) to access Beacon, our membership database. The system is very fussy about what you enter, so you must use the exact details that we sent you in the email, e.g. putting a space in your postcode. Do check too whether you still have a **standing order** in place and if so, please don't pay by another method as well.

N.B. We will not be presenting **cheques** until the middle of September, although we will renew your membership as from the 1st September. This is to avoid the time and cost in refunding duplicate payments (*last year there were nearly 70!*). We won't be sending out reminders until September either.

Together with inviting you to renew, we are also taking the opportunity to ask you to check your contact details. **Please do this even if your subscription is paid automatically.**

We hope that all our members find value and enjoyment from our U3A, but understand that situations change and you may not wish to renew. To avoid getting follow up reminders, let Ruth, our Membership Secretary, know as soon as possible.

Sue Brimlow, Chairman. Phone 01892 863691 or [email](#)

REMINDER!

AFTERNOON TEA AND GAMES

Don't forget that the events committee is organising an old fashioned afternoon tea and games event with home-made scones and cakes on **Saturday 7th September** in the Lounge at the Camden Centre from 1.30 to 4pm. The cost per person is **£6.00**.

As space will be limited, it is open to U3A members only. Full details and the application form were in the July Newsletter & are on p.11 below, or contact [Miranda Baston](#) on 01892315852 or 07477876456.

REMINDER!

Art Study Day – 28th October 2019

ASPECTS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN ART

Places for this Study Day which was announced last month and which will take place in Paddock Wood are going fast. Full details and the application form are on page 12 below, so don't delay if you would like to attend.

[Adrian Twiner](#), Business Secretary, 01892 459352

REMINDER !

USEFUL TO KNOW TALKS

As already advertised, the first Useful to Know Talk has been booked for **Tuesday 1st October** from **3 to 4.30pm** in the Victoria Suite in the Camden Centre and will be about **Power of Attorney**. The talk will be 45 minutes long and there will be an opportunity for questions afterwards. We will not be charging for the talk and there is no need to book. However, an indication of numbers would be useful, so please could you [email](#) or call me on 863691 if you plan to come. The talk will start promptly at 3pm but the room will not be available until 2.45.

Sue Brimlow, Chairman

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW TREASURER



As some of you will know I was voted in as the new Treasurer at the AGM in June. I joined the Tunbridge Wells U3A six years ago and having previously been a commuter to London it has been a great way to get to know people in the Town and surrounding villages.

I know that many Groups are self-sufficient but in my Finance role I expect to come into contact with those of you who use our bank account to deposit funds and pay suppliers. Much of this activity takes place online these days but if you need to contact me you can use any of the following:

Email: david.brimlow@btinternet.com

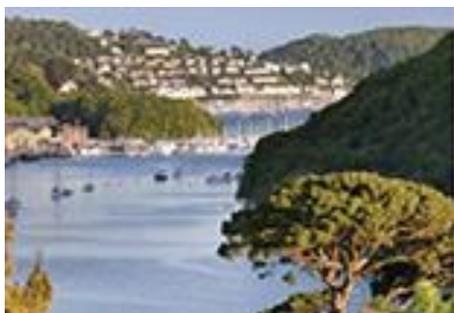
Telephone: 01892 860598

Address: The Grove, Monteith Close, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 0AD

I look forward to working with you all.

David Brimlow, Treasurer

SHORT BREAKS REPORT SOUTH DEVON 2020



Come with us on 11th May 2020 for our **4 day break to South Devon**. We stay in Torquay on a half board basis with a full excursion programme. Highlights include a theatre trip, a cream tea and a deer train safari ride!

All rooms for single room occupancy are taken and there are only 3 double / twin rooms left.

Dart Estuary

Join us as we visit Kingston Lacy, **Dartmouth**, Greenway, **Powderham Castle**, World of Country Life, **Buckfast Abbey**, Coleton Fishacre and **Stourhead**.

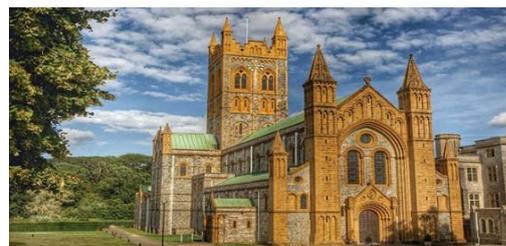
Cost £454 per person.

To secure the hotel, deposits are payable by 27th September.

To view the tour in detail visit www.tailored-travel.co.uk, Click on View Your Tour and quote tuwu201.

Please contact me for more information and booking form.

Pictures from the Tailored-Travel brochure



Buckfast Abbey

Sandra McDonald, Short Breaks Co-ordinator
Tel: 01892 752196 Email: sarn.mcd@hotmail.com

AN INVITATION FROM TONBRIDGE U3A

Tonbridge U3A are hosting a study day on Friday 20th September on **The History of Hop Picking in Kent** and have invited us to join them. The programme which looks very interesting costs £8.00 and includes a light lunch. Full details and the application form are on p.14 below.

OUTINGS NEWS

Last month we had our trip to **HATFIELD HOUSE**, which was another beautiful house, the childhood home of Elizabeth I. The weather was good and the smooth coach journey there and back was unusual for the M25, arriving both early and getting back earlier than expected. Well done Sheila Austin and Sylvia Joyce who organised this super outing.

For August we have an outing to **MANSTON AT THE SPITFIRE MUSEUM AND HURRICANE MEMORIAL MUSEUM**, arranged by Stella Westrup and Rosemary Rees.



Our next trip is in September to another lovely house and gardens at **BEAULIEU**. This should be a fascinating outing and **places are still available**, so another application form is the end of this Newsletter. Please reply as soon as possible to help the organisers make the necessary arrangements.

In October we have no day trips as Sandra McDonald will be leading a short break away to **BATH AND BRISTOL**.

Please save the 20th November in your diaries for our Christmas lights outing to **KEW GARDENS**, further details will be in our September Newsletter together with the application form.

Joan Young, Outings Co-ordinator

Photo taken by Colin Turner during the 2017 Outing to see the Christmas Lights at Kew.

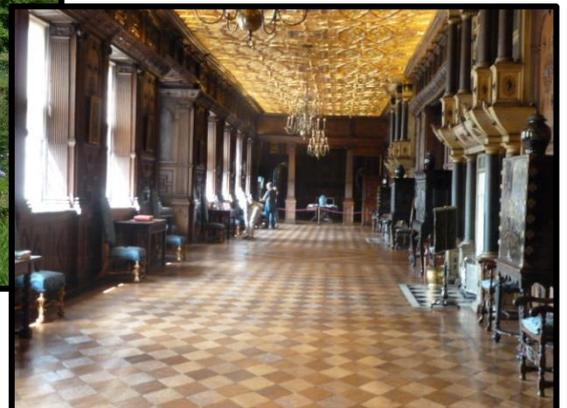
Photos of the Outing to Hatfield House



The outing to Hatfield House on 10th July was most enjoyable.



Here are some of the many photos taken by Stella Westrup.



SUMMER BARBECUE



On Friday July 19th, about 60 U3A members enjoyed a summer BBQ at the Nevill Golf Club. The food was delicious: beef, chicken, salmon and sausages, accompanied by an assortment of salads, followed by chocolate souffle, summer pudding or Eton mess. After coffee, some of us summoned up the energy to dance. Although it did not seem we danced for long, when we packed up to go home, the staff were waiting to lock up and head home themselves!

I'm sure everyone who attended would like to thank Jean Brushfield

and Di Brown who organised this event, and hopefully we shall repeat it next year.

Marilyn Smart, Events Committee

GROUP REPORTS

OUT & ABOUT WEEKENDERS



Heavy rain prevented our trip to Great Comp Gardens but 8 of us did an impromptu afternoon visit the following day to Castle Farm Lavender Fields near Shoreham. It was very busy but enjoyable. The setting in the valley is stunning with not just lavender but also some hops and an apple orchard. Cattle wander in the fields or in in the stream. The shop sells many tempting products including lavender chocolate, lavender shortbread and lavender ice cream! Unfortunately there were no free tastings!

This was the last tour of the season before all the lavender is picked. We were able to enjoy the views

and wander amongst the rows picking the beautiful purple flowers. We were told that this is the biggest lavender farm in the UK, the flowers are hand cut as bunches or harvested by machine and distilled into pure oil for use in perfumery etc.

Some of us are keen to book up next year for a lavender aromatherapy massage in the fields. To finish the afternoon we strolled by the lavender fields to Lullingstone Visitor Centre for tea and chat and perhaps the odd biscuit or piece of cake!

Text & photo by Sandra McDonald, Group Contact
(We meet usually on the last Saturday of the month)



LONDON EXPLORERS 4

London Explorers 4 visited the Bank of England Museum on 12th July. The Bank was established in 1694 and the Museum was very interesting. Following lunch we went to the London Mithraeum. It was fascinating exploring the Roman artefacts and entering the remains of the Temple of Mithras. The trip was organised by Robyn & Suzette.

*Text & photo by Suzette Elliott-West,
Group Contact*

The group at the entrance of the Mithraeum



DIGITAL IMAGING INTERMEDIATE GROUP II

Wednesday 24 July was forecast to be one of the hottest days of the year so where better to head for than Lullingstone Roman Villa (English Heritage) which is indoors and wonderfully air conditioned.



It is currently believed that the building was constructed by 100AD but recent finds and excavations indicate that the site was occupied a decade or two earlier.

Many fragments of mortaria – grinding & mixing bowls lined with grit – are frequently being uncovered implying that Britons adopted Roman food preparation techniques and enjoyed the new foods and varieties they introduced such as lentils, walnuts, almonds, onions, garlic, cabbage, leeks and cucumber.

Two high quality marble busts found on the site are evidence, but not proof, that it was the retreat of a Roman Governor and the lack of agricultural buildings support this belief unless

such structures are found nearby in the future.

One bust was that of Publius Helvius Pertinax who became a Senator and Governor of Britannia and later became Emperor for 87 days in 97AD before being murdered by soldiers of the Praetorian Guard. The other bust was identified to be that of his father Publius Helvius Successus.

Another possibility is that it was occupied by a wealthy native who adopted the Roman lifestyle.

The villa was gradually extended until the 5th C when it was destroyed by fire and abandoned.

Our Group then adjourned for lunch in a cool shaded nook of the nearby Lion Inn at Farningham.



Text & photo by Tom Guy, Group Contact

UPDATE ON GROUPS

Recently we received the July listing with details of all our groups. Please could you note these few changes:

Italian Conversation has a new contact: Glyn Balmer glynbalmer@outlook.com
07870 592382.

Golf: Green fees are now £12.00.

London Explorers 6: Helen Seddon's phone number is 07866 677012.

Our **latest new group** is: **Bat and Chat**

We started this group on the hottest day of the year so not too much play on the courts! Tennis and/or table tennis players are welcome, no matter how rusty. Come along and enjoy a sociable morning, coffee and cake included. Courts and clubhouse facilities will be open to us for two hours from 9.30-11.30 on Thursday mornings. Please contact [Laura Collins](#) 07802 643696.

MORE NEW GROUPS

Mathematics and Statistics The idea is to set up a programme which would appeal to anyone who'd like to learn more about these important subjects and how they affect our lives. A rusty O level and an enquiring mind is all that's needed. Possible topics for discussion are on the website and your own suggestions are also welcome.

Rummikub A strategic game with number tiles. Great fun and good for the brain. Why not go along to the games afternoon at the Camden Centre on the 7th September and give it a go. See Forthcoming Events.

Latin and Ancient Greek Please let me know if you would be interested in either or both of these subjects. All levels welcome, including beginners.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AUTUMN

A Short History of the World Pat Wright, whose Medieval History course proved very popular, has proposed this new course to start in late October. A wide ranging subject so each session will begin with a half hour recorded introduction from an academic followed by a discussion among the members on the relevant issues and themes. There will be about eight sessions and Wednesday afternoons are looking likely. Please contact [Pat](#) or phone her on 01892 750312.

Dark Age Europe 500-900 AD Lionel Cole's history group will resume in October under this title. Members will explore the main themes in European history during this period. For instance, did the rise of Islam shut down Mediterranean trade and lead to the decline of towns in western Europe? Did the Vikings do more than create havoc? Contact [Lionel](#) or 01580 752663.

GROUPS READY TO TAKE NEW MEMBERS

Graphology, Handwriting Analysis Learn to identify personality characteristics through handwriting patterns. This course is run initially on a one to one basis, leading up to working as a group for those who wish to do so. Please contact [Anthea Hall](#) or 01892 862027.

Designing the Future A chance to join in discussions on some of the important issues we may face in the years to come. Contact [David Greenhalgh](#) or 01892 671737.

Singing for Pleasure would welcome more gentlemen to enable them to continue giving concerts at local care homes and other venues. Contact [Adrian Twiner](#) or 01892 459352.

5 Mile Monthly Walking Group A small group who enjoy walking in the countryside and an occasional pub lunch. Contact [Joy Podbury](#) or 01892 315549.

Wine Group 1 2nd Wednesday. Contact [David Britton](#) or 01892 528785.

Wine Group 2 4th Friday. Contact [Ian Seddon](#) or 07815 188471.

London Explorers 5 4th Wednesday. Contact [Bob Slater](#) or 01892 547520.

London Explorers 6 1st Friday. Contact [Helen Seddon](#) or 07866 67701.

For more information or to join new groups please contact Jan Sumner, Groups Coordinator twu3agroupcoordinator@gmail.com or phone **01892 860554**.

Art Appreciation Group 2019-20 Session

Members will be delighted that Liz Strang, an art historian who has worked at Tate Britain and Tate Modern, and who also lectures to the Arts Society, will join us again, for our Autumn Spring programme of 6 monthly talks.

Our first meeting for the Autumn session will be held in the Main Hall of the Camden Centre on **Tuesday 22nd October at 2.45 p.m.** when Rosalind Whyte (a colleague of Liz at Tate Modern) will talk about the forthcoming **ANTONY GORMLEY** exhibition at the Royal Academy.

On **Tuesday 12th November** Liz will pose the question - **THE TURNER PRIZE – BUT IS IT ART?**

Our final meeting for 2019 will be on a seasonal theme when on **Tuesday 10th December** Liz will show us images of **THE CHRISTMAS STORY**.

Full details of the programme will appear in the U3A **September** Newsletter. Those who are already members of Group will be contacted individually.

We have no waiting list, although accommodation at the Camden Centre is restricted to 150. If you would like to join the subscription is **£9 per head** for the 6 lectures and cheques (payable to Tunbridge Wells U3A should be sent to:

Linda Sydenham, 43 Bowen Rd, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells TN4 8SU (Tel: 01892 539945). Please include full details of your name, address, telephone/mobile number and e-mail and U3A membership number. Please include s.a.e. if you would like an acknowledgment.

September visits to Tate Modern

Everyone who applied earlier in the year to join the visits, guided by Liz, to Tate Modern on September 10th and 17th has already been contacted with further details. The list is now full.

In the meantime if you have any enquiries contact me on 01892 526693 or by [e-mail](#).

Alison Turner, Group Co-ordinator

REPORT ON THE JULY MONTHLY MEETING

The National Memorial Arboretum: a talk by Keith Forster

War memorials range from the monumental, like the Cenotaph, to the overwhelmingly poignant row upon row of identical crosses in Northern France marking the graves of the fallen of World War II. The National Memorial Arboretum calls itself the UK's Living Centre of Remembrance and, as volunteer Keith Forster described to us at the monthly meeting on 18th July, it is a wholly new, more intimate, concept in memorials.

Set amongst 27,000 maturing trees in a 150 acre site in Staffordshire, 386 individual memorials are designed to reflect the identity of those who have died, the majority in the service of this country. Keith was our guide through some of these diverse memorials.

To mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the war in the Far East, 30 metres of the Burma Railway were repatriated to the UK and laid in the Arboretum. Under every rail, Keith explained, was a serial number indicating where the track had been made. The rails at the Arboretum were made in Middlesbrough, originally for China, then seized by the Japanese for the Burma Railway, during the construction of which 16,000 troops lost their lives.

The Arboretum's first memorial, erected in 1998, was a big, wooden polar bear dedicated to the 49th Infantry, West Riding Division. During WWII they were stationed in the icy landscape of Iceland and Norway. Their commanding officer jokingly called them 'My Polar Bears'. A roll of honour for the dead of the 49th Infantry has been placed inside the bear.

BLESMA the British Limbless ex Servicemen's Association, was founded after WWI when 240,000 soldiers lost part or all of a limb. The charity is still active in helping amputees from recent wars. Their memorial has been designed with wide paths to make it accessible to those in wheelchairs. Lining the paths are low lying espalier apple trees so that visitors can smell the blossom and pick the mature fruit.

Among the more poignant memorials is that commemorating the 309 servicemen shot for cowardice in WWI. A statue of a young man awaiting execution, blindfolded, arms behind his back, stands in front of small pillars bearing the name and date of execution of each man and boy, a third of whom were of unknown age, many of them, lying to be eligible for service, as young as 17 or 18. Understanding and forgiveness are symbolised by the shaft of early morning light illuminating this memorial, sited at the Eastern edge of the Arboretum.

Although the majority of the memorials are dedicated to service men and women, some recognise the roles of other groups. Memorials to the WI and the Townswomen's Guild have their own place in the Arboretum, as does one created to bring solace to those who have lost a baby or small child. The path through this area is deliberately tortuous, the planting overgrown and thorny, symbolising grief. Parents are invited to place a pebble bearing the name of the child on the soil before the garden opens up to a more tranquil area of resolution and hope.

Sharon Colback

FORTHCOMING MONTHLY MEETINGS

15th August: James Taylor will speak on Charles Darwin and the Voyage of HMS Beagle.

19th September: Antonia Gallop's talk will be "Across India on an Enfield motorcycle".

17th October 2019: Bertie Pearce will speak about Punch and Judy.

Useful Information and Important Messages

Events in August and September

We have the following events arranged for August and September:

13 th August	Seminar: David Southwood, Space Exploration: Rockets and the Moon – by ticket
15 th August	Monthly Meeting: Charles Darwin and the Voyage of HMS Beagle , by James Taylor
30 th August	Coffee Morning at Trinity
7 th Sept.	Games Afternoon – by ticket
19 th Sept.	Monthly Meeting: Across India on an Enfield motorcycle , a talk by Antonia Gallop
27 th Sept.	Coffee Morning at Trinity

Forthcoming Events For Your Diary

1 st Oct.	First “Useful to Know” talk on Power of Attorney
17 th Oct.	Monthly Meeting: Punch and Judy , a talk by Bertie Pearce
19 th Oct.	Quiz Evening – details later
28 th Oct.	Art Study Day: Various speakers – by ticket
12 th Dec.	U3A Christmas Lunch at the Masonic Hall – details later

New Members

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

Helen Attreed	Peter Edkins	Anthony Hawkins	Kenneth Smith
Joanie Boulton	Rosemary Edkins	Marjorie Hawkins	Linda Wells
Felicity Broomby	Susan Fraser	Martyn Hooper	Martin Wells
Michael Broomby	Tim Freeman	Peter Miller	Ian Williams
Sandra Davis	Rob Gussinklo	Deborah Park	
Susan Dedman	Tony Harvey	Jill Ruddock	

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 **September** Newsletter should be e-mailed to [Eryll Fabian](#) by 31st August 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



AFTERNOON TEA AND GAMES

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This will be held on **Saturday 7th September** in the Lounge at the Camden Centre from 1.30 to 4pm.

As space will be limited, it is open to U3A members only.

The games will include such things as Mastermind, Ludo, Dominoes. Draughts, Whist and other card games, Rumika, Reminiscing, Shove halfpenny, Beetle Drive, Backgammon, Connect 4 and Cluedo.

But bring your own game if you have a favourite!

Your ticket will include a free raffle ticket and tea, scones, cake and, of course, the games!

The cost per person is £6.00.

Please bring your ticket(s) with you on the day.

Any queries to [Miranda Baston](#) or phone her on 01892315852 or 07477876456

Post your completed application form, together with your cheque for the ticket(s) to:
Miranda Baston, 4 Fernbank, Palesgate Lane, Tunbridge Wells, TN6 5HF

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



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I/We enclose a cheque for £(£6.00 per person) made payable to **Tunbridge Wells U3A**

Name Membership no.....

Email address..... Phone no.....

If you are paying for another U3A member, please include their details below

NameMembership no.....

Email address.....Phone no.....

WEST KENT U3A ART STUDY DAY: ASPECTS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN ART Programme

<p>This Study Day brings together three speakers with wide ranging experience and expertise as teachers, lecturers and guides.</p> <p>Date Monday 28th October 2019</p> <p>Venue St Andrew's Church, Maidstone Rd. Paddock Wood, Kent, TN12 6DZ</p> <p>Time 9.15 am to 3.30 pm approx.</p> <p>Cost £7.50 includes 3 lectures and coffee</p> <p>Lunch Please bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be available</p> <p>Organiser: Adrian Twiner: Tel. 01892 459352</p>	<p>9.15 am</p> <p>9.50 am</p> <p>10.00 – 11.10 am</p> <p>11.10 – 11.40 am</p> <p>11.40 - 12.50 pm</p> <p>12.50 - 2.10 pm</p> <p>2.10 – 3.20 pm</p> <p>3.30 pm</p>	<p>Registration and coffee on arrival</p> <p>Welcome</p> <p>Caroline Piper: Western European Art from 13th century to 1700</p> <p>Tea and coffee break</p> <p>Dr Julia Cruse: Tudor to Jacobean Portraiture</p> <p>Lunch Break</p> <p>Gayna Pelham: Portraiture in the Dutch Golden Age: The Influence of Rembrandt</p> <p>Close</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Please retain for information</p>
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<p>Caroline Piper is a Cambridge University history graduate and London Blue Badge Tourist Guide. She regularly guides at the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery amongst other galleries and museums, where her art tours are aimed at unlocking the joys of art for the lay person.</p> <p>Caroline's virtual tour of the National Gallery will look at how artistic techniques, attitudes and aspirations developed, told through iconic examples of each artistic style. She will follow the development of art from medieval altarpieces through new techniques explored during the Renaissance and then explore the 17th century history, landscape and portrait paintings through the works of Rembrandt and his contemporaries.</p>	<p>Julia Cruse has a PhD in Medieval and Early Modern Studies and has taught undergraduates at the University of Kent. She teaches on the University of Kent's Tonbridge Short Course programme, looking at both the Medieval and Early Modern period while she has conducted seminars at several U3As in Kent.</p> <p>Julia's lecture will touch on the iconic pictures of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I and follow the development of fashionable portraiture during this period and into the reign of James I. The focus of this lecture is to explore the portraits to help our historical understanding and to fire the imagination by seeing these portraits in an exciting light.</p>	<p>Gayna Pelham is an artist and art historian with a degree in Fine Art from Middlesex University since when she has exhibited in many group and solo shows. She is also a highly regarded lecturer, notably at the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery. She works with all ages giving lectures and workshops, teaches adults to draw and teaches art to students with special needs.</p> <p>Gayna will examine why Rembrandt stands out amongst his colleagues and what makes a Rembrandt portrait so extraordinary. In contrast to Rubens he chose to focus on his close surroundings and to explore the depths of human emotion; he rarely travelled beyond the Dutch border. The lecture will end with looking at Rembrandt's influence on other artists.</p>
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How to Apply: Fill in this part of the form indicating how many tickets at £7.50 per person you require. Make your cheque payable to **TW U3A** and include a **stamped self-addressed envelope (9" x 4")** in order to receive your ticket(s), then send to:

W. Kent U3A Art Study Day, A.Twiner, Flat 16, Bishops Court, Bishops Down Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8XL



I/We wish to apply for 1/2 places for the West Kent Art Study Day on Monday 28th October 2019.

Name(s) Email

Address Tel No

..... Home U3A

Tickets will be posted from late August onwards.

A fair amount
of walking

Coach Trip to Beaulieu

U3A Members
only

on
Wednesday 11th September 2019

There is so much to see at this historical estate, **home of Lord Montague of Beaulieu**, in the heart of the New Forest. So do join us for a wonderful day out. **Explore the Palace House**, one of the first stately homes to be open to the public, having many family treasures and great warmth and charm. Then, of course, there is **the world famous National Motor Museum** which has one of the finest collections of cars in the world - **with many beautiful classic cars** from the early days of motoring through to Formula 1 cars of today, **plus special exhibitions** - celebrating the 50th anniversary of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and on screen cars from TV favourites, including Mr Bean's Mini, Del Boy's Van, Doctor Who's favourite car, and from Harry Potter, Ron Weasey's 'Flying' Ford Anglia.

It is a delight to wander through the formal and informal gardens to visit the Church, Abbey Ruins and a special exhibition on WW2 secret agents (including Odette) who were trained at Beaulieu during the war. Also, you can enjoy unlimited rides around the estate on the **open top Veteran Bus** or on **Britain's oldest Monorail**.

A picnic area/seating is provided, if you choose to bring a packed lunch, otherwise the Brabazon Restaurant offers soup, sandwiches or a wide range of cooked meals and drinks.

Itinerary

8.10am Coach departs Crescent Road, Opposite Assembly Hall.

8.20am Coach departs Southborough Fountain (travelling to Beaulieu with short comfort stop enroute & passing through parts of the New Forest where wild horses/ponies can be seen roaming free).

11/11.15am Arrive at Beaulieu (stay on coach until organiser collects and distributes tickets, maps etc). Free time to enjoy your day.

4.15pm Coach leaves Beaulieu.

6.45pm Arrives back in Southborough/ Tunbridge Wells.

Cost per Person: £30.00 to include cost of entry to Beaulieu, coach travel and gratuity.

Applications (including cheques payable to Tunbridge Wells U3A) to:

Pat Micklewright, 1 Birling Park Avenue, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5LQ. Tel 01892 537993 (mobile on the day 07530 885657).

Also available for queries Sandra Chandnani Tel 01892 538655 (mobile on the day 07794 056116)

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

Also note that once we are committed to paying out money in advance, usually full refunds will only be possible if your place is taken by another U3A member.

Tunbridge Wells U3A Outing to Beaulieu on Wednesday 11th September 2019

Please reserve place/s on this outing. I/We enclose a cheque for £.....

I/We will join the coach at Crescent Road () / Southborough Fountain ()
tick appropriate box

Name/s U3A Membership Number/s

Address.....

Tel Number/s.....

*email address

*** Please note that receipts will be sent by email. If you require a postal receipt, then please include a stamped addressed envelope.**

The History of Hop Picking in Kent
AN INVITATION FROM TONBRIDGE U3A



History of Hop Picking in Kent



Date	Friday 20 September 2019, 10.15am to 3pm
Venue	Family Room, St John's Church, Hildenborough, TN11 9HN Parking at church. On 402 bus route
Cost	£8.00 per person including light lunch and refreshments
Programme	
10.15	Registration
10.30 - 11.30	<i>Speaker: Barbara Myatt</i> on the history of hops in Kent, how they were picked and the "London Invasion" by East Enders, the drying process and how oast houses developed
11.30 - 12.00	Tea/coffee/biscuits
12.00 - 13.00	<i>Speaker: Anne Hughes</i> on the Hartlake Tragedy at Golden Green in 1853
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 - 15.00	<i>Speaker: Katharine Coleman</i> on local pubs and breweries
Refreshments and light lunch included. Please indicate on our application any special dietary requirements.	

To reserve a place, complete the slip below and send it with your cheque payable to Tonbridge U3A and a SAE to:

Jennifer Herlihy, 55 Longmead Way, Tonbridge TN10 3TF

History of Hop Picking in Kent – Friday 20 September 2019

Please reserve ____ place(s) on this study day @ £8.00 per person including light lunch.

Any special dietary requirements?

I enclose a cheque totalling £ payable to Tonbridge U3A and a stamped self- addressed envelope.

Name(s) Membership No(s)

Address

Email Tel.....

Signed..... Date2019