



JERSEY U3A NEWSLETTER

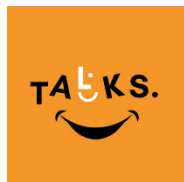
SEPTEMBER EDITION

WELCOME

Welcome to the September edition. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are ready for the busy months ahead. September always feels like a good time to reconnect, try something new, and make the most of the opportunities Jersey u3a has to offer. In this issue, we share important updates, highlight forthcoming talks and activities, and look ahead to a lively and sociable autumn. So, grab a cuppa, settle in, and enjoy catching up with everything that is happening in our u3a community.



Join us for this month's **coffee morning** on **Wednesday 9th** at the **Radisson Blu Hotel at 10.30am**. It is always a lovely chance to catch up with friends, welcome new members, share news over a relaxed cup of coffee, and start the month in good company. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. Remember to register your car "J plate" at the lounge bar.



Talks. Please note a slight amendment to the previously published talks programme. Our first meeting now takes place on 25th September, and the planned visit to GROW Jersey on 11th September has been cancelled. If you are not already on Tom's mailing list and would like to attend one or more of the talks, please contact him at tom.bunting@localdial.com. The talks take place at the **Old Rectory, St Saviour, at 2.30pm**, with tea and biscuits served afterwards.

The programme is as follows:

Fri September 25	Custer's Last Stand	Gordon Richard
Fri October 9	Jersey's Historic Environmental Records	Susan Freebrey
Fri October 23	Komodo Dragons	John Carlile
Fri November 13	Writing to the Future	Caro Bowes
Fri November 27	My Life and Times	His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir Jeremy Kyd KBE
Fri December 11	Gerald Durrell	Catherine Kirby



We have reserved **Friday 4th December** for this year's **Members' Christmas Lunch**. After last year's wonderfully well-attended celebration, we look forward to bringing everyone together again for festive cheer, delicious food, good friends, and the warm Christmas spirit that makes this event so special. We will return to the **St Brelade's Bay Hotel**, and I will share the menu, cost, and booking details as soon as the hotel confirms them later this month.



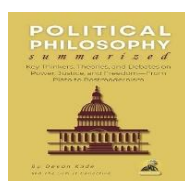
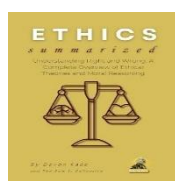
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE APPRECIATION GROUP

Two conveners plan to launch a new theatre appreciation group this autumn, showing National Theatre productions such as the 2026 West End hit *Inter Alia*.

Each month, members will watch one NT production together and then stay for a short, informal get-together to chat about the performance. This relaxed, sociable afternoon will give theatre lovers a chance to meet, share their interest and enjoy outstanding live performance on screen.

Could you help? We urgently need one or more volunteers with basic technical confidence to advise on the set-up and work a projector linked to a laptop or iPad. This help is essential: without it, we cannot get the group off the ground. Once the equipment is in place, the role would involve setting up the screening, starting the film through the NT at Home website and staying for the afternoon to manage the presentation.

If you have the knowledge — or know someone who does — please contact me in the first instance at stevejread@icloud.com. With the right technical support, we can take the final step and bring this exciting new group to life



Two Philosophy Groups: Ethics and Politics

Would you enjoy friendly, thoughtful discussion about the big questions that shape our lives and society? We hope to attract new members to one or both of two Philosophy Groups: **Ethics**, exploring ideas about right and wrong, moral choices, and how we live well together, and **Politics**, looking at power, justice, democracy, and the organisation of society. Each group will use the accessible **Summarized books available on Amazon** and edited by Devon Kade as course guides, giving members a clear starting point for lively but informal conversation. No previous philosophical knowledge is needed — just curiosity, an open mind, and a willingness to listen, question, and share ideas. If either group appeals to you, or if you would like to try both, please contact the convenor for both groups, Janice Eden, at janiceeden45@gmail.com **Ethics meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, and Politics meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month — both at 2.30pm.**

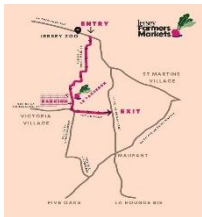


Part of a Bigger Story.

As members of Jersey u3a, you are part of an active worldwide learning movement built on curiosity, friendship, and shared experience. The u3a approach is about members choosing subjects that interest them, learning from one another, and contributing their own knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm. Across the UK and internationally, Jersey u3a is part of a worldwide learning movement involving hundreds of thousands — and likely more than a million — older learners across the globe. u3a members run discussion groups, talks, creative activities, visits, and online learning, showing that the real strength of u3a comes from ordinary members staying involved, connected, and intellectually engaged.

So when you come along to a talk, join a group, learn something new, or simply enjoy time with fellow members, remember that you are part of a much bigger story — one that celebrates active minds, good company, and the pleasure of discovering something new at any age.

I saw this for myself at a health and wellbeing retreat at Goodwood in England, where speakers highlighted u3a as a positive force for good. They praised the way it helps people stay connected, take part in worthwhile local activities, and support their physical and mental wellbeing — active minds and active bodies.



Jersey Farmers Market

The next Jersey Farmers' Market takes place on **Saturday 5th September, from 10.00am until 2.00pm**, at **Le Tacheron Farm, Rue de Dielament, Trinity**, behind the zoo. Go along to stock up on fresh local produce and enjoy a lively community morning, with seasonal fruit and vegetables, freshly baked bread, good coffee, meat, eggs, flowers, hot food, live music, and children's activities. For more details, search for **Jersey Farmers Markets** on Facebook.



Corn Riots Festival 2026

The 2026 Corn Riots Festival will take place on **Saturday 19 September and Sunday 20 September** in the Royal Square. Free for all to attend from 12 noon, this annual community event celebrates Jersey's heritage, traditional Jèrriais language, and history with live performances, food stalls, and historical re-enactments.



What the Festival Celebrates

- **History:** It marks the 1769 protest when 500 Islanders stormed the Royal Court over the high price of wheat and food shortages.
- **Reform:** The uprising led to the Code of 1771, which made the States Assembly the sole law-making body in Jersey.
- **Culture:** The event highlights Jersey's heritage, traditional Jèrriais language, and local identity.

CONCLUSION

As we move into September, I hope this newsletter gives you plenty to enjoy, explore and look forward to. Whether you join us for coffee, come along to a talk, support a new group, visit a local event, or simply reconnect with friends, Jersey u3a offers many ways to stay curious, active, and involved. Thank you, as always, for bringing your energy, ideas, and good company to our community — here to a lively, sociable, and rewarding autumn together.

Steve
Chairman