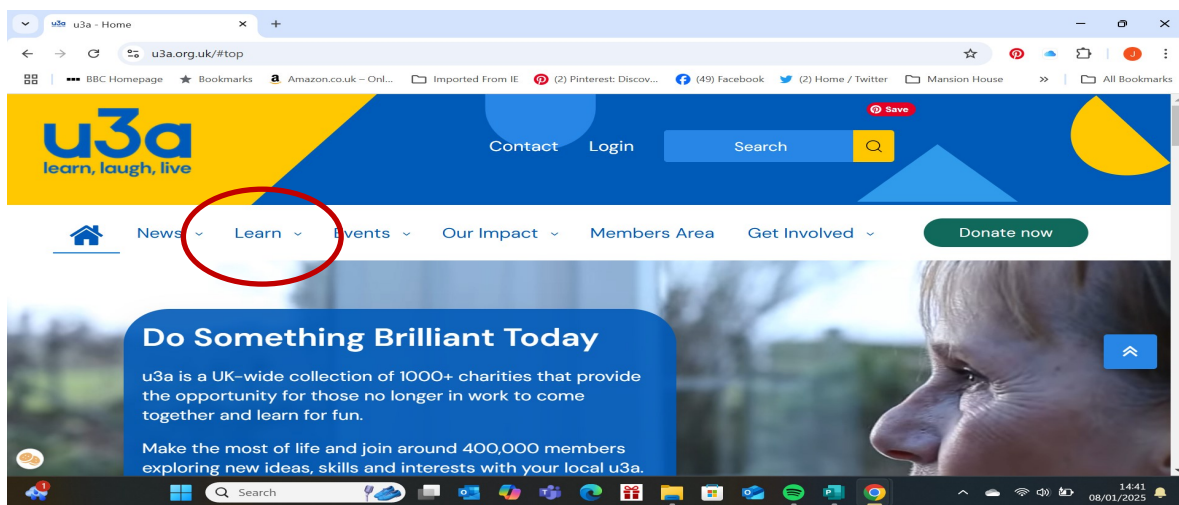


[www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk)

Did you realise what a wealth of information the National u3a website has to offer? As a member of Lewes u3a, you can take advantage of most of it for free.



## Thinking of starting a group?

Apart from first hand support from our own Group Co-ordinator and Accommodation Officer, the [u3a.org.uk](http://u3a.org.uk) website provides a valuable resource. Find information provided by fellow u3a members under the 'Learn' tab menu on the Home Page.

### Subject advice

There are over 80 advisors willing to share their expertise, covering a range of subjects under the broader headings of:

Arts, Creative, History, Languages, Music, Pastimes, Research, Science, Social Sciences, Sports, Thought, Walking and Walking Sports, Wellbeing.

### Subject Networks

are an opportunity to share ideas and resources, build relationships and access more learning opportunities around your subject.

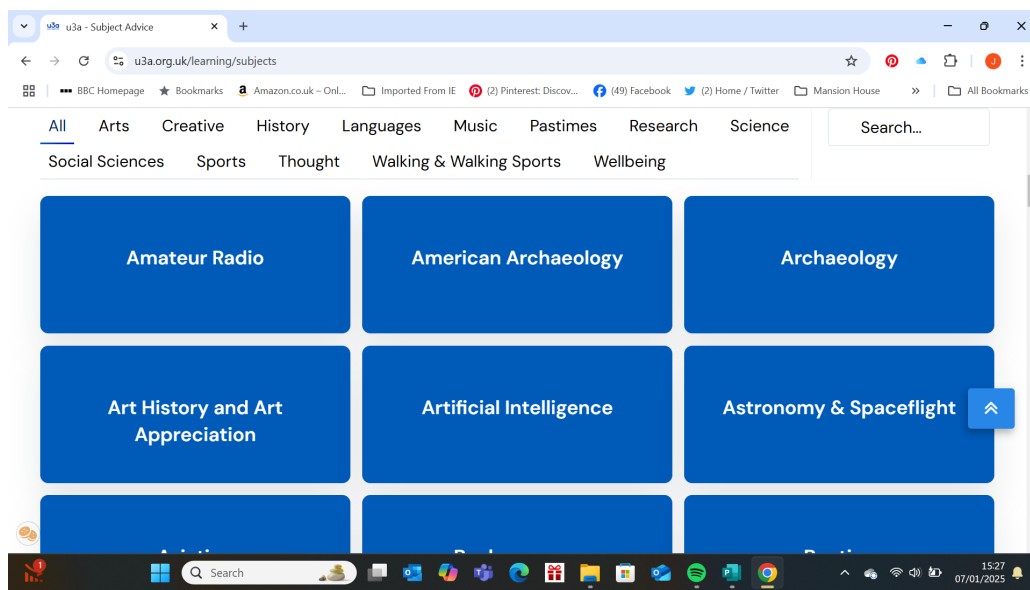
#### *13 Networks:*

AI for Everyone, Bridge, Chess, Climate Change & The Environment, Craft, Crown Green Bowling, Cycling, Film Unit, Geology, Let's Talk Tech, Science, Speaker Swap, Walkers Exchange.

***IF YOU DON'T WANT TO START A GROUP, HAVEN'T FOUND A GROUP TO JOIN AT LEWES U3A, OR SIMPLY WANT MORE, HAVE A LOOK AT THIS:***

## Interest Groups Online

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/interest-groups-online>



***Interest Groups Online (IGO)*** is a digital u3a community that gives you the opportunity to join groups, talks and courses from the comfort of your home.

There are about 118 groups, many waiting list only, but enough with spaces to make it worth a look.

You must be registered and pay for IGO separately. It won't affect your normal Lewes u3a membership. Annual membership is £12, covering the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. If you join after 1st October, the fee is reduced to £6.

**AND**

as an added bonus for those missing u3a Matters magazine, you ***will receive it*** for 'free' by post if you join Interest Groups Online.

**ALSO**

Under the Events tab, you will find ***free online talks*** on subjects ranging from Penguins to Joni Mitchell. Any u3a member can take advantage of these talks.



[Join Interest Groups Online](https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/interest-groups-online)



*From a management perspective, PayPal is the most efficient way to receive payments from members for membership and group enrolment. But many are hesitant to use this—decades old—payment technology, feeling they will be ‘duped’ into joining something they do not wish to.*

**PayPal itself says:** ‘PayPal’s guest checkout option allows users to pay with a debit or credit card **without creating a PayPal account.** PayPal will process the payment even if you don’t have an account’.

Paypal will take your credit or debit card details when you pay and that will be enough. You will not be required to join PayPal, although it will give you the option to do so when you checkout.

If you do have a PayPal account, you can sign in and PayPal will deduct the money from whatever account you signed into PayPal. It’s a quicker process, but only works if you have actually joined PayPal.

## LEWES u3a SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS



Are you aware that there is only **one** renewal date for Lewes u3a?

Thank you for those members who have paid the annual membership fee in the past few weeks.

There are members who may not realise that, no matter what time of year you join Lewes u3a, the renewal date is September each year.

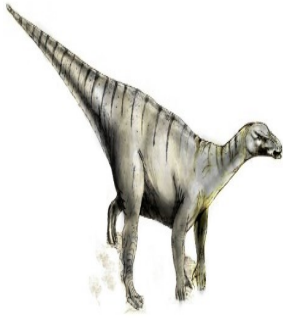
This means, for example, that if you joined in June 2023, your renewal is due on 1st September 2023, then September 2024 and so on. Very often there is a reduced fee if you join mid-year, but the full fee is due at the next renewal date (September).

***DON'T HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CANCELLED, WHEN YOU INTENDED TO CONTINUE. MAKE SURE YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EACH SEPTEMBER!***



Volunteers Jill and Val helped collate Lewes News last year on behalf of Lewes u3a. Some of the original team now volunteer regularly with Lewes News.

# FOSSIL FESTIVAL 2025



*The Lewes u3a Geology Group* is taking part in this year's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of

Gideon Mantell, one time inhabitant of Lewes and local doctor. He is perhaps better known for his interest in Geology and his discovery of the bones and teeth of the Iguanodon. His paper on this giant reptile, one of the very first dinosaurs to be identified, was published in

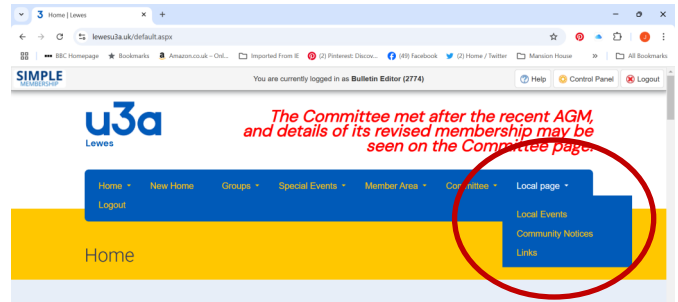
February 1825.



There will be talks, exhibitions, and guided walks in and around Lewes.

The *u3a Geology Group* is holding a **Family Fossil Festival** in the Linklater Pavilion, Railway Lane, Lewes on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10 – 12.30**. Do come along if you can, especially if you have grandchildren for whom there will be many hands-on activities, as well as a Fossil exhibition, Treasure Hunt, book stall, and a chance to bring fossils to show our experts. Refreshments will be provided. Children £3, adults free. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

## LOCAL EVENTS on LEWES u3a



On the Lewes u3a website there is a '[Local Events](#)' page. Members are invited to submit details of any local event organised outside of Lewes u3a that you think may be of interest to our members.

### New Members

There are many organisations in Lewes which are already largely populated by members of Lewes u3a. Our new members – some 200 joined over the last year – are mostly either newly retired or new to Lewes, and would be only too keen to hear of a society that could be of interest to them, or to attend an event. So please feel free to advise us about a forthcoming event that you feel may be of interest to our members.

Send your information to: Tony Wheeler at [webmaster@lewesu3a.uk](mailto:webmaster@lewesu3a.uk)

The latest addition to this page is an event brought to our attention by new member Tim Locke:

*Lewes Holocaust Memorial Day Group is holding free memorial events on January 25 and January 27: see <https://hmd-lewes.org> for details.*



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1