

NEWS UPDATES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

As a result of last month's meeting being cancelled, the Annual General Meeting has been delayed until this month (22nd July 2026).

The meeting will start at 1.15 to take account of this extra activity. The AGM will take place at the start of the meeting (1.15 – 1.45-ish). This will be followed by a short break for refreshments whilst the Social set up is finalised, allowing you to buy raffle tickets and pay for anything outstanding.

Food will be delivered at 2.00-ish for those who have ordered it and the social will begin.

The speaker who was booked for the June meeting, Peter Allen talking about "Watching the Detectives, a history of TV crime fighters", will be visiting next year instead.

Please note: If you pay for anything through bank transfer (BACS) please check your bank statement to confirm that the money has been paid in.

We are going to set up a "buddie system" to help make new members feel welcome. If you are interested in helping with this scheme, please contact Maria Guest-Naharnowicz

We would like to remind members to visit our website from time to time and please feedback any comments you may have to improve it. www.welling.u3a.site.uk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Welling u3a AGM starts at the beginning of the July Member's Meeting at 1.15, on 22nd July when the whole committee need to be voted into their roles.

The papers for this meeting have been circulated by email or post.

All proposals for every post must be voted in. Proposals to date:

Chair	Phil Hinton	(official postholder)
Vice Chair	Vacant	(official postholder)
Treasurer	Jan Pitchell	(official postholder)
Secretary	Rose Dawson	(official postholder)
Group Co-ordinator	Marisa Miller	(committee)
Membership Secretary	Maria Guest-Naharnowicz	(committee)
Speaker Secretary	Pauline Reed	(committee)
Beacon Manager	Pauline Griffin	(committee)

The u3a is run by its members, for its members, so please consider getting involved .

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

A "Thank You" bouquet of flowers have been sent to Jill Thomas, as she will not be attending the AGM, for all her hard work (as Membership Secretary) over the last few years.

22nd July 2026 – SOCIAL

Once again we are supplying Fish & chips/Sausage & chips/Vegetarian option followed by ice cream or jelly to those who have ordered this. For those unable to pay due to the cancellation of last month's meeting, please pay on the day. The cost for fish and chips is £12.00 and the other two options are £10.00. You can pay by card or cash (please bring the right money if possible).

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 and raffle. Once again the raffle will have a bowl in front of each prize and you should place one half of your tickets in the bowl(s) of the prize(s) you would like to win.

Refreshments will be available between the AGM and the start of the social and again when the food has been cleared away. Water will be available on every table.

Book and Jigsaw stall

This facility will not be available this month but hopefully will be back again next month. Please do not bring any donations this month.

The money collected from the sale of books and jigsaws is donated to a local charity. The most recent donation of £67.41 was donated to the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice. We thank all our members who have contributed to this.

GROUP NEWS

- **Garden Visits** – The next garden visit is on Thursday 23rd July. Please contact Pauline Williams for more details or to register interest
- **Games & Craft Group** - This group who usually meet on the last Thursday of each month at Welling Library will not meet in July or August but will recommence in September.
- The **Darts Group** has been suspended over the summer months and will restart again in October 2026.

For details of all group vacancies please contact Marisa Miller (the Group Co-ordinator). If you are interested in starting up a group, Marisa 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.

PLANNED VISITS/EVENTS

Tuesday 15th September – have several seats available on the Bexley u3a coach to

Whitstable - Cost £17.00 - Departing 9.30am from Bexleyheath Central Library and 9.45am from opposite Welling Library. Leaving Whitstable at approximately 4.30pm

Thursday 26th November - Approximately 3 seats available on the Bexley u3a coach to

Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market - Cost £26.00 - Departing 9.30 from Bexleyheath Central Library and 9.45am from opposite Welling Library. Leaving Winchester at approximately 17.00pm, so we get to see pretty lights!

For both of these visits please contact Rosey Case (Bexley u3a) for further details or to book seats.

Saturday 28th November - That'll be Christmas! – 7.00 Churchill Theatre. Cost £37.50

Irene Thorley has reserved some good seats for this show but they must be paid for by end of July. This is a feel-good evening with sing-along hits, comedy and good festive entertainment. The suggested travel is a SL3 bus direct to Bromley. Names and money will be collected this month at the July meeting

NEXT MEETINGS and SPEAKERS

22nd July 2026

SOCIAL

26th August 2026

Murder, Madness and Mayhem talk by Melanie Gibson-Barton