



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP OF LEWES U3A?

Lewes u3a, whose year, began again on 1st September 2023, has necessarily been more flexible in its approach to renewals. This was because we were grappling with a new database system, and had to fine tune a way to get the live financial information in line with the membership database.

Reminders

These difficulties are now largely behind us, and records show that the vast majority of u3a members have paid their membership fee. Those that are not showing as renewed have received at least two reminders, asking the member to get in touch if they feel that our information is not correct, or to send us the renewal fee.

Membership terminated

We are now at the stage where all those showing as not paid up will

have their membership terminated. This means they will no longer be able to log onto our website and see Group details, join a Group, receive emails and updates about Lewes u3a, or receive Bulletin [heaven forbid!]

Not sure?

So if you are not sure if you have renewed or not, and want to continue your membership, please check as soon as possible.

If you have a friend or neighbour who is not online, and wants to continue with Lewes u3a, please check that they have renewed. If they are not sure, contact any member of the Committee, who can check the status of the member on the database.

membership@lewesu3a.uk

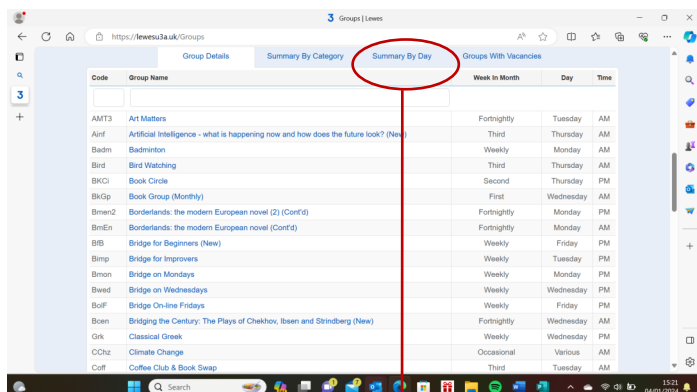


WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANY WAY, EVEN AS AN ASSISTANT TO AN OFFICER ROLE, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR CHAIR, CHAIR@LEWESU3A.UK

ENTHUSIASM AND GOOD HUMOUR ARE THE ONLY NECESSARY ATTRIBUTES!

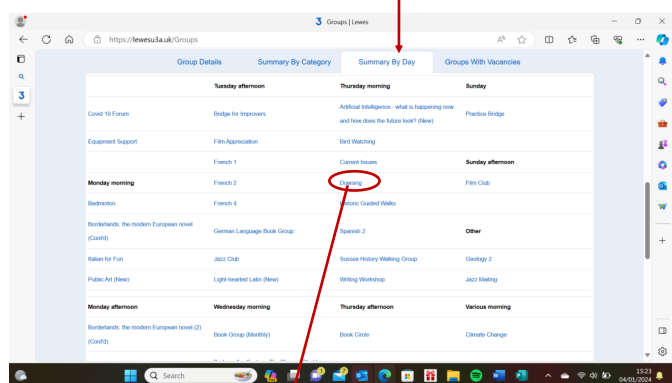
MAKE THE MOST OF THE GROUPS PAGES ON OUR WEBSITE

DID YOU REALISE YOU CAN 'SORT' THE GROUPS, AND PRINT OFF YOUR SELECTION?

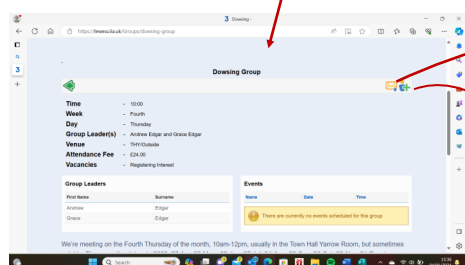


Go to Groups from the drop down menu on the Home page, then click on the 'Summary by Day' to see the Groups listed under each day.

You can click on the Group names on this page to find the details, and enrol (you can only see this if you are logged in as a member), for example, Dowsing



DON'T FORGET, BUDDIES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU!
Call Jill on 01273 471108



Click here to email Group Leader

Click here to join the Group

LEWES U3A WINTER SEASONAL SOCIAL

TUESDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 2.30PM AT

ST JOHN SUB CASTRO, ABINGER PLACE, LEWES

FEATURING A TALK AT 3PM:

ALFRED NOBEL AND HIS LEGACY

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH QUERIES

MEMBERS! PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INTRODUCE AND ACCOMPANY NON MEMBERS TO THIS EVENT.

LEWES U3A'S WINTER SEASONAL SOCIAL:

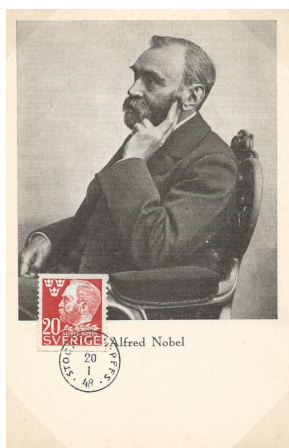
This winter we feature a talk by member Grace Davies, FRPSL, who gives us a background to her talk.

ALFRED NOBEL AND HIS LEGACY

Like many of our generation, Grace collected stamps as a child and abandoned the hobby in her teens. She restarted in 1985 when by sheer chance she acquired the New Zealand Peace set, stamps issued to commemorate the end of WW2. That began a fascinating journey to build a philatelic collection on the theme of Peace, a subject familiar to her because of her pacifist parents.

Unusual collection

Now her unusual collection is widely known in philatelic circles and she is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London.



Alfred Nobel

Alfred Nobel (1833–1896) first became part of the collection along with other personalities associated with peace.

Then, because his remarkable will led to the creation of five prizes “for the benefit of mankind”, one of which was a Peace Prize, collecting material illustrating the peace laureates became



Peace Treaty between Israel and Egypt. Nobel Peace award for Sadat and Begin 1978.

a fascinating and relevant development. In due course, Grace created two PowerPoint presentations, ‘Story of the Peace Rose’ and this one on Nobel, to offer to non-philatelic groups because of the subjects’ general interest.

Variety of groups

Grace has been a member of Lewes u3a for many years and has attended a variety of groups including Science

and French; these days it is Globe Trotters and Art Matters. Grace feels that Lewes is rich in possibilities to learn and enjoy.



Swiss stamp for International Committee of the Red Cross which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize three times

THIRD AGE TRUST MAGAZINE

The Third Age Trust Website is a rich resource for learning, and includes all issues of the Third Age Matters in a 'screenreader' format.

This does mean that there are no illustrations, but it is a comprehensive resource if you wanted to check something or look something up.— maybe someone was talking about something in TAM. There are also sample pages from past issues.

To have a look, go to

www.u3a.org.uk/news/publications



Screenreader Editions

We are working on producing more accessible screenreader versions of Third Age Matters in consultation with some of our members. We will continue to develop these further as we gain more feedback to improve the user experience for screen reader users. You can find a list of available screen reader versions below:

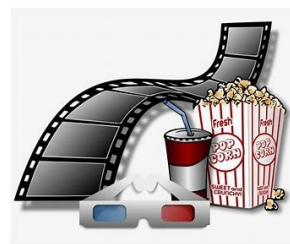
- [Third Age Matters Autumn 2023 – Screenreader Edition](#)
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- [Third Age Matters Spring 2023 – Screenreader Edition](#)
- [Third Age Matters February 2023 – Screenreader Edition](#)
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The Editor would particularly like to hear from Group Leaders of smaller Groups who are open to new members, as well as potential Groups. Bulletin can publicise your new or existing Group. The Editor will be delighted to hear from you.

IF YOU ENJOY THE OCCASIONAL FILM, BUT WOULD PREFER TO WATCH IT WITH SOMEONE SO THAT YOU CAN TALK ABOUT IT AFTERWARDS, THE U3A FILM CLUB MAY BE FOR YOU.



There is no joining cost: just ask the Group Leader, Ann Coffey, to add your name to the



emailing list. Ann selects a film for the early evening showing on the first Sunday of the month

at Depot in Lewes, and emails the group members with her choice.

If you want to join in, you buy your own ticket, and your drink afterwards.



Different types of film

Often the choice of film will be very limited, which means it may be one you would not normally see. This works well: members get exposed to different types of film which add to the richness of the conversation afterwards.

'Never all agree'

'We never all agree on enjoying it or not. The 'blockbuster' films are no exception: Barbie, for example, was loved and derided in equal measure'. said one enthusiastic regular.



Some of the films seen by the Club, from top: The Beasts, Haunting in Venice, Barbie, The Whale

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