

WELCOME BACK TO THE MHU3A NEWSLETTER

We have great pleasure in bringing you our 47th Edition, continuing the beginning of the end of our lockdown and the restrictions these have placed on our MHU3A activities.

In this edition you will find:

- Our Executive Committee;
- A message from our Chair;
- A request for HELP;
- News about our Zoom quizzes;
- Upcoming Zoom talks;
- News of our 5th Anniversary and National U3A Day;
- News from our Interest Groups;
- Access to the library of 'Good News' Bulletins;
- Upcoming events.

The Mill Hill U3A Executive Committee.

Back in December 2020 (it seems an age ago!) we elected a new EC for 2021. In the absence of physical contact, e.g. at Monthly Meetings in Hartley Hall, many of you will either not know the EC members or might have forgotten who they are; so here is a reminder, with a photo so that you will recognise them when next we meet in Hartley Hall or via Zoom.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Photo</u>
Chair	Barbara Lenton	chair@millhillu3a.co.uk	
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Secretary	Brenda Dresner	secretary@millhillu3a.co.uk	

The Mill Hill U3A Executive Committee (cont.)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Photo</u>
Treasurer	Warren Starr	<i>mhu3atreasurer@gmail.com</i>	
Membership Administrator	Danny Jackson	<i>membership@millhillu3a.co.uk</i>	

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Once again I would like to share some of our discussions and decisions from the last Executive Committee meeting.

The Group Leaders' Handbook I mentioned last month is progressing well and we hope to have that completed at the end of this month. This will refer to some more formal documentation around things like risk assessments and these will be available on our website.

The website itself continues to develop and if you've not taken a look at it please do. I'd highly recommend checking out the photography group page on this link:

<https://millhillu3a.co.uk/group/digital-photography/>

I was quite blown away by the beautiful images and look forward to seeing how the group captures u3a day (see page 7 below).

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR (cont.)

We are still hoping to have a meeting at Hartley Hall in July so are working towards that. If at all possible we are looking to make it available on Zoom simultaneously. This is a great opportunity to acknowledge all the work of Patricia Murphy and the catering team for keeping us refreshed over the years when we came together. We are looking for new helpers (see page 5) so please get in touch if you'd like to join. Remember we all rely on each other volunteering and this is just one of the many ways you can contribute. Interested? Contact me on this link to find out more:

chair@millhillu3a.co.uk

Danny Jackson has done a fantastic job renewing 850 memberships and has some ideas that will make the process even easier for next year.

We reviewed the Quiz night and, as the feedback from this event has been so positive (see page 5), we have decided to have another on the 19th May. Chelle and Jim Paice were fantastic quiz masters and Victor did a great job hosting the Zoom platform. The next one will be even better as we have learnt so much from the first. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and look forward to seeing you all again for another happy event.

WE NEED HELP

We are preparing for when lockdown ends, hopefully in June, by contacting Hartley Hall to find out what restrictions will be placed on its use for our physical Monthly Meetings. At the same time, we are hoping to make video recordings of the monthly meeting talk so that those members who do not wish to attend Hartley Hall can watch online. For this, we are **URGENTLY** seeking members who have technical abilities in videoing and web mounting. It would also be good if people can offer to help with refreshments on the day.

IF ANYONE CAN HELP, please contact Barbara at

chair@millhillu3a.co.uk

Our first Zoom Fun Quiz took place on Thursday night, and was well received:

- **“Thanks to all concerned for the excellent quiz last night! I do not usually enjoy quizzes, but this one was great fun!”**
- **“THANK YOU SO MUCH - ENJOYED THE QUIZ.”**
- **“Just to say how much we enjoyed the quiz last night and thank you for all your hard work.”**
- **“Thank you for arranging last night, it was a fun evening”**
- **“I really enjoyed the U3A quiz last night. It was great fun. Will there be another one?”**

Why not make a note in your diary – Our next Quiz will be at 7pm on Wednesday 19th May.

FORTHCOMING ZOOM TALKS:

(Talks begin at 2.00pm. unless otherwise shown)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Info</i>
29 th April 2021	Irene Kyffin	“The Willow Pattern and its Story”	Irene is returning to give another of her excellent talks. This one tells the story of the legend surrounding Willow Pattern Plates. You may have some in your home. It will be fascinating to find out their background. N.B. This talk starts at 3.00 p.m.
13 th May 2021	John Pearson	“Blessed Are the Cheesemakers”	
27 th May 2021	Lester Hillman	“Roses Round the Door - The Battle of Barnet 1471”	

Please note that you will be sent emails announcing these talks with a link to the Zoom meeting. In most cases, a recording of the talk will be later available to watch online, for which, again, you will be emailed the link.

OUR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY & NATIONAL U3A DAY

How shall we celebrate our 5th birthday as a U3A and also National U3A Day?

One idea is to have a special Newsletter featuring contributions from Groups and members.

For example: photos, artworks, short essays/poems depicting our U3A activities, and what you like about being a member. All ideas and contributions gratefully received by:

enquiries@millhillu3a.co.uk



NEWS FROM THE INTEREST GROUPS

There are two new Opera Interest Groups:

- History of European Opera;
- Visual opera experiences on Vimeo and YouTube with talks.

Also, check out the 'Music: Classical unsung composers' Group.

For more information visit them on the website.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION
ON ALL OUR GROUPS MAY BE SEEN ON OUR
WEBSITE HERE:**

[HTTPS://MILLHILLU3A.CO.UK/GROUPS/](https://millhillu3a.co.uk/groups/)

(COPY AND PASTE THIS ADDRESS INTO YOUR WEB BROWSER — IT IS SECURE!)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NEWSLETTER & USEFUL TIPS FOR OUR MEMBERS

We hope this page can become a regular feature for our Newsletter. It is an opportunity for anyone to share what they think is entertaining and could be helpful advice. It doesn't have to be specifically U3A related.

Please send any 'contributions' and 'useful tips' to:

enquiries@millhillu3a.co.uk

For those of you who enjoy the weekly 'Good News' bulletins presenting jokes and puzzles, here is a message from the author, Phil Joiner:

I am extremely grateful to Midhurst u3a who have put all 25 back copies of 'Keep Smiling' on their website and you can access it with the following link.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/midhurst/page/111823>

Ideally, I would get my free publications to be read by as many people as possible, especially u3a members in the UK, as we all need cheering up.

I would therefore invite you to view the web page above.

You can also download the publications from the Midhurst Website if you want to.

Keep Smiling



Phil Joiner

FURTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fifth anniversary of the founding of our U3A (will we celebrate?);
- Next Zoom quiz planned for 19th May (more info. in due course);
- National U3A Day — 2nd June
- Possible REAL Monthly Meeting in Hartley Hall in July??