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St.Lawrence Church Hall where most monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday.

September 21st Gill Howard The Brunels

Other talks click on link

NB Advance Warning: December 21st Meeting will be at Sidcup Sports Club

New Groups We are pleased to announce 2 new Groups :-

- Musical Theatre :occasional visits led by David Harbud
- Intro. to Mosaics: 2 workshops led by Val Gosden

Musical Theatre Group

A new group (provisional name 'Yesterday once more')?

Dartford Orchard Theatre puts on a lot of tribute acts and musicals that have finished their West End runs.

I have been to the Pink Floyd Experience and a New Romantic tribute show, both of which were very enjoyable with much of the audience in a similar demographic to ourselves. In the next few months we can expect Johnny Cash, Tubular Bells, Elvis, Showaddywaddy (the originals), David Bowie, Queen, Abba, Barbara Streisand...

Dartford is quite accessible by public transport (in the Freedom Pass zone).

We could either form a group or I could simply post forthcoming events in the magazine / website

David Harbud (the guy in the loud shirts)

Contact via the website



An Introduction to Mosaics

You will be able to make something simple which will be for indoor use. There will be two sessions, and you will need to come to both to complete your project. These are on Thursday,14th September and Saturday, 16th September, both sessions starting at 2 o'clock. (Those 2 sessions are now full,) A further 2 sessions are arranged for Wednesday, 20th September and Friday, 22nd September. I will be charging for materials, and although at this stage I do not have a definite sum to quote, the cost will probably somewhere between £5 and £10. I will need to know very quickly if you plan to come as I need to purchase enough items for your use.

Val Gosden

Contact via the website.



<u>Bletchley Park (home of coding)</u>: coach trip offered by Welling u3a on October 12th. Liimited spaces available. Please contact <u>T.Ford</u> urgently to obtain contact details for trip-organiser.

New on the Website this month :-

• Freedom Pass: photos Boreham Wood August Local History 3: photos Kenwood House , August Pot Pourri : photos Blackheath. July Ramblers 2 : report & photos Lea Valley July Ramblers 3 : report & photos Joydens Wood, August

U3a week 2023 16-24 September

u3a Week is an annual event to showcase the activity, learning and fun which takes place across the movement every day. It is a celebration of positive ageing, highlighting our members' lived experience. Following feedback from members, 2022 was the first time we celebrated u3a Week with a week full of events as opposed to a singular day. It was an extra special celebration as 2022 marked 40 years of the u3a movement.

Last year, Sidcup & District u3a held 2 major events : a Tea Party at Sidcup Sports Club & a joint Ramble for a couple of our groups as part of the London Region Loop of London.

We believe that u3a has a great deal to offer to members; not just the learning element, but the huge social benefits. (Now that we have dropped the "University" appellation, perhaps we should be "Universal", or is that too cult-like; it may not be

for everyone.) There are many more potential members out there, so we should encourage them to join and let them know what we do. We also need new members to keep us lively and to lead and start new groups. This is not to denigrate the huge contribution that existing Group Leaders and Members make. We are grateful for Val's offering of a couple of Mosaic workshops and to David for leading Musical Theatre Visits (see elsewhere in this Newsletter). Don't forget also the recently setup MOTO group (coordinator Jackie Carter). Any takers for a Cinema Group? So, although we're not planning anything specific for this September, do promote us to your friends (& casual acquaintances). Nationally u3a are planning various promotional campaigns. (Discussion at this year's AGM in September). Next year, 2024, we are proposing a BIG PICNIC. This could be held in September or earlier in the summer. Look out for that. Other suggestions for celebratory events also welcomed

Group Leaders' Meeting

2 pm 18th September at Queensgate Apartments.

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