

No tricks,  
only treats!



WITCHing you  
a Happy  
Halloween

## The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30am



The Open Meetings are obviously devoted to the Speaker so there is little time to chat to old friends or get to know new ones. The solution is to come along to the coffee mornings held, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, in the front room of Westerham Hall. If you are a new member, 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 to join on the spot!

## The next Open Meeting is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm

### Behind the Scenes of TV's Golden Years by Wilf Lower

Who can forget "Morecambe & Wise", "The Two Ronnies", "Terry & June", "Till Death Do Us Part" and "The Good Life"? Dramas like the "Forsyte Saga", "Pennies from Heaven" and "When the Boat Comes In"; music from "Top of the Pops" to the "Last Night of the Proms"; and the pageantry of royal events. These were truly television's "Golden Years" but how these and many other great programmes were made, the situations and 'characters' involved, was often astounding and hilarious. Never has 'you wouldn't believe it' been more appropriate!



## Dates for your Diary

**October 28<sup>th</sup> Monday – New Member's Get Together plus tea**, If you have joined recently, this event is especially for you. Look out for the email inviting you to come along.

November 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Coffee Morning

November 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Open Meeting – 'Christmas a Festive History' by Andy Thomas

**December 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday** – Our Christmas lunch at Westerham Golf Club. You should all have received the email with the menu and booking form so book now to guarantee your place!



## Lottery Success! Very Good News!

We have been awarded £2,800 from the National Lottery Community Fund. This will be a two-year project and we will use the funds to encourage more of the local community to become members, to support those of our activities that are struggling to be self-supporting and also to help any new Interest Groups, or other initiatives, to get up and running.

## Are You Planning A River Cruise?

We have received a payment of £520 after two of our members took a river cruise with Riviera Travel and nominated Westerham u3a. If any of you are thinking of taking a cruise with Riviera Travel, please remember to nominate us when you book. This is a great way for us to fund the development of our activities!



## Membership

If you know of anyone who could be thinking about joining us, October is a great month to take the plunge. There is a 50% reduction in the fee, so an individual membership is a mere £10 and lasts until March 2025! [Print off a membership form](#) and pass it on!

## Wreath Laying

We are looking for somebody to assist our u3a by presenting our floral tribute at the Westerham Remembrance Sunday service on November 10<sup>th</sup>. No connection with the military is required, just a member to lay the wreath on our behalf.

## Eagle Heights visit 17<sup>th</sup> September

On a sunny day, a group of our members enjoyed a visit to Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation, located in the hills just outside the picturesque village of Eynsford in the Darent Valley. The Centre is home to over one hundred raptors and a sanctuary for other animals including meerkats, llamas and huskies. Members who had not visited the centre before were amazed at the stunning views of the surrounding landscape. Eagle Heights is a 'not for profit' organisation and all funds raised go to the care of the animals. The centre itself was very well tended and the animal enclosures were easily accessible. The group enjoyed a knowledgeable and entertaining talk from staff member Ron, accompanied by a flying display from four birds including an eagle. It was enlightening to see these wonderful birds swooping and diving in the sunlit sky. Tea, beautifully presented, was very much enjoyed by everyone. We all agreed that it had been an amazing and enjoyable visit. (Report by Toni Pearson)



## Articles Wanted!

Each month I worry about how I am going to fill the newsletter pages! Each month I manage to find things to write about, but I would like more help from you! Please tell me what your group has been doing, recommend places you have visited, maybe even tell me about a very special birthday or anniversary. I can't promise to print but 'you have to be in it to win it' as they say!

## News from the Groups

### 'Help with Computers'

Thank you to everyone who completed the computer survey form, the results certainly confirmed that help in this area is needed by many! It seems that people are using their devices for a variety of functions but realise that there is much more they could do if they only knew how! We are very fortunate that Ian, who has been involved with walk-in sessions at the local libraries for some time, has agreed to help us address this situation. More details will be included in the next newsletter.

### Line Dancing

You have all had a long wait, but **Line Dancing starts again on 7th October!** Gemma is back to remind us of all the wonderful dances we have learnt during the last year of bumping, lassoing, sliding, kicking, tush pushing, stomping, stamping and generally having fun. And at the same time as our bodies are gyrating and grinding, our minds are fully and totally engaged simply with trying to remember the steps! So come and join in the fun, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays from 2 till 3.30 pm, and bring all your friends with you, they will love it. If you haven't tried this fun way of exercising come along for a taster session, it will be £5 well spent! (by Wendy Harvey)

### Houses & Gardens

The group had their annual planning meeting in August and there are some interesting visits in the diary including Denbies Vineyard, St. Mary's House and Bramber Museum, Long Barn Gardens, Sevenoaks and Vann Gardens, Godalming. New members will be very welcome.