

Remember,  
remember, the Fifth  
of November,  
the Gunpowder  
Treason and Plot



I know of no reason why  
the Gunpowder Treason  
should ever be forgot!

Enjoy - but take care!

## The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am



Do come along to the coffee mornings held, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, in the front room of Westerham Hall. It is a relaxed way to meet others and discover, over a cuppa, all the activities that the u3a can offer! If you know anyone thinking of joining bring them along – they may well decide on the spot!

## The next Open Meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm Christmas – ‘A Festive History’ by Andy Thomas

Andy Thomas uncovers the long and intriguing background to the festive season. From the ancient celebration of light in the winter darkness, to the marking of the birth of a messiah, Andy shows how we can still find meaning in Christmas today. Andy is the author of Christmas – A Short History as well as several books on unexplained mysteries and cover-ups. He has also written guides to Sussex history and folklore (including the Lewes Bonfire Night traditions) and is a keen celebrator of the festive season. Andy widely writes and lectures and has made numerous radio and TV appearances.



## Dates for your Diary

December 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – **There is NO Coffee Morning**

December 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday – **There is NO Open Meeting**

December 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday Christmas lunch at Westerham Golf Club.

January 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – **There is NO Coffee Morning**



## Situations Vacant!

Volunteers are always needed to keep the group running efficiently and there are currently 2 positions that need to be filled as soon as possible. Irene Hart, the **Speaker Secretary**, has completed the programme for 2025, but a replacement is required for 2026. Finding good speakers is not a problem as a list is provided by u3a Kent Network. Colin Hill, our **Committee Secretary**, is also stepping down in 2025. The main tasks of this role are to organise monthly committee meetings, arrange the Annual General Meeting and act as a Trustee. Don't forget u3a is a self-help organisation so play your part! For further details of either position contact Tony.

## Health & Safety Training Session

Poppy Walsh, our Treasurer's daughter, a first responder for the NHS, did an excellent job in demonstrating resuscitation, CPR and Defibrillator usage with some first aid. The committee and group contacts were invited to attend but sadly attendance was disappointing which was a shame as those that did attend felt it was all well worthwhile and very enjoyable – especially the practical!



## Know Your Committee

It has come to our attention that some members do not know the members of the committee that work so hard to keep the group running smoothly. So that you can recognise them, photographs and brief descriptions can be found on the [website](#).

## u3a Surrey Network Study Days

Hilary recently attended a Study Day at the Yehudi Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon, on the History of Photography and Modern Developments, given by Richard Mendham, which was very enjoyable. The next one is on Friday the 15th of November to hear Maria Chester give a talk entitled, 'Understanding Lowry'. Contact Denise Dobbs, [surreyu3astudyday@outlook.com](mailto:surreyu3astudyday@outlook.com) or 07964798791. Places will be available in the hall for £12, or for online viewing.

## 'Help with Computers'

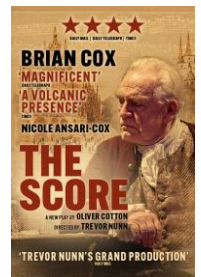
Those who signed up for this will have received an invitation to join the inaugural meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November when Ian will present an introductory session covering popular topics, specifically for users of iPads, iPhones, Android phones and tablets. Hopefully, we will all learn something new! It is envisaged that sessions covering specific issues will be arranged in the New Year.

## Westerham Amateur Dramatic Society (WADS) '[Peter Pan](#)' 30<sup>th</sup> November – 7<sup>th</sup> December

We do like to support our local talent, and it is always a fun evening. We all like a good pantomime – oh yes we do. There are plenty of performances to choose from!

## Drama For All

'**The Score**' starring legendary stage and screen actor Brian Cox as Johann Sebastian Bach in Oliver Cotton's new play. It is Spring 1747, Potsdam, Johann Sebastian Bach reluctantly visits the court of Frederick II, Europe's most ambitious and dangerous leader. The two men couldn't be more different. Frederick is in awe of Bach's genius and has prepared a musical conundrum that he hopes will baffle the composer and amuse his court. The explosive events of the following days could not have been predicted by either man! Are you interested in a matinee possibly on 20<sup>th</sup> March at a stalls ticket price of £45? If so, contact Jan.



## Local Theatre

**Miller Theatre, Caterham** Frankenstein – 31<sup>st</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> November  
**Edenbridge Players** The Lady Vanishes – 28<sup>th</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> November  
**Bromley Little Theatre** Nicholas Nickleby (in 2 parts) – 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December

## News from the Groups

### Houses & Gardens

The group visited Chiswick House and Grounds in September and enjoyed a tour of the house. It is a Palladian Villa in the Roman Style built, between 1725 and 1738, as a country retreat. After lunch most members explored the grounds, the highlight being the 2 acre kitchen garden, productively run by a combination of staff and volunteers, which supplied not only the cafe but local food banks and sales to the public.



### Local Studies Group



Six members had a wonderful day in Edenbridge on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We met at Edenbridge Museum and were warmly welcomed by volunteers who supplied us with coffee and biscuits and much fascinating information about Edenbridge. Two of the volunteers gave us an accompanied walk through the oldest part of the town, pointing out buildings and giving us interesting information, ending our tour in the church. We had lunch in the oldest building in the town, Ye Olde Crown, before returning to the museum to wander around at our leisure and look at the exhibits. This museum is a little gem and well worth visiting. We had a wonderful day, even the sun shone on us! If you fancy attending interesting events please join us.

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