



WELCOME TO THE APRIL 2023
EDITION OF THE MAYFIELD AND DISTRICT u3a NEWSLETTER

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

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

Wednesday April 26th 10.00-11.30 Coffee at Mark Cross Garden Centre

Sunday April 30th 12.00 Lunch at the Nevill, Crest and Gun, Eridge.

Thursday May 18th: Anthony Wood on Gertrude Bell

Thursday June 15th: Ian Gledhill presents Offenbach

**Heathfield and District - The Community Centre - TN21 0XG - 2pm.
(We have reciprocal visiting arrangements with Heathfield u3a)**

Tuesday April 18th : Producer Director Leigh Tarrant -

The making of the film "A Curious Tale"

Tuesday May 16th : Barbara Hibbart - "Loose Ends -

The Creation of the 20 Word Story"

Tuesday June 20th : Margaret Watson - Life on a Harp-string" from its history to the intricate mechanics, plus live playing.

EAST SUSSEX WILDLIFE RESCUE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE

TREVOR WEEKS M.B.E. spoke to us in March about the invaluable work of WRAS - East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service which is a front line rescue service to help people who find sick, injured and orphaned wildlife across East Sussex. Every year WRAS receives between 2-3,000 calls for help. On site WRAS's rescuers provide vital first aid to casualties, starting the care right at the beginning at the rescue location.

In 2012 Trevor was named in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, receiving the MBE, later that year he received the BBC Sussex & Surrey Community Heroes Award for Animal Welfare, and in 2013 the charity won the Local Animal Charity of the Year.

In December 2021 WRAS staff and volunteers were given a Wealden Heroes Award by local MP Nus Ghani for all their hard work throughout the Covid pandemic which saw WRAS deal with over 5100 casualties in 2020.

I've called on WRAS six times since moving to Heathfield to owls, deer and birds. We hear of centres closing but our wildlife isn't going to get any less. WRAS is extremely important. With more development and roads the poor creatures are going to get hit by cars or more. I hope everyone locally, or even nationally, can support them"
Jayne Torvill

Please help us help them! Find out more and donate at:
<https://wildlifeambulance.org/wildlife-crisis-appeal/>

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 **24 hr RESCUE HOTLINE**
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - The months seem to pass very quickly and here I am again. I can't tell you the difference for me now Madelyn is Newsletter Editor. Jenny Kendall, our new website manager, has made a start, as you will see if you visit u3asites.org.uk/mayfield. The U3A nationally is changing the system for all the websites so it seems sensible to let this change happen before doing too many alterations. We had the first coffee morning at Mark Cross Garden Centre and I feel it is something to continue during the summer months. We enjoyed a relaxing coffee, distributed some leaflets and gained a new member as a result. Mary Brentnall

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

NEW INTEREST GROUP - ITALIAN FOR

BEGINNERS - An opportunity to learn the basics of the Italian language for members who are interested in learning how to communicate in simple Italian with an emphasis on developing speaking and listening skills. This group will be led by an experienced Italian teacher. If interested, please contact Brunella Hinchliff for further details brunellavolante@gmail.com



SWAP - Short Walk and Lunch on their March outing.



French Conversation

This friendly group of Francophiles meets on the second Wednesday of the month and chats in French. Sometimes we have a subject to prepare but more often we just talk about places we have visited, films we have seen etc. Some people are more fluent than others, but everyone is very encouraging and all standards are welcome. If you would like to come for a taster, the next meeting will be at 2.00pm on Wednesday 12 April. For details contact marybrentnallu3a@gmail.com

*****Monthly Meeting 2.00pm on Thursday 20 April*****

If you have heard Gilly Halcrow speak before, perhaps in April 2021 when she was on Zoom talking about The Shetland Bus, you will already know that this is an afternoon to keep free.

She will be speaking on Churchill's Secret Army, also known as The Special Operations Executive, Gilly was inspired to research this subject as her father was in the SOE and I can guarantee it will be a talk well worth hearing.

Mary Brentnall

See below for some beautiful winter photographs by u3a members -

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes/found-in-nature>

Just a couple of the many fascinating free online events via u3a central offices

Book your place at www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events

Tuesday 18th April 10.30-3.30 Science Network Event - three talks !

Super-Food and Anti-Oxidants; Earthquakes; The History of London Sewers.

Thursday 20 April 2pm Peter Webb reveals the world of Toulouse Lautrec and

the Montmartre Cabarets of Paris in the eighteen nineties.



M.Lautrec paints M.Lautrec

(c. 1891), a [photomontage](#) by [Maurice Guibert](#)



“Nothing can dim the light that shines from within” poet, Maya Angelou.

Please do email me with any ideas/ requests/ criticisms/ general comments.
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