



**Welcome to the
November 2025 edition
of Mayfield and District
u3a Newsletter**



*******FORTHCOMING EVENTS*******

Mayfield and District monthly meetings are held at 2.30pm in Five Ashes Village Hall, TN20 6JA, on the third Thursday of the month.

November 20th: “Sherlock Holmes .v. Jack the Ripper” by Tony Harris.

December 18th: Christmas Lunch Party at Colkins Mill Church Hall.

Heathfield and District monthly meetings are held at 2pm in The Community Centre, TN21 0XG on the third Tuesday of the month.

November 18th: Alice and Paul Pippard of Beacon Down Vineyard.

December 16th: Christmas Party at 1.30pm.

Chairman's Report

Winter evenings seem to have arrived rather suddenly with the clocks going back and the recent drop in temperature.

Is it the time to broaden your interests and join a new group? Would you like to start a new interest group?

Let me know if you would and we can help find other members who may have the same interest.

Later in November we shall be having a party for new members so if you have joined in 2025 and not received an invitation, please let me know.

Mary Brentnall

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## MEMBERS' MEANDERINGS

Do watch [Hamza's Hidden Wild Isles on BBC iPlayer](#) - the enthusiasm and superb photography are his trade marks, but he also meets other wonderful protectors of our diminishing wildlife, who are really making a difference, We have some absolute treasures here still in The British Isles.



**November 20th at Five Ashes Village Hall at 2.30pm.**

## **Sherlock Holmes v. Jack the Ripper**

**by Tony Harris**

Actor, comedian, historian. Tony Harris is a speaker who combines his knowledge in these spheres in his talks, often portraying his subjects himself.

Will he arrive dressed as Sherlock Holmes? Time will tell.

He certainly spent a couple of years dressed as Henry VIII at Hampton Court, where over the years he entertained over half a million people.

I am sure we will all be enthralled, as his reviews on the speaker circuit are overwhelmingly positive. None of them have mentioned members of the audience being called up to play Watson or a victim, though, which is probably a relief.

As always, our talks are free to our members (and incidentally our chairman was pleased to tell us recently that our membership is steadily growing).

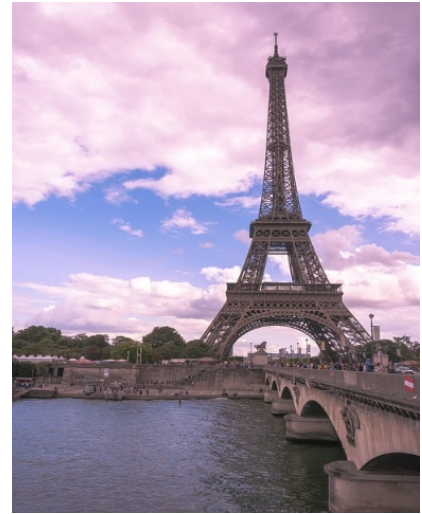
Visitors are welcome, for the small fee of £3.00, and tea, cake and an opportunity to socialise with friends are also an important part of the afternoon.

Do make the time to visit our new website, which is easy to navigate and full of information. It is [mayfield.u3asite.uk](http://mayfield.u3asite.uk).

Anna Thompson.



## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS



### PARLEZ VOUS FRANÇAIS?

Then come and join us once a month for a companionable discussion in French.

We are a small friendly group of French speakers who love the French language and the French way of life.

The group welcomes new members.

Nous vous souhaitons la bienvenue.

Please contact Jenny Kendall ([jennykendall@ymail.com](mailto:jennykendall@ymail.com)) if you are interested in joining this group.

### SINGING GROUP

The as yet un-named Singing Group will be meeting for the first time on Wednesday 26th November at 2pm in Anna's home.



## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME GATHERING

The welcome and getting to know who is who meeting for new members will be taking place on Friday 28th November at Mary's house.



(Unlikely as above - but you never know your luck...!)

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## WALKING LOCALLY AND FURTHER AFIELD

### SWAP (Short Walk and Pub)

The last SWAP was just Pub as it was a very wet day!

I am planning one more this year on **Tuesday 2nd. December** (time and place to be decided)



Please keep the date free and if you have any walks to recommend please contact me. [marybrentnallu3a@gmail.com](mailto:marybrentnallu3a@gmail.com)

## EXPLORING LONDON ON FOOT

The next London walk is on **Thursday 13th November**. If you would like to take part please contact Kathryn Dewhurst [dewdropk@mac.com](mailto:dewdropk@mac.com)



“ Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns ”  
George Eliot (1819–1880) aka Mary Ann Evans