



Welcome to the January 2023 edition of the Mayfield and District u3a newsletter.

The snow was certainly picturesque, but was not ideal for getting about on the High Street which became a skating rink for the unwary.

I trust everyone enjoyed the seasonal sparkle, without any mishaps. MM.

### **Mary Brentnall our Chairman's Remarks**

#### **Happy New Year!**

We welcome Jenny Kendall and Madelyn Meredith, Newsletter Editor, onto the committee, as co-opted members, until the elections at the AGM.

What is new in 2023?

- Five Ashes Village Hall, as our venue for monthly meetings,
- Book Club Chapter 3,
- East Sussex East Network

The Sussex network (SUN) was dissolved in December and we are now part of a group in the East of the county setting up a more local and relevant group to share ideas and form a network of support.

**! NEW VENUE FOR MONTHLY MEETING !**

**Five Ashes Village Hall**

**Call Mary Brentnall for information on lifts to this : 01435-872-289**



**Thursday January 19th:** The Roaring Twenties with Delia Taylor. A light-hearted and cheerful start to our u3a year.

**Thursday February 16th:** Secrets, Sex, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court with Sarah Slater.

### Heathfield and District

**Tuesday January 17th:** Literary Paris with Brian Freeland

**Tuesday February 21st:** The Small Shop through the Ages with  
Dr.Jane Pennington

### Online ZOOM talks.

u3a Central Office has again arranged a great range of Zoom talks - click below for details and to join in - free, gratis and for nothing :

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

For example.....(there are many more)

Fridays 20/1 and 27/1 - 10am. "Sitting/Standing Yoga at Home"

Tuesday 31/1 - 10am. "Introduction to Cryptic Crosswords"



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTY



Did we get Figgy Pudding?	Yes/No
Was the food delicious?	Yes/No
How many people had lunch wearing their hats and coats?	1-60
Were the raffle prizes many and various?	Absolutely !
Did we get Dingbats in the quiz?	No I wanted to win a cruise What's a dingbat when it's at home?

Thanks to the hard work of Sue Wright, who catered, and of course to the committee and other faithful helpers, our lunch was well attended and hopefully enjoyed by all.

There were problems with the heating and the ice rink that was the car park, but at least the roof didn't leak and no-one actually broke a leg, thank goodness. It also gave us something to talk about that didn't involve war or Harry and Meghan.

On a serious note, thanks must go to the very generous shops and business owners who donated to our raffle.

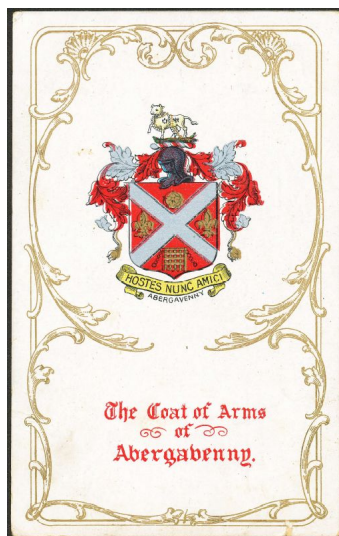
The Middle House, Mayfield Osteopaths, Burnetts, The Wine Shop, Wellbrook Wines, The Pizza Van, Rusden Home, Raj at Londis, Mark Cross Garden Centre, The Pharmacy, and in Frant, The George Inn, The Abergavenny Arms and the Hair Studio. We also are very grateful to whoever it was that donated a very posh hamper.....

A lot to live up to for the future I'm afraid.

Until next year then,

George Eliot

{ps:The raffle and the sale of drinks made nearly £300 so the social fund is healthy. Thank you for your generosity everyone !}



### Sunday Lunch at a Pub

I have booked a table at The Abergavenny Arms, Frant for 12.00 on Sunday 5 February 2023. Please contact me to reserve a place.

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(Hostes nunc Amici-Foes now Friends)

### NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

THE TABLE  
TENNIS GROUP  
IN ACTION



1st and 3rd  
Wednesdays - 10am



**BOOK GROUP - Chapter 2** continues to flourish despite the problems of the Covid years. Members take turns to review the selected book and to host the meeting on the second Monday of the month at 2pm.

The choice of books is as varied as the opinions which emerge when discussing them, so meetings are always stimulating and enjoyable.

Anyone interested should contact Polly Bradford on 01435 873946 or Alison McBrien 01825 764982

**FILM GROUP** meets on the 2nd Fri. of the month at 2.30pm.

We are a small informal and democratic group. We watch and discuss films that interest our members.

At the moment we're looking at South Korean films, using Bong Joon-Ho's Parasite (Oscar best film winner 2019) as our starting point. There are many interesting aspects to this: social criticism, the roles of women, the use of violence in film, styles of camera work etc, all set in a world that is similar to ours and yet very different.

Please do register your interest with us and we will put you on the waiting list for when a space becomes available.

Pauline McIldowie

### **On my Bookshelf' - share and discuss the books on your bookshelves.**

The idea behind the group stems from my realisation that I continue to buy new books and enjoy discussing them in several book groups, while still having books on my shelves acquired in various ways which merit another look or even reading for the first time.

I am always interested in other people's bookshelves and fascinated to hear the background to their acquisitions too. I hope there are others who share my interest and perhaps also want to share their books?

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PROPOSED MEETING DATE – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoon every other month

### **Book Club Chapter 3**

is now up and running and would welcome new members.

Our next meeting will be at 2.00 on Friday 3 February when we will discuss Notes from an Exhibition by Patrick Gale.

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