



*Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

## **The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 6th March 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 14<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in Westerham Main Hall Gales, Greenhouses and Global Warming by Ian Currie**

Ian has always been fascinated by the ever-changing moods and patterns of our skies and is now a full-time weatherman, broadcaster, author, columnist, speaker and editor of Weather Eye magazine. He has contributed to many TV and radio programmes and has written a number of books. He is a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society and can be heard regularly on BBC Radio Surrey and Sussex.

## **Dates for your Diary**

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

April 11<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Open Meeting – Curiosities of the City of London by Stuart Robinson

## **Marianne Creedy 1922-2024**

Sadly, we have to report that our oldest member has died at the grand old age of 101! She was the group contact for French Conversation for many years and always an enthusiastic u3a member. She will be much missed by the u3a community.



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



Are you a solo traveller? Are you hesitant to join this holiday for fear that everyone else will be part of a couple? If so, your concerns are unfounded as more than half of the rooms booked are single ones and another quarter shared twins! Gary is also organising a get together so you can meet your fellow travellers before you go! Time is running short so call Gary on 07879

635742 for further details and to book your place.

## **Outing To Brighton – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**



Due to the complexities of coach hire pricing it appears that, for our trip to Brighton, it seems it is cheaper to have a 49 seater coach half full than to hire a smaller coach! Currently the cost per person works out at about £26 but if we can sell the other 20 seats this will reduce considerably! A 'not to be missed' option is entry to the Pavilion for £16.15 plus £10 for a guided tour. This may appear expensive but less than a seat at a West End

theatre and definitely worth the money! So, ask your friends, family and neighbours to join us on a day out at the seaside, they don't need to be u3a members and it will be fun! Places are being offered to members of other organisations so contact Penny at once as they are likely to be snapped up!

## Basildon Park Outing, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June



For our summer outing this year we are visiting Basildon Park, Berkshire, a National Trust property sitting 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. Cost depends on numbers but should be around £20 for coach and £15 house entry for non-National Trust members. Details for booking places will be issued on 1 March so look out for

the email if you wish to reserve a place.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### Request for Volunteers 5, 6 and 7th July

Kent u3a Network plans to have a stall at the Kent County Show, at Detling Showground, if a grant from the Trust is awarded. They are looking for volunteers to man the stand for the 6 half day sessions over the 3 days. Entry will be free and travel expenses will be reimbursed. If you would like to help the u3a, and also have an enjoyable day.

## Drama for All

### 'Anything Goes' at Barn Theatre, Oxted, Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

If there is sufficient interest, Val plans to organise a visit to the Barn Theatre to see the LCA Stage Academy performance of 'Anything Goes' at 7.30pm on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are £18 and it could be great fun.



## Operation Mincemeat, Fortune Theatre



Based on a true story of how Hitler was misled using a dead body, this has been reworked as a comic musical! A small number of stalls tickets are available for the matinee on September 24<sup>th</sup> at a cost of £39.50. I know it seems a long way away, but it will be something to look forward to!

## News from the Groups

### Friendly Bridge at Edenbridge

We meet on Thursday afternoons at Crockham Hill village hall, starting at 2pm, at a cost of £4 per session including tea and biscuits. Some of us already play but we would like a few more to join us and are willing to help players improve their game. Contact Sheila for more details.

### Canasta

There has been a good response from the newsletter prompt, and the sign-up sheets, by those interested in a canasta group. Stuart is arranging a preliminary meeting in March to plan the launch of the new group so let him know if you want to join in.

