

## Programme

November 28	Neil Sadler	An Odd Thing Happened Today At The Airport
December 12	Christmas Lunch	Chichester College Restaurant
January 23	Jane Glennie	Suffering Suffragettes
February 27	Wendy Page	Selsey on the Home Front part 2

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### November

What a month! The clocks have gone back, the nights are pitch black by tea-time, lights and the heating are both on. Prisoners wrongly released, Andrew stripped of his titles and pets everywhere traumatised by fireworks. Remembrance Day provided a morning of dignified reflection. Experts confirm that 9 out of 10 citizens now measure happiness in Strictly scores.

Oh, and there is no truth in the rumour that the sing-along in Jo's quiz is, 'Who let the cons out?'

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### Remembrance Day

The Remembrance service and parade was held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The service was held at The Academy School followed by the annual parade from School Lane to the War Memorial, where the wreath laying ceremony took place. We are very grateful to Keith Wheway who attended and presented the wreath on behalf of Selsey u3a.



### Christmas Lunch

Christmas is coming and we are looking forward to returning to Chichester College Restaurant. Thanks to all members who have submitted their menu requests and payments.

Hopefully members will eagerly join in the festive fun. Remember, let's make this day sparkle with our best Christmas looks.

There will be sparkly and festive raffle prizes on offer. Don't miss out.

The coach will be leaving The Selsey Centre at 11.30 promptly.

Please ensure Janet Topping has your emergency contact details.

If you will be driving to the Selsey Centre to catch the coat for the lunch, please park to the rear of the building. Many thanks.



**Monthly Open Meetings**

Please note that doors open for members at 1.30 pm.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR TEA DUTY FOR THE November OPEN MEETING!**

**No volunteers could mean no refreshments.**

I'm sure everybody who attends our monthly open meetings looks forward to and appreciates the refreshments available on arrival

The initial organisation is put in order by the committee. However, we rely on the good will of our members to offer their assistance to help prepare and lend a hand to enable this to happen. Additionally, refreshment volunteers attend the meeting for free and **will be given** a raffle ticket for the door prize.

We welcome offers of help from you all. Don't be shy! There will always be someone to support you.

Please notify Val Wright to offer your tea and coffee making skills for future meetings.

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**Our Usual Polite Request**

Please can attendees of our open meetings, continue to remain respectful when speakers are addressing the audience and refrain from individual conversations. Thank-You.

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**Committee Request.**

We are aware that telecommunications providers are offering competitive deals. The committee is keen to ensure members' contact details are up to date. This includes notifying us if you have changed your emergency contact. Please can all members check their emergency contact details and let Janet Topping know of **any** changes. This is especially important for quick communication in an emergency, providing accurate information for decision making, preventing sensitive information sharing and ensuring the right people can be reached quickly. Outdated information can waste valuable time if emergency responders are involved.

Janet's email address is: [jmtopping@aol.com](mailto:jmtopping@aol.com)

Thank-you.

**Current Interest Groups**

Amblers	9.30 Weekly, Wednesdays	Music appreciation	2.00 pm 2nd Monday of the month
Bus Explorers	10.00 a. m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. <b>NB With regret, this group is not suitable for those with mobility issues and/or need to use "walkers" to enable them to walk.</b>		
Computer	By arrangement	Sunday Lunch	12.30 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
Family History	By arrangement	Topical discussion	10.00 a.m. 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of the month
Film & Theatre	10.30a.m. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month	World cuisine:	12.30 p.m. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.
History	10a.m. 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month	True Crime	2.00 p.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month

**Please note: It is not the role of committee members or the groups co-ordinator to begin, lead or host groups. Members must take responsibility for this.**

**If a specific group is “full” that is, no additional members can be accommodated in a leader’s home etc then interested members can begin a second group. Members will then be emailed and a notice placed in the newsletter to inform others of new groups.**

Anyone wishing to join an interest group must first contact Chris Rainer the Group Coordinator who will then contact group leader/coordinator to verify spaces in the group.

(Chris Rainer) 07580197648 email [christinerainer914@gmail.com](mailto:christinerainer914@gmail.com)

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### True Crime Interest Group

#### The Disappearance of Suzy Lamplugh

The **Suzy Lamplugh** case involves the disappearance of **Suzy Lamplugh**, a 25-year-old London estate agent who vanished on **28 July 1986** after leaving her office to meet a client known only as **“Mr. Kipper.”** Despite extensive searches, she was **never found** and was **declared legally dead in 1993**. The prime suspect, **John Cannan**, a convicted killer and rapist, has long been linked to the case but was **never charged**. Suzy’s disappearance led her parents to create the **Suzy Lamplugh Trust**, promoting personal safety awareness across the UK.



John Cannan was convicted in 1989 of the abduction, rape and murder of Shirley Banks (in 1987) and given life sentences. In 2002 he was named by the Metropolitan Police Service as the prime suspect in Suzy’s disappearance. Some of the reasons for suspicion: Cannan was released from a hostel just a few days before Suzy’s disappearance, He resembled an e-fit of the man (“Mr Kipper”) seen with Suzy. Investigators searched (in 2018) the back garden and garage of a house in Sutton Coldfield formerly owned by his mother; nothing was found. However, He always denied any involvement in Suzy’s case. The Crown Prosecution Service judged there was insufficient evidence to charge him but intimated he had already been found guilty by the media.

John Cannan died on **6 November 2024** in prison, aged 70. The cause of death was a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm (natural causes) as revealed at an inquest. With his death, the case of Suzy Lamplugh remains **unsolved**. The investigation remains open and active. Suzy’s family have expressed that without the body or a full confession, they may never achieve full closure. The fact that the prime suspect has died places additional pressure on investigators and increases the risk of key evidence, testimony or leads being lost. Police continue to invite new information or leads from the public.

Our session concluded, in the Words of Johnny Nash, ‘There are more questions than answers and the more I find out, the less I know.’ **JA**

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## Amblers

Our November, 'Bus Walk' had us heading towards Havant. We alighted at The Spring Arts and heritage centre in Havant, for tea, before attempting to walk along the shores of Langstone Harbour. Our route was disrupted by the high tide and barriers, but we continued inland following parts of the old Hayling Billy railway line. We had lunch at the nearby Langstone Farm Carvery. The food was excellent value for money. The friendly service and satisfying comfort food made for a great lunch stop.



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### **NEW GROUP - CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS AND SUDOKU**

If you'd like to learn how to complete cryptic crosswords, then why not join our new Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku Group and learn all the 'tricks of the trade'.

Day and time of meeting to be discussed.

Come along and share your skills with us. Please contact Chris Rainer for joining details. PL

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## Stop Press

Iain from Bognor u3a has asked me to circulate the following information:

Bognor Regis are taking a five day trip to Southern Belgium in May 2026

[ yes I know it is a long way off] staying in Namur and visiting the surrounding area , plus TWO River Meuse Cruises. #

Cost a mere £685!

Full details on the Bognor website or from Iain at

<[lesgrionettes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lesgrionettes@yahoo.co.uk)>..... don't hesitate and miss out!

Bognor has regular trips to Northern Europe, Normandy on one occasion.

#### **Contact Information**

<b>Selsey u3a Telephone number:</b>	<b>Membership:</b>	<b>Janet Topping</b>	<b>0778 304 0407</b>
<b>Groups Coordinator:</b>		<b>Chris Rainer</b>	<b>0758 0197 648</b>
<b>Newsletter:</b>		<b>Jo Azulay</b>	<b><a href="mailto:joanneazulav195@aol.com">joanneazulav195@aol.com</a></b>



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## OPEN MEETING

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 2.00 pm in the Selsey Centre

### RECORD

**Attendance:**        **23 members**    **5 visitors**

**1. Welcome:**

Barbara welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for Ronnie's absence due to ill health.

**2. Notices:**

Keith Wheway is laying the wreath for the u3a, but everyone is welcome to join the parade, if they wish to.

We still have 10 places for the Christmas lunch, if anyone still wishes to join us, please let Barbara have your deposit and menu choices as soon as possible. The coach has been booked and on the day will leave the Selsey Centre at 11.30.

Please make sure you have given Janet your updated emergency contact details, mobile phone, landline, email details

Can we all welcome Alan Jones, whose talk today is, '**Life a Library of memories!**'

**3. Speaker:**

Alan started with the year of his birth in winter 1946/47 when his father had had to pay for a hospital stay as there was no NHS, but his mother did receive an extra bar of soap in her ration allowance. It was the post-war era; coal was in such short supply that when a lorry was stolen the coal was taken but the lorry was left. POWs were also still around and many were invited into local homes for Christmas. His school reminiscences ranged from free milk which was welcomed although the weekly dose of orange juice and castor oil was less welcome. Had to be wary as there were many instances of flying chalk from the teachers – which would never be tolerated today - as well as visits from the Nit Nurse and the school dentist. In the 1950's home telephones were still quite rare although in 1953 the Head of the Telephone & Telegraph Company predicted that in the future "telephones will be carried about by an individual, like a watch with no dial". Everyone played outside all the time, there was no television, but Saturday morning pictures was the highlight of the week. In the 1960s there was the rise of coffee shops, jukeboxes and Teddy boys. Rag and bone men still went around the streets and there were two deliveries of post a day. Record shops had booths where you could listen to the latest hits on headphones and delivery boys could deliver groceries within a 3-mile area. There were Green Shield Stamps to collect although devaluation of the £ made a big impact to the burgeoning overseas holiday market as you were only allowed to take £50 maximum out of the country. The 1970s brought commercial television, the three-day week, petrol rationing and the introduction of decimalisation. However through all that we have survived lead piping, asbestos, no fridges/freezers, no guidance on sell by/eat by dates and no seat belts.

Jill thanked Alan on behalf of us all for his interesting talk which brought back many memories.

**4. Quiz answers:**

Barbara gave us the answers to the Quiz “Because remembering is half the battle and guessing is the other half!”.

**5. Admission draw:**

The Prize of a box of Christmas crackers was won by Susan Stagg

**6. Raffle draw:**

Tickets were drawn and all prizes were claimed.

**7. Next Meeting:**

Barbara reminded members that our next Open Meeting will be 28<sup>th</sup> November, the talk will be entitled “**An odd thing happened today at the airport**”.

**Important Notice**

**In response to recent rumours circulating within the Selsey community, we wish to confirm that Selsey u3a remains fully operational and has no plans to close in the foreseeable future.**

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There is no Open Meeting in December, but the Christmas Lunch is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

