

'Season of mists  
and mellow  
fruitfulness'  
by  
John Keats



## WARNING!

14<sup>th</sup> is National  
Parents' Day Off!  
I suspect it won't  
be a day off for  
grandparents!

## The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 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 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm Cyber Security by Bridget Veitch

Cybercrime fraud accounts for 40% of all crime in the UK and continues to grow apace. Most of the perpetrators are outside UK Police jurisdiction so our main means of protection is education on how to spot a scam, what to do if you suspect a scam, and how to avoid being a target in the future. It covers such topics as: dangers of free Wi-Fi, scam emails, texts, phone calls, WhatsApp, contactless bank card frauds, romance frauds and passwords. Anybody who uses a computer, iPad/phone or smart phone should attend this talk, it could save you a lot of money!



## Dates for your Diary

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - Coffee Morning

October 10<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Open Meeting – ‘Behind the Scenes of TV's Golden Years’  
by **Wilf Lower**, who has worked for BBC Television and the National Theatre.

## ‘Help with Computers’

This is a plea we hear regularly from our members but, as you can imagine, with all the various devices and levels of competence it is a difficult problem to address. However, we have now found someone who can help us but to progress we need information from you as to what is required. By now you have received an email with a link to connect you to a Questionnaire. If you need any help, please complete and return this at your earliest convenience, before 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## Quiz Afternoon 8<sup>th</sup> August



10 teams battled their way through Colin's questions on a variety of topics on the annual quiz afternoon. I have to congratulate myself here, not because I was able to answer all the questions - my input was minimal - but because of the team I assembled, named “Justin Thyme” as I arrived late due to road closures! Rosemary, Helen, Diane and Nigel, managed to fight off the competition and win with a score of 55 - even without the extra 3 (5%) we could have claimed for only having 5 in the team! Runners up “Quizzical Mass” scored 52 and “Cantastic” were 3<sup>rd</sup> with 51. A unique 1st prize was awarded! - wooden spoons, suitably inscribed, plus a box of chocolates to share. The table quiz was on Kent knowledge and all teams struggled, with several scoring 12 out of a possible 20! The tie breaker was ‘guess the number Colin wrote down’ and we won this, with a very close guess, resulting in another box of chocolates! I was left with the problem of dividing the contents between the 5 team members! (Report Jan Chart)

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## Drama for All Stop Press!

I know it's a bit early to think of Christmas but are you thinking of a theatrical treat this year? Rather than the usual choice of Nutcracker or Christmas Carol, how about 'The Sherlock Carol'? Think Conan Doyle meets Dickens as Holmes is requested to investigate the murder of Ebenezer Scrooge! Limited stalls tickets are available, for the matinee on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Marylebone Theatre, for £40.

## News from the Groups

### Line Dancing



I am very sad to report that the **Line Dancing is not due to start again until 7th October!** I know this is a really long wait for everyone, especially as we have had a break during August too, so two months with no dancing! BUT THEN Gemma is back to teach us and 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 and bring all your friends with you. They will all love it. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month from 2 till 3.30 pm. If you haven't yet tried this fun way of exercising come along for a taster session, it will be £5 well spent! (by Wendy Harvey)

### Local Studies

The Group visited 'Great Comp Garden' at St Mary Platt on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. After meeting in The Old Dairy Tea Rooms, which are within the grounds, and sampling the teas and cakes, we ambled into the gardens with its tucked-away Italian Garden, shady woodland walks and many magnificent tall trees. We encountered 'ruins' of old flint and brick walls with creepers and flowers growing through them - and a little circular 'Temple'! Coming out into the sun again we discovered many beautifully kept, crescent-shaped lawns, bordered with deep flower borders which were full to the brim with mixed, but gentle, colour. A very relaxing and serene place, ideal for a relaxing summer visit, with plenty of seats and benches in shady places to sit and rest our weary legs! (by Richard Masson)



### Paris French Group (Advanced)

By way of a change the group held a session with a difference – Scrabble in French! We had great fun and almost covered the board, without too many disagreements about what was acceptable! We learnt a lot of new vocabulary – 'un if' is a yew tree for those interested! Graeme & Tanya were the winners! (by Sarah Darby)



### Local Theatre

We have not had much response with regards to the local productions advertised last month. Is this because you aren't interested in local theatre or isn't there anything you would like to see?

### London Explorers



Our latest walk took us to Shakespeare's Southwark. Although he was born and buried in Stratford upon Avon, it was in London that he made his name and fortune. Crossing the Thames we walked along the Southbank, famous for its history of bear pits and brothels, and passed the ruins of Winchester Palace which was one of medieval London's largest and most important buildings. Crossing back over the river, via the Millenium Bridge, we finished our interesting walk, on a beautiful day, at the Salvation Army HQ for lunch. (by Liz Morgan)

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