



Newsletter : November 2025

The Development of Beacon Down Vineyard Tuesday 18th November at 1.30



Our November meeting will include a talk from Paul at Beacon Down Vineyard. He will be speaking about the development of the site, what they currently offer and plans for the future.

Once again, we will have a number of Christmas stalls in the hall and therefore doors will open earlier than usual at 1.30. The stalls will be open until the meeting starts and also after the meeting. Stalls will include Fiona's Fab Cards, Springwood Ceramics, Viv Handicrafts, Ann Lisney and Fragments of Glass. Payments can be made by cash or bank card.

Future Meetings :

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Party (Doors open at 1.30 and the meeting starts at 2.00)
The Cake and Wine Choir will be joining us.

Tuesday 20th January - The Shed that Fed 2000 Children
Roy Peachy from Mary's Meals will talk about his work in Malawi

Change at the top

Jamie Nicholson has been Chairman of Heathfield u3a for a staggering 10 years. He has tried to stand down on several occasions - without success. He took on the role reluctantly and under his watch the group has flourished with a current membership of over 270 people. We all have a lot to thank Jamie for. Quite literally if he hadn't taken on the role, the group would have floundered several years ago. Now sadly, Jamie needs to stand down due to Kays ill health. I have agreed to take over from Jamie and the transition will take place over the next few months. I am delighted and relieved that Jamie has agreed to stay on the Committee in a new role of Ex Chairman.



Next Coffee Morning at the Co-op – Wednesday 3rd December at 10.30



Other News

Christmas Tree Festival at Union Church



This year's Christmas Tree Festival at Union Church takes place from Friday 21st- Sunday 30th November. Once again we will be taking part. The theme is Peace and we plan to use the letters of the word to promote our group. Please would group leaders email two photos showing their group activities to Fiona Godwin at publicityu3a@outlook.com by Monday 17th November.

Last year our tree was a prize winner. Lets hope we can repeat last Year's success!

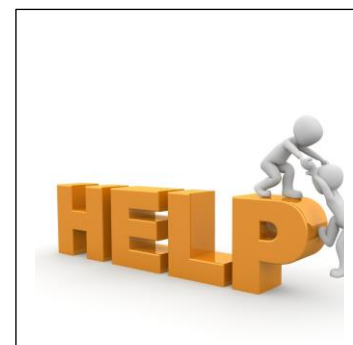
We need your help!

Over the past year, I have learnt that it takes a lot of help from a lot of People to make our group run effectively. If everyone can do a little bit it makes the load on the committee so much easier. As I take over the role of Chair we are looking for someone to take over my role as Speaker Admin.

The Role of Speaker Admin :

- Organise the speakers for 10 monthly meetings a year
- Ability to use email and make phone calls to book speakers
- Ability to use Word to create simple posters to promote the meetings
- Ideally to become a member of the committee

If anyone would like further information about this role please call me for a chat.
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New Leader for Photography Group :

Is there anyone who is interested in photography who would like to lead a small interest group? The Group Co-ordinators would be available to help you set up and start the group.

Walking Groups

A number of people have expressed interest in a new walking group which would undertake shorter 2-3 mile walks. If this is on interest please contact the Group Co-ordinators.

There has been some interest in a dog walking group. Again, if this is of interest please contact the Group Co-ordinators.

Group Co-ordinators contact details : publicityu3a@outlook.com

Groups News Updates

Garden Visits



The Garden Visits group went to High Beeches to enjoy the beautiful Autumn colours.

Antiques



This month the group researched and talked about glass objects. There was also an interesting talk from a family member of a glass factory based in the Midlands.

Bird Watching



The group visited Rye Harbour and saw a number of birds including this lovely Egret.

Painting Group



This months theme was Autumn. More of the groups lovely pictures can be seen on our FB page.

Cooking Up a Storm



The group created another banquet including pumpkin and walnut tarts and chocolate and pear tarte tatin.

Craft Group



The craft group started getting ready for Christmas and made bead Christmas trees and stars.

If you would like any further information about any of our interest groups, pick up a leaflet at meetings or contact us at publicityu3a@outlook.com and Fiona & Veronica will put you in touch with the group leaders.