

# u3a Bulletin 27

## Nov - Dec 2024

Although I didn't specifically ask for responses to my previous 'experimental' bulletin, I'm very grateful to those 47 members who did so.

Most were quite happy with either system, one or two preferred the bulletin going out as a 'Word' document but there were several members who couldn't, or had difficulty in opening it. Because I want the bulletin to be as widely read as possible I am reverting to MailChimp for this and future bulletins but I do consider it to have been a worthwhile exercise.

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## Forthcoming events for your Diary

### HHu3a Christmas Concert

Our traditional **Christmas Concert** will take place on **Saturday 7th December** at **2pm** at the **Church of the Ascension, Vale Road, RH16 4JS**.

There will be Christmas songs, Carols, Hand-Bells, Ukuleles, Orchestra, Poetry and more. Start your Christmas Festivities here.

Entrance is free and there will be refreshments. There will be a retiring collection on behalf of the Ashenground Community Centre. They have a pantry for which you do not need referral, a community cafe and show films for just £5, and much more.

### Winter Warmer

**Friday 13th?** well you should be safe from ghosties and ghoulies at the **Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane, RH17 5GP** where, if you turn up between **10.30am - 12.30pm** on the aforesaid **Friday 13th December**, you will be able to partake of the traditional Christmas Fare of Mince Pies and Mulled Wine **AND IT'S FREE** - Whoopee! Come and relax, wind down and chat to your fellow members.

### Charlie Chaplin

Well known speaker **Bill McNaught will be** talking about the life of **CC** and his rise to stardom. This is on the same day as our quiz **Friday November 22nd**,

but don't worry if you wish to attend the talk but you're in the quiz, because the quiz is at **10am** and the talk begins at **2pm** - so you can attend both! Just pop along to the **Court Bushes Community Hub, Willow Way, Hassocks**. There is a £2 entrance fee, this includes refreshments.

## **Jo Kimber Sings**

The Burgess Hill Jazz Appreciation group are delighted to announce that our very own and very popular vocalist **Jo Kimber** will be performing at the **Burgess Hill Town FC ground, Maple Drive, RH15 8DL**.

This event, which is open to all u3a members and friends, takes place on **Tuesday 26th November** starting at **2pm** for approx 2 hours. Admission is £5 which includes refreshments during the interval.

## **Nature Notes**

This new group has now been set up. If you are interested in natural history, especially local nature, but don't feel that nature walks are for you, why not join Peter Lovett's Nature Notes group?

Peter will send you regular bulletins about interesting wildlife, plants and fungi be found in our local area.

If interested, contact Peter on [hhu3anaturenotes@gmail.com](mailto:hhu3anaturenotes@gmail.com)

## **Nature Walkers**

Members of the Nature Walkers group celebrate Autumn at Nymans Wood.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November ten walkers enjoyed beautiful weather on a leisurely 2.7 miles woodland tree walk through an avenue of Coastal Redwoods to visit a solitary Mountain Redwood, which is the highest tree in Sussex. Stately Douglas firs were also admired, named after plant hunter David Douglas who died in Hawaii aged 34. See pictures from the walk at <https://out.ac/IWxMvp>

An estimated half a million redwoods are growing in the UK, compared to 80,000 remaining in California's Sierra Nevada mountains where they are considered endangered or vulnerable.

## **Paul**