

GROUP LEADERS MEETING, APRIL 2024

Lizzie Zeyfert, the Manager of the Town Hall,



spoke at the meeting about proposed improvements to the venue.

As it is a listed building, much of the refurbishment will need special permission, so will take time.

She envisages all the rooms being redecorated and AV equipment permanently installed.

Payments

One Group Leader asked whether it was possible for people to pay for Groups using an alternative method to Paypal.

Roger, Assistant Treasurer, said that from his perspective it was preferable to use a card reader and he was prepared to attend groups as and when necessary.

Photocopying

It was agreed that group members should fund this and if Group

Leaders would prefer, the fee for their group could be increased and the u3a would then reimburse the photocopying costs.

Fire procedures

A Group Leader suggested that all group members should be aware of fire procedures, and that all evacuation procedures are tested.

Marion is stepping down

Marion will not be standing for re-election at the AGM in November. She asked that Group Leaders to consider being Group co-ordinator, as they know what they need from the role. They could also ask their group members if they would be interested in shadowing her until the AGM.

Presentation

Michael, Group Facilitator, recommended that anyone using u3a equipment in the Town Hall should use PowerPoint, save it to a memory stick and use u3a's laptops, rather than using their own.

He also recommended checking the equipment prior to the meeting day to ensure that everything works.

NEW GROUP



THE SOUTH DOWNS STORY

Sue Berry will be running a new Group beginning in June.

The group will explore the story of the South Downs with an emphasis on the eastern side from the banks of the Adur to Eastbourne and the Ouse valley.

1. **June 20th** The arrival of people, prehistory to Roman
2. **July 4th** The impact of the Normans
3. **July 18th** The impact of the English 'agricultural revolution' from the Tudor period on the landscape
4. **August 1st** The Downs and the Country Estate
5. **August 15th** The impact of the twentieth century.

Suggestions for reading will be emailed in advance to participants.

For further information and to join the Group, visit www.lewesu3a.uk/Groups/the-south-downs-story-new after logging in to the Lewes u3a website.

NEW GROUP

Lewes u3a Plant Hunters

Susanna Longley will be co-ordinating this new group, and here she explains what it is all about.

This group aims to expand members' knowledge of local wild plants during walks in and around the town; identifying, recording and researching the plants found.

Different habitats

Different habitats are explored each month, at different pre-arranged locations. Plants are identified with the aid of an App on a smart phone.

Walks would be "unled" (have no knowledgeable person in the lead).

Meet monthly

The group would meet monthly, on the first Monday of each month at 4-6pm (during British Summer Time) at a location to be decided each month.

Smart phones would be required, as plants would be photographed and identified by means of a downloaded app such as SEEK.

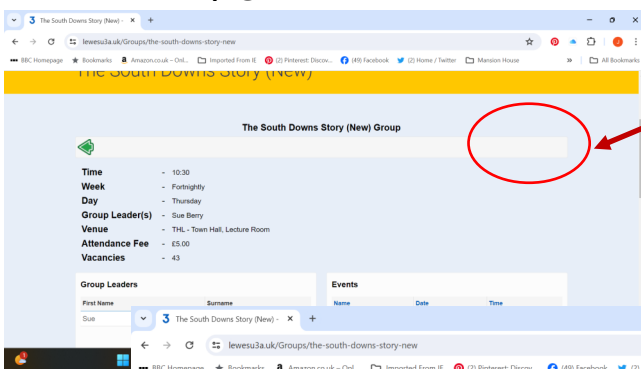


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THEN IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LOGGING ON.....**

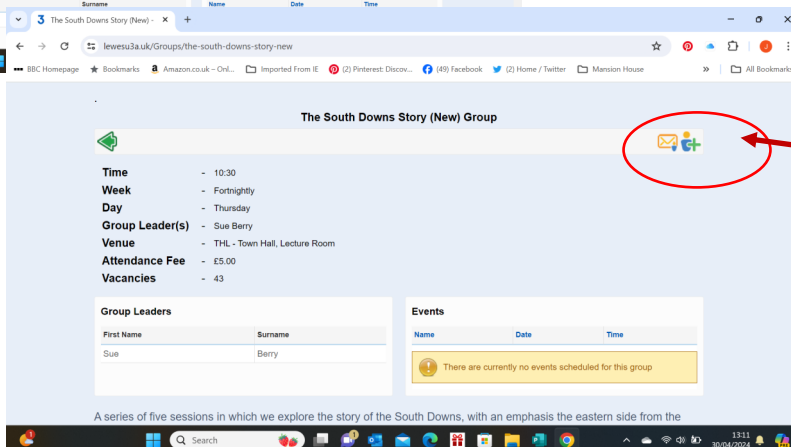
If you read something in Bulletin about a new Group and want to know more, the information will already be on the website. If you enter the website without logging on, you will not be offered the facility to email the group leader.

Unlike many other u3a websites, Lewes u3a allows the casual visitor a lot of information, so it's easy to forget about logging on, until you try to contact the Group Leader, and find there is no way to do it.

So get into the habit of logging on first. If you are having difficulty logging on, contact membership@lewesu3a.uk



*The Group page the visitor who has **not logged on** will see—there is no way of contacting the Group Leader*



Group page after logging on—choose an icon to contact the Group Leader or join the Group



Join the u3a Festival 24

The u3a movement is holding its first ever Festival in 2024, 18 – 20 July, at the University of York where members will be running a wide variety of activities – talks, sporting events, musical entertainment and workshops which will make this u3a national festival something to remember.

For more information visit www.u3a.org.uk/events/festival-2024



AT THE SEASONAL SOCIAL LAST MONTH

we had tables displaying eight groups:

- **Music of 50s and 60s**

Possible start date October 24

- **Tales of the NHS**

More of Sonya Baksi's 'Tales of' series, planned to start in October

- **The Iconic Dalai Lama**

First session May 2nd

- **Story of the South Downs**

Starting 20th June, see panel

- **Exploring Lewes Wildlife**, and

- **Essays of Montaigne**

Both new ideas gauging interest.

- **Comrades**

A new play to stage, written by Roger Cockrell

- **History & Geography of The Weald**

Possible continuation of a course.

Groups already running will have information on the Lewes u3a website, For enquiries about all others contact

Bulletin@Lewesu3a.uk

STOP PRESS! Date of next Seasonal Social just been confirmed as **18th July 2024**.



VOLUNTEERING IS FUN!

ANOTHER WAY TO VOLUNTEER

Lewes News is kindly allowing us to write a piece over the centre pages of their July issue, which will be the last one before our Open Morning on September 4th.



The purpose of the article is to publicise Lewes u3a, attracting new members and to advertise our Open Morning, which is arguably our flagship event of the year.

*However, this comes at a 'cost'. The deal is that we provide 6 volunteers to collate Lewes News. **The Big Collation will take place on Saturday, July 6th at Christ Church Hall, Fitzjohn Road from 9am to when all the issues have been put together, which usually takes about 2–3 hours.***

It's easy, sitting down work, tea and coffee is provided and you get a chance to have a chat with the rest of the team. The work is described as 'mindless but rewarding', and the time goes surprisingly quickly.

If you are free on that day and would like to be part of our team, email

Bulletin@lewesu3a.uk.

