



## The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 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 over a cuppa!

## The next Open Meeting is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June in Westerham Hall at 2.00pm Kirtles, Corsets & Curtains by Sarah Slater

Sarah is a guide lecturer who has worked for Historic Royal Palaces, based at Hampton Court, since 2008. She was theatrically trained and was a child actor until moving into a career in finance. She will talk about her journey into costuming and the levels of authenticity involved with making period costumes to wear as a tour guide. The 'perfect silhouette' has changed over time and Sarah will show how women have striven to attain it!



## Dates for your Diary

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - Coffee Morning

July 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday – **Annual General Meeting 2.00pm**

Running the u3a is a rewarding experience and we welcome enthusiastic members with new ideas to join the Committee and help to continue to improve our u3a. Your u3a needs YOU! Please contact Colin Hill, Secretary, if you would like to be part of the team. The AGM will be followed by 'The Acting Lark' by Tim Baker

August 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Quiz afternoon hosted by our very own Colin Hill. Get your team sorted now!

## Calendar [www.westerhamu3a.org/calendar.html](http://www.westerhamu3a.org/calendar.html)

Recently there have been a few problems caused by events clashing. With the number of activities taking place it is inevitable that this will happen but in an attempt to minimise the occurrence we have created a calendar which is viewable on the website. If you are organising an event, especially one open to all members, please check first and do try not to clash with the Open Meetings. Group Contacts please check your entries, if your meetings are not included it will probably be because I don't know the actual dates so please let me know.

## Meet the new Committee Member – Rob TrueLove



"Having trained as a mechanical engineer and studied Industrial Measurement and Automatic Control Systems, I worked for a German manufacturer of cash registers and punch tape machines, developing interfaces to link to minicomputers. I eventually set up my own business as a consultant for Casio computers and became a director of 3 companies connected with Electronic Point of Sale Systems. Since losing my wife in 2020 I have taken up painting, cycling with my daughter and granddaughter and, in 2021, I became a member of the u3a. Since then, I have joined the German conversation and Sunday Lunch Groups, activities that provide much fun and laughter with like-minded people. Last year I became part of the committee and am now responsible for 'the technical stuff!'"

## Volunteers needed

We need volunteers to set out the chairs at Open Meetings. Committee members already have other tasks on the day and it is not fair to expect them to do this. Can you help, maybe it could be done on a rota basis to spread the load? Please email Tony.

## Holiday to South Wales, Cardiff, & Wye Valley

The recent holiday to Wales was a resounding success! Although rain was forecast no umbrellas were needed, the fact that we did not see much of the sun in no way detracted from our enjoyment! We had an excellent Blue Badge guide with us who was a mine of information and the Mercure Hotel provided excellent food and wine. All the group say a big THANK YOU to Gary and are eagerly awaiting details of next year's trip! Read the [full report](#) of this holiday and maybe book for the next one!



## Brighton Visit, May 16<sup>th</sup>



Despite the rain, the day in Brighton was enjoyed by all! Those who had booked for the tour of the Pavilion were treated to the story of its history by Anne, who proved to be an excellent guide. Afterwards we were free to do as we pleased – fish, chips and mushy peas on the pier for some, shopping for others - and for the last hour or so the sun shone. A big thank you to Penny for her brilliant organisation on behalf of the architecture group.

[Take a look](#) at the full report and photographs of the day.

## Articles needed! contact Jan

What is happening in your sphere? What news would you like to share with your fellow members? Please send me anything that you feel could be of interest, together with photos if appropriate. I would also like to receive comments and/or photos following any activity you are involved with. I can't guarantee publication but there's a good chance!

## News from the Groups

### Bird Watching Contact David

This group is going from strength to strength with several very successful outings having taken place. The [full report](#) from the April trip to Elmley Nature Reserve is available on the website along with some more excellent photographs.



### Houses & Gardens Contact Peter



Recent visits have included Batemans, Pitzhanger House and the Soane Museum. The group is visiting the Weald & Downland Museum on the 6<sup>th</sup> June and future plans include a visit to the 'Spike', a former workhouse in Guildford and Marble Hill House in West London. Although many are signed up for this group, attendance at many trips has been disappointing, so, if you wish to join them, you would be very welcome.

### Musicals Contact Chris

On the April 24th, 18 members of the Theatre Group enjoyed a stunning performance by Beverley Knight and the cast of 'Sister Act' at the Dominion Theatre. The voices and scenery were outstanding and brought the show alive. Productions planned for next year will be circulated soon.