

Wishing you  
a very happy  
and healthy  
2024



May all your  
resolutions  
succeed

## The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 3rd January 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 11<sup>th</sup> January **\*Note Change of Speaker\***

### The Experiences of an Immigration Judge by Chris Buckwell

Chris will talk about his work, hearing appeals by those who have been refused asylum or their visa and human rights applications in respect of wanting to enter, or remain in, the UK. He worked as a solicitor, a lecturer in law and, in 1999, was appointed a member of the Judiciary, sitting as an Immigration Judge for 24 years.



## Dates for your Diary

February 7th Wednesday - Coffee Morning

February 8th Thursday – Open Meeting – “Scene and Hird” by Pat Bryer

**Irene** is responsible for booking the speakers for our meetings and has had a hard job recently, with several speakers having cancelled at the last minute. Well done, Irene, for having successfully found alternatives, your efforts are much appreciated by us all.

## Christmas Tree Festival



Westerham u3a was well represented at this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church. As well as the official u3a tree, the Wine Appreciation and Flower Arranging groups also took part, adding to the excellent displays. Maybe next year more groups will enter their trees for the festival?



## Christmas Lunch

Over 90 members gathered for the annual Christmas lunch, which was held at Westerham Golf Club on 7<sup>th</sup> December. The room had a lovely seasonal touch, including an open fire, and members relished the opportunity to chat as well as attempting to complete the quizzes set by our resident MC, Colin. A beautiful handmade quilt, donated by Hilary, was the star prize in the raffle. Many thanks to all those involved with making the event so enjoyable.

## Holiday To Wales 29<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May



During the dark days of winter it seems that Spring is far away but having something to look forward to helps the time pass. A holiday in Wales is just what the doctor ordered and that is what is on offer. We are just short of the required number so we can now invite guests to join us. Ask your friends and have a well-deserved break together – it will be fun! [Book your place](#)

If you are interested in any of the activities, please email [westerhamU3A@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:westerhamU3A@hotmail.co.uk)

## Outing To Brighton



Now that Christmas is over, we can start dreaming of the warmer days to come. What better way to celebrate the advent of Spring than with a day trip to the seaside? On May 16th a coach will leave Westerham for Brighton where you will be able to shop in The Lanes, have fish and chips on the pier or sunbathe on the beach - as well as an optional tour of The Pavillion. The cost of the coach will be approx. £30 with an additional £10 for the tour.

Guests are welcome to join us so book your seats before the coach fills up!

## 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 babies and small children as well as the hard of hearing. So far we have failed to find anyone to help us. Do you know of anyone - or maybe a social group - who uses it routinely and would be prepared to join us for an informal social tea and show us the basics?

## Drama for All

The next production is 'The Winslow Boy' by Terence Rattigan on Tuesday, 26th of March at the Miller Centre in Caterham. It is based on the true story of a family fighting to clear their son's name, after he was accused of stealing and subsequently expelled from the Royal Naval College.

For any Shakespeare fans, Ian McKellen is playing Falstaff in Henry IV Parts 1&2 at the Noel Coward Theatre, London. Limited stalls tickets are available for 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm at £55 – guests are welcome. Email to book your place now!

## News from the Groups

### West End Musicals



Already booked for 2024 are 'The King and I' and 'Sister Act' and discounted tickets for 'ABBA Voyage' have even been obtained! These productions are sold out but it is worth contacting Chris to go on the waiting list in case of cancellations. The next production is likely to be 'Jazz at the Royal Albert Hall' in March, but tickets will be limited so register your interest now. Watch out for details of the next shows to be offered.

### Line Dancing

Line dancing is flourishing, with an enthusiastic group from Edenbridge joining the action! There is plenty of room for more so come along on 8<sup>th</sup> January, bring your friends and start the year off with an afternoon of fun.



### German Conversation

The German group is looking for new members. It's not a beginners group but if you want to brush up your rusty conversation skills contact Rosemary for further details.

### Bird Watching



The next birdwatching outing is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December, visiting a gravel pit near the river Medway. The walk will start at 10.00 and is about 4 miles with no hills but it can get muddy. There is limited parking at the meeting point so numbers may be limited. For further details contact David.

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