



Next Coffee Morning is Wednesday 7th January at 10.30am in the Hall Front Room
Due to a WADS play rehearsal there is no coffee morning in December.

There is no Open Meeting in December due to the Christmas Lunch

Dates for your Diary

The next Open Meeting is on Thursday 8th January at 2pm in Westerham Main Hall
Historic Greenwich by Ian Bevan He is a City of London Guide/Lecturer, Freeman of the City of London and lecturer in history, with a particular interest in the Crystal Palace. Also, author of the book "To the Palace for the Cup" and other titles.

Holiday to Northumbria 5 days from £799 departing 1st June 2026

Those of you who went on the holiday to Cardiff came back full of compliments so will be delighted to hear that Gary has planned another adventure! Northumbria is a fantastic county, full of history and nature but much neglected by visitors, who tend to flock to the northwest instead of the northeast! Subject to availability, it may be possible for you to bring along a guest so register your interest now to ensure you are at the top of the list! Don't miss the opportunity to visit the attractions on offer, take a look at the [itinerary](#) or contact Gary garyaz100@gmail.com



Editor's Comments!

It was nice to get a response after my little rant last month! Faye said how much she enjoys David's birding outings! If you would like to know more about our feathered friends, email David westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk for details of the next trip. Brand new member, Jill, responded to her first newsletter by saying she was 'feeling her way' and discovering the variety of groups available. She also said she was impressed by the friendliness of everyone she had met, so well done to all!

We have recently had cases of emails being returned as not deliverable! If you change your contact details, please remember to let [Hilary](#), Membership Secretary, know or you may miss out on important information!

Beacon emails explained

Beacon is used as an easy way to send the same email to multiple members of our u3a. These emails are usually of a general nature containing information that may or may not be applicable/of interest to you. Your familiar name can be added to the email but, although this makes it appear more friendly, some people are misled into thinking that it is a personal email for them rather than a general one to all - which can cause confusion! As a rule, these emails do not require a reply unless you are interested in the subject or a response is specifically requested. Hope that clarifies things!

Drama for All contact Jan westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

'The Mousetrap' 27th January After circulating this production to the total membership all tickets are sold. If you wish to go on the waiting list in case of cancellation please contact me. Subject to demand I may organise a second trip later in the year so let me know if you are interested.

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It's getting to look a lot like Christmas! Concert on December 7th at 5pm

Get into the Christmas spirit by joining the Oxted and Limpsfield Choral Society, at Oxted United Reform Church, for a production of choruses from Handel's Messiah combined with traditional carols. You can [book tickets](#) here or if you require further details contact Fenella westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk



News from the Groups

London Explorers contact Liz westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

The group recently visited Westminster Abbey and spent over 2 hours exploring this amazing building. Our guide pointed out special areas of interest including the Coronation chair (1308) used in every coronation including King Charles III, the high altar where British monarchs are crowned and the Cosmati pavement in front of it which dates to around 1268. Poets' Corner has the graves or memorials of Shakespeare, Dickens and Austen to name but a few and of course Statesmen and Scientists like Newton, Darwin and Hawking. An interesting day enjoyed by all participants.



Musicals contact Chris westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

Just One Day What a show! If you remember 1985 and the brilliant Band Aid Concert and all that Geldof did to get it on stage with the top musical acts of the day, then this is for you! The story is acted out brilliantly by a young and energetic cast, with the narrative interspersed with extracts from many of the numbers played at the concert. You are simply bowled along as the story develops, and carried away by the superb acting, choreography, singing and music, with some magical solos and supporting harmony. These performers give their all from start to finish. Supporting them, and playing live throughout, is a fabulous band. Just wait for the guitar lead piercing through in the Queen numbers and driving a Status Quo favourite. The sound is all enveloping, as is the performance as a whole. This is the most exciting musical we have seen. Do not miss it! *(Chris & Judy Bailey)*

Art Appreciation contact Peter westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk



Seven members of the group enjoyed a Samuel Palmer (1805 - 81) trail to Underriver on a day without rain and the autumn colours were beautiful. Fellow u3a member, Bruce Nuttall, was our guide and took us to the spots where this landscape artist must have stood to create 6 of his many paintings in the area. Surprisingly the landscape hasn't changed much in 200 years and we could clearly identify in the painting the views we were looking at. Starting in Knowle Park we walked just over 6 miles with over 750 feet of ascent, mainly off road and had a break for lunch at the White Rock public house. A most enjoyable day.

(Peter Carpenter)

Due to the heavy commitments at this time of year, these potential new groups have been put on hold until after Christmas. Watch out for further information in 2026 but you can still register your interest!

NEW! 'The Night Sky' contact Jan westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

NEW! Excel contact Stuart westerhamu3a@hotmail.co.uk

If you have an idea for a new group, maybe your hobby or something you would like to learn about, Stuart would love to hear about it!

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