

News at the Third Age: Your October U3A Newsletter

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Welcome to October's issue of our national newsletter - News at the Third Age.

You are receiving this copy as secretary of your U3A. Please forward this to your members and encourage them to sign up to receive it directly at [u3a.org.uk/email](https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=45efc4a10c&e=d58585c7ea) <<https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=45efc4a10c&e=d58585c7ea>>.

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Last month marked a personal landmark for me as a year has passed since I joined the Third Age Trust as Chief Executive. It has been a privilege to meet U3A members across the country and see their commitment to the U3A movement and to each other at first hand.

I have visited every region and attended network and regional meetings, workshops and celebrations. Amongst other things, I was involved in our conference, a major event with 14 workshops and over 400 delegates, and I attended one of the excellent national Summer Schools.

Last weekend I watched the experts playing petanque as they battled it out for gold. Everywhere I go, I see the expertise of the membership and their offer of time and skill to give others.

Many people have asked about our profile – where do we feature in the media? Why are other charities featured in the press and not us? We will be working hard to engage the media in the value of our work. We know media interest will result in new members – some wanting to join existing U3As, some wanting to start U3As where there are none.

We are fortunate to have volunteers in each region who will support new U3As to flourish and grow. On that note, last week the U3A was mentioned in an article in the Daily Telegraph on Sunday. Have a read here <<https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=0d270e16cc&e=d58585c7ea>>.

The U3A national staff have settled in to their new location in Lant Street, London

<<https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=1b2b1832af&e=d58585c7ea>>. Our official opening and plaque unveiling was well supported and we were pleased to welcome Eric

Midwinter, one of the U3A movement's founder members.

Although we have moved office, our phone number is unchanged - [020 8466 6139](tel:02084666139).

I hope that you have had some time to look at our refreshed website and we thank you for your patience as we iron out any glitches.

Thank you also for your continued support of our social media pages. Please carry on liking and retweeting our posts to help spread the news about the good things the U3A movement is doing to the widest audience. If you haven't already done so, follow us on Twitter <<https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=6ceb2c9edb&e=d58585c7ea>> and like us on Facebook <<https://u3a.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=656ad5962b370cc9e2731d1ed&id=6b2ab7f516&e=d58585c7ea>>.

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Thank you for your welcome to me over the last 12 months and I very much look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

With very best wishes,
Sam Mauger
Chief Executive

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U3A photographers document the restoration of the Old Royal Naval College's Painted Hall in an unique Shared Learning Project.

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