

HH u3a Bulletin February 2026

February Features

On **Thursday 5th February**, **Claudia Wilson** (the West Sussex C.C.Digital Safety & Fraud Delivery Officer) will be giving her '**Fraud Prevention**' presentation at **Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill** from **10.30 - 11.30** doors open at 09.45.

Entrance is free and refreshments are available.

And on **Friday 6th February** at **10.30** (doors open at 10) in the **HH Methodist Church Wesley Hall**, **Malcolm Wells MBE** will be declaring '**So Far - So Good**'

Malcolm spent 24 years as an army musician playing cello on State occasions and banquets at Kensington and Buckingham Palaces. He has also worked for a charity which trains assistance dogs to, amongst other things, operate a washing machine!

On **Friday 27th February**, **Dan Cox**, head guide at Brighton & Hove Museum, will be presenting his talk about the history of Preston Manor titled '**A Manor in the making**' This presentation will be held in the **Adastra Hall, Hassocks** at **2pm** (doors open at 1.30) Entrance is £2, payment by card preferred and this includes refreshments.

Clair Hall petition

As part of the campaign to persuade Mid Sussex District Council to vote in favour of a community bid to retain Clair Hall as a cultural & community space, there is an on-line petition which you may access and sign. But you'll have to hurry because the meeting is on Feb 2nd!

<https://c.org/wCmcf7W4tn>

Opera Appreciation

Despite the fact that it was a cold, dreary and damp day, gratifyingly over 20 members turned up for the inaugural Opera Appreciation meeting.

Their afternoon was brightened somewhat by hearing and seeing, on the Methodist Church upper room's lovely new TV screen, excerpts from La Boheme, Turandot & Tosca amongst other operas, sung by Pavarotti, Bryn Terfel & Monserat Caballe to name but a few of the stars on show.

For more info. contact paulandsusanne@hotmail.co.uk

Spire Computer Help

Do you ever feel that you're only using a fraction of what your phone can actually do?

Most of us stick to the basics, but there is a world of helpful features built into your device just waiting to be discovered.

To help you with this project, Spire Computer Help will be running through these features with a jargon free talk designed to make technology work for you.

The talk will be at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Station Road, Burgess Hill on Tuesday 10th February and will start at 2.30pm.

Entrance is free

Bird Watchers report

Group leader, Ian Woolgar, reports that last Wednesday 28th, 10 bird watchers took advantage of bright sunshine and mild temperatures to enjoy a pleasant walk around Warnham Local Nature reserve.

Unsurprisingly, there was plenty of water in and around the mill pond!

Amongst the highlights were a number of Reed Buntings feeding on seeds in the rushes close to the main activity hub.

In all, 33 species were recorded, including:

Buzzard Tufted Duck, Mandarin Duck Greenfinch Tree Creeper Nuthatch and Gt Spotted Woodpecker.

Interest Groups Online Fair

Interest Groups online is u3a's online learning community with over 150 online interest groups.

The fair features 10 free taster sessions.

To view or to book your place: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/what-we-do/events/educational-events>

Bye for now, **Paul**

