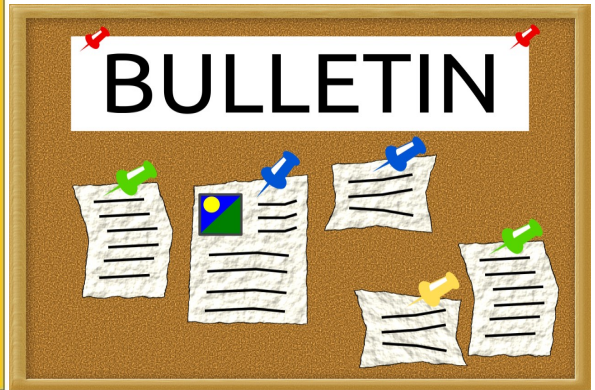




JANUARY 2024



Happy New Year

Monthly Meeting


January 2024
Thursday 4th January at 2:15pm
in The Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven

A Conspiracy History Of The World

A talk by

Andy Thomas

author and lecturer on mysteries and histories



NEWHAVEN 2.15 pm

Main Hall,
Hillcrest Centre,
Bay Vue Road,
BN9 9LH.



Please remember to bring your own cup/mug for tea/coffee

Please note that the date of the May monthly meeting has changed from May 2nd to May 9th due to local elections in both venues. Please check the [Dates For Your Diary](#) section and page 8 in this Bulletin to see how this has effected the previously planned speakers.

Marian

Monthly Bulletin

The **Monthly Bulletin** contains any important information or updates to the information published in the preceding Newsletter and it is only distributed by email.

Please send all content for the Monthly Bulletin to John Harrison at 01273 586766 or harrystjohn2003@yahoo.co.uk to arrive before 26th of the month.

If you know a member who does not have email please pass any relevant information onto them.



Get well and sympathy cards

If you know of any u3a member who is ill or in hospital and would appreciate a cheery card from us all at the u3a, please let **Marion Booker** know on: **01273 587712 / 07772078052**

The u3a is a self-help learning organisation for people who have completed their career or finished raising a family and is an equal opportunities organisation welcoming all members.



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our email u3aNP@outlook.com



u3a Newhaven & Peacehaven

<https://u3asites.org.uk/newhaven-peacehaven>

GROUPS & GROUP NEWS



Interest Groups

Details of all Interest Groups can be found on our website or by contacting the appropriate Group Leader:

Art Club: Graham Heys - 01273 585999	Book Group Newhaven: Delia Boatin - 01273 514303
Book Group Peacehaven: Rose Lawrence - 01273 580908	Boccia: Mick Etheridge - 07766514161
Bridge: Jacquie Webber - 0742815944	
Book Group - Under the Covers Joyce Bourne - 07879441106	
Chatter Boxes: Doreena Evans - 01273 585089	Crochet: Angela Barnet - 07788230523
Classical Music: John Pheby - 01273 579642	Cribbage: Nigel Barnes - 07963431887
Discussion 1 Peacehaven: Jacquie Webber - 07428159444	
Discussion 2 Newhaven: Marian Stanley - 01273 611068	
Gardening: John Shepherd - 01273 516079	Keep Fit: Jacquie Webber - 07428159444
Laptops, Tablets and Smart Phones: Tony Garwood - 07428122161	
Lunch Bunch: Sharon Ahearn - 01273 589953	
Mahjong: Joan Farrimond - 01273 580143	Movies Club: John Pheby - 01273 579642
Meditation: Kevin Knight - 01273 786488	Music Appreciation: John Pheby - 01273 579642
Needles & Pins: Pat Bethel- 01273 758041	Rock Music Appreciation: Tony Garwood - 07428122161
Scrabble: Yvonne Maclaughlin - 01273 581523	Singing for Pleasure: Pam Beaumont- 01273 982218
Ten Pin Bowling: Alan Worth - 01273 302967	Theatre Group: Jacquie Webber - 07428159444
Ukulele: Marian Stanley - 01273 611068	Walking: Pam Thompson - pamthompson2@btinternet.com
Wine Tasting: Tony Garwood: tonygarwood@hotmail.com	

Group Coordinators

Pam Beaumont on 01273 982218 or prmbeaumont@hotmail.com

Tricia Shepherd on 01273 516079 or johndtricia@tiscali.co.uk

Groups News

Lunch Bunch Update

Obituary for Iris Newcombe

Iris Newcombe has recently died at the age of 81. She had been a member of our u3a for about 14 years. Iris was a nurse and for many years had been a night nurse at a hospice further along the South Coast. Iris became a regular part of the Lunch Bunch when I took it over all those years ago. She liked the meals on offer and always thanked me for organising our monthly meet-ups in local pubs and restaurants and praised/appreciated the lunch she had ordered. She also regularly attended the monthly meetings in Newhaven and Peacehaven which she also enjoyed. I nicknamed her "Trouble" as she had to be careful what she eat or ordered. She loved the name...and used it herself. She will be missed among the "Lunch Bunchers"..... 2023 was a very difficult year for Iris as the 2 cancers she had had came back with a vengeance and the stays in hospital grew. We send our condolences to her grown up children Richard, Michael and Amanda. Rest in Peace "Trouble"....

**Sharon Ahearn
Lunch Bunch**

Board Game Group

Would you be interested in joining a Board Games Group once a month, initially just during the winter months? Not scrabble, mah-jong, bridge or cribbage as we already have groups for these games.

Times and venues will depend on how many people are interested.

Please email me your name if interested and we can arrange an initial meeting in January. Sally Freeman email: sally.freeman1@btinternet.com or 01273 513707 for enquires, there is an answerphone.

Sally

Scrabble Group

The weekly Scrabble Group meet in the **Library** on a Thursday at 2pm.

Meditation Group

The u3a Meditation sessions will be on Tuesday 2nd January (First Tuesday) and Tuesday 23rd January (Fourth Tuesday – **Not** the 16th the Third Tuesday).

Sorry for the change from the regular dates.

Kevin

The next meeting of the Rock Music Group will be on Friday 5th January 2024



The group usually meets the first Friday afternoon of each month for a couple of hours. Each month two members bring along some vinyl records from their collection and we listen and discuss over a cup of coffee or tea.

The whole of rock music is to choose from.

If you would like to know more about the group contact the Group Leader Tony on 07428122161 or tonygarwd@hotmail.com.



Keep Fit Thursdays at 10.40am – Telscombe Civic Centre



Keep Fit will be returning after the Christmas break on Thursday 4th January. Unfortunately costs have risen and we have had to increase the price of each lesson to £5 which is still an absolute bargain for the tuition we receive and, of course, all the fun we have. This group is jointly run by Newhaven & Peacehaven u3a and 5 Deans u3a and all members of both groups are very welcome.

For more details contact Jacquie on 07428159444 / jacquiewr@hotmail.com



Behind the Seams & IKEA Croydon – Friday 8th March – £65



Deposit of £20 to secure your place.

Join us for a great day out in Croydon! In the morning we will be off to IKEA for a bit of retail therapy.

After some lunch we will be on the move to Behind the Seams where each of us will be warmly greeted with a glass of prosecco or soft drink. We will learn about the dresses and costumes as seen on "Strictly Come Dancing", the real stars of the show! We will be told how long it takes to make the dresses, explaining the process from initial design, by award winning costume designer Vicky Gill, to final rhinestone and the specifics of any performance dress.

There will be lots of costumes on display and we will be taken through the process of how they are made. We will be told how the designers came into making all the Strictly costumes and why they love and fear it. No doubt there will be a few secrets shared about the Strictly stars.

Discover the unique challenges faced by the UK production industry and the exceptional efforts required to consistently meet tight deadlines. There will be a Q&A Session. Feel free to ask any questions that pique your curiosity. We will conclude our journey with a guided tour through the showroom, stock rooms, and production facilities, where creativity and precision converge.

This is a great day out costing £65 per person for the Behind the Seams tour and coach hire. Entrance to IKEA is free but you will have to pay for your own shopping!

Jacquie

80th Anniversary of D Day Outing

6th June next year will mark the 80th anniversary of D Day. To commemorate this event, we will be organising a trip to Portsmouth in June. The morning will be spent at the wonderful D Day Museum, the only museum in the UK dedicated to the Allied Invasion in June 1944. It tells the unique personal stories behind this epic event. Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, a £5 million redevelopment project was completed in 2018. The museum was transformed to provide an engaging insight into the lives of those who took part in D-Day. whether they were on the shore in Portsmouth, or went over to Normandy.

For the afternoon, we plan to tour the historic ship The Mary Rose. There are 3 galleries showing how the men of the Mary Rose lived and worked. This year a new immersive 4D theatre experience opened. It explores the history of when the Mary Rose sank 377 years ago, right up to the present day. At the moment we can't confirm a date, or a price, for the trip but it would be good to know how many members would be interested in this trip.

Jacquie



THE D-DAY STORY
PORTSMOUTH

The Theatre Group

To book your place
phone Jacquie on 07428159444
or email jacquiewr@hotmail.com

When paying for theatre trips in cash/cheque, please bring it in a sealed envelope marked with you name and the trip. Please pay for all theatre trips in one go.

And Then There Were None – Theatre Royal Brighton – Thursday 11th January 2024 at

2.30pm £32

[Optional pre-theatre lunch at Pinocchio's](#)

And Then There Were None – The Best Selling Crime Novel of all time – Directed by **Lucy Bailey** (*Witness for the Prosecution*, now in its 6th year in London), this brand-new production of the Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie's best selling crime novel of all time will keep you on the edge of your seat. It's genuinely terrifying...Ten strangers are lured to a solitary mansion off the coast of Devon. When a storm cuts them off from the mainland, the true reason for their presence on the island becomes horribly clear.



Lionel Bart's Oliver! – from Brighton Theatre Group – Theatre Royal Brighton,

Thursday 15th February at 2.30pm £25.50

[Optional pre-theatre lunch at Pinocchio's](#)

Experience the life and death adventures of young orphan Oliver Twist who, through his education in the finer arts of pick pocketing, by none other than the Artful Dodger, finally pockets the greatest treasure of all – a home and a family of his own. This production is by the Brighton Theatre Group who are a long established local amateur dramatic company with a big, big reputation.



Sister Act – Theatre Royal, Brighton – Wednesday 13th March at 7.45 pm £42.50

[Optional pre-theatre supper at Pinocchio's](#)

Disco diva Deloris' life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Placed under protective custody, she is hidden in the one place she shouldn't be found – a convent! Encouraged to help the struggling choir, she helps her fellow sisters find their true voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. Lesley Joseph as the Mother Superior stars in this award-winning production.

Sister Act features original music by 8 times Oscar and Tony Award winner Alan Menken whose credits include Disney's Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin, and songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco. This joyous and hilarious musical is one nostalgia-filled trip you will never forget. This is going to be a sell out so book early.



u3a Diary 2024 £3.00

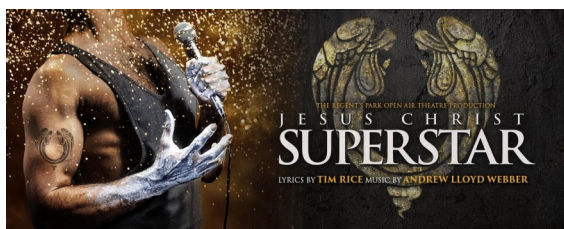
January Sale offer.

When they're gone, they've gone.

Jacquie



Jesus Christ Superstar – Congress Theatre Eastbourne – Thursday 18th April 2024



at 2.30pm £39

[Optional pre-theatre lunch at The Stage Door](#)

An album that inspired a revolution, a revelation that changed the world. A reinvention for this millennium.

Timothy Sheader (*Crazy for You, Into the Woods*) directs this mesmerizing new production of the iconic global phenomenon. Originally staged by London’s Regent’s Park Open Air Theatre,

this reimagined production won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival, garnering unprecedented reviews and accolades.

Choreographed by Drew McOnie (*King Kong, Strictly Ballroom*), with music and lyrics by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas. Reflecting the rock roots that defined a generation, the legendary score includes *I Don’t Know How to Love Him, Gethsemane* and *Superstar*. Don’t miss your chance to see this “gorgeous, thrilling, heavenly musical.” The Guardian.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne



Saturday 1st June, 2024 at 2pm at the – Tickets £19

Experience the magic of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat – with sensational music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. This show is a timeless classic. Goldmans Productions invites you to join Joseph on his epic journey, as he overcomes betrayal and challenges with his unwavering spirit. A lively and colourful journey through Ancient Egypt. It follows the rags to riches story of Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours. There are spectacular visuals and an enchanting score packed with hit songs including Close Every Door to Me, Go Go Go Joseph and Any Dream Will Do.

Who Killed the Holiday Rep.? - Community House, Peacehaven



Saturday 8th June 2:30pm — £11.50

It’s ‘Viva Espana’ as a Murder Mystery hits Benidorm! Events at the Hotel Britannia bring in detectives from both sides of the Atlantic as dastardly deeds appear on the menu alongside the paella and sangria!

‘Who Killed the Holiday Rep.?’ is set in the office of the ‘Golden Promise Travel Company’. Alice Drabble is the company’s only rep. and although she isn’t especially happy at work, or dedicated to the organisation, something unusual has awoken her interest in the sultry Spanish resort. Too late as it turns out. When Alice’s scuba diving gear is sabotaged and her body is discovered two miles out to sea, murder is immediately suspected. But who would do such thing...? It’s your job to work out the answer from the clues given.

Abba Voyage — Abba Arena London — Sunday 30th June — £82.50



See ABBA on stage in a concert 40 years in the making. Blending cutting-edge technology, spectacular lighting, and some of the most beloved songs ever written, ABBA take to the stage in a whole new way. In a stunning, purpose-built arena, one of the most popular groups in history appear as digital avatars in a ‘ground-breaking’ (Metro) concert that really ‘needs to be seen to be believed’ (BBC).

This price includes travel by coach to Abba Arena, London, and is £15 cheaper than the same trip with Lynn’s Travel. We have just 49 seats in total available. So, act quickly if you are interested. As we have already paid for the tickets, we need full payment to secure your seat.

Chess The Musical –with The Rattionians Saturday 3rd August at 2.30pm



Royal Hippodrome Theatre, Eastbourne—£22

[Optional pre-theatre lunch](#)

At the height of the Cold War, two chess masters meet in Bangkok to battle for the world championship, but their greatest contest is for the love of one woman. Written in 1984 by Abba songwriters Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvacus, and Tim Rice.

It includes the international hit singles : ‘I Know Him So Well’ & ‘One Night in Bangkok’.

U3A Lunch Bunch

Friday 26th January 2024 @ 12noon for 12.30pm
 (as we have to queue to order our meals)

Stonehouse Peacehaven Carvery,
295 South Coast Road, Peacehaven, BN10 7HX

Instructions:

Sign-in with me.

Find yourself a seat.

Check the menu on your table for choices and prices

Go to the Bar, order & pay for your meal & drinks.

****All prices subject to change.**

Traditional Carvery £7.99	Small Carvery £4.99
Scampi £8.99	Classic Burgers from £ 9.99
Mac and cheese (v) £8.49	Camembert +veg bake (v) £7.99
Pizzas from £10.99	
DESSERTS from £4.99	Tea and Coffee available
The menu has Meal Deals on it. Check carefully!	

There will be no need to pay in advance for this meal. It's pay as you go!

Booking available for max. **30 members.**

Please book a seat with me before Fri.12thJanuary 2024

Sharon Ahearn Tel: 01273 589953 Email: sunview70@yahoo.com

----- Please tear off slip below -----



Name:.....

Peacehaven Carvery Friday 26th January 2024 at 12 noon

Please reserve me a place.

Name.....

Phone no. or email:.....



u3a Charity Book And Jigsaw Sales

I have not been able to do these much during 2023 due to medical problems and visits/stays in the Royal Sussex Hospital.

However from February 2024 I hope to return to selling books and puzzles once again, in order to raise money for cancer charities. (These sales will depend on the weather conditions and means of transporting the goods for sale to our monthly meetings)

I have plenty of books but only 2 puzzles donated for sale so if you wish to donate a puzzle please bring it to a meeting or drop it off at my home.

Thanks a lot

Sharon Ahearn

Problem with Posting December Newsletter

We regret that in our December mailing we used some stamps which have proved to be counterfeit. Royal Mail has a standard charge of £5 for such mail. As soon as we heard of the problem we emailed all members to warn them and asked Phone Buddies to contact those without email. We advised members not to collect, or pay for, the envelope. We have since sent copies of the Newsletter to everyone who requested a replacement. Fortunately, many were distributed by hand rather than by post.

We have attempted to complain to the company that supplied the stamps without success and raised a dispute through our bank as they were paid for using a Debit Card.

Tony

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N&P Coffee Morning

Join us for a chat and a cuppa



Open 10am-12noon
2nd Tuesday of each month

At Peacehaven Stonehouse Carvery

293- 295 South Coast Road, Peacehaven BN10 7HX

Next Coffee Morning 9th January

No need to book
just turn up and socialise



Membership Cards

Everyone who joined before the start of December should now have their membership card.

However, some cards were in the posting that went wrong.

So, if you joined before December and have not yet received your membership card, please get in touch.
Tony

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Moving house, changing your phone number or email address?

If any of the above are true, please make sure you tell Sally, our Membership Secretary, so that we can keep our records up to date. We have a special form available for this.

You can get one at any monthly meeting or download one from our website:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/n/newhaven-peacehaven/docs/membershipchangeofdetailsform.pdf>

While you doing that make certain you tell us who your emergency contact is at the moment.

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Organisation of Outings

A big thanks to Sally Freeman and Pauline Steele who have come forward to help us out with outings. Pauline has organised 2 lunches with great guest speakers at the Langham Hotel in Eastbourne. Sally has been the brains behind the trip to Croydon to take in both IKEA as well as the Strictly Come Dancing costume HQ. If you have a great idea for an outing and would like to take part in its organisation, please let us know.

Jacque



Notice from the Theatre and Outings Teams

Please help us by putting cash or cheque payments to us in a sealed envelope with your name on and details of all the events you are paying for or. You need only give us **ONE** envelope and **ONE** cheque. We do not want separate envelopes, or cheques, for each event. This helps us to process your payment accurately and efficiently.



Paying for u3a events and membership

We know that different people like to pay for events in different ways. We believe that we should be as flexible as possible in how we accept payments. That's why we have been accepting payments in cash, by cheque and by bank transfer for some time. However, during the pandemic many of us got use to paying by card. Some of us actually don't carry money around with us any more. So, we have introduced the option for you to pay by card (or even using a smart phone). The choice is yours.

Please note, if you pay using a card and subsequently require a refund this will be


Monthly Meeting

February 2024
 Thursday 1st February at 2:15pm
 in The Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven

**Buried Secrets:
 Anecdotes of a Funeral Director**

A talk by

Harry Pope



Monthly Meeting

March 2024
 Thursday 7th March at 2:15pm
 Community House, Peacehaven
 (formerly The Meridian Centre)

Scams Awareness

A talk by

Tracey Firth




Monthly Meeting

April 2024
 Thursday 4th April at 2:15pm
 Community House, Peacehaven
 (formerly The Meridian Centre)

Gongoozling - Life on the canals

A talk by

Neil Sadler



Monthly Meeting

April 2024
 Thursday 9th May at 2:15pm
 Community House, Peacehaven
 (formerly The Meridian Centre)

Guide Dogs

A talk by

Mick Etheridge



One is the way!

Paying for several events at the same time?

Please use just **ONE** cheque, **ONE** BACS, **ONE** card payment or **ONE** envelope of cash to pay for all your events in **ONE** go.

So long as you make it clear what you are paying for it is less work for us to process **ONE** payment rather than lots of separate ones. Also less work for you.

Thank you for your help with this.



Dates For Your Diary



2024	Day	Time	Event
January	Thursday 4th	14:15	Monthly Meeting: A Conspiracy History of the World , Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven
	Thursday 11th	14:30	Theatre: And Then There Were None , Theatre Royal, Brighton: pre-theatre lunch at Pinocchio's
	Monday 15th		Holidays: 5 Days at Warner's Cricket St. Thomas Hotel
	Tuesday 23rd	12:00	Langham Hotel Lunch
	Friday 26th	12:00	Lunch Bunch: Stonehouse Peacehaven Carvery, 295 South Coast Road, Peacehaven, BN10 7HX
February	Thursday 1st	14:15	Monthly Meeting: Buried Secrets: Anecdotes of a Funeral Director , Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven
	Thursday 15th	14:30	Theatre: Lionel Bart's Oliver! , Theatre Royal, Brighton: pre-theatre lunch at Pinocchio's
	Friday 23rd	12:00	Lunch Bunch: Telscombe Tavern, 405 South Cost Road, Peacehaven, BN10 7AD
March	Thursday 7th	14:15	Monthly Meeting: Scams Awareness , Community House, Peacehaven
	Friday 8th		Outing: Behind the Seams & IKEA , Croydon
	Wednesday 13th	19:45	Theatre: Sister Act , Theatre Royal, Brighton:
April	Thursday 4th	14:15	Monthly Meeting: Gongoozling—Life on the Canals , Community House, Peacehaven
	Thursday 9th	14:15	Monthly Meeting: Guide Dogs , Community House, Peacehaven
	Thursday 18th	14:30	Theatre: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat , Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne.
May	Friday 31st	12:00	Langham Hotel Lunch with Anita Harris
June			Outing: 80th Anniversary of D Day —Date and details to be advised
	Saturday 1st	14:00	Theatre: Jesus Christ Superstar , Congress Theatre, Eastbourne: Pre-theatre lunch at the Stage Door.
	Saturday 8th	14:30	Theatre: Who Killed the Rep? Community House, Peacehaven.
	Monday 10th		Holiday: TLH Resort Derwent Hotel, Torquay.
	Sunday, 30th		Theatre: Abba Voyage Sister Act , Abba Arena, London
August	Saturday 3rd	14:30	Theatre: Chess The Musical with the Rattonians , Royal Hippodrome Theatre, Eastbourne: Pre-theatre lunch optional

When possible, please contact committee members only between the hours of 09:00 to 17:30