

We recommend you please take a look at our website welling.u3asite.uk which has recently been updated Thanks to Marisa Miller and Maria Guest-Naharnowicz

Group Leaders are being asked to send suitable photographs of group visits/activities for the website. However, if you object to your image being used please let your group leader know.

Would you like to join our **BUDDY SCHEME**. When new members join Welling u3a we like to make them feel welcome. It would be good if existing members would volunteer to talk to new members, introduce them to how our u3a works, show them the notice board, introduce to Marisa to tell them about groups and show them where to get refreshments. You could be a Buddy individually or in pairs if you feel this would be easier. Please see Maria (our Membership secretary) on the New Member's table at Members Meetings.

GROUP & MEMBERS NEWS

- **New Members Meeting** – The following dates have been set for future new members meetings at **10.30am** in Morrison's Café, Welling. If anyone would like to join these meetings they would be welcome to meet with new members:
 - **Friday 9th October 26**
 - **Friday 13th November 26**
 - **Tuesday 8th December 26**
 - **Wednesday 6th January 27**
- **Book stall** – Chris can only take books this month, not jigsaws.
- **Games & Craft Group** - This group meet on the last Thursday of each month at Welling Library will recommence on 24th September 2026 at 10.00. The cost is £2.00 which will be collected at the Member's Meeting by Sue Napper.
- The **Darts Group** has been suspended over the summer months and will restart again on 8th October 2026 at 2.00 at the Guy Earl of Warwick.
- **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

Please contact Marisa for more details about any of the above.

A reminder to group leaders: Please respond to the message Marisa has circulates asking for information about your groups. She needs to 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

Saturday 3rd October – Broadstairs Food Market – Through Abbey Coaches. Cost £22.00
There will be other pick-up 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 **September** meetings,

Wednesday 2nd December – u3a Christmas Concert 2026 with the Brandenburg Camino Singers – cost £27.00 2pm-4pm at **St Margaret Pattens Church, Rood Lane, Cheapside, London EC3M 1HS** (Nearest underground station Monument – 5 minutes walk)

Organised by London Region of U3As Events Team

Tickets: £27.00 including a programme of traditional carols and mulled wine/soft drinks/mince pies served during the interval.

For assistants please book on bookings.lru3a@gmail.com

Having been a couple of times in past years I can recommend this a really enjoyable afternoon (Pauline Griffin).

Non-u3a EVENTS

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.

Sunday 8th November – Festival of Remembrance

This annual festival is starting at 2.45pm, at St Michael's Church, Upper Wickham Lane. Ten tickets have been requested by Welling u3a, so if you are interested in attending, please contact Phil Hinton.

NEXT MEETINGS and SPEAKERS

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

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.