
COMMITTEE NEWS

A number of committee roles are up for election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June. These include Vice-Chair, Membership Secretary (two people could share this role) and Assist to Treasurer. It is **essential** that we have a volunteer for the Membership Secretary as it will not be possible to continue without someone at least sharing this role.

Please speak to Phil Hinton for more information on what is involved and what would be expected of you. The main quality required is to be welcoming and be able to talk about the way u3a works. You would then need to help prospective members complete the application form and take the fee. If you are able you could transfer this information onto our Beacon data base. However, if you are not happy using technology this part of the role can be taken on by our Beacon Manager. You are welcome to come along to any committee meeting to experience what goes on, just speak to any member of the committee (they wear red lanyards). We meet approximately 10 times a year (3rd Wednesday of the month) and lots of support is available to help you fit in.

For more details about these, or any other role, please speak to Phil Hinton at the meeting or on his contact details

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Welling u3a will hold their AGM at the start of the June Member's Meeting, on 24th June, when the whole committee need to be voted into their roles. As stated above we really need more committee members (for many roles not just the essential ones mentioned above).

The papers for this meeting will be circulated by email in May or posted out to those without email addresses.

GROUP NEWS

Group Vacancies

- **Games & Craft Group** – This group meet on **the last Thursday of each month** (next meeting 30h April) at Welling Library - Cost £2.00 to cover room hire. Please pay at the Members Meeting
- **Thursday lunch group – 4/5 vacancies.** This group meets at various restaurants once a month, variable Thursday each month.
- **Cribbage group 2 - currently only 7 members, new members welcome.** No knowledge of the game is required. This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the afternoon.
- **Darts – 1 vacancy.** This group meets at 2.00 on the second Thursday of each month, beginner level.
- **Required - New Pot Luck and Current Affairs Groups.** Unfortunately both of these groups have closed due to their group leaders no longer able to run the groups. If anybody would like to start the groups up again, please contact Marisa on the details below.

We are always looking for people to come forward and show an interest in starting up a new group of any kind. Marisa Miller is the Group Co-ordinator and is always willing to help with this and give support where needed. These groups can be run at your home; in pubs or library meeting rooms. Please contact Marisa on the details below if you would like more information on any of the above.

PLANNED VISITS/EVENTS

Tuesday 19th May – An afternoon visit to Dog Racing at Romford Stadium

June 11th 2026 Brick Lane Summertime Music Hall

Thursday 4th June – A day trip to Rye Market

All the above trips are now full. However, Pauline Reed has managed to negotiate lower prices for the coach trips. So, at the next meeting could people booked on the trip to the Dogs &/or Rye please collect their refund and, at the same time, tell Pauline if they are joining the coach at Welling or Bexleyheath.

Used Stamp Collection

Irene Thorley will be placing a box at the end of the "Books & Jigsaw" table, to collect used stamps, in aid of MS Charity.

NEXT MEETINGS and SPEAKERS

Unfortunately, the planned speaker for April has sent his apologies and we will be rebooking him for later in the year. Pauline Reed has worked really hard and has managed to find a last minute replacement.

22nd April 2026	Drury Lane Theatre – David Kerby-Kendall
27th May 2026	Frida Kahlo - Anthony Grant
24th June 2026	Watching the Detectives, a history of TV crime fighters - Peter Allen.
22 nd July 2026	SOCIAL
26 th August 2026	Murder, Madness and Mayhem – Melanie Gibson Barton
23 rd September 2026	Life as a Royal Protection Officer – Richard Griffin
28 th October 2026	Traditions, Customs and History of the Greek Orthodox Church – Father Charalambus
25 th November 2026	Churchill – Tony Harris
16 th December 2026	SOCIAL

Please contact Janis Rudland if you know of anyone that is poorly, is in hospital, has sadly passed away or has a special birthday. She will send a card from the u3a.