



NEWSLETTER QUARTER 3 2022

Membership. We currently have 187 paid-up members. If you're not one of them, please renew at your earliest opportunity!

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

JULY MEETING – MEMBERS ENTERTAINMENT

We would appreciate your efforts in NOT arriving before 2pm UNLESS you might like to be a Tea volunteer? We would welcome more volunteers since this means people don't have to do it so often.

JUBILEE STALL The u3a had a stall at the Jubilee Fun Day at Western Road Recreation ground on the 5th June. The event was well attended and we spoke to many visitors in our attempt to raise awareness of the u3a in Hailsham. We also raised over £100 with a raffle and some plant sales. Thanks to everyone who turned up on the day, erected/dismantled and manned the stall.

COPYRIGHT AND INFRINGEMENT – This issue has recently been raised, so we would like to briefly cover this topic. The u3a across the UK holds the PPL PRS (music) licence and the MPLC (film) licence. This means we are allowed to screen music and films at any of our meetings.

The Hailsham and District u3a has the option to purchase the CLA Education Licence, which allows the u3a to copy up to 5% or one chapter/article from eligible books, journals and magazines per u3a group per licence year. Whether a publication is eligible has to be checked by entering an ISBN into a checking page on the CLA website. This licence would cost £60 per annum. The Committee would be interested to hear from any groups who think they need this licence – currently we don't have it.

JUBILEE MEETING – The Jubilee meeting was enjoyed by those who attended. Unfortunately due to technical issues (we have been unlucky with those recently) we were unable to show the short Coronation video, but we still plan to do so, probably at the July meeting

u3a WEBSITES. The Hailsham website is gradually being updated and already has new corporate style. Here are links to u3a websites

u3a National Website <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

u3a Hailsham and District <https://u3asites.org.uk/hailsham/home>

SUN (Sussex u3a network) <https://u3asites.org.uk/sussexu3anetwork/home>

Note that going to the Hailsham website and selecting "Links" will give you access to many other options

u3a – it's not all about expertise (or is it?)

Well, the u3a is supposed to be about learning together. This means you don't need to be an expert. In many u3a Photography groups, as an example, there are no real "experts" – members get together, do research and work to share their findings in order to solve their problems. However, it's true that some groups DO have experts. So, the point of this message is two-fold.

1) If you feel the need for a group, or want to start a group, don't let the lack of an "expert" stop you. There are ways and means and you may well gain much satisfaction as a group to build your own expertise

2) If you DO have expertise in any field, the u3a would love you to share it. Please consider what you could do to help a group with your knowledge. There's no pressure, and whether it is as a member of the committee or working with a group, we can always use expertise.

New Members Coffee Morning was held on the 22nd July and was attended by around a dozen new members. It was a very useful meeting for both members and committee and we hope to build on this for future new members