

# WELCOME TO WELLING



## The Committee:

Chair	Pat Perry
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Membership Secretary	Jill Thomas
Speaker Secretary	Pauline Reed
Group Co-ordinator	Kathy Dersley
Website Manager	Marisa Miller
PRESIDENT	Marlene Harmer

## Trips and Visits subcommittee:

Marisa Miller, Irene Thorley, Pauline Reed, Pauline Williams

## Joining u3a – You will get-

- **u3a News**, a quarterly national magazine – news, national u3a courses, holidays, etc
- **u3a e-Newsletter**, topics and reports on activities & groups around the country
- **Welling u3a Newsletter**, a regular information sheet giving details of trips (costs & when to pay), dates of meetings, details of speakers, reports on our trips is available by email or you can arrange to have a paper copy posted to you for an annual fee.
- the chance to take part in **Shared Learning Projects** – research, usually in the London area, to attend the **Summer Schools** held around the UK – see national u3a website or magazine, and the opportunity to enrol for the **on-line courses** –free or at a small cost – see national u3a website or magazine

The **annual subscription for Welling u3a** (which includes all the benefits above) is set each year by the Committee. It is currently **£20.00 (2024-2025)**.

On becoming a member, you will be issued with a membership card. It is essential that you complete the health card with the details requested. Please bring this when attending any u3a meeting, group or trip as it is a means of verifying membership and also has information in case you become unwell or have an accident.

## Attending the monthly meetings:

- We usually have a speaker at each meeting (details are listed in our Newsletter) along with social events in Summer and Winter and an AGM once a year in May/June.

- Welling u3a meets at 2.00 in St Michael's Church Hall, DA16 3AP on the fourth Wednesday of every month (except December, when the date may change due to the holidays). Doors open at 1.45pm.
- Hot & cold drinks & biscuits are available free of charge during a break.
- Jill Thomas the Membership secretary and Committee members (wearing red lanyards) will be there to make you feel at ease, do come and talk to us.

### **Joining and a Group:**

- To join a group, you must be a fully paid-up member of the Welling u3a.
- These are either self-learning, social or exercise groups (e.g., the Walking Group). Group Leaders may have some expertise or just an interest in the subject. Everyone can take part and share their knowledge and opinions.
- Many of our groups, are social ones, like Tea, Latte and Chat (TLC) and Picnic, Snack and Chat amongst others!
- Most groups meet during the day.
- Some groups meet in members' houses – the Group Leader may ask for a small payment (perhaps 50p) towards refreshments.
- Some groups meet in halls, where there will charge to cover costs.
- If the group leader supplies resources (as in Art) there will also be a charge to cover costs.

**Please consider starting/leading a new group.** To find out please more contact Kathy Dersley

The success of Welling u3a is entirely due to our volunteers who help run it – from preparing the Hall prior to a meeting, helping with refreshments, taking payment for trips, becoming a Group Leader, or a Committee member. We always welcome new volunteers and it is a chance for you to become actively involved and make new friends even quicker. If you are interested, please speak to a Committee member (contact details are listed above) or speak to them a Monthly meeting.