



CRAWLEY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Information for new members

WHAT IS U3A?

U3A is an organisation providing opportunities for education and interest for mature people.

The original meaning of the Word University is a 'coming together' and that is what we do. We come together for a Monthly Meeting, usually with a speaker and in "Interest Groups" to follow interests, study new subjects and for general companionship.

The Interest Groups are informal and run on a self-help basis. All members are encouraged to contribute their own particular skills, knowledge, ideas and experience. U3A is dedicated to learning for its own sake.

Members willing to lead a group studying a subject which interests them would be very welcome. Do come and join us.

Further information about **Crawley U3A** and membership forms are available from the **Membership Secretary** – Betty Dowty – ☎ 01293 882335.

Membership subscription at present is £9.50 single and £17 for two people at the same address. A coloured Membership Card will be issued for the current year and will be required to be shown at meetings.

A charge of £1.30¹ (50p if the venue is a private home) is usually made for attendance at each meeting (with the exception of the Annual General Meeting, when no charge is made). The charge for groups who do not use a regular meeting room is variable, according to the activities of the group.

It is essential to contact the Group Leader before attending a Group Meeting, especially if choosing a group not previously attended, to ensure that a place is available and to get up-to-date information about the dates, times and venue.

U3A badges, pens, car stickers, magnifiers, diaries and other **U3A merchandise** are available from Brenda Broom – ☎ 01293 882674.

A **Crawley U3A Newsletter** and **U3A News** (the U3A National Newsletter) are published three times a year. The **Programme** is prepared in July. These and other notices are posted to members. **SOURCES - An Educational Bulletin** is published three times annually by the Third Age Trust and is posted free to members who request it. Application forms from the Membership Secretary. ***It is important that we have the correct address and post code of members.***

A **U3A National Conference and Annual General Meeting** is held annually and is open to all members.

Summer Schools with residence in a University take place in the summer, usually in June/July with a choice of study groups.

Crawley U3A and 27 other **U3As** belong to the **Sussex U3A Network (SUN)** and are able to take part in a number of Study Days, Away Days and other events held in various parts of Sussex.

¹ When payment is made in advance for a session of meetings this is reduced to the equivalent to £0.90 per meeting