



Happy Birthday, Will

Happy St
George's Day



April 7th is 'No
Housework Day'
It is also 'Coffee
Cake Day' but, as it
is Easter, have
Simnel Cake!



Next Coffee Morning is Wednesday 1st April at 10.30am in the Hall Front Room

If you are a long-standing member, why not go along and welcome the newcomers to the group. I'm sure you recall that it was quite daunting when you first joined so share your experiences to break the ice. If you are new to the group, don't worry, there will be many to show you the ropes, as well as tea/coffee/biscuits to make you feel at home!

The next Open Meeting is Thursday 9th April at 2pm in Westerham Hall "Without Reserve, The World of Antiques" by Janie Ramsay

The antiques trade is quite unique with its own rules. This talk takes you behind the scenes of both retail and auction houses. The good, the bad and the really bad are brought into the light but having worked in the trade for over 45 years, I would not change anything and have felt privileged to spend my life in such an extraordinary trade. There is some audience participation in this talk and hopefully lots of fun.

Please Note: Westerham Hall Car Park is being resurfaced on 13-14th April, so if you are attending a session in the Hall on those dates you will have to find an alternative parking space. Entry to the Hall will not be affected.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th May - Coffee morning

Thursday 14th May - Open Meeting - "The Acting Lark" by Tim Baker-Bartholomew

December 9th is only 8 months away! contact Chris westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

You should all have received an email about our Christmas Outing, by coach, to the Brick Lane Music Hall which includes a 3-course lunch and the 'All the Magic of Christmas' show. Take a look at the [theatre](#). This is now sold out but there is a waiting list. Apologies to those who thought they had missed out on the newsletter, Chris forgot he and the committee always gets a preview!

U3a Surrey Network Study days at Yehudi Menuhin Centre, Stoke D'Abernon

We have been invited to join the events organized by the Surrey Network. Each Study Day consists of 4 well-illustrated, high quality 45-minute presentations, short Q & A sessions, tea/coffee breaks and time for a packed lunch! Take a look at the website <https://surreynetwork.u3asite.uk/events>

Please follow the links below to get full details of the programme and booking forms

by Dr Colin Summerhayes & Professor Jan Zalasiewicz

Friday 15th May - [Truth, Lies, Risk & Reason](#) by Philip Harris

Friday 18th September - ['The Bayeux Tapestry – Creation & Interpretation'](#) by Imogen Corrigan

After her army career Imogen did a degree in Medieval History and now is an author, lecturer and tour leader. I will be attending this study day and will have spaces in my car if anyone wants to join me for a fascinating session, especially as 'the real thing' will be at the British Museum this autumn.

Hall Chair Recovering Initiative contact Chris westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

A combined group of Westerham Hall, Fleapit cinema and u3a volunteers are to recover the seats in the Main Hall in July (date TBA). No experience is necessary and tools and materials will be provided so if you would like to take part, on behalf of the u3a, please make contact.

Ukraine Appeal

These teddies are waiting to go to Ukraine, to comfort the children who are surrounded by the terrors of war. If you have any wool, any colour but preferably DK, that you no longer need, I will gratefully take it off your hands! Please contact Jan to arrange collection westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk



Many more items are desperately needed, particularly medical supplies.

You may have surplus medicines, dressings, incontinence pads or surgical appliances which you no longer use, but the NHS won't take back. Even medicines that are past their expiry date are often acceptable, they may have lost a bit of potency but are better than nothing although they will be checked before dispatch! If you have anything that you think could be useful, contact Ron for further information ronalexander612@btinternet.com

News from the Groups

Drama for All I am still waiting for suggestions for plays to see over the next few months, please let me have some ideas about what you would like to see! contact Jan westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk.

23rd - 25th April Kentish Opera, together with professional soloists, are performing Offenbach's opera '**Orpheus in the Underworld**' at the Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks. If you haven't been to an opera before this is an excellent introduction, a spoof on mythology and incorporating the Can-Can, they always have such fun partying with the Gods down below! I'm gutted to miss it due to holidays!

For more information and to book contact kentishopera.co.uk

12th - 16th May will find the Oxted Players in '**Journey's End**' at the Barn Theatre, Oxted. Join British soldiers awaiting their fate in the front-line trenches of WWI. Tickets are £15. For further details and to book go to Oxted Players

Spreadsheets contact Stuart westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

The two March Spreadsheet sessions proved interesting, due to the differing programs on different devices. Those with Excel, especially those having experience, progressed well but those who had the free alternative, Libre Office, struggled to find the appropriate commands and may have got left behind! Ian was very patient and, realising he had overestimated the abilities of some (me for one!), provided a crib sheet. Numbers attending for the 2nd session fell sharply, which was a shame as it covered practice and revision, as well as questions from the floor, so everyone went home to practice feeling much more confident!

Architecture contact Jan westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

There are still spaces for the tour of St Mary's Church, Westerham, at 10.30 on Tuesday, 14th April, when Bruce will be introducing you to the treasures inside. A minimum donation of £5 will include light refreshments – I am told the cheese scones are to die for! Some may have walked past many times but never ventured inside. If it is your first time or you are a regular visitor, there's sure to be something to learn. If you know of a church, within a reasonable distance, that is well worth a visit, please let me know.

Walking Group contact Elaine westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

On a rare sun filled day, Chris led the group on a 5.8 km walk from Oxted to Westerham, walking through a new part of Limpsfield and National Trust forests seeing views that they had never seen before. A well-earned lunch at the Grasshopper on the Green rounded off a good day. If you would like to take some exercise in the company of friends, contact Elaine for details of future walks.

Musical Theatre contact Chris westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

The next Musical on offer is **Hadestown**, in July/August, and Chris will be reserving tickets this month. It focuses on the love stories of Orpheus & Eurydice and the Greek God of the Underworld, Hades & his wife, Persephone. It will not only delight you with its beloved characters and awe-inspiring stagecraft, but it will also answer philosophical questions, like the meaning of true freedom and everlasting love! If the response from Broadway audiences and critics is anything to go by, you are in for a treat! If you are interested in seeing this production, be sure to join Chris's mailing list.