



Welcome to the February 2024 edition  
of Mayfield and District u3a Newsletter

**\*\* FORTHCOMING EVENTS\*\***

**Mayfield and District u3a at Five Ashes Village Hall - TN20 6JA - 2pm**

Thursday 21st March - Odd Corners of London - Jo Livingston

Thursday 18th April - The Pantiles - Frances Farrer-Brown

Thursday 16th May - Black Teeth and Dirty Fingernails - David Allen

**Heathfield and District u3a at The Community Centre - TN21 0XG - 2pm**

Tuesday March 19th - Wealden Recycling - Julie Goodwin

Tuesday 16th April - Secrets, Sex and Scandal - Sarah Slater

Tuesday 21st May - The Development of Pick and Mix Cocktails -

Simon Jackowski

## **Chairman's Report.**

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We continue to attract new members and the more we have the more interest groups we can offer. Non members are always welcome to the monthly meetings. We had several at Michael Blencowe's talk and three of them plan to join. If you have friends or neighbours who may be interested let me know and I can send them a recruitment leaflet or you could invite them to a meeting.

Mary Brentnall



### **Table Tennis Group**

The table tennis group continues to be very popular, meeting twice a month in Colkins Mill Church. There has been a change at the helm, with Therese Larum taking over from Michael Chapman. The group would like to thank Michael for his efficient and reliable leadership.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Therese Larum  
[thereselarum@hotmail.com](mailto:thereselarum@hotmail.com)

### **THE NEW SCRABBLE GROUP**

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Next meeting will again be in the Heathfield Co-op restaurant on Wednesday 21st February at 2pm. Come along and learn some more weird and wonderful two letter words you never knew existed !

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me  
email: [annie.schofield21@gmail.com](mailto:annie.schofield21@gmail.com) or m. 077 888 94648



## MAYFIELD COMMUNITY FILM



Some u3a members took part as extras in the medieval feast filmed in the Chapel of Mayfield School on Sunday 11th February - it was a wonderfully atmospheric venue and a most delightful interlude, with a delicious supper kindly provided by the school chef.

One of our upcoming talks is by a fellow u3a member - Jo Livingston - her talk has been given many accolades and will surely have us all

heading for the capital to seek out those Odd Corners of London for ourselves.

If you enjoy our monthly get togethers and talks, or if you prefer to stick to group activities - do spread the word to friends in Mayfield and outlying areas - there really is something for everyone within the u3a umbrella.

Even if you do not want to go out, you can enjoy an extraordinary richness of online talks

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

With everything from Cryptic Crosswords to Laughter Yoga via

The Secrets of the Human Mind and Exploring World Faiths.

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The talk this month was given by Sussex wildlife enthusiast and knowledgeable specialist extraordinaire - Michael Blencowe.

Our talks secretary had pursued this speaker for several years as he is in great demand both locally and further afield, including on some cruise holidays and overseas wildlife tours.

The breadth of his knowledge is amazing and his engaging delivery had us laughing as well as learning as we took a flying tour of the county's superlative wildlife. We discovered that the geological structure of this small corner of the UK is perhaps the main reason that we enjoy such richness of life, from beetles to butterflies, birds, mammals and insects, many of which are resident, but augmented by flyovers from the near continent - most of which are very welcome.

<https://michaelblencowe.com/>

Go to his website to sign up for his newsletter, which is sure to be as entertaining and informative as his books and talks.