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Welcome to our newsletter for the month of November, which will include news, information and reports from Swanley and District u3a. We are always grateful to receive items from the various interest/study groups. This newsletter is very much produced by our members for our members.

Please send anything you would like to be included to Alan Hayward.

One of our committee members, Jacky Taylor, has had to resign as our Publicity Officer. I would like to thank her on behalf of the committee for her tireless work despite ongoing health issues,

publicising us around our catchment area. It is in no small part due to her efforts that we now have 287 members and are getting close to our target of 300. I am pleased that you are continuing as a u3a member, Jacky, and it will be good to see you at monthly meetings when you are able to attend. This does, of course, mean that we now have a vacancy on the committee if anyone would like to join us. We are a relaxed and friendly bunch!

Barely a month after the official end of summer, the clocks have gone back, we have returned to Greenwich Mean Time and the nights are drawing in. Am I alone in thinking it would be good to keep to British Summer Time throughout the year? Never mind, it will soon be Christmas! I should remind you that our u3a Christmas lunch at Pedham Place will take place on Friday 12th December, one week after our December monthly meeting. Please make sure you have paid for the meal and that you have given Gill Baker your menu choices. Our maximum number for this is 80 and when I last checked there were just a small number of places left if anyone else would like to join us.

I hope you enjoyed Neil Sadler's talk 'Almost Death in Paradise' at our last meeting. He spoke for almost an hour and certainly kept us all engaged. This month our guest speaker is Andy Thomas with a highly topical talk entitled 'Lewes and Bonfire Night'. Penny and I will be taking our greyhound away to somewhere quieter to avoid the loud bangs of the accompanying fireworks at this time of year so will not be at the meeting. It will take place at the Alexandra Suite on Friday 7th November starting at 10.30 am and John Baker has kindly agreed to lead the meeting. He's back again! I hope you enjoy the morning and I look forward to seeing you all again next month.

**Dave Collins Chairman**

### **Reminder!**

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

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

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

Illustrated with his own spectacular photographs, Andy delves into the origins of Bonfire Night and its importance to the historical Sussex town of Lewes, renowned for hosting the biggest 5th November festival in the world, revealing the enthralling rituals and events which make its colourful and controversial mix of folklore, liberty issues and extravagant humour unique.

Future Speakers: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December Dr Stephen Goss will give a talk entitled 'No tolerance of undeserving rank and splendour': the wit and satire of Gilbert & Sullivan – Act I

The comedy and music of the Savoy Operas has ensured they remain popular to this day. Discover the witty commentary on contemporary Victorian society woven into the libretti. Uncover the thinly veiled satire of some of the plots, what motivated Gilbert to write certain operas, and unmask the characters which were deliberate parodies of specific Victorian politicians and notables. The talk not only provides context to the operas, but also gives an insight into British society, culture, and world view in the Victorian era.

**Nicola Teoh**

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

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

So for instance if you cannot make our monthly meeting to sign up for one the many events that are on offer you can always contact the Event Organiser by following the links in the newsletter or going to the website <https://swanley.u3asite.uk/events/> click on the event then the organiser where a contact form will be generated which you can fill in and e-mail to them.

**Alan Hayward**

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

**Bridge Club**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 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**

**Bird Watching**

Next meeting will be at Oare Marshes, Faversham on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 10am. See our website page for more information [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/bird-watching/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/bird-watching/) or speak to me at our monthly meeting on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Bob Parker**

**Board and Card Games**

**Next meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at the Howard Centre in Hextable BR8 7LG.

We have a good selection of games and cards. Please bring along any games that you would like to play.

As we hire the room there is a £3 charge, drinks can also be purchased at the centre.

Just come along on the day or email for further details via the Board & Card group page on our website for further information [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_groups/board-card-games/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/board-card-games/)

DECEMBER MEETING IS MONDAY 8th December 2pm.

**Joyce Wood**

**QUIZ DATES**

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

**Thursday October 20th -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 December newsletter can you please send articles and photos by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November to [ahayward530@gmail.com](mailto:ahayward530@gmail.com)*

**Alan Hayward**

**Events and Outings**

**NOVEMBER**

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

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

**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.

Choice of meal to be selected prior to event: If you have not already done so, please do so at the November 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**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT PEDHAM PLACE  
ON FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER**

**We still have a few places for the three-course Christmas Lunch at Pedham Place Golf Centre, so let me know asap if you want to go. £30**

Arrive: 12.30 for a 1pm start

You need to **pay in full by the November meeting**

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

The table plan will be in the December newsletter and at the December meeting.

**I need to know your menu choices if you have not yet told me – see**

**MENU IS AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER (Page 16)**

If you have paid, but find that you can't come, please let me know by:

**Wednesday 26th November**

I have to confirm numbers and pay the venue and will not be able to offer refunds after that date.

Let me know if you have any queries – I will be at the monthly meeting or you can contact me via our website at [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_events/christmas-lunch/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/christmas-lunch/),

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 by email 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**

## February

**Friday February 6th 2026**

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime performed by the:

Axstane Players at Farningham Village Hall.



For more information re the Axstane Players follow the link to our website [https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a\\_events/jack-and-the-beanstalk-pantomime/](https://swanley.u3asite.uk/u3a_events/jack-and-the-beanstalk-pantomime/)

**Cost- £14**

You will be able to sign up for this at the December meeting or by email via the 'Organiser' on the website link above.

**Penny Collins**

### **Date for your diary**

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

More information nearer the time.

## MEMBERSHIP

**WE ARE STILL OFFERING HALF PRICE MEMBERSHIP FROM NOW UNTIL MARCH 2026  
SO 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 or via emailing her through our website.

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.

AN APPLICATION 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

### Bird Watching

9 of us birdwatched at Rainham Marshes in Essex. We saw 44 species. Including Pintails, Snipe, Swallow, Redwing and Red Kite.



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**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:

♣ <b>AKJ</b>	♦ <b>J84</b>	♥ <b>JT32</b>	♠ <b>K72</b>	opening hand
♣ <b>Q9</b>	♦ <b>A9632</b>	♥ <b>KQ</b>	♠ <b>Q985</b>	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.

♣ <b>AT75</b>	♦ <b>KJ</b>	♥ <b>QJT</b>	♠ <b>K974</b>	opening hand
♣ <b>Q63</b>	♦ <b>AT9</b>	♥ <b>K73</b>	♠ <b>QJT64</b>	responding hand

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

Important hand features – opener; 14 points, even hand. Open 1NT.

Responder; 12 points, 5-card major suit. Initiate a suit transfer by bidding 2H.

Opener completes the transfer by bidding 2S.

Responder: you have told your partner you have 5 cards in spades and there is no other suit to bid so bid 2NT (this gives a point count 11-12 points).

Opener: with 14 points (+ partners 11 or 12 points) bid a game – 3NT or 4S?? With a good fit in spades bid 4S.

Do not use Stayman as you need to tell your partner you have 5 cards in the spade suit.

If you don't use Stayman and transfers the bidding would be: - 1NT, responder then jumps in spades to tell partner he has almost enough points for a game and bids 3S. With 14 points and a spade fit opener would then bid 4S. Same outcome but the first bidding sequence enables you to more accurately find the final contract.

**Carolyn & Colin Chapman**

**October Garden Group visit to Emmett's Garden in Sevenoaks**



The weather was very sunny and mild for mid-October.

Ten of the group and a dog arrived to see the autumn colour. The trees were turning all shades of red and orange. There were many shrubs still flowering including fuchsias, sedums and big blousy blooms on hydrangeas. The nerines were so colourful and a treat to see this time of year.





Obviously, we had to have the obligatory tea and cake to round off the afternoon and the end of a very good year of garden visits. Looking forward to next year



**Sandy English**

### **Antiques Group visit to Knole Park**

We decided to visit some antiques in situ instead of buying them. Several of us met at Knole House on a bright sunny day. We were all National Trust members so it was a cheap day out!

Firstly we went on a self-guided tour of the house. So many corridors and old portraits! There were very helpful guides in each area of the house, and they all seemed very happy to share their favourite stories.

Knole was originally built around 1456, modelled on a medieval archbishop's palace. Henry V 111 reportedly hunted in the park, whilst his daughter lived there during his divorce from Catherine of Aragon.

Since 1603 it has been in the possession of the Sackville family. Charles Sackville filled the house with furniture acquired from royal palaces when he was Lord Chamberlain to William 111. The house was originally gifted to the National Trust in 1946, and the Sackville West family still live in apartments on site.



We also visited the Royal Oak Foundation Conservation studio, which was really interesting. Work in progress included repairs to an old ivory chest and some large paintings that were being cleaned – a full length portrait and a landscape. Items are brought to the studio to be restored from National Trust properties across the country.

Some more energetic members of the group climbed the narrow stairs up the Gatehouse Tower to see where Eddy Sackville-West, author and music critic, lived in the early 20th century.

Back outside, the deer near the house but were engaged in rutting, so visitors were kept well back, but it was easy to hear the loud grunting and calling of the stags as they went about their business!

**Gill Baker**

## Off The Beaten Track Walks      Military Woolwich

The military connections associated with Woolwich date back over three hundred years. Our latest walk set out to discover how much of Military Woolwich can still be found today.

We started at General Gordon Square which is named after the hero of Khartoum who died in 1885. He was born in Woolwich and studied at its Military Academy. No longer the place where the buses used to turn round, it is now a pedestrianised public space.



The nearby St. Peters RC Church opened in 1843. This Grade II listed building is one of just three London churches designed by the famous architect Augustus Pugin.



We walked up the hill, passing the old Connaught Barracks, before arriving at the ruins of St. Georges Garrison Church. It was built in 1862 as part of an initiative to improve conditions for British soldiers following the Crimean War. It was a huge church which could accommodate a congregation of 1700 people. The interior was decorated with mosaics. Some of them can still be seen. Sadly, the church was almost totally destroyed by a V1 flying bomb in 1944.

After many years of neglect, it is now managed by the Garrison Church Trust. We crossed the Barrack Field, which is separated from Woolwich Common by Ha Ha Road, a former sunken ditch used to control grazing cattle. The common was used for artillery practice in the 18th century and, more recently, staged shooting events at the 2012 Olympic Games.



The Royal Military Barracks is always an impressive sight. It is nearly 250 years old and boasts the longest continuous façade in the country, 360 yards long.



The Rotunda is a strange circular building with a pagoda style roof. It was moved here from St. James Park in 1819 and was once the Royal Artillery Museum. It is now empty and the museum artefacts have been relocated. It is next to the training area for the Royal Horse Artillery.

We walked past various military buildings but saw very few soldiers or civilians.



A few of the old cannons can still be seen. The largest is probably the Robert Mallet mortar constructed in 1854. It was intended for use in the Crimean War but was never employed.

There are lots of reminders of the army in Woolwich, e.g. Rush Grove House and the entrance arch to the Cambridge Barracks. Many of these fine old buildings have been surrounded by late twentieth century housing developments. However, there are always clues to the past. You just have to look for them!



Our walk continued past the old Woolwich Fire Station and St. Mary Magdalene Church.



The magnificent art deco Odeon Cinema and the Granada Cinema (opposite it – both now closed). They are all reminders of the interesting story and heritage of Woolwich.



We finished at the Royal Arsenal which is now the location of expensive riverside apartments. It was just a short walk from here to Woolwich Arsenal station.

It is always intriguing to visit some of the lesser frequented districts of London and discover evidence and links to the past.

**John and Alan**

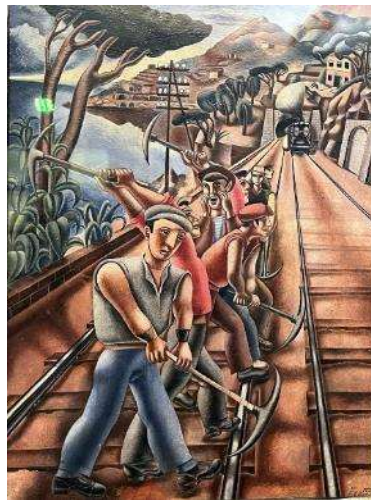
## Looking at Art – visit to Tate Britain to see Edward Burra 1905-1976

We went to the Tate to see the retrospective exhibition about the work of Edward Burra. I knew little about this British artist, who lived in Rye in East Sussex, but he proved to be a fascinating painter.

The show focussed on Burra's work during the 1920s and 30s, and he is renowned for his vibrant, satirical scenes of the urban underworld and his depiction of society and culture abroad. His practice is influenced by everything from music and performance to popular culture, literature, and art history. Burra was disabled by rheumatoid arthritis from childhood but regarded art as 'a kind of drug' that helped relieve the pain. After art school, he travelled to France with friends, visiting popular cultural entertainments such as bars, cafes and music halls. His paintings captured the energy of the 'roaring twenties', and the period of social and cultural liberation. Burra drew inspiration from French literature, cinema and music, and depicted characters from the seamier side of life that he witnessed around him.



Market Day 1926



Railway Gang 1929



Balcony Toulon

He later went to Harlem in the USA and frequented the bars clubs and music halls alongside well known musicians such as Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong. His paintings at this time reflected and celebrated the exuberance of Harlem's nightlife through his unique satirical style.



Café 1930



Harlem 1934



Valley and River Northumberland

Later Burra responded to contemporary events throughout WW2 but became depressed and despondent by the brutality and because he was not able to travel. He started to make money from his art in the 1950s but became increasingly isolated. In the 60s and 70s he was drawn to creating landscape paintings, when he travelled around the countryside with his sister due to his increasing frailty. He died in 1976 after a fall.

**Gill Baker**

## Antiques and Collectables

### Amiens Flea Market

The Amiens Flea Market, also known as La Grande Rederie d'Amiens, takes place twice each year in April and October. We recently made a three day trip to France to visit this huge antiques fair. The town of Amiens is located just two hours from Calais.



The market attracts thousands of visitors and hundreds of sellers. It takes over the entire centre of the town and many streets are closed to traffic in order to accommodate the stalls. During our visit anything and everything seemed to be for sale. Although a knowledge of French is useful, it is not essential. Just learn a few key phrases. Stalls were laden with objects from yesteryear - furniture, ceramics, paintings, ornaments, vintage clothing, medals, coins etc etc. It was certainly worth the trip to northern France. We would recommend the market to anyone interested in antiques and collectables. Our own purchases included some nineteenth century wine glasses, a large ceramic plate, a wine jug, an antique baguette cutter and a boulangerie sign. Great fun and an enjoyable trip!

**John and Gill Baker**

### Visit to Hall Place – Butterfly House

Nine of us visited the wonderful display of butterflies. Some of the butterflies liked Kathleen's lovely white hair.



The keepers showed us the chrysalis which they keep separately. Butterflies can live up to three months. We counted at least twelve different exotic species. A good place to visit if it's cold outside. It was over 25 degrees in there.



**Penny Collins**

### GEOGRAPHY GROUP

Our October meeting topic was 'Islands of the Mediterranean'. Each group member researched a different island and we learned a great deal about Cyprus, Rhodes, Corfu, Malta, Sicily, Sardinia and the Balearic Islands.

Some interesting facts presented included:

Cyprus has a population of 1.1 million with 300,000 in the Turkish Cypriot north and 800,000 in the Greek Cypriot south. Its capital Nicosia is the only divided capital city in the world. The island hosts no fewer than 4 million tourists each year.

In 2023 Rhodes suffered multiple wildfires and over 19,000 people had to be evacuated. The Dama-Dama or European fallow deer is a species unique to the island.

Corfu was the birthplace of Prince Philip. The island measures just 39 miles by 17 miles and has more than 36 species of orchid.

Malta has a population of more than half a million but is smaller than the Isle of Wight. It has no rivers or lakes and a limited underground water supply. It uses desalinated seawater.

Sicily is the largest and most populous Mediterranean island. It grows 90% of the lemons and 60% of the oranges and tangerines that are produced in Italy.

Sardinia is a place where people live significantly longer than the global average. The city and commune of Nuoro in particular is noted for its large number of centenarians- attributed to genetics, healthy Mediterranean diet, active lifestyle and social connections. The Gallura district accounts for 75% of Italy's extracted granite.

Majorca is the size of Cornwall, Minorca similar in size to Anglesey and Ibiza about one and a half times the size of the Isle of Wight. About 150 ferry services operate to and from the Balearics each week.

At our next meeting we will be looking at Croatia.

**Colin Annetts**

## Game Groups

### Croquet.

We have been playing this for a few years now and it would be nice to have few more. The version we play is clock croquet, which is a much simpler version. We start again in March if you would like to join us.

### Table Tennis

This has restarted. It is on this Friday 7th and we have a few vacancies for this.

### Kurling

If you have never done this, come and have a go but it is harder than it looks! Mondays from 10am until 12 noon. Cost is £3 .50.



### Petanque

This has finished till March.

During the year we have been donating £1 pp from Petanque and 25p pp Kurling to a local charity. We chose BEAMS and presented them with a cheque for £100.

### New year activities

Ten pin bowling: if you are interested, I will organise this

### Twilight crazy golf

Do you fancy trying to putt a ball with Dinosaurs looking at you under floodlights?

I need a minimum of 6 for both; these will be in January/February.

### CHRISTMAS MEAL

if you attend one or more of these activities and have not signed up for the Christmas lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, see me after the U3A meeting.

**Bill Hammond**

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

			
<b>Dave Collins Chair</b>	<b>John Baker Vice-Chair</b>	<b>Carol Willingham Business Secretary</b>	<b>Clive Rayner Treasurer</b>
			
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<b>Nicola Teoh Speaker Organizer</b>	<b>Vacant Publicity Secretary</b>	<b>Sandra Evans Group Co-Ordinator</b>	<b>Susan Baugh Assisted Treasurer</b>

**Contact Details**

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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> Tuesday /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> Friday 2-3.30pm 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 Brule cheesecake, raspberry coulis
- Blackcurrant sorbet (V)
- Vegan Christmas Pudding and vegan custard (V)

Tea or Coffee