



**WELCOME TO THE
JUNE 2026
NEWSLETTER OF
MAYFIELD AND
DISTRICT u3a**



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mayfield and District u3a monthly meetings are held at 2.30pm in Five Ashes Village Hall TN20 6JA on the third Thursday of the month.

18th June : Living and Nursing in India with Dee Larcombe

16th July : How to Survive in Medieval England by Toni Mount

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Heathfield and District u3a monthly meetings are held at 2pm in the Community Centre TN21 0XG on the third Tuesday of the month.

16th June : The Inn at the Top - Neil Hanson talks about the Highest Pub in Britain

21st July : News from Chailey Heritage with Ian Kirby

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Mayfield and District U3A

Five Ashes Village Hall

Thursday June 18th at 2.30pm

**Living and Nursing in India
by
Dee Larcombe**

The title of this talk may sound relatively innocuous, but what a life Dee Larcombe has led!

She has had an extraordinary journey that started in Hong Kong in 1941 and then, via 3 years in an Internment camp, and a childhood spent in a childrens' home, she found herself working in India in a Leprosy hospital and later running a girls' orphanage with her husband.

Slightly less dramatically, she has also worked as a Family Planning Nurse in Tooting, London. There was of course much adventure and hardship along the way and I expect we will be told some of it.

Dee has written a book called *The Girl in the Drawer*, which documents her life, and I'm sure many of us will want to read it.

Some of the reviews I have read mention the way she has found a way to forgive those who ill treated her, and perhaps that quality has been part of the reason she has been able to survive those hardships so successfully.

Tea and cakes are available after all our talks, once members have been given the opportunity to ask questions of our speaker.

Visitors are always welcome to come, perhaps just for that particular talk, or indeed to see whether or not Mayfield and District U3A is worth joining. Which, of course, it is.

A single talk is £3.00, while a whole year's membership is only £15.00, or £27.50 for a couple.

Anna Thompson

An unusual and fascinating offer from High Weald National Landscape - does this appeal to you ? Or do you know a student ecologist who might jump at this opportunity ?

If so please contact madelynmeredith565@gmail.com or follow the links in the website below.....

“ Might your members be interested in a Fellowship opportunity to support and benefit the High Weald National Landscape.

Grants of up to £7500 are available to help individuals with a connection to the High Weald gain knowledge and insights, and share what they have learned with others.

It could be studying a particular species or part of the landscape, exploring farming practices, or perhaps finding out more about traditional High Weald crafts, industries or architecture. We are open to lots of ideas!

This could be a great project for someone who has retired but maintains a passion for the landscape, and wants to benefit and enthuse others.

Information about the Fellowships is available on our website here: <https://highweald.org/grants/high-weald-lund-fellowship/>"

SWAP - SHORT WALK AND PUB !

We had a lovely walk in Buxted. Leaving the cars in Buxted Park we walked through the woods, where the bluebells were still blooming, to Buxted Inn for lunch.

Returning to our cars, we walked past the avenue of trees which was blown over in 1987. The photo shows how the trees have continued to grow and flourish with much of the root system exposed

SWAP WALK AT BUXTED PARK



Chairman's Chat

The summer seems to be swinging between hot and cold and although the gardens needed rain the wild winds do not help the gardeners.

I hope we have a warm sunny evening for our drinks party at the cricket club on **Thursday 25th June**.

There are still a few places if you would like to come.

Spend a Day with the u3a

East Sussex East Network is having a Workshop, 10.00-4.00 on Thursday 22nd October at the Birley Centre in Eastbourne.

The theme of the day is History and speakers include Imogen Corrigan speaking about 'Children in Medieval Times.' There will also be displays, activities and tours during the day.

If anyone has an idea for our display table, please let me know. A collection of interesting artefacts?

Details and application forms will be issued nearer the time but please put the date in your diary.

Mary Brentnall

LIDAR ARCHEOLOGY IN THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON BASIN - Hidden civilisations under the tropical canopy - fascinating discoveries...

<https://theconversation.com/great-mysteries-of-archaeology-an-ancient-amazonian-world-revealed-from-the-sky-282006?>



WILD JUNE WEATHER !

An explanation from The Met Office Blog.....

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/blog/2026/deep-dive-a-changeable-week-with-showers-before-a-warmer-turn>



"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

— C.S. Lewis

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

— Plato

