

# u3a Third Thursday

Burgess Hill

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**Do you enjoy being in the u3a? Do you want to take part in more u3a activities next year?**

Our u3a has a very big problem which will get even bigger next year. We have a very friendly group of Trustees on the Board with ably qualified and enthusiastic members filling key roles such as the Treasurer and the Secretary. However, we need to find someone to take over as your Chairman next year. I have already asked some members whether they would be prepared to take on the role but this has not been successful. Time is getting very short, so I am appealing to everyone to think of likely candidates and let me know by either email or phone ([chriselkins50@hotmail.com](mailto:chriselkins50@hotmail.com) or 01444 245283). I will treat any suggestions in confidence. Of course, if someone is thinking about offering their services as the Chairman, please feel free to contact me and find out what it entails.

If we do not find someone by March next year, we will have to start the proceedings for closing down Burgess Hill u3a as a Charity.

Chris Elkins

## **NewsLink Spring 2022**

To all Leaders and Conveners. Please ensure that your entry for the next NewsLink is sent to Margaret Carroll ASP or even sooner!

## **Our next two gatherings for 2022**

**Thursday 20 January**, 09.30am to 11.45am  
Opportunity to part with your hard-earned cash to renew your u3a membership for another twelve months.

**Monday 2 February**, times to be notified  
'History of the Wey and Arun Canal' with Richard Shenton.



One of many on their way to Brighton

## **Interested in Coding? Then read on . . .**

In the "I" newspaper, they have a daily list of various surveys, where they publish the top ten. A few weeks back they had a list of things that people said that would have considered doing during lock down. Things such as write a book, learn an instrument or a foreign language.

At about number 8 or 9, it was intriguing as it said "learn coding", I was surprised that most people would even know what it was, but I suppose that looking at the internet during lockdown may have made people curious.

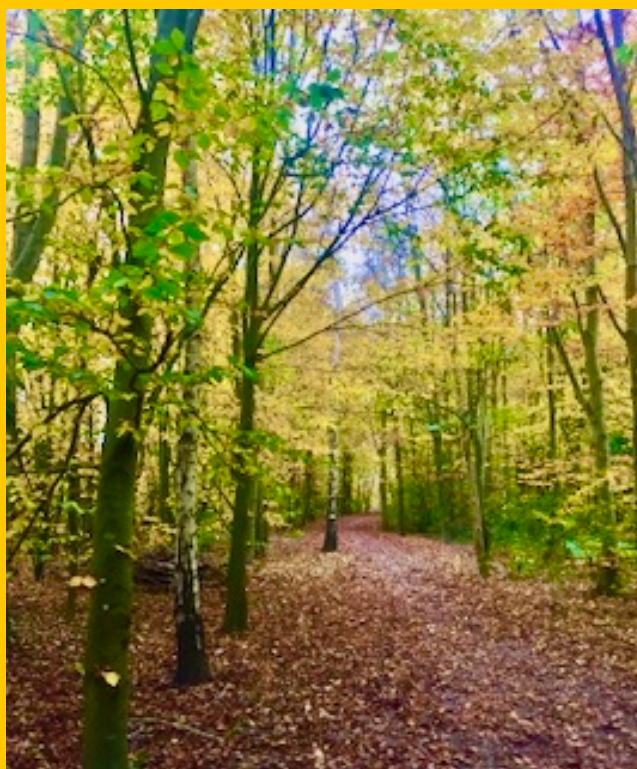
Coding is the art (if that is the word) of making a computer do what you want it to do, by writing instructions via lines of computer language "code". The most basic form of this would be to design a simple web page using a coding system called HTML (Hypertext Markup Language).

I was wondering if anyone would be interested in a short course on learning the basics to write and then "upload" you own personal web page to the internet. It would require the use of a laptop PC running Microsoft Windows (it is not easy on a tablet). If so, then perhaps in the New Year we could give it a try, you never know you

may enjoy it. If you are interested please email me, Don McBeth, at [dmcbeth@aol.com](mailto:dmcbeth@aol.com).

### Sad News

Many of our longstanding members will remember Roy Langley; he died on Tuesday 16 November, aged 92. Please phone Margaret Watson (tel 01444 241778) if you wish for more details.



Somewhere on the Green Circle.

### SUN Talks for November and December

**Lewes and Bonfire Night** with Andy Thomas on Saturday 20 November, 11.00am to 12.15pm. Booking now open.

**Christmas – a Festive Period** with Andy Thomas on Saturday 11 December, 11.00am to 12.15pm. Booking opens 27 November.

The above two talks can be booked via [sunbookings548@gmail.com](mailto:sunbookings548@gmail.com). Please state that you are a Burgess Hill u3a member.

### u3a DAY 2022

Local u3a events should be held on any day during the week containing the 21 September 2022, from Saturday 17 to Sunday 25 September. Item from SUN update.



Poor 'Aussie' bear has still not been found. Down under it is their late spring so, hopefully, 'Aussie' bear has not been feeling the cold. More bear colonies have been recruited to explore a much wider area. We are anticipating some good news soon.

Meanwhile, 'Saffer' bear is really enjoying the slow but very interesting journey down the canal to the Mediterranean.

Did the two 'itchy feet' bears enjoy staying in Skeggy? Yes they did despite it being autumn. They are now on their way to Scarborough via the coastal roads with a stopover in Hull to visit the local bear colony: also to stock up with supplies which were running a bit low. Leaving Hull behind them the 'itchy feet' bears are following the A165 to Scarborough via Bridlington and Filey.

Rumour has it that they will soon be travelling back home with perhaps a wild idea to see a 'bit of Wales'; which 'bit' remains to be seen. Let's hope the 'itchy feet' bears enjoy Scarborough with some sun and a chance build a few sand castles on the beach.

Please pass a copy of Third Thursday to those you know do not have email. Please send your news, photographs and comment to the Editor, Peter Mitchell, at [mitchell@platform11.org.uk](mailto:mitchell@platform11.org.uk) for the next Third Thursday due out on 16 December 2021. Copy date is three days before the publication date above.

