

## Membership

Group members may attend all monthly meetings held at Detling Village Hall every second Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm and join Special Interest Groups free of charge.

Individual Annual Membership for 2023–24 includes the free U3A Magazine (published 5 times a year).

To join our u3a group, or for more details about us, please contact Claire, our membership secretary by using the contacts page at:

[www.u3asites.org.uk/bearsted](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/bearsted)

## Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups are led by a Group Co-ordinator to pursue a shared interest in a subject. Groups meet to study the subject they find interesting, and learning is interpreted in the broadest sense, with teachers learning and learners teaching. Groups include:

**Current Affairs, Cryptic Crosswords, Walking, Local History, Music Appreciation, Family History, Ten Pin Bowling, French, Italian, Spanish, Read It Aloud, Foodies, Making Music Together, Members On Their Own, Crafts, Latin, Lunch Bunch, Geology, Opera, Art Group, Ancient History, Bird Watching, Gardening, Book Groups, Transport and Machines, Recorder, Singing for fun, Face the Music, Table Tennis, Bridge, Hidden London Walks, Exploring World Faiths, The Armchair Traveller Club**

Each Special Interest Group has from 3 to 30 members. Other groups are in preparation, or come along, and with our support, set up a new group for your own special interest.

Join our Members' Facebook group.

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## About us

We are an organisation where retired or semi-retired people from all walks of life, and all ages meet like minded men and women to expand their knowledge, share interests and acquire new skills and experiences.

### Monthly Meetings

Our U3A group holds meetings every second Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm in Detling Village Hall. We draw on a variety of speakers who cover a wide range of interesting and varied subjects: (goto website Events page for more info)

### Speakers 2024

|         |   |                         |
|---------|---|-------------------------|
| 14 Mar  | <i>Channel Coastlines</i>                           | Geoffrey Mead           |
| 11 Apr  | <i>Groups show Day</i>                              | (No speaker this month) |
| 9 May   | <i>Customs and Traditions of the City of London</i> | Mark Lewis              |
| 1 Jun   | <i>Medieval Medicine</i>                            | Toni Mount              |
| 11 July | <i>Maidstones Hidden Gem</i>                        | Steven Songhurst        |
| 8 Aug   | <i>Thames Bridges</i>                               | Chris Green             |
| 12 Sept | <i>Pluck, Luck and Parachutes</i>                   | Sharon Wright           |
| 10 Oct  | <i>Turing in Manchester</i>                         | Jonathan Swinton        |

We hope that this brief account of the activities of the group will encourage you to come along to our meetings. Visitors are always welcome and as such you may attend two monthly meetings free of charge.

To join our group, or for more details about us visit our web site:

**TRY US OUT  
WITH  
2 FREE  
MEETINGS**

**PLEASE ASK FOR DETAILS**

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## Bearsted & District

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## BEARSTED AND DISTRICT U3A SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### Monthly Meetings Timetable

|              |      | WEEK 1 OF MONTH   | WEEK 2 OF MONTH                                       | WEEK 3 OF MONTH  | WEEK 4 OF MONTH  |
|--------------|------|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Mon</b>   | a.m. | Table Tennis<br>Latin   | Table Tennis  | Current Affairs<br>Table Tennis  | Table Tennis   |
|              | p.m. |   | Music Appreciation<br>Exploring World Faiths          | Book Group 4   | Face the Music   |
| <b>Tues</b>  | a.m. |   | Cryptic Crosswords (by arrangement)<br>Family History | Ten Pin Bowling (from 11.00am)<br>Local History 2  |  |
|              | p.m. | French - Intermediate<br>Making Music Together<br>Planet-friendly Gardening | Book Group 1                      Bridge              | Local History    Singing for fun<br>Enjoying Opera<br>The Armchair Travellers                | Lunch Bunch<br>Bridge<br>Family History 2                |
| <b>Wed</b>   | a.m. | Table Tennis 2<br>Ancient History 2   | Table Tennis 2<br>Crafts<br>Spanish                   | Table Tennis 2                      Foodies<br>Italian - Intermediate<br>Hidden London Walks | Table Tennis 2<br>Spanish                                |
|              | p.m. | Singing for fun   | Current Affairs 2<br>Geology                          | Transport & Machines<br>Read It Aloud  | History<br>Gardening                                     |
| <b>Thurs</b> | a.m. | Walking (Repeated following Wednesday)                                      |   | Birdwatching<br>Book Group 3   |  |
|              | p.m. | Italian - Improvers   | General Meeting                                       | Italian - Improvers  | Ancient History<br>Arts Appreciation<br>Family History 2 |
| <b>Fri</b>   | a.m. | Book Group 2<br>Hola Espanol<br>Art Group                                   | Recorder  | Hola Espanol<br>Village Visits   | Recorder   |
|              | p.m. |   |   |  |  |
| <b>Sat</b>   | a.m. |   |   |  | MOTO (by arrangement)                                    |
|              | p.m. |   |   |  |  |

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