



## December Update 2021



**Merry Christmas to all our Sussex u3as.** Here is hoping we can all return to some degree of normality next year!

- a) **East Sussex Chairs/Reps Briefing Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**
- b) **Sun Free Zoom Talk** on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. **Christmas – A History of Festivities** with Andy Thomas. Details are on the SUN Events webpage. Booking **from 27<sup>th</sup> November** via [sunbookings548@gmail.com](mailto:sunbookings548@gmail.com) giving your full name and u3a please.

There is no talk in January, to give our reliable host Valerie, a break. A programme of talks will be issued in Spring.

- c) **Chichester u3a Summer School** will be running from **20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June** next year. There are 11 different courses available. Day and residential are available at the venue, Chichester University. Booking is open to all u3a members and full details will be available in December on the SE Forum website and SUN Events webpage.
- d) **TAT Virtual Tutorials** can be booked by u3as on these topics:
  - **Running Your u3a - information for Trustees.**
  - **Interest Groups Matter**
  - **Recruiting & Valuing Volunteers**
  - **Trust Volunteer Induction**A **Cyber Security for u3as** tutorial is due soon.

These can be booked on the TAT website. They now have subject adviser sessions at the bottom of their Learning Events page

- e) Considering having **Hybrid meetings** (live meetings shown online to members at home)? Contact Bryan Dalby, Chair at Crowborough u3a.
- f) Interested in **Psychology Research**? Students studying for an MA in Community Psychology at Brighton University are looking for research projects in the Brighton area. Details link is on the **SUN Events** page.
- g) **Some points from the recent SE Region Networks meeting with Sam Mauger:**
  - **No interest group** should have a separate bank account. Their u3a treasurer must be responsible for all monies, although a separate u3a account may be set up eg for trips.
  - **Very small cash amounts**, like tea /coffee charges at group meetings, do not need declaring.
  - **Honorariums** to retiring officials must only incur small expense, eg flowers.
  - **Paid tutors** are necessary for some activities, eg yoga, but u3as must ensure that the tutor, (who is usually self employed) has current **personal liability insurance**.
  - u3as should now have **A Members Code of Conduct**.
  - **Constitution roles**, including secretary, must be filled and trustees must follow the procedures laid down.