



**Welcome to the  
March 2024 edition of  
Mayfield and District  
u3a Newsletter.**

Forthcoming Events:

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

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

Friday 19th April - SWAP - a short walk before lunch  
at The Middle House  
Sunday 21st April - lunch at The Peacock, Shortbridge, near Uckfield

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

Thursday 20th June - The Bayeux Tapestry - James Dickinson

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

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

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

Tuesday 18th June - First Aid at Home - Leo Parfitt

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

With all the recent rain, the countryside is looking very green and now the spring flowers and blossom have added colour, I feel very fortunate to live in such a beautiful corner of England.

We continue to expand and there will be a new members' party in May. If you have any friends or neighbours who are interested please let me know, or invite them to the next monthly meeting.

We shall have a stall at the Mayfair on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May so please let me know if you could help with publicity and recruitment that day.

I am joining the Exploring London on Foot group this week. Following Jo Livingston's interesting talk, I am really looking forward to discovering some hidden treasures. We have a committee meeting at the end of April so if you have anything you would like discussed please let me know in the next couple of weeks.

Mary Brentnall

\*\*\*\*\* **NEWS FROM THE GROUPS** \*\*\*\*\*

### **Science Group**

The science group is back and would welcome new members.

It meets on the third Monday of the month at 2.00pm at Ridgeview House, Meres Lane, TN21 0TZ.

If you would like to come for a taster session the next meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

To find out more, contact Trevor Devon. [trevordevon@madasafish.com](mailto:trevordevon@madasafish.com) or 01435 873898

### **French Conversation Group**

Parlez-vous francais? Come and join us on the second Wednesday of every month at 2pm for some French conversation. We are a small group of French speakers who like to practise our French regularly through general conversation. Fluency is not required but a certain level of confidence is preferable. We take it in turns to host in our homes. If you are interested in joining our Group, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Kendall, tel. 0777 213 6259 or email: [jennykendall@ymail.com](mailto:jennykendall@ymail.com).



## The Pantiles, a talk by Frances Farrer-Brown

2.00pm April 18th, Five Ashes Village Hall

However varied our monthly talks are, coincidentally those of both March and April were, or will be, about places, or rather the hidden delights within places we think we know.

Jo Livingston was indeed successful in tempting some of us to get on a train to London, but Frances Farrer-Brown will be leading us towards Tunbridge Wells, a mere bus ride away.

The Pantiles is a well known tourist hotspot of shops and buildings that is always a pleasure to wander through, but I suspect we will be shown another aspect of the area altogether.

Frances Farrer-Brown has been a Blue Badge qualified guide since 1999, and due to her meticulous research has a wonderful grasp of historical and cultural insights.

She is full of humour and enthusiasm, and we can expect to be not only entertained, but to learn a lot.

As ever, our talks are free to our members, but all are welcome, for a small fee of £2.00, which includes refreshments.

Anyone who wants to know more can email our chairman ([marybrentnallu3a@gmail.com](mailto:marybrentnallu3a@gmail.com)), or visit our branch website, which is [www.u3asites.org/mayfield](http://www.u3asites.org/mayfield).

See you there....

Anna Thompson

### EXPLORING LONDON ON FOOT

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The recent walk with both Heathfield and Mayfield u3a members took us into the heart of Roman London. It was interesting to see the ancient walls and the modern skyscrapers and much in between.



Keep an eye out for the date of the next walk.  
London is full of hidden treasures. MB.

