



WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER 2025 EDITION OF THE MAYFIELD AND DISTRICT u3a NEWSLETTER

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

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

15th January 2026 - 'Punch and Judy' by Bertie Pearce

19th February 2026 - The Curious Tale of the Surrealist Gentleman,
by Jane Scotchmer

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

December 16th: Christmas Party at 1.30pm. Plus Cake and Wine Choir.

January 20th: Mary's Meals with Roy Peachey

February 17th : Lullingstone Castle, Kent by Tom Hart Dyke

In November Tony Harris, in full acting garb, gave us an action packed afternoon, full of surmise and surprise, as he unpacked the mystery of Sherlock Holmes v Jack the Ripper.

An accomplished and entertaining speaker - highly recommended.



It was not hard to imagine him in a previous role of some ten years duration as King Henry VIII at The Tower of London !



The season of mist and mellow fruitfulness will be over by now, and so thoughts turn towards Christmas, family, time for friends and a hopefully positive start to the New Year.

Will the winter be cold and frosty? Warm and windy? Only time will tell, but we in the U3A are usually doing something, whether it's rushing to finish a book before the Book Club members arrive, finding something interesting for the Science Group or wiping a table tennis bat with washing up liquid to improve its spin!

In January we have the return of Bertie Pearce, this time on the subject of the history of Punch and Judy.

I don't think the entire audience will have known Bertie for many years, or even taught him, but many will, and there will be hot competition for the front row on January 15th.

Thanks to our Speaker co-ordinator Sue Sabine, we have a full and varied list of speakers for 2026, and there will also be a welcome party for all our new members in February.

We really enjoy these as new members often bring different ideas or skills for us to share, and the committee is getting quite good at producing delicious things to eat!

If you think a friend might enjoy the u3a, they can come as a guest for £3, and if they join this will be refunded. Tea and cakes guaranteed!

Anna Thompson.

Do have a look at our revamped website, which thanks to Jenny Kendall is

now full of interesting and informative links.....

<https://mayfield.u3asite.uk/>



*u3a Singers invite you to join them
for an informal carolling afternoon
on Wednesday 17th December
from 2pm to 4pm
at Anna's house (opposite Mary)*

email madelynmeredith565@gmail.com for

directions.....

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am sorry that not everyone who has applied has received a place at the Christmas Lunch. We often have one or two people who cannot come at the last minute so maybe some on the waiting list will be lucky.

Next year we shall consider a venue with a larger capacity. Having realised that our New Members' party clashed with late night shopping in Mayfield, we have postponed it until Thursday 5th February.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Mary Brentnall



SWAP

We were lucky that although the forecast had said 70% chance of rain, it waited until we were safely in The Lazy Fox before it came.

The next SWAP will be on Friday 23 January. 10.45 for walk, 12.15 for lunch. Venue to be confirmed.



“Spring passes and one remembers one’s innocence.
Summer passes and one remembers one’s exuberance.
Autumn passes and one remembers one’s reverence.
Winter passes and one remembers one’s perseverance.”

Yoko Ono