

HH u3a Bulletin 4 February / March 2026

Social events Feb / Mar

On **Friday 27 February**, **Dan Cox**, head guide at Brighton & Hove museum will be presenting his talk '**A Manor in the making**' which will be about the history of Preston Manor. The **Adastra Hall** at **2pm** is where and when to hear this talk. Entrance is £2 (card payment preferred) which includes refreshments.

On **Wednesday 18th March**, **Ian Worley**, a chartered accountant, will tell us about his adventures when he set off with his wife, younger sister and baby daughter to sail across the Atlantic to the Caribbean and all points west.

He recounts his experiences enduring many storms, colliding with whales and nearly sinking.

How did his 6 month old daughter fare, living aboard in such conditions? Come to **HH Methodist Church, Wesley Hall** at **2.30pm** (doors open at 2pm) to find out.

Entrance is £2 which includes refreshments.

On **Friday 27 March**, '**The Adastra Hall Mural**' is the title of a talk given by Richard Ware and the HH&D u3a Local History team about the concept and construction of the Adastra Hall Mural.

This talk will be at the **Adastra Hall** and entry is £2 (card preferred) at **2pm**.

Malcolm Wells talk

Perhaps it was the bout of coughs and sneezes currently doing the rounds?

Or maybe it was the grey, gloomy and thoroughly damp weather that persuaded members to stay indoors - but whatever it was, only a disappointing 24 braved the inhospitable weather to hear a very interesting and very amusing talk by Malcolm.

Among the many stories he told from when he was an army musician, he told of when led a

string quartet which played at Royal occasions. He related that during a banquet laid on by HM Queen Elizabeth for other Royal heads of state, he decided to play music from each of the countries. He was given - and played 'The King was in the altogeth'er' from Hans Christian Anderson in honour of the King of Denmark.

Apparently both the Queen and the Queen Mother had trouble stifling their laughs.

Committee changes

There are a couple changes to the Committee that you should be aware of.

Kate Denyer has stepped down as Membership Secretary and that role is now going to be taken by Mike Fawcett.

Mike is currently Groups Coordinator and he will continue as such until a replacement can be found.

So, we need a new volunteer as Groups Coordinator. If you would like to join the Committee then you would be made most welcome, and Mike or Chairman Philip Metherell would be keen to explain what the role entails.

Whilst we're on the subject, we also urgently need someone to take on the post of Treasurer. This is your u3a but without a fully functioning Committee it's very existence is called into question.

Clair Hall

I'm sure by now, that most of you will have heard that the MSDC cabinet met on Monday 2 February to decide the future of Clair Hall.

The choice was to hand Clair Hall over to a developer and cultural operator or to the Community Interest Company.

The MSDC cabinet decided to hand the Clair Hall site over to a cultural operator who will develop the site into a 4 screen cinema complex with a restaurant and bar. One of the screens will be fitted out with a stage for live performances.

Coro Nuovo

BACH, BLUES & BEYOND

A thrilling choral night where Jazz meets Bach

Swingle Bach

Vocal jazz interpretations of famous Bach compositions

Mass in Blue

Will Todd's vibrant fusion of traditional choral music and modern jazz styles

Musical Theatre

Popular classics performed by Constance Starns (2025 Sussex Young Musician)

Saturday 21 March 2026 - 7pm
All Saints Church, Lindfeld

Coro Nuovo Choir • Soloist • Jazz Ensemble
Music Director - Neil Matthews

Tickets: £15 in advance or £17.50 at the door
Online: coronuovo.org.uk/tickets
Email: tickets@coronuovo.org.uk
Helpline: 01444 717750



u3a Festival 26

u3a Festival 26 brings the movement together for fun, learning and new connections. This year it will be from Wednesday 1 July - Friday 3 July at the University of York. There will be a large variety of activities on offer.

To book your ticket: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/u3a/1940245>

And to book accommodation at the University of York::

<https://web.cvent.com/event/7634b56b-8608-431e-be25-fe8b828d51e6/register>

In Memoriam

Sadly, I have to announce the death of **Sheila Cox**

Sheila had been a member of Haywards Heath u3a for over 10 years
and had been a member of Art Appreciation and Britain's Historical Heritage.

Our condolences go out to her friends and family

Paul