



Welcome to the March Mayfield and District u3a newsletter.

Forthcoming events

Mayfield and District - Five Ashes Village Hall - TN20 6TL - 2pm

Thursday March 16th : Trevor Weeks - East Sussex Wildlife Trust

Friday March 17th : 10-12 Coffee Gathering - Mark Cross Garden Centre

Sunday March 26th : 12 midday Sunday Lunch at The Wheel, Burwash. TN19 7LA

Wednesday 29th March : 11am SWAP returns - Middle House car park - see below.

Thursday April 20th : Gilly Halcrow - Churchill's Secret Army

Heathfield and District - The Community Centre TN21 0XG - 2pm.

Tuesday March 21st : Ian Everest - The Ouse Valley in the Past

Tuesday April 18th : The making of the film "A Curious Tale" - a local ghost story by Producer / Director Leigh Tarrant

Chairman's Report

We thought Spring was on its way but as I write Winter has returned and we have a covering of snow. I hope by the time you read this newsletter the temperature will have improved.

I am very grateful to Jenny Kendall who has taken on the role of web manager. As many of you know this has been well beyond my pay grade, and it is with great relief that I hand over to Jenny.

As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter we are starting a monthly coffee morning at Mark Cross Garden Centre. I hope to see some of you there, helping to publicise our u3a and buying your plants and seeds.

Mary Brentnall

Anna reports on the February talk

Mini-skirts, the Pill, Ban the Bomb and Flower Power.

At the time the 1960s seemed as though the old order was being overturned in a way that had never happened before.

However, our February speaker Sarah Slater, who is a guide at Hampton Court, gave us a talk on the mores of the 1660s that proved otherwise.

It was called Secrets, Sex, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court, and described the reaction of Society to the fall of the Puritans.

As ever, it was the top levels of society that had the fun, but even for them the licence to behave very badly was curbed to an extent by the threat of The Pox, and unwanted pregnancies.



Sarah arrived in 17th century dress, and her talk was beautifully illustrated.

She even passed round a 17th century condom, but made sure it was returned to her.

Apparently at one talk she gave, it was stolen!

Barbara Villiers in 1670.

Our next talk is by Trevor Weeks, and is about the East Sussex Wildlife Trust. It is always lovely to have a talk about something local to us and it is bound to be interesting. As usual now - Five Ashes Village Hall - on March 16th, at 2pm.

NEW EVENT : Coffee Gathering - Friday March 17th 10-12

Come by bus or car to Mark Cross Garden Centre for a delicious coffee and chat.

****SUNDAY LUNCH - March 26th - The Wheel at Burwash****

Telephone Mary to book : 01435-872289

Our talk on April 20th is by a speaker we know well, Gilly Halcrow. She will be talking about Churchill's Secret Army, and it will no doubt be enlightening as so much at that time was kept under wraps and is only just now coming to light.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

The Philosophy Group

Michael Chapman.

The philosophy group has recently been discussing current issues. For example:- 'Ethical issues in the recognition of sex and gender differentiation' - to what extent should we accept trans-sexuals' self-identification without medical evidence ?

'Theories of punishment and retribution' – is the purpose of punishment simply retribution or to reduce crime ?

'British constitutional issues'. The process of British government has many undemocratic elements. Should we accept their historical importance or adopt a more ethical approach ?

We also discuss more traditional philosophies and philosophers, Confucius being one recent example, but they range from Plato to Bertrand Russell #

!!! Current Affairs Group UpdateSpace for two more members !!!

Return of SWAP : Short Walk with Pub (lunch) book with Michael
07871-959-809 or michaelchapman@btinternet.com

Bridge GroupKeeping the little grey cells busy.....



On-line u3a talks

Here are just two of many offered.
All free on Zoom.

Friday March 17th -
12 midday

Jim Al-Khalili

Life on the Edge -
The Dawn of Quantum Biology



Thursday 23rd March - 2pm.

Neville Lyons

The Joe Lyons Story -
Food for Thought



BOOK YOUR PLACE at www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events

- Never put off till tomorrow what may be done the day after tomorrow
just as well. Mark Twain

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