

## Bluebell Railway 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Didn't we have a lovely day the day we went to East Grinstead!

Yes the U3A How things Work group took a trip on the Bluebell Railway from Sheffield Park to East Grinstead and back on a steam train. 22 members enjoyed the train journey starting with coffee and tea before being shown to our reserved carriage on the train, and we were lucky to have a volunteer to enlighten us on how the railway came about and he gave us lots of information and facts about the running of the railway with over 600 volunteers involved in the running of this magnificent railway. There were not very many bluebells out but plenty of primroses. Our guide explained that they couldn't decide whether to call it the Primrose or Bluebell Railway but decided on the latter.

On the front of the loco there was a wreath and the train driver explained that yesterday there had been a funeral for a volunteer who had been volunteering on the railway for many years and it was a tribute to him.

Unfortunately some ladies managed to drink the bar dry of gin and we had to have vodka instead. The restaurant was open for tea, coffee snacks and lunch and as the weather was so beautiful most people sat outside enjoying the sunshine.

A most enjoyable day had by all - I Hope !!!

