

Monthly Meeting– Monday 5 October – New Venue!

Our next one will be at **St Wilfrid's**, not at Cyprus Hall.

There is plenty of free parking.

We have a particularly interesting topic where Roy Hale will be talking about "Charles Darwin: the Man who Changed the World."

Doors open at 9.45, talk at 10.30.

Jigsaw Puzzles available too– £1. What's not sold will go to the Book Den.

What Can You Do for your u3a?

We still need:

- Trustees– people to join our committee. If you're interested and would like to know what happens at our meetings, why not come along to our October session, on Tuesday 6 October at 9.30 at The Cherry Tree Centre?

Please let Paul Milton, Secretary know if you are interested. Part of our discussions will be about changing our constitution; we will be asking members' permission to amend it at the AGM.

- Speaker Bookings: would you like to be involved in selecting and organising speakers at our monthly meetings? Let Paul Milton know!
- Facebook Organiser: are you IT literate? Could you make our FB page open, lively and informative? If so, please speak to Margaret Carroll or Steve Furber.
- RUG Leader: could you co-ordinate the team that provides refreshments/welcomes/setting out furniture at monthly meetings? Please let Paul or Steve know.

Suggestions

Have you any ideas for improving BHu3a? Any good ideas for speakers at monthly meetings? Any different events that might be popular? What could we do better in the future? If so, email one of us!

EVENTS NEWS – EVENTS NEWS – EVENTS NEWS

Beetle Drive with Chips- Wednesday 14 October at St Wilfrid's

Booking has opened for our now annual Beetle Drive, back by public demand. It's a game played with dice in groups of four, and is very easy to learn.

It does involve the winner and loser on each table moving to the next table but should be manageable for people with walkers etc.

- Doors will open at 7.00 (not before)
- 7.15 Jupps deliver fish and chips (OAP portions at £10)
- 7.30 Beetle Drive starts
- 9.00 Close.

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Please pay £15 to Burgess Hill u3a, 30-99-50, acc 86486260, reference Beetle and let me know what food you like (the choices are on Jupps website). PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT TYPE OF FISH YOU WANT.

Bring your own drinks and cutlery.

Pens/pencils and paper provided. Prizes!

Steve- steve.furber@hotmail.co.uk

NEW! Chicago Wednesday 18 August, at 2.30

Brighton Theatre Royal

Tickets available at £46.88, a reduced price IF paid by 20 November.

This is a good reduction (decent seats), but a long- term commitment.

If interested tell Steve Furber and pay into

Burgess Hill u3a, 30-99-50, acc 86486260, ref Chicago.

Orion Matinee- Wednesday 18 November

Information coming soon

Annual u3a Quiz- Monday 30 November, 6.30 for 7.30, at The Woolpack

Book with Steve Furber.

If you haven't been before, this is a fun, lightly competitive quiz.

If you aren't part of a team, we can sort one out for you.

We are limited for numbers, so book early!

£3 per head, including nachos.

Cribbage, Backgammon and similar games

If you would like to play Crib, Backgammon or any other board or card game, have you considered popping along to Cyprus Hall when the Canasta groups are in session? They meet on Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon.

There is plenty of space so if this appeals to you please contact David Grigg (davidgriggu3a@gmail.com) in the first instance.

50s, 60s & 70s Music

Our second group is now active and has space for another member so if you're interested in music from this era and would like to get together with others with similar taste please contact David Grigg for more information.

Christmas Meal - Friday 4 December 12.00

The Thatched Inn, Hassocks

*Members can order starter and main or main and dessert
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Festive menu

2 / 3 Courses
£34 / £40

STARTER

Salt baked roast celeriac soup, sourdough, rosemary butter (PB, GFIO)
Smoked mackerel, endive, potato salad, horseradish crème fraîche (GFI)
Duck & orange paté, toasted brioche, spiced plum chutney (GFIO)
Burrata, crispy kale, salted maple syrup & seeded dukkah (GFI, V)
Belly pork, sage & onion crumb, apple puree (GFIO, DF)

MAIN

Roast turkey parcel with stuffing, rosemary, garlic & thyme roast potatoes, sprouts, roast carrot, parsnip, turkey gravy, pigs in blankets (GFIO, DF)
Butternut squash, plant based feta & sage parcel, rosemary, garlic & thyme roast potatoes, sprouts, roast carrot, parsnip, shallot puree, charred tenderstem, gravy (PB)
Oyster mushroom & creamy tarragon pappardelle pasta with seared king oyster mushroom (PB, GFIO)
The Thatched Inn beef short rib, mash, caraway roasted carrots, kale, jus (GFI, DF)
Pan-roasted halibut, butter bean & pancetta cassoulet, charred hispi cabbage (GFI, DF)

DESSERT

Christmas pudding, brandy sauce (PB, GFI)
Winterberry Trifle
berries & sponge in jelly, custard, chantilly cream, chocolate shards (GFI)
Rocky road brownie, cherry puree, vanilla ice cream
Both salted pistachio flavour & honey & stem ginger ice cream, wafer, honeycomb

SIDES

Maple pigs in blankets 6 (DF, GFI)
Creamy sprouts & pancetta 5 (DF, GFI)
Roasted carrots & parsnip 5 (VG, DF, GFI)
Cauliflower cheese 7 (GFI)

Please let us know if you have any allergies or dietary needs prior to your event. We will do our best to accommodate and provide alternatives. A service charge of 10% is applied to all events and group bookings.

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Please let Val know that you have booked, 7thbrownwl@sky.com 07296 091856



Burgess Hill u3a Bridge Group

Beginning Bridge Course

November 2026

Friday mornings, at Cyprus Hall,
Burgess Hill starting 6 November
2026.

0900 to 12.00 each week.

22 week course with breaks at
Christmas and Easter

Contact

brian.drabble@googlemail.com to find
further information or register your
interest.

Grumpy Old Men

We now have another Grumpy group (our fifth!) and it can accept another member or two. If you'd like to get together with like-minded people to put the world to rights this could be the group for you.

Please contact David Grigg if you'd like to know more.

Spire Computer Help

The next talk, on October 14th, forms part of "Get Online Week". Entitled 'Can't Get Online, Can't Get By' this session looks at who in your life might be struggling to keep up – a partner, neighbour, friend or relative – how you can help them and how you can make your voice heard on digital exclusion locally.

This isn't a beginners' session. It's aimed at people who are already reasonably confident with technology, and asks them to use that confidence to support others.

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