



WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY 2026 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.**

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

19th March 2026 - Weather Lore - fact or fiction, by Ian Currie

16th April 2026 - Kirkles, Corsets and Curtains, the costumes of Georgian England, by Sarah Slater

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

17th February 2026 - Lullingstone Castle with Tom Hart Dyke

17th March 2026 - Bojangles Chocolates unveiled by Pam Bateman

21st April - The Sussex Wildlife Trust by James Duncan

**\*\* NEWS FROM THE GROUPS \*\***

Another delightful new members soireé was held at our chairman's home on the evening of 5th February - a pleasant way of avoiding a rainy evening at home yet again.

The committee demonstrated their culinary skills with a delectable selection of canapés, and our vice-chairman bustled about keeping everyone's glasses suitably full.

Group conveners mingled and described their groups' many activities.





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## SCRABBLE

If you want something to get you out of the house on a grey winter's day, spend a couple of hours in pleasant company while enjoying a great game, I can't recommend Scrabble highly enough.

No preparation needed, and as us 'oldies' are frequently being told we have to stimulate our brain cells, it's a great way to test yours! We aren't overly competitive, and we all applaud the person who can garner 40 points with the judicious use of just one letter.

Our members come from Burwash, Heathfield and Mayfield, so we meet mid-way, at the Co-Op in Heathfield. There is a large car park and the café is a very welcoming space with comfy seating, and reasonably priced food and drinks. The availability of tables means we have no problem accommodating any number of people.

We meet at 2.00pm on the third Wednesday of the month, for more information please contact Annie Schofield - [annie.schofield21@gmail.com](mailto:annie.schofield21@gmail.com)



\*\*\*\*\***SWAP - KEEP THE DATE**\*\*\*\*\*

The next Short Walk And Pub will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Details to be published in the March newsletter.

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++++++**TEXTILE GROUP**++++++

Knitting +++++ Crochet+++++Fabric Collage

+++++and much more !

The textile group would welcome an additional member.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2 - 4pm, monthly at my home in Heathfield.

For further information please give me, Jill McQueen, a call either on 01435 866280 or 07733443611.

## Chairman's Report

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The committee and group leaders enjoyed welcoming some of our new members at a recent party as the photos of the gathering in this newsletter show.

We continue to have a steady intake and our membership is at present 138.

If you have a friend or neighbour who is interested, do bring them along to a monthly meeting, or suggest they try an interest group. Both these 'trials' would be free for prospective members.

I recommend the newly formed singing group\* as a chance to have an afternoon forgetting your troubles and those of the world. We aren't trying to rival the Festival Choir, just to enjoy ourselves. In addition it is supposed to have many health benefits, including reducing anxiety and strengthening the immune system.

Mary Brentnall

\* Meeting on the last Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm.

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## NEXT MEETING on THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY

As winter wends its chilly way through towards spring, it's a good thing to think about something other than the weather, and our monthly talk should be a pleasant antidote to whether to take snow shoes or an umbrella out on our brisk (!) country walks.



Jane Scotchmer usually writes about gardens, but in our meeting this month she will entertain us with tales of Edward James, who is described as a ‘surrealist gentleman’. Having inherited a huge estate in West Sussex, he used his wealth to support famous artists, meanwhile joining a shocking society, of which we will no doubt learn more.... The magical surrealist garden he created, which is now a famous Unesco site, may or may not be covered, but I hope we at least get a photograph or two, as I can’t imagine what a surrealist garden would look like. Actually, having just written that, so many plants have weird and wonderful habits and shapes that it may be fairly mainstream! Anyway, time will tell.

ANNA THOMPSON

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IMPORTANT ARGOS HILL

TRAFFIC DISRUPTION INFORMATION



