Haywards Heath u3a

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Christmas Concert

You are invited to experience our cornucopia of traditional, and not so traditional, seasonal delights at this year's Christmas Concert to be held on Saturday 5th December at the Church of the Ascension in Vale Road HH from 2pm – 4pm.

Entrance is completely free, as are the refreshments which may include mince pies!

There will be a retiring collection on behalf of Chailey Heritage.

Winter Social

This year's Winter Social event is to be held at Cuckfield Baptist Church in Polestub Lane on Wednesday 9th December from 2pm – 5pm.

You may expect seasonal fare such as mulled wine & mince pies to be on offer and it's all free!

New members will be especially welcomed to meet and mingle with various group leaders and members of the committee to find a bit more about HH u3a.

There will be a caricaturist present who will show you what you look like to everyone else!

If you wish to attend, please contact our Social Secretary Mary Richard as places are limited. hhu3asocialsec@gmail.com

Nature Walks

Five members enjoyed a 4.4 mile nature walk from Bolney to Cuckfield on Wednesday 4th November.

Some beautiful fungi were seen, including Puffballs, Fairy's Bonnets, Fly Agarics, Field Mushrooms, Cep or Penny Bun, Brackets and deadly (well named!) Destroying Angel.

To see photos and the route https://out.ac/lm3p3g

St Kilda talk

Friday 6th November is when over 40 members attended the talk given by Ian Rumley-Dawson on 'The birds of St Kilda'.

But this wasn't just about the feathered inhabitants of this archipelago. Ian mesmerised the audience with anecdotes, facts and photographs about all manner of flora and fauna, as well as the history of the islands and its one-time human inhabitants.

Report from TAT AGM

I recently attended a zoom meeting of the Third Age Trust AGM – well I was rather bored and couldn't think of anything else to do! – as it happened, I learnt a couple of semi-interesting facts.

Firstly, fewer than 1/3rd of the 1,009 u3as attended the AGM, either in person or on-line which perhaps, shows a general apathy amongst the groups to our umbrella organisation.

Only 18% of the general public have heard of u3a and as we are retiring later and living longer - hooray! The average age of u3a members is rising – so there! I did say that they were semi-interesting facts.

Hurst Hassocks & Ditchling u3a Singers

This very popular HH&D group, which also contains members from Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath u3as, are presently rehearsing for their afternoon concert to be held at Hassocks Reform Church at 2pm on Friday 11th December.

As with previous concerts, the group aims to raise funds for St Peter & St James Hospice.

HH&D u3a

HH&D u3a's monthly meeting on Friday 27th November at 2pm in the Court Bushes Community Hub, features Michael Blencowe who will be taking you through 'The Diary of a Sussex Naturalist'.

There is a £2 entrance fee with card payment preferred.

That's All Folks.

Paul