

u3a newsletter

Burgess Hill

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Our next Monthly Meeting is on Thursday 4 April, doors open 9.45am, talk time 10.30am to 11.30am. **Please note the change of times.**

We have **Frank Muraszko** talking about 'Camino de Sant: The Way' - is a network of pilgrim's ways or pilgrimages leading to the shrine of the apostle James in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in north west Spain.

Coffee/tea will be available at the meeting plus a selection of biscuits at 50p per person.

Cribbage Group

A number of members have expressed interest in playing Cribbage and we would like to start a Cribbage group, meeting daytimes.

Anyone interested, please contact Ray Kingdom in the first instance ray@kingdoms.org.uk.

New Scrabble Group

We are progressing with forming another Scrabble group. If anyone else is interested in joining this group, please contact ray@kingdoms.org.uk.

Swimming Group

A small group has resumed swimming at the Triangle. They meet on Tuesday and then have coffee and a chat afterwards. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Carol Smethurst, csmethurst1863@gmail.com, for more information.

GOM4 - provisional name

We are a motley crew of local chaps who enjoy chewing the cud and learning more about each other and our interests. We have vacancies for any like-minded folk.

For more information please contact Basil Larkin, Group Leader, basilelaine@aol.com or 01444 254794.

Photography Group

The subject for the Photography Group's latest competition was 'Green'. The entries were for both Colour and Black and White and



'Humming Bird' by Gordon Reece-Davies



'Greengrocer' by John Harrison

All the entries can be seen on our Smugmug website pages <https://peterpartridge.smugmug.com>- click on Competitions (the blue bottle picture).

Attendance Registers

Could we please remind all Group Leaders and Convenors to send your Attendance Register for January, February and March quarter to our Treasure, Anthony, no later than 31 March.
Thank you for your co-operation.

South East u3a Forum Summer School

Monday 2 to Thursday 5 September
Everything is moving steadily forward with the first phase launched on 14 March via the SE u3a Forum's

website. You are able to peruse the fourteen subjects on offer for Summer School 2024.

The costings for this year are:

Residential En-suite - £390

Residential Standard – £360

Non-Residential with dinner - £195

Non-residential no dinner - £140

There will also be entertainment on campus, each evening, which is included in the price. But, if you would like to attend the theatre on the Tuesday evening, this comes at an extra cost - ticket price unknown at present.

The next phase will be the Booking Information sheet and the Booking Form; they will be going 'live' from **Thursday 11 April 2024 at 10:00am**; a date for your diary - just Google – “se u3a 'live' from **Thursday 11 April 2024 at 10:00am**; a date for your diary - just Google – “se u3a forum” and they will be accessible to download.

The Forum's web address is -

<https://u3asites.org.uk/southeastu3aforum/contact>

u3a Fit for the Future

We are nearing the end of the national consultation process on the proposed governance changes, and at the last count there have been around 40 presentations held both online and face to face all around the UK.

Allan Walmsley, Vice Chair said "There has been a real interest shown by many u3as, and up to now there has been an overwhelming positive reaction to the concept of introducing a representative Council and a smaller Board. There's lots of water to go under the bridge, and lots of detail to understand how the new arrangements could work in practice. I would like to thank all chairs, committee members and individual members who have shown an interest and particularly to those who have submitted comments so far."

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