



## NEWSLETTER QUARTER 1 2023

**MONTHLY MEETINGS.** We are once again providing “ESSENTIALS” as a separate document with details of groups and meetings, so you can keep it as a handy reference.

**OPEN AFTERNOON – MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>.** Don't forget that this month's meeting is our OPEN DAY. As well as revisiting existing groups, we want to gather feedback on potential new groups. In fact, we have FIVE potential new groups that we wish to launch subject to getting sufficient interest. Basically they are walking, computing, afternoon tea, tennis and music lovers group. More details are available on the day, following which we will update the u3a website or you can contact Chris Powis.

**FACEBOOK PAGE.** For those social networkers, don't forget we have a Facebook page that you can view and share. Also don't forget we are happy to post “ads” for groups trying to attract new members, or people wanting to generate interest in new groups. In Facebook, search for “u3a Hailsham”

**HAILSHAM PAVILION OPPORTUNITY.** We are pleased to announce that the Committee have reached an agreement in principle for u3a to hold an event at Hailsham Pavilion. We foresee this would be a replacement of one of our “Members Entertainment / Showcase” meetings but possibly more entertainment based ? What we would like to do is form a separate “Pavilion event” committee to develop the ideas, work on financial aspects etc. The committee would welcome anyone who wishes to be involved.

### **u3a National Newsletter (distributed by email)**

If you would like to get the National newsletter by email – <https://www.u3a.org.uk/email>

### **East Sussex (East) network**

We are shortly attending our next meeting of an “informal” network in East Sussex, involving groups from Eastbourne and ourselves in the West to Hastings and Rother in the East, including Heathfield, Mayfield and potentially some others. We are initially focused on how we can share resource to promote u3a, and boost membership across the region. We also continue to discuss common problems and issues and possible solutions to these.

**CHAILEY HERITAGE MEETING.** We had an excellent talk from Ian Kirby of Chailey Heritage centre in February. Members attending found some aspects very moving. I am pleased to say that in addition to the £60 we gave as a speaker contribution, members donated a further £106. In total, with the gift-aided contributions, this gave £192.50 to their funds, for which we received thanks. Well done everyone, a great boost to this worthy charity.

**MEETING REMINDER** Our April meeting is at **HELLINGLY HUB** for **ONE MEETING ONLY**. There is no plan to move our meetings out of Hailsham, though we continue to explore other potential venues due to heat and technology issues at the Civic Hall.

**TIME FOR TEA.** A reminder that on the LAST Friday of each month, we hold a "Time for Tea" session at B12 in the High Street for potential new members and any existing members who have a question about u3a or wish to raise any issues. This runs from 14:00 to 15:00.

**REMINDER – MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE.** Renewal this year will be as previously (price £18 this year). In future years we expect to offer online renewals via BEACON.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MAY** We wish to remind you that the Annual General Meeting takes place in May. We would welcome further committee nominations, especially as we still have vacancies. We also encourage "job-sharing" if you can persuade a friend to help out too!

**FINALLY** we would like to thank Sheila Mighall who is leaving u3a. She has been a long-time member and has run the Mah Jong group for some time. She also joined the committee when we re-launched after COVID and the future of Hailsham u3a was in doubt.