

St Swithin's  
Day is named  
after Saint  
Swithun,  
Bishop of  
Winchester



Legend says if  
it rains on 15th  
July it will rain  
for 40 days but  
records don't  
support this!

## The next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.30am



Held in the front room of Westerham Hall, these events provide an excellent opportunity to chat and get to know members over a cuppa! If you know anyone thinking of joining the u3a, bring them along! They are more relaxed than the Open Meetings, allowing more time for discussion with other members - often resulting in the decision to join being made on the spot!

## The AGM is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July in Westerham Hall at 2.00pm

Your u3a needs YOU so please attend to ensure that the regulation quorum is met and the meeting can go ahead. Running the u3a is a rewarding experience and we welcome enthusiastic members with new ideas to join the Committee and continue to improve our u3a.

### This will be followed by 'The Acting Lark' by Tim Baker

The ups and downs of commercial and TV acting are revealed in a comedy 'tour de force'. Tim has been through the mill enough to know both the glamour of chauffeur driven limos and being ignored by casting directors for several years! You will come away with candid insights on the topic of casting for, and acting in, big-brand commercial shoots and television soaps. Production values, techniques for wasting time and money and, finally, filming will all be discussed.



## Dates for your Diary

August 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Coffee Morning

August 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Quiz afternoon hosted by our very own Colin Hill. Get your team sorted! A maximum of 6 but if you haven't got enough, we will find you a team to play with. Just a bit of fun - with interval refreshments – so do come and join us!

## Calendar [www.westerhamu3a.org/calendar.html](http://www.westerhamu3a.org/calendar.html)

Recently there have been a few problems caused by events clashing. With the number of activities taking place this will happen but in an attempt to minimise the occurrence we have created a calendar, viewable on the website. If you are organising an event, especially one open to all, check first and try not to clash with the Open Meetings! Group Contacts please check your entries, if your meetings are not included it will be because I don't know the actual dates so tell me!

## New MembersTea

Stuart, our Group Coordinator, was unable to attend the last new members get together so I was recruited to take his place! The afternoon was very informal with Tony talking about the u3a and me explaining the mysteries of the various boards/folders associated with the interest groups and introducing the new calendar on the website. Much animated conversation followed as members did justice to an excellent buffet provided by Pam Bradley and her team. Sadly, only about a dozen turned up which was a pity as the session was unanimously voted an enjoyable and informative success. Many thanks to the committee members who gave up their time to ensure that it was!

The date of the next one hasn't been fixed yet but keep an eye out for details.

(Report by Jan Chart)

## Volunteers needed

We need volunteers both to set out the chairs before the Open Meetings and to replace them afterwards. Committee members already have other tasks on the day and it is not fair to expect them to do this. Can you help, maybe it could be done on a rota basis to spread the load? Please email Tony.

## News from the Groups

### Potential New Groups Contact Stuart

We appear to have several groups that have attracted lots of sign-ups but have not yet got off the ground for a variety of reasons. Can you help to get them started? Each group requires someone to be the point of contact between the members and Stuart, the Group coordinator, and to circulate information between members. This person does not need to be an expert in the subject, if expertise is not available from a u3a member it may be possible to source an external tutor.

### iPad - for 'not quite beginners'

Many computer related groups have been suggested but this by far the most popular! Most people can send emails etc but don't know what else they can do. It may be that this needn't be a group but just a few sessions to cover the basics open to anyone interested? I'm sure we have someone in the membership who is familiar with it and could share their knowledge, in a relaxed setting, with other members?

### British Sign Language

This group does need some external help before it can begin! The subject is now offered at GCSE level so there is heightened interest amongst students, teachers and mother & baby groups - not just the hard of hearing! There must be someone who could get us started with the basics, is that you or do you know someone who could help? It could be as simple as someone joining us for an informal afternoon tea and a 'chat'?

### Sketching

Maybe this group could function, at least initially, without a 'teacher' but rely on peer group advice and critique? It does, however, need a group contact so, if one of the many people who have signed up could volunteer, we can get this group started.

### Houses & Gardens Contact Peter

The group recently visited the Weald & Downland Museum, near Chichester – the home of the popular TV programme 'Repair Shop'. It was well worth a visit, the detail of where the buildings originated and how they were taken down and rebuilt was amazing. Sadly, the Repair Shop was closed due to filming but most of the other buildings were open – the Bakery was especially popular as it was baking bread, in traditional ovens - for sale to visitors! For a full report check the [website](#).



### Local Studies Contact Tricia



The group recently visited Crockham Hill and were treated to an interesting tour of the village led by Min Reynolds. We started at the Holy Trinity Church where Octavia Hill, one of the founders of the National Trust, is buried and she has a stained-glass window and a marble effigy in the church. This delightful walk was a good example of the great times we have, and we would certainly welcome new members. For a full report check the [website](#)

### Military History Contact Mike

'Lest We Forget'! D-Day was certainly not forgotten by the members of this group! They celebrated by having a meal at the appropriately decorated 'George & Dragon' in Westerham. If you are interested in keeping the memories alive, why not join them?



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