

Thank you to all who attended the AGM and Social

We would just like to confirm that the new Committee were voted in last month. Their details are at the end of this newsletter, which we suggest you keep in case you need to contact anyone in the future.

As a result of Pat Perry's plea for someone to step up as Vice-Chair, David Carr has volunteered to take this on. At the committee meeting this month David was co-opted into this role. Sylvia Radford has also volunteered to help Jan with the finances, so she has been co-opted as Assistant to Treasurer.



Welling u3a enjoyed a lovely summer social during the July meeting. Members tucked into fish and chips (or alternative), along with a raffle with some lovely prizes and three very different quizzes. Members also had a good catch up with each other.

Having a combined AGM and Social seemed to be very successful so will be repeated in future.

GROUP & MEMBERS NEWS

- **New Members Meeting** – Friday 4th September 2026 at **10.30am** in Morrison's Café, Welling
- **Book stall** – Chris can only take books this month, not jigsaws.
- **Games & Craft Group** - This group who usually meet on the last Thursday of each month at Welling Library will not meet in August but will recommence in September 2026.
- The **Darts Group** has been suspended over the summer months and will restart again in October 2026.
- **TGIF** (Thank God it's Friday). This group meets on the last Friday evening each month and visit different restaurants in the area at 7pm. If any member is interested in this group please contact Ev Kincaid. She will email you the venue each month with an approximate cost and let you know if a deposit is necessary.

A reminder to group leaders: Please let Marisa know if you have any vacancies in your group so that she can advise any members who may be interested in joining. If you are interested in starting up a group, Marisa is always willing to help with this and give support where needed. Groups can be run at your home; in pubs or library meeting rooms.

PLANNED VISITS/EVENTS

Tuesday 15th September – to visit the viewing platform 'Horizon 22' on Bishopsgate.

Tickets free.

Pauline Williams plans to catch the 9:52 Cannon St Train from Welling station. It's a short walk to the viewing platform and the entry time is 11:15am.

Afterwards the plan is a walk around Leadenhall Market before lunch at 'The Crosse-Keys' Weatherspoon's in Gracechurch Street.

Tickets are on a 'first come first serve' basis and there'll be a sign-up sheet available at this month's members meeting, August 26th.

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

Please contact Rosey Case (Bexley u3a).

Saturday 3rd October – Broadstairs Food Market –

Through Abbey Coaches. Cost £22.00 Leaves Welling "hub" at 8.55 and Broadstairs at 5.00. There are 3 or 4 more pickup points after Welling as the coach is not solely for our use. Free entry to the food festival.

Names and monies to be collected at the **August & September** meetings,

Non-u3a EVENTS

5th September – Bexley ECO and Wellness Festival

Free Lesnes Abbey Woods, SE2 0AX

Cooking demos; music; eco crafts; nature zone; kids activities

Find out more www.bexley.gov.uk/ecofestival-2026

Saturday 3rd October – Elder Voices Event

This annual show is at Bexley Civic Offices, 10.30 – 2.00, when many local clubs and services have stalls to display their offers. This year Welling u3a will have a stand in addition to Bexley u3a.

NEXT MEETINGS and SPEAKERS

26 th August 2026	Murder, Madness and Mayhem talk by Melanie Gibson-Barton
23 rd September 202	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 – featuring Tony Harris
16 th December 2026	SOCIAL
27 th January 2017	Utterly Immoral – Simon Keable Elliot
24 th February 2027	The Man, the Myth, the Legend – Alfred Hitchcock – Gary Lewis
24 th March 2027	The Palladium and other Theatres – David Kerby Kendall
28 th April 2027	Seeds of Change – Richard Winstone
26 th May 2027	Watching the Detectives – History of Crime Fighters - Pete Allen

23 rd June 2027	AGM / SOCIAL
28 th July 2027	To Be Confirmed – musical act
25 th August 2027	Love and Laughter – Andy Smith
22 nd September 2027	Boxers, Bandits and a Blind Beggar – Ian Bevan
27 th October 2027	The Glory of the MGM Musicals – Delia Taylor
24 th November 2027	Sherlock Holmes – featuring Tony Harris
15 th December 2027	SOCIAL

Please contact Janis 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.

We recommend you take a look at our new website welling.u3asite.uk.