

"u3a membership is more than just joining, it is about joining in"

### Two AGMs in one!

#### **Notice of Midhurst u3a Annual General Meeting 20 April 2021 at 2.30pm by Zoom**

Covid-19 meant that our 2020 AGM due to be held in May was postponed, with the agreement of the Charity Commission. The 2021 AGM would normally be in May but has been brought forward to enable both to be held on the same day, in a combined form

You need to have renewed your membership to attend the AGM or vote - so don't delay! A renewal form accompanies this newsletter. You will then in early April be sent an email from midhurstu3a@gmail.com, or a written note for those who do not have an email address, to enable you to join the Zoom meeting and vote, and enclosing the accounts.

#### **A G E N D A**

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting** - copy herewith.
3. **Annual Report by the Chairman**
4. **Treasurer's Report** - copies of the Annual Accounts for 2020-21 will be made available a few days before the meeting. For 2019-20 they have already been sent to all who were members in July onwards and subsequent joiners. The figures will be in the right hand column of the 2020-21 accounts.
5. **Annual subscriptions** from 1 April each year - approval required:
  - a) 2020-21 reduced from £10 per person to £5 per person to reflect the lack of activity due to Covid-19
  - b) 2021-22 reduced from £10 per person to £7.50 per person to reflect the lack of activity due to Covid-19
  - c) 2022-23 to revert to £10 per personNB: Subscriptions include payment by Midhurst u3a to the Third Age Trust of £3.50, increasing to £4 for 2022, which are not payable for or by those who are already full members of another u3a.
6. **Approval of the appointment** of David Earley as the independent examiner of the accounts.
7. **Election of the Committee for 2021-22** - you may nominate any of our members for election to the Committee (Trustees) for the coming year but anyone you nominate must agree to stand. Nominations – duly agreed, proposed and seconded – must be sent by 31 March in writing to the Secretary, Penny Holland, 7 Lakeside, Midhurst, GU29 9SG or email midhurstu3a@gmail.com with subject title "Nomination". You do not need to nominate the existing Committee members who have agreed to stand: David Barlow, Carol Brinson, Penny Holland, Malcolm Hutchings, Odette Marshall, Di Ponting, David Ratcliffe, Geoff Wadge, Philip Watts, and Jeannine Murphy who was co-opted. They will automatically be elected if there are no other nominations or will be included in an election if there are more than ten standing. In addition, Ian Woodhams is continuing as a co-opted member, with the specific role of Monthly Talks hall organiser, and Pat Bryant continues as Hon. Membership Secretary.
8. **Any other business** - any member wishing to raise a matter please put it in writing and send it to the Secretary - Penny Holland, 7 Lakeside, Midhurst, GU29 9SG or email midhurstu3a@gmail.com - by 31 March.

### **After the formal meeting**

A short talk by u3a member Joy Grant : 'Sara Lee Household & Body Care at Slough'

A few words from some of the Group Leaders about their activities during the lockdown

A taste of what the Committee is planning (fingers crossed!) and of the national "u3a Day" on 2nd June

### **Monthly Talks - Tuesdays 2.30pm (except 18 May which will be 10.30am by Zoom)** **To be held in the Methodist Church Hall if Covid-19 allows, otherwise by Zoom** **- a chance to socialise as well as hear an interesting speaker -**

- 18 May** "A Grandmother's Legacy : a memoir of five generations who lived through the days of the British Raj" - Jenny Mallin  
**15 June** "Petersfield Museum : a progress report on the redevelopment" - Bill Gosney  
**20 July** "SOE - Special Operations Executive : Churchill's Secret Army" - Gillian Halcrow  
**17 August** "Escape of Charles II through Sussex in 1651" - Helen Poole  
**21 September** "Matabeleland to Southern Rhodesia : an extraordinary adventure" - Jill Baker  
**19 October** "Uppark : Fire & Restoration" - Bob France

(subject to change)



**Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!** With this "What's on?" is your subscription renewal form. If you received it via email and don't have access to a printer please ask for a copy. Please do renew immediately. If you are going to pay on-line, you are welcome to scan the form and email it - see the form for the address. Please use black ink. Did you know that if you have an ipad or iphone you don't need a scanner? You can do this >>>>> open the Notes app, press the camera button, select 'scan documents', take a picture of the form, send via email.

**Logo** Did you notice the new u3a logo on the front page?  
The Third Age Trust has launched a new look for us all to use.

**Much change on the Committee!** Di Ponting and Dave Ratcliffe, in line with our Constitution, are retiring from their roles as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, but happily are willing to stay on the Committee. Sara Dodds, who was Secretary until recently, has now left the Committee and Sanchia Elsdon (responsible for publicity) is leaving after the AGM. Jeannine Murphy has joined and will be learning to deputise for the Treasurer. Midhurst u3a owes them all much gratitude.

**Officers:** It is proposed that Geoff Wadge (Outings Chairman and whizz on the speaker system at monthly talks) becomes Chairman and Philip Watts (renowned organiser of the bus safaris and adviser on the use of internet technology) becomes Vice-Chairman. Subject to the election, appointments will be confirmed shortly after the AGM. You will then hear more about all the Committee members and their roles.



*Between lockdowns, the Short Walkers carried on but kept their distance. Other groups have been Zooming and emailing.*

## u3a beyond Midhurst

Your subscription to Midhurst u3a includes a membership subscription for the Third Age Trust (unless you already belong to another u3a) and affiliation to entitle you to attend the activities of the Sussex u3a Network and the South East u3a Region:

**Sussex u3a Network (SUN)** [www.u3asites.org.uk/sussexu3anetwork](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/sussexu3anetwork). Events for members of all the u3as in Sussex, including Saturday Study Days. Further information on the SUN and Midhurst u3a websites or from Dave Ratcliffe.

**South East u3a Region** [www.u3asites.org.uk/south-east](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/south-east). Events including a popular Summer School based at the University of Chichester.

**The Third Age Trust** [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk), tel 020 8466 6139, facebook u3aUK and u3a: Keeping In Touch. The u3a national body for all u3as and their members in the UK, providing educational and administrative support, insurance cover, information including frequent newsletters, learning resources, subject advisors, merchandise, and events, including summer schools and a Science Network. The Advice section on the Trust's website is of particular use to group leaders, event organisers, and committee members. The Trust's guidance is especially relevant as charity legislation becomes tighter. Publications include *Third Age Matters*, which Midhurst u3a has arranged to be sent by post to all our group leaders and committee members. Please pass on the relevant information to your groups and fellow members.

## Midhurst u3a Communication

**A Programme of Activities for the year** is normally given to every member when they renew or join. It includes **phone numbers and email addresses** for group leaders and committee members. No Programme of Activities was issued for 2020-21 but a pack of information was sent with the renewal forms in July and to new members when they joined.

**Website:** [midhurstu3a.org.uk](http://midhurstu3a.org.uk) **Includes contact page for various enquiries, group leaders, and committee members.** Updated regularly.

**"What's on?"** newsletter: a normally twice-yearly printed newsletter about forthcoming events and updates and news from groups.

**Midhurst u3a news emails** are issued approximately fortnightly to members. If you would like to contribute, or to receive them if you don't already, or to come off the list, contact Di Ponting.

**Notices** are given out and **information** is displayed at the Monthly Talks.

**Privacy statement** (required by General Data Protection law): Midhurst u3a will store personal details securely for membership and Gift Aid and MailChimp enews purposes only (where applicable) and will use them to communicate with you as a member and to share with group leaders for those groups of which you become a member and with organisers of u3a events for which you book. You can request for your data not to be used. We cannot be responsible for other websites to which we may provide links. See the full Privacy Policy on our website or ask for a copy. Photographs of members taking part in u3a activities are used for publicity purposes. If you do not wish to be included please inform the photographer at the time the photo is taken.