



The University of the Third Age  
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Hastings & Rother Branch  
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Dear Fellow Member

Please print this message, read it carefully and keep it – (stick it on the fridge) – for future reference

All U3A branches have received an email from the Third Age Trust (the U3A HQ) with advice about coronavirus issues.

In light of this advice we have **cancelled** the Speaker meeting scheduled for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the White Rock Theatre. We have also **cancelled** the coffee morning meetings planned for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the de la Warr Pavilion, Bexhill and the Royal Victoria Hotel, St Leonard's. There are 3 principal reasons for this:

- Coronavirus seems to have particular danger for older people (our membership)
- Many members of H&R U3A travel widely, both within the UK and overseas.
- The current advice from the Third Age Trust is to cancel or reduce the number of meetings until the spread of the virus can be better assessed and until further information becomes available from the UK government and/or the NHS

**An additional message for all Group Convenors.**

This is the current advice from the Third Age Trust.

Please contact all members of your Group to decide whether or not you will continue to hold your regular meetings. This is a matter for you and your Group members to decide individually and on your own responsibility; but I suggest that you take careful notice of the Third Age Trust advice. You may well wish to err on the side of caution in reaching a decision.

In case you wish to contact me, **please do so by email or post at:**  
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**Robert Hadland (Branch Chair)**

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