

With love
from and to
friends and
family



Remember to
remember the
good times!

The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 7th February at 10.30am

Held in the front room of Westerham Hall, these events provide an excellent opportunity to chat and get to know other members.

The next Open Meeting is on Thursday 8th February “Scene and Hird”



This will be a tribute to the wonderful actress, Thora Hird, whose career both on the stage and in film and television spanned many decades and made her into one of our most accomplished and well-loved performers. As well as a brief account of her early life and career, we will be treated to a performance of one of her monologues, written by Alan Bennett, entitled “Waiting for the Telegram”. Thora was awarded a BAFTA for her depiction of an elderly lady looking back at her life with some sadness and regret, great humour and pathos.

Dates for your Diary

March 6th Wednesday - Coffee Morning

March 14th Thursday – Open Meeting “Gales, Greenhouses & Global Warming” by Ian Currie

Georgie Adams

I recently attended the funeral of Georgie, an enthusiastic u3a welcomer, which proved to be a very moving experience. In the days before her death she had discussed her funeral arrangements, in detail, with her daughters and was very specific in what she wanted them to say about her life. How emotional it was to hear them read out how much she had enjoyed her “u3a trips with the Architecture Group”! R.I.P Georgie, that radiant smile will always be remembered.



Is Anybody Out There? Speak to us!

Sometimes I wonder if anyone reads this newsletter! It is very disappointing never to receive any feedback! Suggestions have been requested for places to visit, plays to see, local theatres to try, comments on the website, articles for the newsletter – all with no, or minimal, response! The success of the group depends on everyone contributing but this is just not happening. For instance, bookings for both the Welsh holiday and the Brighton trip have been very slow – Why? Please let us know your views about anything and everything!

Holiday To Wales 29th April – 3rd May



If you would like to join the trip but would prefer to travel with a friend or family member this is no problem. They do not need to be a member of u3a but can come along as your guest(s), which will allow you to enjoy the holiday even more. The convenience of having the coach to transport you around the beautiful Welsh countryside – without having to worry about parking the car or missing a train – is unmeasurable.

We have just a few seats remaining before we can confirm the booking and those that have booked would be broken hearted if it had to be cancelled, so book [your place](#) or contact Gary for further details.

POSSIBLE NEW GROUP? Canasta

Is there anyone else who would like to play – or learn to play – Canasta? A few members have shown interest but not enough to form a group. There are groups in Edenbridge and Knole but we have a volunteer who is willing to run a Westerham Group that could meet in Westerham Hall. Whether you are a beginner or have experience you will be very welcome.

Outing to Brighton, Thursday May 16th



We are hoping to get a lower quote for the coach to make this an even more attractive day out! There is an optional tour of the amazing Pavilion or you can spend the day shopping in The Lanes, feasting on fish and chips or afternoon tea on the pier, or simply relaxing on the beach. You can bring guests to make the day even more enjoyable so book your place(s) now!

Summer Outing to Basildon Park

Following last year's successful visit to Windsor, we plan to visit Basildon Park, Berkshire on **Thursday 27th June**. This National Trust property sits in 400 acres of historic parkland and gardens. The 18th-century house contains fine furnishings whilst the parkland offers glorious seasonal colour and wonderful views. Costs should be around £20 for the coach and £15 for house entry (NT Members free). Contact Val for further details.



News from the Groups

Please could all group contacts check their [entry on the website](#) and let me know if there are any corrections/alterations required to the group information provided.

NEW GCSE subject! British Sign Language

We have been endeavouring to start a BSL group for some time now, especially since it has been introduced for use with small children and now is a GCSE subject! So far we have failed to find anyone to help us. Do you know of anyone - maybe a social group or a student - who knows the basics and would join us for an informal meeting to get us started?

West End Musicals

'The Play that goes Wrong' and 'Hamilton' will go ahead in March, (dates tbc). Future shows include 'Kiss Me Kate', 'Moulin Rouge' and the 'Michael Jackson Story'. If you are interested in any of these then let Chris know now.



Drama

If you prefer to stay more local 'Anything Goes' is on at The Barn Theatre, Oxted at 7.30 on Thursday 25th April. Tickets are just £18. Book yours now.

Line Dancing



The fortnightly line dancing sessions are flourishing, with an enthusiastic group from Edenbridge joining the action! There is plenty of room for more so come along on 5th February, and bring your friends, for an afternoon of fun and exercise, dancing under Gemma's guidance. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or have some experience, all are catered for!

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