



**WELCOME TO YOUR
SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER**

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

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Dear Members,

As I write the Chairman's comment the end of lockdown is supposedly in sight. The total relaxation is welcomed by some and viewed with trepidation by others. When we start to consider how our u3a will begin to return to "normal" from September we will be looking at the return of some face-to-face meetings but will also be looking at virtual and hybrid events in order to ensure inclusivity for all our members as best we can.

In order for us to discuss and formulate a plan I would welcome your thoughts and comments, especially around meeting attendance—please contact me via hhu3achairman@gmail.com by the 12th August 2021.

As you know, your committee has been working really hard throughout lockdowns. As we approach the AGM we will have vacancies on the Committee, as well as additional places if our new Constitution is ratified by the membership. We will have two spaces with roles attached—Special Events Officer and Equipment Officer and as some of the committee will need to stand down in 2022 we are also looking for shadows for other roles. Everyone on the committee is very supportive and all new committee members would be welcome—there is no expectation of having to "hit the ground running". No obligation to take on a role within your first year. If you would like to discuss further please contact myself at hhu3achairman@gmail.com or if you are ready to join the committee complete a nomination form and return it to the Hon. Secretary at hhu3asec@gmail.com.

With re-enrolment just round the corner people will be asking about the Information Booklet—this will not be printed ready for sending out with membership cards again this year because so much is still in flux and it is likely to be out of date before it gets through printing. The quarterly newsletter and monthly bulletins contain a lot of detail about events and contact information—within this newsletter I have included a full list of contact information for the committee for you to keep to hand—this will change after AGM—new details will be provided.

Wishing you an enjoyable August and looking forward to hopefully seeing some of you from September.

Wendy Gundry

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Re-enrolment**
- New Membership Rates 2021/22**
- AGM— Hybrid Meeting**
- New Constitution**
- Betty Murrell Day**



Remembering members of HHU3A—past and present

(Please keep the Membership Secretary advised of any deaths)

GILL MARCHANT—8th May 2021

CANON GERALD BRIDGMAN—12th May 2021.

Aged almost 99 years he was a regular attendee at Music Appreciation until covid.

He was ordained at Chichester Cathedral 70 years ago and had been married almost 65 years to Jill. He built the first parish Church in Sussex since the war at Southgate Crawley plus 3 daughter Churches; was appointed Vicar in Hull to the largest parish Church in the country and larger than two-thirds of our Cathedrals; and became Canon of York Minster. Retired to Lindfield 1987 but still looking after over 20 Churches when needed.

Friday—September 10th at 2:30 pm

Haywards Heath Methodist Church

MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR

JOHN HUMPHRIES



A very loyal and enthusiastic member of Haywards Heath U3A. For many years, he edited the Newsletter, sang in the concerts and was a member of several groups including Play Reading and Music Appreciation. He also helped many people by giving lifts to meetings.

A Memorial Service for John will take place at Haywards Heath Methodist Church, Perrymount Road, RH16 3DN on Friday September 10th at 2.30pm. There will be a get-together after at the Balcombe Club, Stockcroft Road, Balcombe, RH17 6HP.

His daughter, Claire Humphries, would be grateful for any anecdotes and happy memories people had of her father and has asked for any information on music that he particularly liked.

It is hoped many members will attend. A Just Giving page has been opened in order to raise £500 to commission a CD of the music of William Hurlstone in John's memory.

The link to the Just Giving page is : <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/audrey-williams>

RSVP to Claire Humphries, ideally before 31st July, via clairehumphries40@gmail.com

SAVE AS YOU SPEND WITH U3A CLICK AND SAVE SCHEME

You may recall back in 2020 the u3a was promoting Click and Save which would mean “members can benefit from annual savings of hundreds of pounds across supermarkets, leading department stores and a range of other shops, restaurants and services.”

The scheme has now launched and if anyone is interested in joining please contact hhu3achairman@gmail.com and you will be allocated a Click and Save ID number. You will then need to go to the site and create an account. Clive Grace, chair of the Trust's trading arm said “This scheme is simple to use, will not cost members anything but will save them money on everyday shopping and more, while generating funds for their own u3a or to the Trust if they choose to do so”.

To find out more go to https://www.u3aclickandsave.co.uk/a_/



AGM 2021—23rd September—2 pm

ADOPTION OF NEW CONSTITUTION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—Can you cast your mind back a whole year to our last AGM? It was held as a zoom meeting and, thanks mainly to Chris Roe, it was a huge success attracting more members virtually than we normally managed to achieve when it was face to face. Because of the obvious uncertainties vis-à-vis group meetings, we intend holding a hybrid AGM this year. This is a first for HHu3a—it will encompass face-to-face, online and postal participation.

For those unable to attend on the day your voting form is included. Please complete and return this to the Hon. Secretary no later than the 2nd September 2021. A copy is also available on our website.

The Agenda follows the usual pattern of adopting the accounts, approving the independent examiner, election of committee etc. But this year there is the addition of adoption of the new constitution.

CONSTITUTION

Following attending the annual AGM event for u3a in Nottingham in 2019 we were aware that the Constitution needed updating. The pandemic has made this even more necessary with new ways of running SGMs, AGMs using electronic means. U3a headquarters has provided a Model Constitution for charities to use, if they so wish, which includes numerous clauses to cover most eventualities. So our constitution has now increased from 4 pages to 19 pages! In order to adopt the Constitution we need to get this ratified by our members at the AGM.

The new constitution has been approved by TAT. Being 19 pages long we have placed it on the website—hard copies have been included for those members who do not access the internet.

PART 1 covers the purposes of the charity and how its money and other property can be used. It also contains the power to change the constitution and to wind up the charity.

PART 2 sets out the administrative provisions, including membership, the appointment of charity trustees, members' and trustees' meetings and the powers available to the trustees in running the charity.

Each section is quite self-explanatory and as provided by TAT.

The areas that directly affect our u3a are:

- Clause 11—General Meetings—this allows more flexibility for arranging AGMs.
- Clause 18—Online and Hybrid General Meetings—new clause to cover various means of conducting meetings.
- Clause 18.5—Voting—new clause includes electronic balloting.
- Clause 19—Officers and Trustees—increases the maximum allowable number of trustees and the terms of office and limit on period of service.
- Clause 27—Management—allows for co-option of trustees within the maximum of 15.

In order to allow proceedings to run smoothly at the AGM if you have any queries or general questions on the new Constitution please contact the Chairman at hhu3achairman@gmail.com prior to the meeting.



Haywards Heath & District

NOTICE is given that the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Haywards Heath & District U3A will be held via ZOOM Webinar and face to face on Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 2 pm at the Cuckfield Baptist Church.

If you are attending via Zoom, please inform Chris Roe (hhu3atech@gmail.com) and if you are attending in person please inform Wendy Gundry. (hhu3achairman@gmail.com)

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Tributes to those members who have died
4. To approve the Minutes of the 30th AGM held on the 25th June 2020
5. Any Matters Arising
6. Chairman's Address
7. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts
8. To approve the appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2020/2021
9. Subscriptions for 2021/2022
10. To approve the new Constitution (new format recommended by TAT and approved by them.)
11. Election of Committee Members
12. Questions or comments from the floor

Because of the current situation there are no events booked for 2021/2022 except Betty Murrell Day, and if the situation changes then this may be postponed. You will be informed of events once they are arranged.



**AGM – 23rd September 2021
Election of Committee Members 2021/2022**

Paul Roberts and Alex Sansom will not be standing for re-election to the Committee and Anne Morrison has removed Equipment from her portfolio. All other committee members are willing to stand for re-election this year.

This means we will need an Equipment Officer and a Special Events Officer, but neither of those are essential, and we would rather have Committee Members without a role for their first year if that is what they would like. Eric Bassett our Treasurer will take over Gift Aid from Alex.

The present Constitution allows for up to 12 members of the Committee, including the four Officers (Chairman, Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Secretary). If the new Constitution is adopted then this number may be increased.

Are you willing to stand for election? If so, you need to find a proposer and second.

Do you know of anyone else who would be suitable? If so, please ask him/her first to confirm that they are willing, find a second and nominate him/her using the nomination form attached.

For any information about the Committee please contact our Chair Wendy Gundry (07545 616722)

**Haywards Heath & District U3A
NOMINATION FORM**

Proposer's Name:
I.....

Nominate (full name)

For the position of.....

Signed.....

Second's Name:
I.....

Second this nomination

Signed

Nominee's Name:
I.....

Agree to be nominated for the position of

Signed.....

Please use block capitals and return this form to the HHU3A Secretary, 315 Junction Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 0PY, by 2nd September 2021. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.



The future of Clair Hall—public engagement

Mid-Sussex District Council is launching a 12-week engagement programme and the local community are encouraged to participate and help shape the future of the Clair Hall site. Their objective is “To establish how we can breathe new life into the site and make sure that it is able to meet the demands and expectations of the 21st Century—an opportunity exists to reinvigorate the

Clair Hall site and we are carrying out an extensive programme of events to assist us with shaping the future of the site.

The loss of Clair Hall has been difficult for HHu3a as we have struggled to find an alternative venue which has the size and facilities to meet our needs. Linda Grace, representing HHu3a, will be putting forward our views. If you would also like to make your views known to the council you can visit <https://engage.midsussex.gov.uk>.

The full press release from the 30th June 2021 can be found on our website.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS—HAYWARDS HEATH & DISTRICT u3a—JULY 2021

Role	Name	Email Address/Phone numbers
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Membership Secretary	Susanne Roberts	hhu3amembershipsecretary@gmail.com - 07707 697785
Groups’ Coordinator	Philip Metherell	Hhu3agroups@gmail.com—01444 473802
Venues & Equipment Officer	Anne Morrison	Hhu3avenues.equip@gmail.com—01444 412916
Webmaster	Peter Caddy	hhu3awebmaster@gmail.com—01444 412916
Speakers’ Secretary	Pam Wheeler	pam2wheeler@gmail.com—01444 483441
Information and Publicity Officer	Michael Misler	misler@btinternet.com—01444 482915
Gift Aid Officer	Alex Sansom	sansy@statacom.net—01444 441416
Beacon Administrator	Chris Roe	hhu3atech@gmail.com—01444 458514
Committee Member	Linda Grace	hhu3acommittee1@gmail.com —01444 451696

CLOSURE OF NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTRE

We have been advised that National Office does not intend to reopen its DVD library and that the library will be closing permanently, citing lack of resources.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS FOR BEGINNERS

Unfortunately our shared resource with Hassocks is no longer available—you may like to join in this 6-week course.

Join Henry Howarth, u3a Subject Adviser for Cryptic Crosswords.

Thursday from 22nd July to 26th August at 10.00 am.

Free– Online via Zoom

POSTAL/ONLINE ENROLMENT



Because our re-enrolment date sits so closely to the expected relaxing of covid regulations we have decided to make this year a postal event as in 2020. This worked very well all round last year

Payment can be made by cheque, BACS or PayPal and your new membership card will be sent in the post. No need to provide a stamped addressed envelope.

Please see the table below for the new membership rates for 2021/22

If you have reached the milestone of 90 years of age, congratulations and please inform the membership secretary as you will be entitled to free life membership and we don't keep details of your date of birth.

IMPORTANT

On the instructions of our independent examiner we are advised that no payments should be accepted until the 1st August 2021—therefore can we ask you please not to make any online payments—BACS or PayPal—until the 1st August 2021—your co-operation would be appreciated

Payment by cheque:

Make cheque payable to: Haywards Heath u3a

Send your cheque to: The Membership Secretary, 82 Ashenground Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4QB

On the back of your cheque write your name, address and membership number (if known).

Payment by BACS: after 1st August 2021

Name of Bank: Barclays Bank, Haywards Heath

Sort Code: 20-49-76

Account Number: 10506044

Account Name: Haywards Heath & District U3A

Reference: Membership number (if not known your name)

Payment by PayPal: after 1st August 2021

Go to Members tab from HHu3a website—click on first link “Membership Renewal Post” under Latest News and follow the instructions.

If you have any queries please contact the Membership Secretary on hhu3amembershipsecretary@gmail.com

We really appreciate the continued support you have given to your u3a during this difficult period, supporting organised events and keeping our membership number high . As a token “thank you” we are reducing membership fees for 2021/22.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Standard Membership	£10.00
Joint Membership - 2 people living at same address	£16.50 (£8.25 each)
Associate Membership—belonging to another u3a branch—please indicate which one	£6.50
Enrolment for half year from February 2022—£7 standard membership only TAT magazine has increased to £3.75 per member, included in subs above.	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—Zoom Meetings

Date/Time	Talk
Friday—23rd July 2 pm	The Wonder and Benefits of Philosophy —David Waite David will explain that Philosophy is about a love of wisdom and understanding and is a subject for everyone, not just academics. Remember to register with Chris Roe on hhu3atech@gmail.com
Saturday—31st July 10:30 am	SUN Shepherds of the South Downs—their lives and times. Bookings can be made by emailing sunbookings548@gmail.com .
Saturday—14th August 10:30—12 noon	SUN Recycling in West Sussex and National Recycling Schemes with Colin McFarliin. Bookings from 4th August at sunbookings548@gmail.com
<p>There are no HHu3a talks arranged for August. During this time we will consider what talks we can offer by what delivery, where and when. Paul Roberts will send round full information in one of his informative and amusing briefings.</p>	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—Other Events

Date/Time	Event
1st August 2021 onwards no online payments earlier	POSTAL/ONLINE RE-ENROLMENT—see page 7 for full details
Thursday 23rd September	AGM—Hybrid Meeting—see page 3 for more information
Tuesday—5th October Betty Murrell Day	BETTY MURRELL DAY—see page 9 for full details

BOOKING FORM FOR BETTY MURRELL DAY

please secure your place as early as possible so that we can cater for numbers.

Cost remains at £15 per person. Please make cheques payable to Haywards Heath u3a and put your name and membership number (if known) on the back.

Booking forms and cheques should be sent to Wendy Gundry at 23 Southway, Burgess Hill, RH15 9SY

Name/s—one booking form can be used for people living at the same address	
Address:	
Email Address	
Membership Number/s (if known)	
Dietary Requirements	
Can you offer or do you need a car share?	

BETTY MURRELL DAY
Tuesday—5th October 2021
Start 09:45—arrivals from 9:00
East Sussex National—Uckfield TN22 5ES

This event will be held in accordance with any restrictions in place at the time—hand sanitisers will be available on all tables. Spacing and mask wearing will be in line with advice at the time and personal choice.

We very much hope that you will be able to attend. Please complete the booking form opposite to enable us to plan in accordance with numbers looking to attend.

Our programme is designed to be informative and entertaining with a varied subject matter.

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY:

9:00—09:45 am	Arrival and Registration	Beverage and Biscuits
09:45—10:00 am	Welcome and Housekeeping	
10:00—11:00 am	Speaker—Martin Lloyd	Passports, Assassins, Traitors & Spies —Martin is a retired HM Immigration Officer with many years of experience in the service. Hear how a group of assassins brought about a change in the passport regulations; how the unmasking of a spy caused a modification in passport design and how, for one man, the passport itself turned into a killer.
11:00—11:45 am	Mid morning refreshments	Beverage and Danish
11:45—12:45 pm	Speaker—Alan Chalmers	Behind the Scenes on Centre Court —Alan served on Wimbledon’s Centre Court as the steward from 1976-2015 hosting A grade celebrities including Frank Sinatra, Burt Lancaster, David Beckham and more recently Kate Middleton’s family —his talk covers how the All England Club organises itself and the Championships mixed in with a number of anecdotes about the great champions he has met including past eras going back to 1924.
12:45—02:15 pm	Lunch	
2:15—3:15 pm	Speaker—Nicola Peel	This is What Biodiversity Looks Like. Many of you will have met Nicola before and have found her talks inspirational. From indigenous communities in the Amazon to the Los Cedros Biological reserve we take a journey to Ecuador. A key Biodiversity Area, the Choco in western Ecuador is a little known hotspot but one of the most incredible intact ecosystems on Earth.
3:15—3:30 pm	Goodbyes	

Please be aware our speakers are authors and may have books for sale on the day—there is absolutely no obligation to buy.

IMPACT

We are also pleased to be joined by our chosen charity IMPACT who will be hosting a stall on the day. So if you have any questions for them they will be delighted to speak with you. In addition to helping people in Africa and Asia they also have a UK programme aimed at preventing a range of potentially disabling diseases and serious conditions by providing cooking sessions, budgeting help and general nutritional advice to improve the health and well being of children and families in Mid Sussex. For more information about the work IMPACT do go to <https://impact.org.uk/where-we-work/>

GROUP IDEAS FROM NATIONAL OFFICE

Online Welsh Group



As part of our Resource Sharing initiative Horley u3a is opening their online Welsh for Beginners Group to members from Sussex. Meetings are currently held via Zoom on the first Monday of the month at 2:00 pm. This time will be subject to change once we're out of lockdown. We're currently using Entry level contemporary novels, phrasebooks and Duolingo to extend our knowledge of the language and culture of Wales. Members of the group are not exclusively Welsh and try to embrace both north and south Walian dialects.

Anyone interested in learning Welsh will be made very welcome and, if you're already a Welsh speaker who would be happy to offer advice, you'd be welcomed with open arms!

Please contact Cher Palmer at horleyhub@gmail.com.

U3a CHESS NETWORK



Unfortunately with the loss of Fitz as Chess Leader HHu3a does not have a chess group. Those of you who have an interest in chess either as an accomplished player or a beginner may be interested in this:

The Network aims to promote the study and playing of Chess in the u3a—both in local u3a's and nationally on websites and Zoom, etc. Chess, unlike Bridge, has never flourished in u3a—probably because it

has a reputation of being a difficult, aggressive, complex game, played in silence. On the contrary the rules are straightforward and easy to grasp and after a short while interesting, thought-provoking games can be played. There is little doubt that playing a game like Chess improves concentration, memory, decision-making and spatial comprehension—so a real advantage for all of us in u3a!

September sees the start of a nationwide u3a Chess League which will be available to all members of all abilities from learners to experts: You can join the u3a CHESS NETWORK by going to <https://u3aChessNetWork.org.uk> where it is also possible to register for the u3a Chess League.

If you would be interested in starting a HHu3a chess group you could speak to David Castle the Chess Subject Adviser for some general guidance and if you do decide to proceed speak to Philip Metherell—hhu3agroups@gmail.com

CLIMATE CRISIS DISCUSSION GROUP—a national group u3a communities venture looking for



more members.

If climate change is of concern to you and you would like to take part in on-line meetings with like-minded people to explore and discuss technological and societal aspects of Global Warming then please join us. Once a month, on the fourth Wednesday, we link up via Zoom for an hour of stimulating videos or talks followed by lovely discussions.

For more information check out our website:

<https://u3acommunities.org/climate/index.htm>

Hosted by Rien van den Hondel



I think we can all agree that we spent a wonderful afternoon sharing the impressive range of skills, knowledge and enthusiasms of individuals within our u3a. Particular thanks go to Chris Roe for his technical wizardry, and Carole Andrews for her excellent skills as compere and to the organising committee for putting it all together so efficiently. Poetry, creative writing, geology, philosophy, gardens, flower arranging, photography, travel, art appreciation and local history were all included.

Language groups were represented, with German beers, Russian poetry and Winnie the Pooh in Latin. Music ranged from jazz, recorders, the ukulele, international and classical. Last but not least was our quiz, and the raffle of a delicious looking chocolate cake made by Dianne Misler which was delivered to the lucky winner.

If you missed it or wish to revisit Chris Roe has recorded and edited the event. Contact him on hhu3atech@gmail.com and he will send you the recordings using “We Transfer” which is free to use and does not need to be installed on your pc/laptop/tablet.

Chris also records the Zoom talks, where the speaker gives permission, so if you are interested in catching up on either Michael Smith’s The Franklin Expedition Disaster or Gilly Halcrow’s Special Operations Executive contact Chris directly on hhu3atech@gmail.com



Liz Hinze is a member of the National u3a Virtual Choir and drew my attention to a YouTube segment showing the choir in full voice. The piece is called “After the Storm” and you can listen to the piece, which is accompanied by some wonderful photography and art again created by u3a members, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuyNJFpJhzw>.

The choir has created two pieces. The first was Savannah—a chorus of “Aaagh!” throughout and the second with fairly simple words but the hope was that the music would be as stimulating and as stirring as possible. Working with Georgia Laws, the events officer at National Office, they hosted a series of six practices over Zoom. Richard then thought that local photographers and artists could display their best work onto a video setting and that can be used to promote u3as. With the end of lockdown imminent a virtual choir may not be so necessary as people can start to meet again but this is a brilliant idea for promoting individual u3as and showing the enormous talents we have.

LIGHTNING TRIVIA FOR OUR QUIZ BUFFS



Lightening travels at a speed of 270,000 mph.

There are more than 3,000,000 flashes of lightening around the planet every day

A lightning bolt is about the width of your thumb and, on average, two to three miles long.

Solid lightening is known as fulgurites, glass impressions are formed in sand or sandy soil when lightning travels to the ground.

I came across this much longer article which made me smile—have précised it here:

IF THAT ISN'T PROGRESS I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!

It has been 35 years since Top Gear trialled a Satnav on screen—you can watch the report, in 1986, on the BBC website. Back then the new Phillips prototype was a computer in a van, with a full sized rattling keyboard and a square monitor screen set into the dash. This was promoted as giving you freedom from a small library of local map books.

But there used to be a kind of perverse pleasure in running your finger down a map book while the other half was driving and bellowing “RIGHT! RIGHT!” Turn RIGHT NOW!” What? Gah! Look, you missed it! Now we’ll have to go around again! Sound familiar?

Today’s much smaller Satnav device or phone app just doesn’t have the level of anger that a thwarted human navigator can summon. Although there is something very passive-aggressive in the way she says “Where possible do a U-turn”. I mean she doesn’t actually sigh and roll her eyes but it’s kind of implicit, isn’t it? If you ignore her she will patiently suggest, again and again, that you TURN LEFT at the next junction and eventually she will put re-routing in the middle of the screen to make the point that you are not listening.

There is something very satisfying when you make it home five minutes faster than she predicted, isn’t it?

So what have we gained in 35 years? Well in the 21st Century you can have a heated argument in the car when you’re travelling alone. And if that isn’t progress I don’t know what is.



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** —October 2021 deadline 20th September 2021— newsletter@haywardsheathu3a.org.uk