

Haywards Heath u3a Bulletin 12 2026

What's happening in June & July?

Well, I'm glad you asked!

Summer Social

I'm sure that you will all have seen the advertising poster by now but if not - as a change from our usual social meetings and in anticipation of a warm and sunny early evening, we are providing light refreshments in the form of a ploughman's and drinks followed by **Stewart Angell** who will be regalling us with his talk on '**The Sussex Secret Service Resistance**'. This event will take place at the **Cuckfield Baptist Church**, Polestub Lane, Cuckfield on **Thursday 25th June** at **6.30pm** and is a free event. As we require accurate numbers attending for catering purposes, if you wish to come and haven't yet let Social Secretary Mary Richard know, please email her on hhu3asocialsec@gmail.com

Summer Concert

The very next day, on **Friday 26th June** at **2pm** in the **Church of the Ascension**, Vale Road, Haywards Heath, our first concert of 2026 will be held.

All manner of entertainment from our talented members will be on show under the watchful eye of our resident empresario Christine Colbourne.

Entrance is free, as are the refreshments. There will be a retiring collection on behalf of HH Food Bank.

Chailey Heritage Foundation

On **Wednesday 22 July** from **2pm - 4pm**, CHF volunteer **Ian Kirby** will be talking about the care provided by the Heritage and how young people living with complex needs are supported.

This talk will be in the HH Methodist Church and although entrance is free to this event, it is suggested that you make a donation of a minimum of £2 to the CHF.

Lindfield Village day



On a hot, dry and sunny late May Saturday, approx. 10,000 visitors went to Lindfield Common for the LVD.

I don't expect that they will all wish to join us at HH&D u3a but our stand attracted many who expressed an interest, so we should see some new blood when our year begins on the first of August.

Much thanks for their dedication must be directed to **Mike, Philip, Royston** and **Amanda** for setting it all up and then staying all day to welcome and answer questions for potential new members.

Jazz Appreciation Group

Our u3a enjoys several music groups (Classical, Opera, Orchestra, Ukelele, Rock & Pop, Handbells and Recorders) but since June 2025 we have not had a Jazz group.

Howard Marchant had led the Jazz group since 2006 but had to close the group for health reasons, also no-one was willing to take over the leader's role at that time.

A revitalised Jazz group will start again in September 2026 and will initially meet in the leader's home. members will explore current trends in both UK Jazz and world music, mixing indigenous styles with Jazz influences. Videos and recorded music will be used at meetings, Howard will be pleased to hear from members who may be interested in joining the new group by sending an email to howgill45@aol.com

Exploring London 4

On Saturday 5th June, 20+ members of Exploring London 4 had a 2 hour guided tour round Old

Hampstead Village. The weather was better than predicted and they even had the odd blue sky!

Led by the knowledgeable and humorous Richard III - yes really! - they met up at the lovely Leslie Green Hampstead Underground Station and made their way up and down the village and heath.

On the way they covered the homes (and graves) of many residents including such diverse people as John Constable, John Keats, P.L.Travers, Boy George, Judi Dench, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton.

There is so much to see and do in the area, they are looking at having another visit to some of the houses and museums.

Bird Watchers

Have you been watching 'Springwatch' and saw Iolo Williams fascinating broadcast from the Knepp Estate wildlife sanctuary?

Well our intrepid bird watchers were also there and saw the Storks on their massive nests and also in flight. They saw 25 other varieties including Whitethroat, Gt Spotted Woodpecker, Long Tailed Tit & Kingfisher

Other u3a offerings

On Thursday 16 July, Burgess Hill u3a are holding a 'History Study Day' on the subject of 'The Development of transport in Mid-Sussex'.

This will take place in St Wilfrid's Church Hall.

To book your place, go to <http://burgess-hill.u3asite.uk>

And on Friday 31 July, Hurst Hassocks & Ditchling u3a's monthly meeting is entitled 'Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside'. Ian Gledhill will be giving a light hearted look at the history and various forms of entertainment that have attracted visitors to coastal resorts over the years

This will be at the Adastra Hall, Keymer, Hassocks and will cost £2 to enter.

'Spire' Computer Help

Discover powerful Google tools that are completely free. This friendly, jargon free talk reveals hidden gems you can use right now.

The talk will be at St Wilfrid's Church hall, Station Rd, Burgess Hill on Tuesday 21 July - 2.30 start and refreshments are available.

u3a Getaways

u3a getaways is a new programme of bespoke holidays exclusively for u3a members and friends.

The first u3a getaways trip is 'The Agatha Christie Story' and will be 4 nights from 14 - 18 September 2026 at a cost from £439pp. You will join other u3a members from across the country to explore the beautiful houses and coastlines that inspired her famous mysteries. For more details go to <https://www.justforgroups.com/u3a-getaways>

This is **Paul** signing off - for now.