

## 7th Annual Study Day - ~~Saturday 19 October~~

**News alert - this event has been postponed**

9.45am-4.00pm

### From New York to New Mexico: Diversity in American Art 1900–1950



**Tutor: Bernard Allan**

**At the South Downs Centre Memorial Hall,  
North Street, Midhurst**

**We shall explore the diverse ways in which artists depicted  
the sweeping changes in urban and rural life as America  
became the world's foremost industrial nation**

**Fee: £18 to include buffet lunch and all refreshments**

**Please contact Pat Bryant to ~~book~~ be advised of new date  
when it's arranged**



**Monthly General Meetings** are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month at 2.30 in the Methodist Hall, North Street, Midhurst. Members £2, Guests £3. Come by 2.15 for a cup of tea and a biscuit, buy tickets for events, watch our version of 'Pearl & Dean' and browse the noticeboards for information on U3A groups and activities, socialise with other members, and enjoy a talk from a visiting speaker. The next three are:

**20 August - Frances Farrer-Brown : Families, Friends, and Foreigners** A light-hearted look at running a bed and breakfast business. What it's like sharing a home with total strangers, the extraordinary things that guests do and say plus the lowdown on tourist board inspectors. A farmer's daughter from Oxfordshire, Frances trained as a nurse at St Thomas' hospital in London where she met her husband, David. After marrying they spent a year in what was then Rhodesia and then eventually ended up in Sussex, where they bought a large dilapidated house and started running a B and B in 1979. She trained as a Blue Badge Tourist guide in 1998 and "hasn't stopped talking since!".

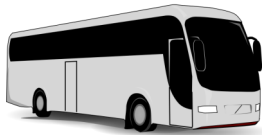


**17 September - Ian Keable : History of Cartoons: from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present Day** Is there a revival in the wonderful genre of political cartoons? From Hogarth to Private Eye, Ian romps through the ups (18<sup>th</sup> century) to the downs (Victorian era) of this satirical art form. Ian graduated from Oxford University in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, qualified as a Chartered Accountant and then became a professional magician. Ian is an expert on 18<sup>th</sup> century hoaxes and the images and contemporary reports associated with them.

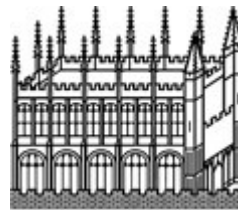
David Low, 1940

**15 October - Dr Alexandra Loske : The Moon in Art and Science** Humans have been fascinated with our nearest heavenly body, the Earth's Moon, since prehistoric times. This year it will be 50 years since we first set foot on the moon during the Apollo space missions. In this lecture Alexandra will show how our obsession with the Moon has manifested itself in the visual arts, from the earliest ritualistic drawings, to scientific observation, Romantic symbolism, silent movies, and space race propaganda. A German-born art historian, lecturer at Sussex University and curator at the Royal Pavilion in Brighton, Alexandra specialises in late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century art and architecture. Well known to us as an entertaining speaker, Alexandra returns for a fifth visit.





## Outing Thursday 3 October to Oxford



to include a tour of the Bodleian Library and free time to explore.

Tickets approx £40 (to be confirmed) will be on sale at our Monthly General Meetings or contact Committee member Geoff Wadge

## Oyez! Oyez! .....

### Committee

After ten hard-working years Sara Dodds has retired as Secretary, although happily she continues as a Committee member. The new Secretary is Penny Holland. Penny will continue for the time being as Groups Co-ordinator until she can hand that baton on to someone else. She will meanwhile have help from Carol Brinson and Geoff Wadge with some of the secretarial duties.

Tina Fenwick Smith having retired from the Committee, Sara has taken on the task of Monthly Meetings Hospitality - being responsible for the tea rota (see "Help needed" in next column) as well as welcoming and thanking the speakers and looking after the "meeters and greeters".

### Contacts

By the time you read this you should have received the new **Programme of Activities**. It contains the contact details for all Group Leaders and Committee Members. Therefore, to save space, phone numbers and email addresses are not repeated in "What's on?". They are also on the website.

### Congratulations!

The winners of the "How well do you know Midhurst" Quiz and the "25" Competition were announced at the 25th anniversary party on 20 June : Quiz: Barry Freedman; Competition: Pat Bryant. The prize for each was a set of vouchers totalling £25 to be used to pay for admission to Monthly Meetings or towards any other Midhurst U3A activity. For the quiz, because it was much more difficult, the winner also received a bottle of wine.

Group leaders and other organisers may accept the vouchers and pass them to the Treasurer, as if they are cash. The amount will be credited to the activity from our General funds. If in any doubt please ask.

### Discount

C & H Fabrics in Chichester have agreed to give a 10% discount to Midhurst U3A members.

To take advantage of this please ask Pat Bryant, the Acting Membership Secretary, for a membership card, which you will need to show at the shop.

## Help needed please!

**Monthly Meetings tea rota:** Recently we have been calling upon groups to take it in turn to make and serve the teas. We now think it would be better if a special team of members could be formed to carry out this important and sociable task. Please contact Committee member Sara Dodds to offer your help as often as you can.



**Photos** of U3A activities wanted for the website. Please email any time to Committee Member Dave Ratcliffe. Anyone not wishing to be included in a photo should inform the photographer at the time the photograph is taken.

**In general:** The spirit of all U3As is for everyone to play a part. Please do offer a helping hand within your group or with any of our activities in any way you are able.



## Highlights and news about groups

**See your Programme of Activities or [www.midhurstu3a.org.uk](http://www.midhurstu3a.org.uk) for more information and the contact details for group leaders**

There are 49 groups - here is news of a few:

**Boules/Darts** We are now back at the White Horse Easebourne for boules. The garden and interior of the pub have been refurbished and we were warmly received on our first Wednesday back. Two members have recently left the group so we have been able to reduce our waiting list. Denise Skinner

**Build a Model Railway** Meetings resume on 18 September. Our new deadline to "complete" our layout is the Liphook & District MRC Open Day on Sunday 27 October at the Milland Valley Memorial Hall. Tony Bettger

**Bus Safaris** Two more trips this year. Please book with Philip Watts (first come first served as numbers are limited):

1. Wednesday 24 July to Earham and Bignor Roman Villa leaving on bus no 1 for Petworth at 10.30 from Midhurst

**Bus Station.** In Petworth we will have a short coffee break before boarding the small 99 book-on-request bus to Eartham where we will have plenty of time for a walk and, if you wish, lunch or snack at the splendid George pub. Later we take another 99 to Bignor Roman Villa before taking the bus through to Chichester and thence back to Midhurst by about 6pm. Travel on the 99 will be booked in advance by Philip.

2. Wednesday 18 September to Pagham Nature Reserve and the new hi-tech Selsey lifeboat. Details nearer the time.

**Dog Walking** We now have 15 members but walks are usually no more than six people and six dogs. Members have organised walks so we have seen lots of lovely - and new to some - scenery. We have even used our bus passes to take a short cut back! The dogs get on well together although of a variety of sizes and breeds. Always something new. Tricia Stephens

**History Two** is a small participatory group that since September 2018 has explored a diverse range of 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> century European topics.

Its future 16<sup>th</sup> century programme includes the Rise of Science & Medicine, Women of the Reformation, the Development of European Trade & Commerce and the Emergence of the New World.

Meetings take place at 10.30am on the second Monday of the month in the Reading Room of the Sanitorium on the King Edward VII Estate. New members are always welcome. Christine Musgrove

**Jigsaw Puzzle Swap** The venue on 26 July will change. Please contact Di Ponting before going.

**Opera Appreciation** At present we have 21 members and meet once a month in a private house.

We had a bit of a wobble earlier in the year when it proved difficult to find a new Group Leader because we are all so modest, but in the end Vanessa Blaber volunteered and we are soldiering on.

As music lovers we all seem to have collections of cds and we take it in turns to present one at the meetings, telling the story of the opera and playing the best bits. We have recently branched out into oratorio as well.

In October we will, for the first time, have an evening meeting when we will show a film – The Beggar's Opera. This will be at Stedham Village Hall. Visitors welcome.

**Petworth Coffee Morning** We continue to add new members to the list and enjoy the diverse subjects that come up in conversation and getting to know new people. Usually about eight attend and sometimes we are able to enjoy the beautiful garden. Tricia Stephens

**Science & Technology** We are planning a trip to Brooklands Museum on Friday 9 August for what is referred to as a "Jump Start" visit followed by "The Concorde Experience". Cost £20 per head which covers the visit to the museum and Concorde. After a short talk about the museum we will be free to see the various exhibits. The Concorde Experience is

at 2.55pm actually on the Concorde.

Following this David Hargreaves has arranged for his friend Ian, who was a First Officer on the Concorde, to give a short talk about it and be available to answer any questions.

Mike Pope

**Smartphone** This is a self help group where members get together to find out and use all the features of a smartphone. There is now space for new people so if you are interested please email me. Pat Mutter

## U3A beyond Midhurst

Your subscription to Midhurst U3A includes a membership subscription for the Third Age Trust and an affiliation fee 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)

**11 November in Alton** : A One Day Event open to all U3As in the South East Region on the topic of 'Interest Groups', the life-blood of all U3As.

### The Third Age Trust

The U3A national body for all the U3As in the UK, providing educational and administrative support, insurance cover, information, and events.

[www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk), tel 020 8466 6139, facebook U3A UK

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. You should let the Midhurst U3A Secretary, Penny Holland, know if you do not receive it but would like to, or do not want to receive it any more, so that she can update the list supplied to the Third Age Trust for the external organisation which distributes it.

**Forthcoming events** include: Summer Schools : Volunteers needed to help run them : 12-15 August in Birmingham and 10-13 September in Cirencester.

## Useful information for research

A handy guide to the strengths of 12 libraries and collections in local museums and other organisations has been produced by the Chichester Area Research Libraries and Archives Group : see <https://researchcollection.chi.ac.uk>.



## What was on recently?

### !! CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MIDHURST U3A !!

The 25th Anniversary Garden Party on a not-so-flaming June evening was much enjoyed. Good company, foot-tapping music and dancing in the garden between the showers with the Nick Taylor Trio, drinks a-flowing, superb food from Sally Bates Catering, cake from Cockburn's Tea Rooms cut and quickly eaten. A raffle held on the night raised a splendid £120.88 for 4Sight Vision Support.

Bridget Howard had the honour of cutting the cake



A fun evening and a financial success! The Pelynt Male Choir and MRC Jazz Band concert in April raised £2000! £1000 for 4Sight Vision Support Midhurst Centre and £1000 for the jazz band. The cheques were duly presented



Pioneers! Members enjoy a sunny day in Old Bosham on the first of our new Bus Safaris. See inside pages



The Architecture Group on a "London Blitz" guided visit. Obviously very thought-provoking

"Curtain call" by the Opera Appreciation Group. See inside pages



## Midhurst U3A Communication

A Programme of Activities for the year is given to every member when they renew or join. It includes phone numbers and email addresses for group leaders and committee members as at June 2019. There may be additions or changes after that - please see our website.

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

**What's on?** is published quarterly for all members and others. It is issued at or just before General Meetings or posted or hand-delivered or emailed soon after. If you would like to contribute contact Carol Brinson. Last date for next contributions is 30 Sept for mid-Oct issue.

**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 General Meetings (see front page of this *What's on?*).

**PRIVACY STATEMENT** Because of the General Data Protection Regulations, when joining or renewing you are asked to give us permission to use the information you have supplied in the following ways: to store it securely for the purposes of membership and Gift Aid and MailChimp enews (if applicable), to communicate with you as a U3A member, to share with group leaders for those groups of which you are a member or with organisers of events or outings for which you book. You can ask for your data not to be used for any of these purposes at any time via links on [www.u3asites.org.uk/midhurst/contact](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/midhurst/contact) or by speaking to any committee member (phone numbers are in your Programme of Activities).

**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 photograph is taken.

**Group leaders and committee members** should also see the Third Age Trust piece about "Third Age Matters" on page 3 of this newsletter.

Postscript:

**Membership Secretary**

As some of you will have heard, Carole Allan, our Membership Secretary for many years, has sadly decided she has to retire, due to ill health.

Her duties are being shared amongst the Committee until a replacement can be found. Please, therefore, use the following contact details for anything to do with your membership :

: by email (preferred): Pat Bryant : by phone if you can't email: the Secretary, Penny Holland.

If you feel you could help with the enjoyable role of Membership Secretary, even on a temporary basis, please do contact one of us.

Midhurst U3A Committee

September 2019