
COMMITTEE NEWS

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.

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

All proposals for every post must be voted in.

Current proposals:

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| Chair | Phil Hinton |
| Vice Chair | Vacant |
| Treasurer | Jan Pitchell |
| Secretary | Rose Dawson |
| Group Co-ordinator | Marisa Miller |
| Membership Secretary | Maria Guest-Narharnowicz |
| Speaker Secretary | Pauline Reed |
| Beacon Manager | Pauline Griffin |

Our thanks go to Maria who has agreed to take on the role of Membership Secretary. She has been co-opted to the committee to cover the couple of months until the AGM. Hopefully she will then be voted in as a full committee member in this role.

If you are interested in being considered for any of the above positions or helping by joining the committee, please contact Phil Hinton at this meeting or as soon as possible. The u3a is run by its members, for its members, so please consider getting involved.

GROUP NEWS

Group Vacancies

- **Games & Craft Group** - This group meet on **the last Thursday of each month** (next meeting 28th May) at Welling Library - Cost £2.00 to cover room hire. Please pay Marisa at the Members'
- Meeting on 27th May or on the morning of the group.
- **Monday 10.00 Walking Group** meet at the Stables in Danson Park
- **Thursday lunch group** -This group meets at various restaurants once a month, variable Thursday each month.
- **Cribbage group 2** - No knowledge of the game is required. This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the afternoon.
- **Darts** - This group meets at 2.00 on the second Thursday of each month, beginner level.
- **Garden visits** – usually on a Thursday but not a regular date. The next is possibly 18th June. If you are interested contact Pauline Williams to be put on the group list.
- **Required - New Pot Luck and Current Affairs Groups.** If anybody would like to start these groups or any other group, please contact Marisa on the details below.

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 if you would like more information on any of the above.

BOOK/JIGSAW TABLE

Chris (the lady who brings the books/jigsaws) is on holiday, so for this month only there will be no sales. Similarly there will be no sales in June due to the AGM. Please do not bring any donations to either meeting.

22nd July 2026 – SOCIAL – Last year was such a success we plan to offer something similar this year. We will be selling Fish & chips/Sausage & chips/Vegetarian option followed by ice cream or jelly. The cost will be £12.00 and we will start collecting the money at this month's meeting. You can pay by card or cash (please bring the right money). You may bring your own drink if you want something other than tea/coffee/squash. If you prefer not to eat you can come along anyway to chat with friends and take part in the quizzes etc.

PLANNED VISITS/EVENTS

Thursday 4th June – A day trip to Rye Market

The coach company (Archers) will be picking up our members at two locations:

- The first is at the Banking Hub in Welling at 9.20
- The second is at Bexleyheath Library at 9.35

Please be ready and waiting as we do not want to hold up other passengers.

In the event of any queries or change of plans, please phone **Pauline Reed**

June 11th - Brick Lane Summertime Music Hall

The group will meet at 12.45 at the DLR Costa Coffee in Woolwich. Any queries, please contact **Irene Thorley** .

NEXT MEETINGS and SPEAKERS

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| 27th May 2026 | Frida Kahlo (artist) - 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.