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Summer has officially ended. And so has the cricket season! But as the temperature gets lower, we do have the autumn colours to look forward to and admire. Welcome to our October newsletter.

As always, inside you will find news, reports and details of events and outings offered by our Swanley and District u3a. I hope you enjoy the read. Our membership is moving closer to our target of 300 members and from October to March we are able to offer half price membership of £10 for 6 months. Tell your friends and family and please speak to Gill

Baker, our membership secretary, if you have any questions.

I hope you enjoyed listening to Guy Bartlett at our September meeting. He is an excellent speaker and seemed to have everyone's attention as he told us what really happened when Concorde crashed in the year 2000. It's always interesting to be told of possible cover-ups! This month we are pleased to welcome Neil Sadler, whose illustrated talk is entitled 'Almost Death in Paradise'. A former police officer in Sussex, he will take us to the Caribbean and tell us of policing there, looking at the reality of the TV series 'Death in Paradise', one of my favourite programmes. I watch it for its entertaining storylines and baffling whodunnits and will be interested to find out if it has any basis in reality. Pirates, fictional and real, and rum will also feature, so it should be an enjoyable morning.

Our next meeting is on October 3rd and I look forward to welcoming you. We start at the usual time 10.30 am.

**Dave Collins Chairman**

### Reminder!

**Please switch your mobile phone to silent mode during the meeting**

**Swanley and District U3A Monthly Meeting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 at 10.30am  
At the Alexandra Suite, St Mary's Road, Swanley BR8 7BU**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Neil Sadler's illustrated talk 'Almost Death in Paradise'...**The Caribbean, Pirates & Rum, sees him travelling to Trinidad & Tobago to work with the local police. Neil spent 30 years as a police officer in Sussex and on the staff at the National Police College. He'll be looking at the reality of the well-loved TV programme "Death in Paradise". He'll also be looking at Pirates (fictional and real) Rum will also feature. Sadly, there are no samples to try! So, sit back and let yourself be whisked across the Atlantic to the Caribbean...it may give you some ideas for future holidays.....or it might do the exact opposite.

Future Speakers:

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Andrew Thomas with a talk entitled "Bonfire".

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** Talk will be about Gilbert and Sullivan

**Nicola Teoh**

**Newsletter & our Website** (<https://swanley.u3asite.uk/>)

Please remember we DO NOT put e-mail address or telephone numbers in our newsletter.

*(As per our Privacy & GDPR Policies and Website terms of use).*

You can contact any Committee Member, Group Leader or Event Organiser by following the links in the newsletter or going to the appropriate page on website where a contact form is generated which you can fill in and e-mail to them.

This is for your protection as well as ours.

**Our website Newsletter & u3a Links Page:** Besides our own newsletter, this page also provides many links other to other u3a activities nationwide which if you wish you can partake in.

**Alan Hayward**

**SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES – During the Coming Month(s)**

**Bridge Club**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10.00am at the Howard Venue, Hextable.

Do you want to keep your brain active? Are you a keen card player? Bridge is a great way to keep the grey cells ticking over. Why not come and join us? New members welcome.

See the Bridge group page on our website for further details  
[https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/bridge/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/bridge/).

**Carolyn & Colin Chapman**

**Off the Beaten Track London Walk**

Our walks are resuming (hooray I hear some of you say). John and I are now both back in the country at the same time and have managed to do some reconnaissance for new walks.

Our first walk will focus on 'Military Woolwich' and the site of the 'Original Woolwich'.

It's a circular walk of approx. 3 miles starting / finishing at Woolwich Arsenal Railway Station

At the present time we are offering 2 dates: **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** and **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Those on our email distribution list have been emailed the details.

If you would like to sign up for these walks, then please contact us via our website group page [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/london-history-walks/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/london-history-walks/) or sign up at our main meeting.

*Please note the number will take on these walks is **limited to 24** for safety and logistical reason, however if demands warrant it, we will do a repeat.*

**Alan Hayward / John Baker**

**Bird Watching**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10am Rainham Marshes RSPB reserve. See our website page at [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/bird-watching/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/bird-watching/) for more information on the site or speak to me or Sandra Evans (Group Co-Ordinator) at our monthly meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

**Bob Parker**

**QUIZ DATES**

Two quiz dates for this month's Quiz afternoons (£3 per person with all profits going to the RNLI):

**Tuesday October 7th- 2pm.**

**Thursday October 16th -2pm**

Please join us at the **Howard Venue** if you would like to join a U3A team on either of these dates.



**David Collins**

**September NEWSLETTER**

*For the November newsletter can you please send articles and photos by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October to [ahayward530@gmail.com](mailto:ahayward530@gmail.com)*

**Alan Hayward**

**Events and Outings**

**OCTOBER**

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> October: A visit to Hall Place Butterfly House**

Meet at Hall Place outside the Butterfly House at 10am.

Please contact Penny ([https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_events/a-visit-to-the-butterfly-house-at-hall-palce](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/a-visit-to-the-butterfly-house-at-hall-palce)) if you need a lift by car or can offer a lift.

If you haven't visited the Butterfly House then this is a marvellous experience. The Conservatory has been upgraded and made into a wonderful Butterfly House with huge colourful butterflies flying past your nose or even landing on you.

Please pay on the day- £7.50. Enjoy strolling round the gardens and take tea & cake in the cafe.

**Penny Collins**

**NOVEMBER**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tereza Joanne Matinee Christmas Divas Party at London Royal Docks (11.30 -15.30)**

*A few places have become available. If you are interested, in going please let me know either at the October meeting or by emailing me via the link below*

**Cost: £67 (includes coach):** Enjoy the chart topping hits of the best female vocalists of the 50's to 70s in a show full of nostalgia.

Payment by cheque payable to Swanley and District U3A for £67.

Any outstanding payments to be made at the October meeting.

Choice of meal to be selected prior to event: If you have not already done so, please do so at the October meeting or via the email link below

Christmas Turkey Lunch with all the Trimmings OR Vegetarian Wellington with all the Trimmings  
White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake with optional Cream OR

Fruit Salad with optional Cream.

Tea/Coffee

If you require further information, please use the contact form on our website:

[https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a-contact-form/?contact\\_id=3614](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a-contact-form/?contact_id=3614).

**Pick up times: Hextable 10.15 Swanley (back of Asda) 10.25**

**NB This is a coach outing completely separate from our U3A Christmas Dinner.**

Elaine Nixon

**DECEMBER**

**Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch at Pedham Place**

This year it will be on Friday 12th December which is the week after our monthly meeting.

Arrive: 12.30 for a 1pm start

If you are interested, please give me your name at the October meeting. If you are not able to come to the meeting but want a lunch place, you can contact me via our website

[https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_events/christmas-lunch/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/christmas-lunch/), and you will need to pay in full by the November meeting.

The cost this year will be the same as last year: £30

You can tell me who you would like to sit with, if you have a preference, and I will do my best to accommodate your wishes.

You also need to tell me if you have any dietary needs and I need to know your menu choices:

**MENU IS AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER (Page 15)**

I hope to see you at the meeting. Many thanks

Gill Baker



**JANUARY**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Coach outing to London to visit:**

**The Design Museum, Kensington High Street**

The World's leading museum devoted to contemporary design. Changes in design over the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries are shown through displays of around 1000 items featuring architecture, furniture and fashion, a Vespa scooter, an original Apple Mackintosh computer, a Model T Ford and an Olivetti typewriter.



**Lunch is not included** but there are two cafes in the museum as well as a museum shop.

After lunch we will take the coach to:

**Mail Rail at the Postal Museum**

All aboard for a fifteen minute train ride through underground tunnels deep below the post office's Mount Pleasant sorting office. Discover a unique piece of industrial heritage and see and hear the people who worked on it. The audio-visual shows at the two station stops on the ride takes passengers back in time to the railway's lively 1930's heyday. Please note that there will be some moments of pitch darkness and some loud noises and flashing lights.



After the ride take the zebra crossing to the opposite side of the street where you will find the postal museum exhibition and the museum's café.

**Cost: £37**

For more information about both the Design & Postal Museum follow the link to our website [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_events/visit-to-design-museum-postal-museum-london/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/visit-to-design-museum-postal-museum-london/)

If you are interested in going, please sign up at our monthly meeting or via the 'Organiser' on the website link above.

**Pick Up Times: 08.45** Hextable Village Green

**09.00** Swanley (back of Asda)

**Return Time:** Leave Postal Museum around 4.30pm.

Veronica Brazier

## Date for your diary

March 21st 2026- Murder Evening with Fish 'n Chips supper- Five Wents Hall, Swanley.

More information nearer the time.

## MEMBERSHIP

**For 2025 – 2026 – HALF PRICE from OCTOBER TO MARCH**

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN!

Our membership year begins at the beginning of April 2025 and runs until March 2026. The cost is usually £20. People can join at any time during the year.

**From October to March, the cost for the half year is reduced to £10. Anyone who comes in from October can join for just £10. Their membership is valid until April 2026, when everyone is invited to renew.**

If you know anyone who wants to join us, please tell them that they are welcome to come to any monthly meeting to see what we do before committing to membership.

If they decide to go ahead, they should fill in a form with their contact details. Forms are available from Gill Baker Membership Secretary at our meetings.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque at a monthly meeting. Cheques made payable to **Swanley and District U3A** please.

Alternatively, the £10 (half year) subscription can be paid by bank transfer.

The bank details are:

**Bank:** Natwest

**Account number:** 51170027

**Sort code:** 60 21 10

**Account name:** Swanley & District U3A

**IMPORTANT** When your bank asks you to insert a **reference**, please put your **surname and membership** number so we know who made the payment! (For example - **BAKER**).

**PLUS** Please confirm that you have made this payment by emailing Gill Baker via the contacts on our website <https://swanley.u3asite.uk/contact/> or by letting her know at a meeting. If you are paying for a spouse or partner in addition to yourself, please provide both names and membership numbers in the email.

A form needs to be completed for each new member and returned to the Membership Secretary.

The membership card(s) will be available at the monthly meeting.

I hope this covers everything – please contact me via the website if you need any clarification.

Many thanks!

**Gill Baker Membership Secretary**

## GROUP / EVENTS NEWS

### Spanish Group

We have a couple of spaces and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We're not a beginners group but neither are we fluent! We just enjoy trying to use the language. Anyone who has been learning for a couple of years, even if it was long ago should be fine.

Please email me via our website at [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/spanish/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/spanish/) if you are interested alternatively you can speak to me or Sandra Evans (Group Co-ordinator) at our next monthly meeting.

**Ruth Wilkenson**

**Bird Watching**

We meet at Cliffe Pools at 10am on 17th September.

Had a leisurely walk around the pools Unfortunately we couldn't spot the elusive Stone Curlew.

We did however see and hear 28 species of birds, including: Hobby. Greenshank and black- tiled Godwits. Little Grebe, Cormorant, Little Egret, Mallards, Gadalls, Wigeons, Shelducks, Egyptian Geese, Hobby, Kestrel, Lapwing, Golden Plovers, Black-Tailed Godwits, Redshank, Greenshank, Avocets, Gulls, Wood pigeons, Swallow, Starlings, Magpies, Crows, Jackdaws, Cetti's Warblers, Blackcap, Blackbirds, Linnets and Great Tit's.



Redshank



Pair of Shell Ducks



Female & Male Mallard

We would have had some more photos but the birds weren't very cooperative!

The meeting next month will be at Rainham Marshes RSPB reserve on the 15th of October at 10am. See our website [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/bird-watching/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/bird-watching/)

**Bob Parker**

**Bridge**

Do you want to keep your brain active? Are you a keen card player? Bridge is a great way to keep the grey cells ticking over. Why not come and join us? New members welcome.

This month's question:

♣ AT75    ♦ KJ    ♥ QJT    ♠ K974    opening hand  
 ♣ Q63    ♦ AT9    ♥ K73    ♠ QJT64    responding hand

How would you open the bidding? What would you reply? How would the bidding continue?

Answer next month.

\*\* Reminder and answer to last month's question.

♣ J763    ♦ KT    ♥ AJ95    ♠ KQ2

Your partner has opened the bidding 1NT. Your opponent passes, what will you bid? Your partner replies 2S. What will you bid next?

If you are using Stayman and transfers:

With a 4-card major suit and 11+ points use Stayman (2C). The conversation is: 1NT (I have 12-14, even hand) – 2C (responding hand, asking if opener has a 4-card major suit) – 2S (Yes, I have 4 spades) – You haven't matched with my major suit but as we have enough points between the two hands for a game, I bid straight to 3NT.

If you are not using Stayman: the bidding sequence would be: 1NT (12-14, even hand) – responding hand bids straight to 3NT (with both players having even hands and enough points between them for a game contract).

Both methods enable you to reach the same final contract. However, the first method using Stayman is more accurate, it takes the guesswork out and helps you find the best contract.

**Carolyn & Colin Chapman**

## Suffolk Coastal Trip

Early one sunny September morning, a bright red coach with 45 members, rumbled out of Swanley and headed for the Suffolk coast. The traffic was surprisingly light and we travelled through the tunnel without a queue!

We met our Blue Badge guide at a Toby Inn near the Orwell river and had coffee and biscuits there. The guide was full of interesting facts about this beautiful part of the world with rolling countryside and pretty villages. We passed a massive earthworks which is eventually to be the new Sizewell C Power Station and were happy to hear that the huge area will all be put back to countryside, once all the infrastructure is in place.

Our first stop in Suffolk was Aldeburgh, a charming and unspoilt town renowned for its musical and literary residents. The internationally known Aldeburgh Music Festival, founded by Benjamin Britten still occurs every year, attracting people from all over the world.



Aldeburgh Beach

Its Georgian houses look onto narrow streets and alleys, while the wide high street is full of independent shops with expensive “knick-knacks,” paintings and specialist foods.



We would have liked a little more time there but we soon boarded our charger and drove along the coast past the Tudor Moot Hall, once in the centre of the town, now teetering on the water's edge.



Tudor Moot Hall

Passing Maggie Hamlin's controversial scallop shell on the beach, loved and hated in equal measure, we also saw the Snape Malting and the churchyard where Benjamin Britten is buried.



We drove on to Dunwich, much of it reclaimed by the sea. The Flora Tea Rooms on the beach, has survived the storms and tides and there we enjoyed a delicious fish and chip meal.



Dunwich Beach towards Southwold



Dunwich Beach towards Sizewell

After lunch we travelled to Southwold, passing the lovely village of Thorpeness and the 'House in the Clouds,' a converted water tower. It looked like something from a children's' book.

Southwold is full of charm with its pebbly beach and rainbow coloured beach huts along a lovely promenade, with plenty of seats to sit and look at the wide sea view. The short original pier was full of Edwardian character with its innovative water clock and collection of weird and wonderful automation.



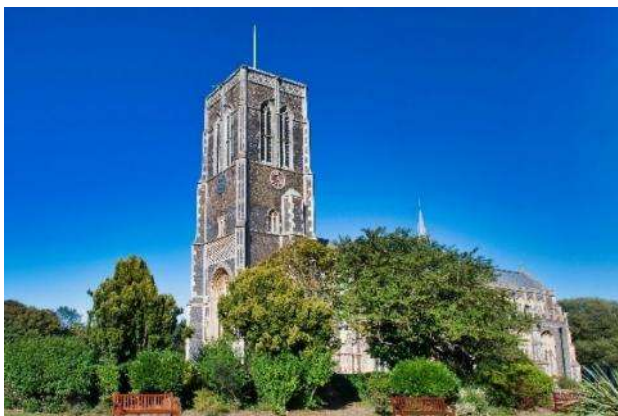
Southwold towards the pier

Beach Huts



Apparently, Michael Palin, Twiggy, Libby Purves and George Orwell all lived here at some time in their lives. Benjamin Britain and Peter Pears also lived on the sea front, but disliking their lack of privacy, swapped their house with a friend, who owned one further back in the town. There is an eclectic mix of most interesting houses along the promenade, some available to rent.

Some of our party went on the walking tour with



England) where we saw the figure of Southwold Jack.



This figure is also used to advertise the brewery and other trades around the town. It was strange to see the light house, right amongst houses built later around it.



Adhams Brewery



Southwold Lighthouse

The weather was glorious all day and we felt very lucky as rain had been forecast. We had a peaceful journey home in our red charger, driven by our naked marathon runner!!

**Wendy Aldred**

### September Garden Group visit to Hever Castle

An afternoon visit on a sunny and cloudy day and warm where there was no wind. As there was quite a lot to see we soon went separate ways meeting up later for the usual tea or coffee.



Soon past the entrance and the start of going down a small hill there was a lovely view on our left between trees of the castle frontage almost totally covered in Virginia Creeper in its full glory.

Surrounding the castle to the fore was the moat with grass frontage on which as elsewhere in the gardens were topiary figures of animals.



Close by to the side of the castle with access via paths between hedges was more topiary as of chess pieces. Finally, behind the castle ran the River Eden. The lawns everywhere were immaculate with straight lines by the cutting and green in spite of the dry weather.



Continuing on to the next area through 'golden gates' one comes to a large walled garden which acts as a backdrop to smaller sections of interest. The garden of the Italian style was designed by William Waldorf Astor at the turn of the 20th, Century between 1904 and 1908 and over 1,000 men were employed. Each section has a different layout to its neighbors giving variation in designs, colour and interest. At the far end of this section is a loggia giving a view across the lake contains a couple of discrete fountains. Leaving the loggia, one made ones way back towards the entrance of the Italian garden passing beneath la lengthy pergola from which grapes were hanging. A small passage from the path led in to the rose garden with many beds interconnected with by narrow grass paths. Each bed had its own named rose thereby giving large areas of massed colour and variation.



Here we stopped at the cafe before leaving the Italian garden via a rockery area and then winding our way to cars and home.

**Valeri Bamber**

**Antiques and Collectables** - No theme this month, but lots of varied objects to look at!

Tom and Sue performed a double act to present a beautiful doll, which had been owned by Tom's mother. Dorothy named her doll Mary. Mary dates from 1913 and has a christening dress from 1890. Sadly, the doll had been given to Dorothy and a similar one to her sister Mae, after their father had been killed in 1918 when his ship, HMS Louvain, was sunk by a German submarine, with the loss of 224 men. This ship, previously named SS Dresden, had been involved in the mysterious disappearance of the German engineer Rudolf Diesel (inventor of Diesel engines and fuel) in 1913.



Wendy showed us a recent purchase of a large Sylvac rabbit, shaped as a teapot. Wendy thinks it was made in the early 1930s and is quite rare. She was pleased to pay just £5 for it, on our recent trip to Faversham. Tony repaired the lid.

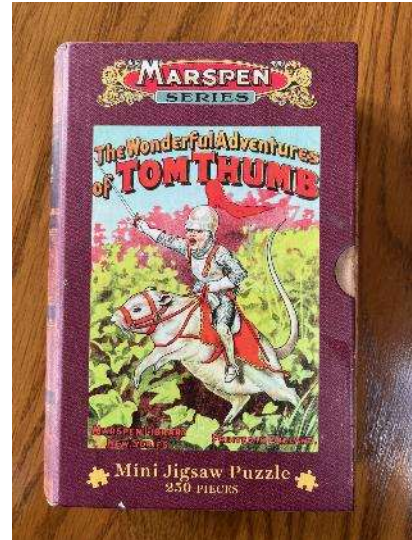


Jenni brought along some beautiful glass items which were on her grandmother's dressing table. Jenni thinks that they were probably purchased by her towards the end of the 19th century. The delicate floral decoration is lovely.

Madeline also had an item bought at Faversham – an unusual green pot and lid, made of Bakelite. This was an early plastic invented by the Belgian Leo Baekeland, who was a chemist. He patented the material in 1909 and it was a popular substance for kitchenware, telephones, electric switches, and many other objects. Madeline also showed us a knife with a Bakelite handle made by Glossop and Sons, which were passed down through her family from her grandparents.



Penny has a replica jigsaw of 250 mini pieces depicting Tom Thumb riding a rat. This was originally sold by Marks and Spencer in the Penny Bazaar from around 1912. The box of the puzzle is shaped like a book. It would have cost just 6d, sold under the sub brand 'Marspen'. Originally, when the Penny Bazaar opened in 1884 in Leeds, everything sold for 1d.



We took turns to try to guess the usage of the heavy metal object that Judy brought along. Guesses included a poker, a walking stick, a boot stretcher – all wrong. This strange looking item was used to pull nails out of wood without the need to bend down. It was used by workmen to extract nails from floorboards and packing cases. It was made by Charles Morrill who patented it in America in 1910. It belonged to Judy's great grandfather.

My objects also kept everyone puzzled for a short time. They are small metal stirrup cups shaped like animals. Traditionally they were used to offer a parting drink to riders going off on a hunting party. They would be served a quick drink before setting off, whilst sitting on their horse. The drink was usually port or sherry, and the cups were designed to be small to be drunk in one gulp.



When John and I were in Norway we learned about the communal beer drinking bowls. We spotted a Goss crested china version on ebay, and John bought it because it also had the crest of John of Eltham. (John was brought up in Eltham). John of Eltham was born in 1316 in Eltham Palace and was the second son of King Edward II. He was made Earl of Cornwall aged 12 and at 16 was commanding an army. He died in 1336 of a fever. We have no idea why his name is on a model of a Norwegian beer bowl!

**Gill Baker**

**Swanley and District u3a Committee Members 2025/2026**

			
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You can contact any of the above committee members by going to the Swanley & District Website committee page at <https://swanley.u3asite.uk/contact/> and clicking on the appropriate name.

**Website:** <https://swanley.u3asite.uk/>

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**Swanley u3a Groups Timetable**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Meeting Day</b>
Antiques and Collectables	Gill and John Baker	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Morning
Art and Craft	Penny Collins	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Afternoon
Art Appreciation	Margaret Austin	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Morning
Art/Painting & Drawing Art Outdoors	Gill Baker	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Evening
Art – Looking at Art	Gill & John Baker	As Notified in Newsletter/Website
Bird Watching	Bob Parker	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday as notified in Newsletter / Website
Board & Card Games	Joyce Wood	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon pm Howard Cen Hex
Book Group	Sue Scott & Wendy Keable	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday pm Swanley Library
Bowls (Indoors)	Bob Mellor	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs pm at the Whiteoak's
Bridge	Carolyn & Colin Chapman	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday Morning
Chess	Terry Bennet	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Morning
Creative Writing	Penny Collins	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday Morning
Croquet	Bill Hammond	Every Weds at 2pm Swanley Rec Gardens
Gardening	Sandy English	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Afternoon
Geography	Penny and Dave Collins	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Morning
History Modern	Jackie Griffiths	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Afternoon
History of London 1	John Baker	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Morning
History of London 2	John Baker	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Morning
Kurling	Bill Hammond	Every Mon 10—12. White Oak
Let's Speak French	Barbara Ramsey	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Morning
London History Walks	Alan Hayward/John Baker	As Notified in Newsletter/Website
MOTO (Members on their own)	Madeleine Opitz	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 12.15 Elim Church Swanley
Music Making	Mark Fittock	Every Tuesday Morning
Petanque	Bill Hammond	Weds 2pm Princes Park Dartford
Photography (Digital)	Alan Hayward	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Afternoon
Play Reading	Penny Collins	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday Morning
Quiz Team	Dave Collins	As Notified in Newsletter/Website
Rugby-Walking & Appreciation	Alan Hayward/John Baker	As Notified in Newsletter/Website
Spanish	Ruth Wilkinson	Every Thursday Morning
Strollers		Not meeting at Present
Table Tennis	Bill Hammond	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday2-3.30pm White Oak
Outings and Theatre Trips	As Notified by the Social Committee	
Word Magic on Zoom	Gill Heath	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Morning
Walking Group	Clive Rayner	As Notified in Newsletter/Website
Wine and Dine	Santha Blankley	As Notified in Newsletter/Website
Wine Tasting	Robert Brickell	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Evening

## **U3A XMAS LUNCH 12th DECEMBER**

Put your name down if you would like to come to the Christmas Lunch. Tell me if there is anyone you want to sit with.

**Payment and choices will be required at the October or November meeting**

### **CHOICE OF STARTER:**

- Butternut Squash soup and bread roll (V & GF)
- Chicken Liver Parfait, toast and plum and apple chutney
- Breaded Butterfly King Prawns, salad, sweet chilli sauce

### **MAIN:**

- Traditional Turkey Roast Dinner or
- Vegetable Wellington (V)

### **CHOICE OF DESSERT:**

- Christmas Pudding, brandy sauce
- Chocolate Panettone Bread and Butter pudding, ice cream and chocolate sauce
- White Chocolate and Raspberry Brulee cheesecake, raspberry coulis
- Blackcurrant sorbet (V)
- Vegan Christmas Pudding and vegan custard (V)

Tea or Coffee