



HASLEMERE MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

As I write, the weather experts are forecasting the return of “The Beast from the East” in early March - so here’s to us all keeping safe and warm! On a more positive note, however, the days are lengthening and in a matter of weeks, our clocks will have been put forward and we will look forward to brighter days and lighter evenings.

So now is the time to start thinking about our u3a’s outdoor activities, such as walks of different lengths and degrees of challenge, cycling groups and other group activities to be enjoyed in the fresh air. More details of these various groups can be found on the u3a website. There are also exciting outings to Brighton and Wimbledon in April and May respectively. More details are in this newsletter and on the website – but hurry, tickets are selling fast!

Although we are increasing our subscription in April to £10, I would like to remind you that this is not only still excellent value, but it also compares favourably to other u3a branches. Our monthly Speaker Meetings are still free to all and a perfect introduction to the Haslemere u3a for non-members.

Yours ever, Jock.

CHARITY FAIR TO SUPPORT THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

U3A Member, Rob Noble has organised a Charity Fair for SATURDAY 4TH MARCH, 10-12 NOON at the Haslemere Methodist Church, opposite Lion Green. Twelve wonderful charities are taking part, including *Tearfund*, which supports the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Rob, who runs *The Neema Society*, which raises money for street children in Kenya, is offering U3A members 10% off all gifts and cards on his stall, where there will be a special and unique exhibition of woodcarvings and sculptures. Please come and support this worthy cause and help Rob and the other Charities make a difference to those in need. Thank you.

New Members!

We extend a very warm u3a welcome to our recent new members:

Rona Morgan	Andrew Erler
Lynne Brown	Margaret Philipson
Rosie Haskell	Jenny Thomas
Helen Turner	Jennifer De Fries

MARCH SPEAKER – Philip Caine – Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again – Monday 13th March @ 2.00pm, Haslemere Hall

Philip talks about his various careers, initially as a Chef and Hotel Manager before moving into the North Sea oil industry and latterly moving in the same business to Algeria and Nigeria. Subsequently, he worked in Kazakhstan and Russia and in varying roles in Baghdad and Dubai. He will describe his colourful life in an informative and amusing manner. Born in 1950, in Barrow-in-Furness, Philip's career has taken him to many countries, via a number of different professions. He retired in 2015 and began writing and public speaking. Since then, he has spoken at over 500 venues and written 7 fictional adventure thrillers and 2 crime thrillers.

U3a Members and guests/non-Members are very welcome at these free of charge monthly talks and non-Members can come to any two meetings before joining the Haslemere u3a. Tea and biscuits are also provided!

FANCY A DAY OUT IN BRIGHTON??



Do come and join us for a special excursion to the historic Royal Pavilion and Gardens in Brighton on **Thursday 6th April**. Our visit includes an hour's guided tour of many of the splendid rooms and, after which, we are free to wander around at will. Unfortunately, The Pavilion does not have catering facilities, BUT there is a charming Italian Restaurant just next door or you could enjoy a scrumptious feast

of Harry Ramsden Fish & Chips, which is only a five-minute walk away, as well as other local restaurants and cafes – up to you!

We will depart from Haslemere on our comfortable coach at 9.45am and will leave Brighton at 4.00pm arriving back home at around 5.15pm. The cost per person is £36.00 and there are currently only 16 tickets left out of 50 places - so don't miss out on this amazing day trip - contact Don Stacey on the u3a Events Page.

SAVE THE DATE! Another planned excursion for your diary is a trip to Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club on Monday, 22nd May. Enjoy a 90-minute tour of the Club and grounds. £32pp plus lunch. For more details, please go to the Events page on the u3a website.

U3A CHALLENGING THEIR “LITTLE GREY CELLS!”



The first u3a quiz evening of 2023 was held recently and proved to be a huge success all round! Hosted by legendary Quizmaster, Colin Sherlock, over thirty u3a Members enjoyed a thought-provoking, fun filled evening with challenging but stimulating general knowledge questions and picture rounds. The eventual winners were THE SIDEWINDERS – seen here celebrating their success! Left-right: Charlotte Fentem, Susan Kent, Martin Kent and Jock Gardner.

A MUSICAL MORNING ON A DESERT ISLAND!



Members thoroughly enjoyed the first session of this new music group, which is to be held on the fourth Monday of the month from 10.00-11.30am at Grayswood Village Club. The morning was led by Allen Chubb and we embraced listening to his choice of wonderful music ranging from skiffle, street piano and fairground organ to music icons from the 50's and 60's - with a relaxing coffee and yummy biscuit break in the middle! Each member can join on the basis that they will eventually run a session themselves, presenting their chosen favourite music. Help with equipment and technology will be available, if requested and the cost is just £2.00pp. To join, please contact Allen Chubb, the Group Leader on the u3a website.

AMBLING, RAMBLING, WALKING, TALKING + A PUB LUNCH!!

As you can see from the u3a website, there are several popular walking groups ranging from the 9 Mile Ramblers to the 4 and 5 mile walking groups and the Ambling 3-4 milers. As well as being highly sociable – Members enjoy chatting over a coffee break or in some groups, a delicious pub lunch! – regular walking plays a huge part in promoting both our physical and mental health, so join up today!



SHARE YOUR NEWS!

We are always very interested to hear about Members' news - perhaps unique memories of their past or occasions to be cherished. If you would like to share your news or a memory of something special in your life, please email publicity@haslemereu3a.co.uk

GROUP PICTURES NEEDED



We always need Group photos for our Facebook page (and for the Newsletter too!) to promote Members having fun and enjoying u3a activities. Please email these to Judith, our Social Media Co-ordinator, via our [website contact page](#). Thank you. Published by Haslemere u3a, Haslemere Hall, Bridge Road, Haslemere GU27 2AS. Website: www.u3a.org.uk/haslemere An independent registered charity no: 1053049

