

# u3a ThirdThursday

Burgess Hill

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## **Monthly Meeting – Monday 4 November**

The next Monthly Meeting will be held in Cyprus Hall on Thursday 4 November (doors will be open from 11.30am). The talk will be from 12.30 – 1.30pm on ‘The forgotten Art of the Picture Postcard’ by James Taylor. Attendance will be limited to 50 people and the rows of chairs will be spaced further apart than previously. If you want to hear the talk, please email Chris Elkins ([chriselkins50@hotmail.com](mailto:chriselkins50@hotmail.com)). If you are unable to email, please leave a telephone message on his landline (01444 245283) giving your name and telephone number.

We will not be offering any refreshments so please bring your own. We also will not be holding a raffle. Please bring £2 each in change to make payment easy for entrance.

Also, bring a face mask as you will be required to wear a face covering as you enter the building until you are seated in the hall. Please do not come if you have any symptoms or should be self-isolating.

## **Your U3A Needs You!**

### **Message from Chris Elkins, our Chairman**

At the AGM in Spring next year, I will be stepping down as Chairman, having completed three years plus a fourth year, which is the maximum limit allowed by our Constitution. Burgess Hill U3A will not be allowed to continue to operate as a Charity unless someone joins the Board to take over this role for the next three years.

We have been extremely fortunate over the past six years that Colin and Shirley Payne have very ably filled the roles of Membership Secretary and Assistant Membership Secretary. However, they are also

stepping down from their roles at next year's AGM, so we also need someone to take over the Membership Secretary's role and someone to assist them.

For further information as to what each post involves, for the position of Chair please contact Chris on [chriselkins50@hotmail.com](mailto:chriselkins50@hotmail.com) or for the position of Membership Secretary contact Colin on [bh3memsec@gmail.com](mailto:bh3memsec@gmail.com).

Chris Elkins

Thank you to all those group leaders who have sent me their Risk Assessment. All these groups will be covered by the U3A insurance.

I have created a form for Track & Trace and another for ICE (In Case of Emergency) information, both of which should be available at every meeting. You will find these in the Links section of the Burgess Hill U3A website.

Many thanks.

Rosie Elkins, Group Co-ordinator

## **NewsLink Autumn 2021**

Please note the following amendments to details in the last issue of NewsLink:

- French Conversation Leader Liz Burgess, the phone number has one digit wrong, it should read 07766 368866.
- Jazz Appreciation are now meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month rather than the 2nd Tuesday
- The times for the 2022 general meetings have gone a bit awry, the dates are correct. Correct information will be included in the next issue, planned for distribution shortly after Christmas.

Thank you, Margaret

## Reminder for Group Leaders and Convenors

As our Groups get under way once again, I thought that after such a long period of inactivity a short reminder of procedure would be a good idea.

If paying by cheque for the amounts collected this should be sent to me with the Register of Attendance at the end of each Term.

If paying by bank transfer please quote the name of the Group as a reference and transfer to "Burgess Hill U3A", sort code 20-49-76, account number 50389889. Please do not forget to send the Register of Attendance.

Please note that Attendance Registers should be sent to me even if there is no money involved, as we are required to keep these records by our insurers.

Any expenses you incur will be refunded by me on receipt of a completed Expenses Claim Form (with receipts attached) and should not be deducted from the members' contributions to room rental.

Please send all cheques, Registers, and expense claims to me, Anita Davey, The Lees, Keymer Road, Burgess Hill RH15 OBA.

If you have any queries or problems please do not hesitate to either email/phone me at [anitadavey57@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anitadavey57@hotmail.co.uk) or 01444 236915.

## The National u3a Newsletter

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## Sussex u3a Network

Visit the Sussex u3a website for a vast array of meetings, study days and events, visit

<https://u3asites.org.uk/sussexu3anetwork> and click on EVENTS along the top of the Home Page. There is something there for everyone from COP 26 to Anglo-Saxon Poetry and West Sussex in Photographs.

## Obituaries

### Mike Taylor

Sadly, Mike died in the Conquest Hospital in Hastings last month. He was recovering from an operation when he fell, this caused a brain haemorrhage from which he was unable to recover. Although Mike and June moved to Bexhill a couple of years ago to live with their daughter, many members will remember them as stalwart supporters of our U3A, holding many positions on the committee, including membership and the website.

Our condolences to June and family.

### Jackie Chinnakone

Jackie had been suffering from cancer for some time but bravely carried on leading her two groups, Spanish Conversation and Bible Study from her armchair via video link. A lovely lady she will be sorely missed.



Having skirted round The Wash the two 'itchy feet' bears are now in Skeggy; every inch a traditional English seaside town. They plan to stay here for a few days, enjoying the vast sandy beach and exploring the hinterland of Skeggy.

Still no news of the whereabouts of 'Aussie' bear despite much investigation along the bus route, especially in Horsham, the last stop-over. Many more bear colonies are now out in force searching for 'Aussie' bear.

With 150 miles (240m) of canal and 65 locks to negotiate it will be some time before 'Saffer' bear sets eyes on The Mediterranean for onward travel to South Africa. Meanwhile, 'Saffer' bear is thoroughly enjoying the wonderful surprise from the Toulous bears.

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 18 November 2021. Copy date is three days before the publication date above.