



## HAYWARDS HEATH & DISTRICT



### WELCOME TO YOUR SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

#### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

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Dear Members,

Since my last newsletter we completed a very successful AGM—thanks to all Chris Roe's efforts it ran almost seamlessly. Running off the success of this we have been looking at other events that can be conducted through ZOOM and are trying out various speakers over the next few months—I hope that you will be able to join in and enjoy these talks whilst we are unable to have our usual open days and social afternoons.

We still have to approve the new constitution. I plan to call, probably through a ZOOM meeting, an EGM later in the year after I have shared the proposed constitution and explanation sheet with you all. It is much longer than our current document but this is because of all the mandatory clauses required by Head Office, who have to ratify the document before we put it to our members.

Using ZOOM and similar technology is becoming far more common and going forward there will probably still be a place for it within HHU3A—it may enable some members to join in with our events, who were previously unable to attend due to problems getting to the venue. Many of us are still learning together and we will see how we progress.

Keep safe and well.

**With all best wishes from your Committee—we look forward to seeing you all some time soon.**

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE WITH  
INTERNET ACCESS—GIVE THEM A TRY!



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Learning ▾



This is Head Office's response to COVID-19—Virtual U3A—it is like a local U3A Group except that its activities take place on the internet.

Head office has put together many different projects to enable members, new and old, to keep learning, covering various subject areas, during this period of enforced isolation—photography projects, bird watching projects, weekly quizzes, maths challenges, mindfulness, gardening, TED talks to name just a few.

Worth checking it out: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning>

[Click here](#) to go through to their home page.

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## SUSSEX U3A NETWORK

### Housebound?

Providing weekly bulletin with jokes, quizzes, etc. All back issues are also available. <https://u3asites.org.uk/sussexu3anetwork/>

### LOCAL ON LINE EXHIBITIONS THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU

**Art in Isolation**—Hastings Contemporary's spectacular and prescient new exhibition by Sir Quentin Blake. '*We Live in Worrying Times*' captures Blake at the heights of his creativity, bringing together a thrilling collection of more than 170 new drawings, painting and a large-scale thirty-by-five foot mural—The Taxi Driver—described as '*his Guernica*'.

<https://www.hastingscontemporary.org/exhibition/quentin-blake-we-live-in-worrying-times/>

**Story of Eastbourne Exhibition**—Katherine Buckland explores some of the stories on display from prehistory to present day—explore 150,000 years of history through the people who lived there. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNvkU-vNemI&t=855s>

**Eastbourne at Night—photographic display.** Visit The Keep's blog—<https://www.thekeep.info/news-and-blogs/>

These atmospheric images of Eastbourne at night are from Walter Budgen's collection of lantern slides.



The Army Flying Museum presents a series of Lockdown Lectures which can be seen through their archives if you miss the actual event—various subjects including Operation DEADSTICK, The Falklands

Conflict and The Extraordinary story of Army Pilots.

<https://www.armyflying.com/lockdown-lectures>

There are numerous sites out there from lectures to musicals to art. Wigmore Hall, Somerset House, Mono Box, Royal Albert Hall, National Army Museum to name just a few—google your favourite venue.

### EVER BEEN 'STARGAZING'?

Stare up into the sky and see the ISS (International Space Station) travel on its orbit around our globe and, if you are lucky, see some of the Starlinks as they also circumnavigate around our globe. A helpful link is <https://james.darpinian.com/satellites> where you can see in real time what is passing you overhead.



### SPACE STATION TRIVIA:

The ISS orbits the earth at a whopping 5 miles per second which means it circles the entire planet once every 90 minutes!



**The 30th Annual General Meeting of Haywards Heath and District U3A  
held via ZOOM in Haywards Heath on the 25th June 2020 at 2:00 pm**

I was delighted to be able to confirm that the meeting was quorate and able to go ahead. Thank you to the 115 members who attended via ZOOM and the 51 members who sent in postal votes.

**Overview of Meeting:**

1. The Minutes of the previous year's AGM were approved.
2. The 2018/19 Accounts were approved.
3. Geoff Martin was appointed for a further year as Independent Examiner of the Accounts.
4. The standard and additional new subscription rates were approved.
5. All members of the Committee were re-elected En Bloc.

A question from the floor was raised in connection with room hire fees. The Treasurer advised he had sent all Group Leaders an email asking for the number of meetings this year and the number of members as in due course we will be credited for hall hire not used. Those costs would then be credited against the various groups for when we can restart in halls.

**The draft Minutes are now available on the HHU3A website.**

**For members who do not have access they are included in the newsletter.**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event/Time	Venue	Information
<b>2020</b>	<b>For the rest of this year we are looking at the option of ZOOM talks, being offered currently as an alternative to public talks.</b>		
19/08/2020	ZOOM—2:30 PM	Your PC	Jenny Mallin will give a talk about her grandmother's 170 year old recipe book—see synopsis below.
15/09/2020	ZOOM—2:30 PM	Your PC	Colin McFarlin will give a talk on recycling in West Sussex during the pandemic. Q&A and advice on how to deal with unusual items.
18/09/2020	ZOOM—2:30 PM	Your PC	Ian Keable will give a talk about How Magicians are seen in Paintings, Prints & Cartoons—see synopsis below
05/10/2020	ZOOM—2:30 PM	Your PC	Jenny Mallin will give a talk about her extensive travels around India—see synopsis below.
<b>2021</b>	<b>Although we have had to cancel all of our Open, Social and Information meetings for 2020 we have been busy planning for 2021.</b>		
27/01/2021	Open Meeting 2—4:30 PM	Clair Hall	Rupert Matthews will give a talk on the Wreck of the Titanic
31/03/2021	Information Meeting 2—4:30 PM	Clair Hall	Bryan McAlley will tell us about the Chailey Repair Café
17/05/2021	Betty Murrell Day	Sussex National	Programme TBC
30/06/2021	Social Afternoon 2—4:30 PM	Clair Hall	Jo Kaddish will give a talk about the work of the RNLI

### ZOOM TALKS

**Jenny Mallin is the author of “A grandmother’s Legacy” and winner of Best in the World Cookbook 2017.**

**A grandmother’s legacy: the 170 year old recipe book.** A large leather bound book, started off by my great, great, great grandmother, Wilhelmina Hardy in 1844 containing her Portuguese/German/English family recipes—handed down to her daughter who did the same, and that book kept on getting handed down from generation to generation (my talk centres on the recipes, the history of those recipes and how that book evolves with each generation reflecting where the grandmothers were living at that time.

**A grandmother’s legacy: my travels around India.** An intriguing and entertaining vignette of some of my 25 trips around India. This talk is filled with amusing anecdotes from the arduous task of just purchasing a train ticket to stories which have demonstrated the kindness of a stranger, the superstitious side to a nation and an insight into how much India has changed since 1990 with the progression of technology.

**Ian Keable is a Member of the Magic Circle with Gold Star and a graduate from the University of Oxford with a first-class degree in philosophy, politics and economics.**

**The Art of Trickery: How Magicians are seen in Paintings, Prints & Cartoons—** the talk is about how magicians have appears in art throughout the centuries—symbolising the mysterious, the unknown—undertaking various tricks.

**History of Cartoons: from William Hogarth to Private Eye—**this talk tracks the early stages of cartoons (in the form of satirical prints) and how they gradually evolved into the familiar format of today’s newspapers and magazines.

## HOW TO TAKE PART IN A ZOOM TALK

You will need to register by email with Chris Roe—[chrisroe200@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisroe200@hotmail.com)—if you wish to take part. There is limited access, so it will be the first 97 who will be accepted. More than one person can view on a computer/tablet—in that case only one person needs to register. Chris will let you know whether you have been successful in securing a place. Please register early—if at a later date you find you can no longer attend please let Chris know so that the space can be offered to anyone on the waiting list.

Near the date of the talk successful participants will receive a link email with instructions for joining the talk.

If there is a particular interest in a talk and we have substantially more than 97 requests we can always look at running the talk again at a future date.

## POTENTIAL NEW GROUPS

### HISTORY OF AVIATION

Interested please contact:

**Michael Mislér**  
on 07718 712582—  
[mislér@btinternet.com](mailto:mislér@btinternet.com)

### BALLROOM AND LATIN DANCE GROUP

An opportunity to learn some new dance steps or just come along to have a dance

Interested please contact:

**Wendy Gundry**  
On 07545 616722  
[wendy\\_gundry@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy_gundry@yahoo.com)

### OXFORD STYLE DEBATE DISCUSSION GROUP

An opportunity to debate a predetermined statement from two opposing perspectives,.

Interested please contact:

**Michael Mislér**  
on 07718 712582  
[mislér@btinternet.com](mailto:mislér@btinternet.com)

An initial ZOOM meeting is being proposed— please contact Michael to join in.

### CLASSICAL GREEK LANGUAGE

Είναί όλα ελληνικά για μένα  
*(It's all Greek to me)*

To start the group will meet through ZOOM using the course book “Greek to GCSE” by John Taylor—available from Bloomsbury who are currently offering a 20% discount for this core text.

The group is for absolute beginners who would like to gain personal access to the language of the Golden Age of Western Culture, already in use 2,500 years ago. Before long we will read the words of Homer, Aristophanes, Herodotus, Plato as well as reading the New Testament in its original language.

A start date will be agreed depending on the response. **Contact Neville Clay—[janusredux@gmail.com](mailto:janusredux@gmail.com) for further details or to register your interest.**



### GERMAN BEGINNERS

**This group currently meets using ZOOM** every Monday at 2:30 pm.

For further information please contact Liz Hinze—01444 452697—  
[Liz.hinze@talktalk.net](mailto:Liz.hinze@talktalk.net)

## U3A Diaries

Having considered problems with distribution of diaries, the committee has taken the decision not to buy diaries in bulk this year. Members can purchase them directly from U3A Head Office through their shop at no additional cost.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/resources/shop>

At present Head Office are not fulfilling any orders for physical items .

## ATTENTION OUR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE WEB ACCESS.

When I attended a Chairs Meeting recently they talked about a telephone conference facility which allows a catchup with their group members by phone. If you have a group of people who would like to get together for a chat, rather than just one on one, you might like to have a look at

**WHYPAY ?**

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## KEEPING IN TOUCH

I recently sent out a survey email to our Leaders and Convenors to get an idea of how engaged our members were and what methods they had adopted to stay in touch. I am hoping to be able to use the information to see if there is anything we, or Head Office, can offer to enhance the U3A experience during lock-down.

There have been a mixture of replies—mainly dictated by the technologies used within individual groups. Some groups are meeting regularly via ZOOM, or similar, and carrying on their meetings as normal. Others are keeping in touch with members via email and generally sharing information or articles of interest with their group members. For some project based groups things are progressing as normal. Languages seem to fair quite well with this medium—see Liz Hinze’s report. Virtual meetings do not work so well for our music groups, although leaders and convenors continue to keep in touch with their members just to check on their well-being. Some groups have simply made the decision to put their group on hold.

This is very much the same as I have heard when discussing with other Chairs at our regular ZOOM meetings—I have not heard from any HHU3A group currently that uses a telephone conference network but this might be an idea for those groups who especially miss the social contact as it gives an opportunity for everyone to have a chat—WHYPAY is a suggestion from another U3A who uses it—there are probably other providers out there also.

We are constantly looking at ways we can help our groups stay in touch—HHU3A now has a licence for Google Meet which is free with no time limit and is available to all of our groups. Please remember if any group is cautious to try ZOOM or Google Meet due to lack of knowledge we can provide training both through instruction sheets and by telephone.

So as we learn another phrase **“Together Apart”** it is encouraging to learn that many of our groups are still functioning, others are merely on hold waiting for the time they can get together again. It is also heartening to receive requests to put information about potential new groups into the newsletter—showing our ability to look forward and continue with our learning journey together hopefully in 2021.

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## Zooming Spanish and German during lockdown and beyond.

I began zooming with the German group in late April and with the Spanish group in early May. Everyone was delighted to continue their courses on Zoom. We have a session every week and, although it is only 40 minutes, at least it is every week. We have course books and the students have the audio material at home. Thus they can go over everything that we cover and also listen to the recorded dialogues. They even do extra homework such as writing sentences which they read out in the following session. Nobody seems particularly downcast by the preset situation and they are all keeping busy. We all look forward to seeing each other again but realise that zooming is the way to go at the moment. It is so important when learning a foreign language that you keep it up. Knowing that others are doing the same is obviously helping. I feel very happy to see their beaming smiles on the screen!

**Liz Hinze**



## Re-enrolment 2020 Style

Although we are not able to offer our usual array of events currently we very much hope you will rejoin HHU3A for the forthcoming year. For now we are looking at ways of providing ZOOM Talks on various subjects, encouraging groups to meet via technology, and also you have a wealth of information, subjects, puzzles, quizzes etc. through the sites put up by Head Office. As soon as it is practically viable for groups to start to meet up again we will work with groups to facilitate this, always bearing in mind Government and Head Office advice.

You can renew your membership in one of 3 ways

1. **By post.** Send your cheque made out to HHU3a to Susanne Roberts (Membership Secretary) at 82 Ashenground Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4QB. Please put your membership number on the back and enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your membership card.
2. **By BACs.** **Account Name: Haywards Heath & District University of the Third Age**—Sort code 20-49-76 a/c 10506044. It is important to use your membership number as the reference (or address/name if you have forgotten!!). If you experience difficulties with a BACS payment please revert to cheque or PayPal.
3. **By PayPal.** Details are on the website. It is essential to use Beacon for this transaction.

Please note the option to join HHU3A half way through the year, at the reduced rate, does not apply to current members.



Free membership is available to all our members aged 90 years or over on the 1st August each year. Members do need to notify the Membership Secretary as we do not keep this information. You will need to advise Susanne that you wish to renew each August.

### HHU3A Membership Fees 2020

Full Member	14.00
Joint Member Members living at same address 1 copy of TAM will be received	12.25
Associate Member Belonging to another U3A No TAM will be received	10.50

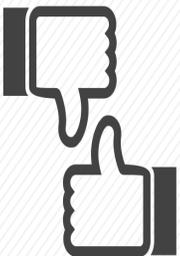
**If applying for Associate Membership please advise name of other U3A.**

## RISK ASSESSMENTS

The need for risk assessments is being driven by the new insurers who provide public liability and indemnity insurance. Risk Assessments have always been done, the forms are available on the TAT website. However, because of COVID individual members need to take responsibility for their own safety and need to do a personal risk assessment. Group leaders do not need to collect the personal risk assessments but must ensure that all members have seen them and considered their individual situations.

The Trustees, that is your Committee, could be held liable unless they have taken appropriate steps to ensure group activities can be resumed safely which is why all assessments have to come into committee for consideration before any group resumed activities.

**All contributions are welcome—  
News and views via letters to the Editor**



This is your Newsletter—designed to share information, past and future events, news etc. amongst all Haywards Heath U3A members so I welcome **YOUR FEEDBACK** on what you would like to read about in the newsletters going forward.

Please send your feedback and newsletter items for **AUTUMN**—September 2020—deadline 1st September 2020 — [newsletter@haywardsheathu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@haywardsheathu3a.org.uk)