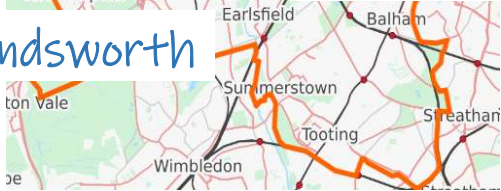




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Wandsworth



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WELCOME!

Yes, a warm welcome to this first edition of Wandsworth u3a's Newsletter.

So, you ask: why a newsletter? Well, we have an excellent weekly circular telling us of all the events coming our way. But it is not a vehicle for all the news and views. There are lots of things that we should be talking about: what the Committee has been up to; an explanation of all the policies and procedures that have appeared on our website; what all the groups are up to; and so on. But we also need to know what *you* think. Do members have ideas they want to put forward? Do you have hints & tips, people news, useful local information about events, and perhaps a bit of gossip?. What do you think of our monthly meetings? And of the venue? The Committee can only address problems and issues if we have feedback.

Will this newsletter be a regular feature? Much depends on whether it is seen as useful. So is it? Perhaps once a month?

In the next edition I could say a few words about our plans for the website and it would be useful to have some idea of what you like about it and how it might be improved. We need to make a bigger splash when it comes to publicity and self-promotion. The poster/leaflet is available from me and I still have copies of the Annual Review 2026.

I had a job
drilling holes for
water – it was
well boring.



Next January Wandsworth u3a will be 25 years old! Suggestions please of how we might celebrate / mark this anniversary.

**Please send your ideas to
wandsworthu3a@hotmail.com
and/or to this newsletter.**

Did we not have a grand day out?

Our summer charabanc outing took us to Penshurst Place, a 14th century Manor House, once the property of Henry VIII.. Lots of Tudor history and a frequent film location – Wolf Hall etc.



Looking up at
some rather
strange, footless
characters.



Note the porcupine –
the family symbol – as
sharp as those swords
perhaps.



King Henry VIII – perhaps
reading his wife's death
sentence. A rather long
document; how did she find
the time for all those
misdemeanors?

Alas, no early release for
Anne Boleyn.



Whilst Sir
Francis Drake
went off to play
bowls,
Elizabeth
the first
went off
clubbing.

Here,
apparently,
she is dancing
la volta with
Lord Leicester.

A
more
handsome
portrait



Thanks to Terry and Lynne for getting the show on the motorway . ***Could you help with organising an event like that?*** Volunteers are always needed.



The eclipse cannot disguise the fact that our grassland has turned to brown dust. We are no longer a green and pleasant land.

How did you cope during all those 30° plus days? Any tips for the next wave? Did you sleep/eat well? Go out much or hide away? Did your plants die? The Newsletter wants to hear your stories.

A recent study has suggested that older adults are at risk of harmful and potentially fatal heat stress at just 1.5C of warming above preindustrial levels, compared with 4C for younger adults. (Just to cheer you up!)



Whilst waiting for the coach to Penshurst, we noticed this rather charming piece of architectural furniture.

Just up the road from our monthly meeting venue.

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