

Change of speaker for our 2nd September Monthly Meeting

Please note that **Ian Everest** will now be our speaker on Wednesday 2nd September. His subject will be "**Stories from the Sussex Downs**". Ian is a well – known Sussex historian, who's much in demand at local group meetings.

We hope to re-schedule the Sussex Libraries talk at a later date.

Cyprus Hall doors will be open at 9.45 Wednesday, the talk starting at 10.30.

Paperback books will be available, £1 each!

As ever, entry is free, as are tea/coffee and biscuits. Do come and join us!

Afternoon Tea at Hove Greyhound Stadium on 16 September

We will close the list at midnight on Monday 31st August so if you've not already booked your place, please do so! Doors open at 2.00. Tea consists of sandwiches, scones, cake and tea. (A glass of fizz is extra!) First race 2.23, last race 5.49, ten races in total. **Cost £16, please pay Burgess Hill u3a- 30-99-50, acc 86486260, reference Dogs and book your place with Steve Furber via steve.furber@hotmail.co.uk.** *We hope that drivers will offer spaces in their cars to non drivers. Let Steve know your wishes.*

Equipment Officer

Edward Handley has kindly agreed to take on this new role. We have a lot of u3a possessions, kept in various places and we need to keep a close eye on them! We have decided to formalise the booking of the projector, so Edward will be creating a new form for Group Leaders etc so that we can keep track of loans. The form will be available on the website very soon.

Monthly Meetings Officer

Are you interested in organising an interesting programme of speakers for 2028 and beyond? If so, we'd love to have you in this important role! Please contact one of the trustees for further information.

We always appreciate feedback about speakers that we have heard or ideas for potential new ones; do let us know.

New Trustees

We do have current vacancies and would really appreciate "new blood" on our committee! We have a lot going on and we need people to share the load. If you are interested but not sure what's involved, you'd be very welcome to attend our next meeting, as an observer, on Tuesday 6 October at the Cherry Tree Centre.

Spire Computer Help Their next presentation is "Making devices easier and more accessible to use" and takes place on September 8th at St Wilfrid's Church Hall. The meeting starts at 2:30 and is scheduled expected to last approximately 45 minutes plus Q&A.

Refreshments will be available – a voluntary donation would be welcome.

St Peter & St James Hospice Open Gardens

The last two open gardens are due in September. Details are as follows:

Sunday 6th, 2pm to 5pm – Malthouse Farm, Streat Lane, Streat BN6 8SA

£8 entry, no pre-booking required. Refreshments are available.

Sunday 13th, 10am to 4pm – Danny House, New Way Lane, Hurstpierpoint, BN6 9BB

£8 entry, no pre-booking required. Refreshments are available and music will be provided by Crystal Clear.

In both cases, as these are private gardens visitors are asked not to bring dogs.

To Group Leaders

Due to increased demand for use of the projector, could groups please pre-book via the Property Officer, Edward Handley with immediate effect.

NewsLink

You should all have received the Autumn edition. Please keep it as it is full of information – forthcoming events, details of over 60 groups, whoes who on our Board of Trustees plus Non-Board Officers.

Recent report from Beacon u3a

Beacon CRM has contacted their customers and put out a statement about a data breach. Beacon CRM and the u3a's membership management software, Beacon, are completely separate and unrelated products. **Beacon is not impacted by this incident.**

Welcome, Sacred Rain

Welcome, rain from the ancient sky,
soft upon leaf and stone,
wake the roots beneath the earth,
and call the green life home.

Fall gently through the standing trees,
sing softly on the land,
and carry whispers from the hills
to every waiting hand.

May your waters bring renewal,
may your spirit make us whole,
and may we feel the ancient Earth
alive within our soul.

Meditation Group

Our fortnightly newsletter is sent via Beacon, at the end of each fortnight.
Please submit your contributions/s to Peter Mitchell at mitchell@platform11.org.uk