

## Notice of 2012 AGM

In accordance with the constitution, notice is hereby given that the AGM of Kingston U3A will take place in the United Reformed Church Mayo Hall at 1.30 pm on November 5<sup>th</sup>. There are up to 13 possible vacancies on the Executive Committee. Nomination Forms are available from Joy Garvey, Honorary Secretary, to whom they must be submitted at least 14 days before the date of the meeting. If nominations exceed vacancies, elections will be by ballot. There will be a report by the Chair and the presentation of the annual accounts by the Honorary Treasurer. Any motions or proposals to amend the constitution should be submitted in writing at least 14 days before the meeting.

## Renewal Reminder

Subscription renewal falls due on 1st October. It is important that you complete the enclosed form and return it as soon as possible. You now have a choice standing order, direct on-line or cheque.

## Nominations to the Committee.

At the AGM last year the point was made that the entire committee is currently all female. The reason for this is that no men had been proposed. Please think seriously about the committee. Then make your nomination(s) as soon as possible be they for Males or Females.

## A Reminder For All Members

Kingston U3A are a friendly lot and we come together to help one another. Remember we are all volunteers. When telephoning, please don't call before 9am or after 9pm. It takes time and effort to prepare for a meeting, so do let the host know in plenty of time if you are going to be absent or if you decide to leave a group. If you enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, it is customary to pay 40p to the host. Only the group leaders have the record of who is in their Group and they will ask to see that you have a current membership card.

## *Chair's Remarks*

The new design for Kingston U3A website has been approved by the executive committee, now we need to generate the material to go onto it. If you would like to be involved in helping please contact Diane Wilson. If you are a group leader we need you to supply details of your group. You will be contacted to tell you what is needed.

Congratulations to the two drawing and painting groups who have recently put on excellent shows. I attended both and was impressed by the high standard of the works displayed. Both groups are open to new members so, if you fancy yourself as an artist do get in touch.

Our regular monthly meeting venue should be back in use from October. We have found that they have a hearing loop which we will ensure is switched on. Those who are a little hard of hearing might like to sit in the front row, so perhaps that can be left for them initially.

Membership continues to grow and we have held a coffee morning to welcome new members and tell them what they can gain from, and hopefully contribute to, Kingston U3A.

Attendance was very good for the joint ventures run with Richmond, Merton and Wandsworth. We plan a theatre workshop in the Autumn and a visit to Kew Gardens in Spring next year. These are, of course, in addition to the excellent programme of outings and visits just for Kingston members, details of which are in this newsletter.

For the Christmas meeting we would like to ask for 12 -14 volunteers to bring festive cakes or biscuits, sufficient for 10 people, to share at the meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please reply to Shirley Miller, and if you need the cost of the ingredients reimbursed please indicate this to her. Finally I would like to express my appreciation of all those who work to make Kingston U3A the success that it is: Executive Committee members, GAS organisers, Group Coordinators, Newsletter team, Tea teams and Group leaders.

## **Monthly Meetings**

Are usually held on the first Monday of the month at the United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston at 2 pm. The following have been booked:-

**Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>** Arctic Tales - Northwest Passage Victoria Salem. **NB this meeting will be held at Christ Church**, Coombe Road, New Malden. 213 bus passes the door. New Malden Station a few minutes walk.

**Monday October 1<sup>st</sup>** Songs of Flanders & Swann - Stanley Griffiths/David Lane

**Monday November 5th**  
**AGM at 1.30 pm** followed by Joan of Arc Revisited - Guy Richeux

**Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** Christmas Entertainment Choir etc.

The entrance fee of £1 for members and £1.50 for non-members includes a cup of tea and biscuits. New or recent members: If you would like help or information, tell the person at the door who will direct you to someone who can assist.

## Show Your Work in a Surrey-wide Exhibition!

To celebrate 30 years of the U3A the Surrey Network is organising a display of work and activities at Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking on Wednesday November 7th from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. All groups are invited to contribute and attend, either showing work such as arts and crafts, singing or playing, dancing, reading poetry or demonstrating skills.

There will also be a photographic competition on the subjects of a) U3A members in action (sport or rambling) and b) U3A Jubilee year activity. Entries to be submitted by November 5th.

More information is available on [u3asiteb.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/](http://u3asiteb.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/)

I hope Kingston will be well represented.

Contact Alison Gaitonde on 01372 812646 or [alisongaitonde@gmail.com](mailto:alisongaitonde@gmail.com)

Elinor Parker

led by botanist, John Dicker. Forty new plants were identified, including coralroot, a plant rare in Surrey. Our other hunts have been by the Thames and Ham Lands, an area rich in plant life. Extraordinary for this year, all our visits have been in dry and even sunny weather! Sylvia Oates



## Group News

### Wild Flower Group

Green Alkanet, haresfoot clover, goatsbeard and purple loosestrife are words familiar to the newly formed wild flower group. They are among 127 flowers identified on 4 field trips between April and July. Our visit to the area near Bockett's Farm in May was

### Discussion Groups

If you have opinions and enjoy talking both "Talkback" and "Group 2" have vacancies. They meet in North Kingston and near New Malden station respectively. For more information see Group Details in Newsletter .

## From the Prologue to Proust

On October 17<sup>th</sup> I would like to propose a new course “From The Prologue to Proust: a look at key texts in literature.” This will be a wide-ranging study of some of the major works from Chaucer to modernists like Joyce and Proust. I hope also to study some poetry from Donne to Larkin. Obviously it will be very much a dip in and see exercise but I hope it will lead to further reading and enjoyment.

Among the people we could look at would be poets like Donne and Pope, plays and writers in translation. The course will be based on small extracts from the work and hopefully will lead on to wider reading.

I should have four or five vacancies to begin with: and I propose starting on Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm fortnightly. I live in central Surbiton and my contact details are Peter Wills 8399 5190 wills.peter1@sky.com

## Pilates

We have been over whelmed by the number of members wishing to join this group. We apologise if you are not on the list but we hope to find another qualified teacher to run a new group.

## Vacancies

There are vacancies in the following Groups. Sugar Craft, Drawing and Painting Groups 1& 2 and Come Dine with Me. Interesting groups to join before the cold winter months!

## U3A Orchestra

The Orchestra now has its Wednesday morning rehearsals in Kingston United Reformed Church. Having a bigger space means the orchestra can enlarge its string section: in particular more violin and viola players are needed. For further information contact Liz Bartlett Tel: 8974 5453 or visit [www. surreycommunity.info/kingstonu3aorchestra](http://www.surreycommunity.info/kingstonu3aorchestra)

## Exhibition by Art Group 1

Our instructor, Keith Robinson, decided that the time was right for Art Group 1 to hold a public exhibition. He arranged for space in Gallery 63A Park Road, Kingston and the exhibition was opened on 10th July with a private view at 5pm on 12th July. The 16 students in the group submitted nearly 40 paintings of recent work, most completed under Keith's guidance. Of particular interest were two portraits painted at a 2 day course run by Keith. Subjects ranged from portraits, still life, pets, flowers and landscapes to copies of old masters.



The exhibition was dedicated to the memory of Dick Bance who had always encouraged the class to hold an exhibition of our work.



Currently there are vacancies in the group which meets in Ham on Monday mornings during term times; details can be obtained from Suzanne Gregerson tel: 8241 9423.

### **Drawing and Painting Group 2 Visit to the RA**

On Tuesday, 18th June, members of the Drawing and Painting Group 2, went to the Royal Academy to see the Summer Exhibition. We spent a mind-boggling couple of hours looking at the work exhibited and were delighted by some of the paintings and appalled by others! How could little splodges and squares command prices of thousands of pounds and others which were absolutely lovely have a small price! The positive outcome was to ask Charles Penny, the Group tutor, if he would let us have an "abstract" lesson - we can't be any worse and who knows there might be a master abstract painter amongst us!

The Group then went onto a lovely little pub down a side street and we spent another really pleasant couple of hours eating and chatting. A great day out, which we hope to duplicate later in the year at another exhibition.

Our next social is on the 4th September, when we are having an "American Lunch" in my garden.

Dottie Read - Group Leader

### **Drawing and Painting Group 2 Art Exhibition a great success**

Drawing and Painting Group 2 held the opening evening of its art exhibition entitled "Artists of a Certain Age" at the CornerHOUSE Community Arts Centre Surbiton on 5th July.



*Organisers & Tutor L to R : John Rowland, Mike Nursey, Dottie Read, Charles Penny (Tutor)*

The evening was extremely well attended and the many guests were welcomed with a drink and "nibbles".

The exhibition displayed a total of 85 pictures from amongst its 15 or so members covering a wide range of subjects including landscapes, figure

drawing, portraits and still life in various media.

The group were delighted that this, its first exhibition, was such a great success, and that by the end of the evening to the delight and surprise of the artists, 11 pictures had been purchased.

Many thanks are due to the management of the CornerHOUSE for their offer of exhibition space for the month of July, which made this unique event possible."

### **Men Wanted**

...to sing for fun with a group of lovely ladies.

No auditions - just bring your voice ... we need you!

Our present male contingent needs beefing up!

Contact Rowan on 8255 6457  
[Rowanastbury@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Rowanastbury@blueyonder.co.uk)

### **The Dickens Feast**

To celebrate the bicentenary of Charles Dickens's birth, Gill Pickup invited fellow members of the Book Club to a splendid feast. The Victorian recipes she used might well have been known to Dickens himself.

After a welcoming glass of port punch we were treated to Cock a Leekie soup, Salamundi, Roast Mutton with various vegetable dishes and sauces, Hasty

Puttling and Little Orange Pots. It was a memorable and convivial occasion and followed our rereading of some of Dickens' works.

### **Silver Surfers**

Tuition is available on alternate Saturday mornings at New Malden and Hook Libraries. Cost £2.00. For more information phone

Lisa Gebbie on 8547 6485

## **POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS**

### **New Group Leaders Wanted**

It is rewarding to lead a Group or Workshop. The Coordinators Shirley, Margaret, Ian, Claire and Ann listed at the back of the Newsletter are constantly looking for members willing to lead a Group or Workshop. We have requests for another Mahjong Group, Astronomy, Wine Tasting and Japanese/Mandarin. However the choice of topic is yours. The coordinators are there to offer support and encouragement.

### **Digital Photography**



An experienced photographer and teacher has offered to run this group.

If interested please phone

Peter Moseley on 07590 337377  
or email [moseley@btinternet.com](mailto:moseley@btinternet.com)

## **Nordic Crime Writers**

This new group will run for one year only. The first six months will be set books and the second six months will be members' own choice. 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the month at 2pm.

Phone Sandra Cook 3258 5067 email Sandra.cook@btinternet.com

## **The Stuart Housewife**

Rosie Greaves has offered to run this possible new group on Thurs 2.30pm fortnightly. Ring Rosie 8541 3063 for venue and start date.

## **NEW GROUPS**

### **Women in History**

We wish to start a group to discuss women's role in political, cultural, scientific, artistic and literary life in Britain and around the world.

Like men's roles, women's have changed dramatically in some areas and maybe not in others. Please join us in researching and talking about individuals, movements, inventions, books, music and anything else against which women have struggled to influence change.

Tel: Mary Tucker 8390 1381 or Maria Williams 8399 2063

### **19<sup>th</sup> Century Literature**

New Group to study 19<sup>th</sup> C literature and the influence historical, political and social movements have on writers.

Meetings will start on the third Thursday in October in North Kingston.

For further details ring Martine on 8546 0202 or email: c.roscorla@btinternet.com

## **Water Colour Painting for Beginners**

A short 6-week course for beginners. Day and time to be arranged. Contact Diane on 01372 727524

## **Kingston U3A Film Group**

Clive Parratt hopes to start this group in September with a matinee at 2pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and an



evening performance at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Films will be projected onto a large screen rather than via a TV set, in a modest attempt to recreate the atmosphere of a mini cinema.

The films will range from those released between 1923 and 2011 but the vast majority date from the 1930s to the 1960s. They will include those set in ancient times and various other periods in history plus westerns, swashbucklers, Shakespeare plays, Dickens novels, fantasy films, 'Film Noir', romantic films, musicals & comedy/light entertainment films. Venue Tolworth with a maximum of 6 persons. Anyone interested in joining the Group phone Clive on 8399 4352(pm only please) or email seepy65@blueyonder.co.uk

## Central Surrey Study Days at Menuhin Hall

## Walks Programme

September – November 2012

The study days are held in the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon. This is easily accessed by car and there is a good-sized car park for the Hall (note not the school car park). They normally start at 9.30 am. with registration, and finish at 4 pm. The fee, including coffee/tea and biscuits, will be £10. A visitor who is not a member of a U3A will be charged £12. Attendees should bring a packed lunch. Booking forms are available at Monthly Meetings or from Eva Garland Tel: 8979 7166. Latest information is available on [www.fetchamu3a.org.uk/studydays.htm](http://www.fetchamu3a.org.uk/studydays.htm).

Queries about study days can be sent to [surreyu3astudyday@btinternet.com](mailto:surreyu3astudyday@btinternet.com).

Confirmed Dates and Subjects are:-

Fri Sep 21 The French Revolution & Its Continuing Influence Presented by Dr Ruth Cowl

Fri Oct 19 The Dazzling Culture of Medieval Italy Presented by Katy Brown, Open University

Fri Nov 16 Flora & Fauna of the North Downs Presented by Peter & Fiona Creasey.

We are hoping for an Indian summer this year so we can enjoy our walks. **Walking boots** are necessary for the countryside, as these protect the ankles and have a good grip. **Rucksacks** make it easier climbing stiles. For London walks comfortable shoes are adequate. If you would like to join a walk, please ring Maureen or Terry Garrett on 8398 7612 a day or two before the walk. In emergency our mobile is 07752 367309 on the morning of the walk from 8.45a.m.

**Thursday 6 September – Hampstead Heath and Highgate Cemetery 4-5 miles** with lunch at Kenworth House or the Spaniard Inn. Travel by train and bus.

**Monday 17 September - Hamsey Green to Coulsdon Common 5 miles.** Pub lunch at end of walk.

**Monday 8 October – Chertsey Mead to Shepperton 5 miles.** A circular walk partly along the Thames.

**Tuesday 23 October – West Horsley to West Clandon. Linear 4 mile walk.** Travel by train.

**Friday 9 November – Ripley lakeside and river walk 4.5 miles.** Travel by Bus

**Wednesday 28 November. West Humble to Denbies. 4 miles** Lunch plus Christmas shopping opportunity at Denbies

# Outings



## Visit to Historic Royal Dockyard, Chatham, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Your chance to visit one of the jewels of Britain's maritime heritage and re-live Naval history.

We travel by coach to the Dockyard where *HMS Victory* was built in the 1760s, and after a welcoming cup of coffee, we are joined on the coach by a guide for an in-coach tour of the dockyard. We learn about the history of the dockyard and hear about the ships and exhibitions available to us.

After lunch (included in the price of this excursion) you can explore any or all of the exhibitions:

- 1 Learn the ropes – see how hemp is converted into rope, in a process that has been going on since the 1600s. We have to pre-book timed tours (see booking form)
- 2 Wooden walls – see how the mighty wooden warships were built
- 2 Step aboard – tour one or all of the three warships moored in the docks: the Victorian sloop *HMS Gannet*, the WWII destroyer *HMS Cavalier* and the 1960s submarine *HMS Ocelot* (timed ticket admission applies to the sub – see booking form)

3 Historic lifeboat collection – the UK's largest collection of RNLI lifeboats

4 Steam, steel and submarines – the dockyard story from Victorian time

5 3 Slip: The Big Space – The huge wooden-span roof houses big 'things' (heavy machinery, railway stuff)

There's too much to see in one trip, but you can upgrade your admission ticket to an annual pass for an extra £4 (payable at the ticket office).

We meet back on the coach at 4.45 pm for the return journey, which should take just over 1½ hours.

**Date:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Cost:** £38 (includes coach travel, guide, coffee on arrival, 2-course lunch with tea or coffee, admission to the Dockyard and all exhibitions, tours of the Ropery and *HMS Ocelot*, and tips). See Booking Form.

**Meeting points:** 8.45 am at Kingston High Street (opposite Rose Theatre) & 9.00 am at the Telephone Exchange bus stop in Ewell Road, Surbiton.

Please complete the booking form enclosed with this Newsletter, and send it together with your cheque made payable to **Kingston U3A (GAS)** to Stewart Keating, 17 Herne Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 5BX Tel 8397 5561. If you do not include an email address on the booking form, please include a **stamped self-addressed envelope** with your cheque.

## Guided walk around the Smithfield area of London Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012

Join Kingston U3A member Stewart Keating for an informal guided walk around London's historic Smithfield area. We meet at Platform 1, Waterloo Station, and travel by tube to St Paul's Station, where the walk proper starts (and ends). The walk will last for 1½ - 2 hours from here, with a coffee & loo break at St Bartholomew's hospital.

We visit the site of Newgate prison, and hear about its history from the 1200s and its role in public executions. We look in at the Musicians' Church (St Sepulchre's) and learn about its connection with the prison. In Giltspur Street, we learn about resurrection men, and visit the Golden Boy at Pye Corner, which marks the northernmost area destroyed by the Great Fire of London.

We learn about the founding of Barts hospital, and take our coffee break in the visitors' café, you can visit the



h o s p i t a l museum, and view the two H o g a r t h murals. The hospital also has London's only statue of Henry VIII.

At Smithfield itself, we learn of the fate of

Wat Tyler and William Wallace in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, and of 200 Protestant martyrs in the reign of Queen Mary in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. We learn how cattle arrived at Smithfield for sale and slaughter. We look inside the present-day market building, but we will have missed the trading activity, which takes place very early in the morning.

We see the house where John Betjeman lived in the 1950s, until he could no longer tolerate the noise of heavy cattle lorries. Finally, we visit Postman's Park to see the tributes to unsung heroes, before making our way back to St Paul's tube station.

Please note that although the walk is all on paved surfaces, there are steps at the tube stations. Mostly, we will be walking along busy roads and pavements, so we must take extra care.

**Date:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October (Note: numbers are limited to 20 people, but the walk will be repeated if there is sufficient demand)

**Meeting point:** Opposite platform 1, Waterloo Station 10.15 am

**Cost:** 50p to cover admin costs, payable on the day.

**Booking:** Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it to Stewart Keating, 17 Herne Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 5BX (Tel 8397 5561). If you do not include an email address on the booking form, please include a **stamped addressed envelope**.

## Visit to Osterley House Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012



This spectacular mansion, surrounded by gardens, park and farmland is one of the last surviving country estates in London. The builder of the original Elizabethan house was Sir Thomas Gresham, one of the richest merchants of the age and founder of the Royal Exchange. By the early 18<sup>th</sup> century the estate was owned by the Child family, wealthy bankers and leading lights in the East India Company. In 1761 Sir Francis Child called in Robert Adams to transform the house, which he did over the next 16 years, creating room after delectable room. When Horace Walpole visited in 1773, he called it the 'palace of palaces'. Today, the house is one of the best places to experience the genius of Robert Adams.

After a short coach journey to Osterley, we will first have lunch in the Stable Tearoom. After lunch, there will be a brief introduction to the history of the house and estate. We are then free to explore the house and gardens at our leisure, with the help of audio guides/guidebooks and consulting Room Guides. Before returning home at 4.00pm, you may wish to take afternoon tea or visit the National Trust Shop.

**Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Admission to the house and garden is free with a valid National Trust Membership card.**

**Cost** £18.20 for N.T. Members (includes coach travel, tip and lunch).

£26.80 for non N.T. Members (includes entry to house and gardens as well as above)

**Meeting Point:-**11.00am Surbiton, Ewell Road at the "Telephone Exchange" bus stop.

11.15am Kingston High Street opposite The Rose Theatre.

Please complete the enclosed application form and send it with your cheque (made payable to **Kingston U3A GAS**) to:- Sheila Evans, 35 The Mall, Surbiton KT6 4EH Tel: 8241 5746

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### **The Wallace Collection Friday 16 November 2012**

In February 1897, the widow of Sir Richard Wallace died at her mansion home, Hertford House, Manchester Square, London W1 (between Oxford Street and Baker Street), and left her staggering collection to the nation. The Wallace Collection first opened to the general public in 1900.

The Collection, housed in Hertford House, is one of the world's great private collections. On display are stunning Old Master paintings, French 18<sup>th</sup> Century works, furniture, fine porcelain and oriental and European armour.

# U3A Archives

We meet at 10.15 am opposite Platform 1 at Waterloo station, and travel by tube to Bond Street for the 10-minute walk to the Collection. On arrival, we have coffee/tea and a cookie, followed by a 75-minute guided tour of the Collection.



After the tour, you are free to do what you like. There is a restaurant in the Collection, but you may

prefer to have lunch at one of the eateries in nearby streets. You are free to spend as long as you like in the Collection, but note the Collection shuts at 5 pm.

The Collection is wheel-chair friendly, and there is a lift to all floors.

**Date: Friday 16 November 2012.**

**Meeting point:** Waterloo Station, opposite platform 1. **Time:** 10.15 am.

**Cost: £11.95,** which includes coffee/tea & cookie on arrival and the guided tour.

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with a cheque (made payable to **Kingston U3A GAS**) to Stewart Keating, 17 Herne Road, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 5BX Tel 8397 5561. If you do not include an email address on the booking form, please **include a stamped self-addressed envelope** with your cheque .

Further to the Chair's Remarks in the Spring 2012 Newsletter, Paul Morrell and Jacqui Humphreys are collecting and listing Kingston U3A material to create an archive which will be housed in Kingston's Local History Room. The aim is to keep our history safe and make it available for any future research.

What we have so far includes a complete run of the newsletter, various committee minutes, and a number of documents to do with the 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

We aim to store documents that are unique, meaningful and shed light on Kingston U3A. We do not need duplicates, and we do not think it practical to store subject material from all special interest groups.

We would like to hear from you if you have any items which you think might be appropriate and which you are willing to offer to the archive.

If you are able to offer something, we would be pleased to talk to you in order to consider its usefulness to the collection.

Please contact either:

Paul Morrell on 8390 1768 or

email [Morrello1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Morrello1@hotmail.co.uk) or

Jacqui Humphreys on 8286 3274 or

email [jhumphreys@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jhumphreys@blueyonder.co.uk)

# Christmas Lunch



It is soon Christmas time again and therefore time for our Christmas lunch. This year it will be in Loseley Park, the home of three generations of the More-Molineux family whose direct ancestor Sir William More built this fine Elizabethan mansion in 1562 – 1568. The house was originally designed to entertain Queen Elizabeth I who stayed there on at least three occasions. James I and Queen Mary also visited. The house contains many fine works of art collected by the family over 400 years including paintings, tapestries, furniture and a unique carved chalk fire surround.

On arrival we will be served tea/coffee and biscuits before enjoying a 30 minute guided tour of the ground floor of the house decorated for Christmas. For this our party will be divided into two groups. While one group will follow the guide the other can enjoy a visit to the shop and perhaps get some more ideas for Christmas presents or, weather permitting, stroll around the garden.

At one o'clock we will gather in the beautiful 17<sup>th</sup> century Tithe Barn for our Christmas lunch. There will be a choice of 2 menus: the traditional Roast Turkey with all the trimmings or a vegetarian option of Filo Parcel with Sauté of Field Mushrooms and Roasted Chestnuts. A gluten-free variation is also available on demand.



Once we have enjoyed our tea/coffee and mince pies we will then be ready to make our return journey. On the way, weather permitting, we will stop at the Watts Cemetery Chapel in Compton. This grade I listed building was designed by G.F. Watts' second wife Mary and is a wonderful fusion of influences, including Art Nouveau, Celtic, Romanesque and Egyptian. 74 villagers were invited to decorate it under Mary's guidance. G.F. Watts paid for the project and also painted a version of The All-Pervading for the altar only three months before he died in 1904, aged 87.

**Cost: £ 30.45** (includes transport, refreshments, lunch, guided tour and tips)

**Date: Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

**Meeting points: 9.45 am.** – Kingston, High Street, outside the Police Station, opposite the Rose Theatre

**10.00 am** - Surbiton, Ewell Road, at the Bus stop 'Surbiton Telephone Exchange'

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it , together with your cheque for **£ 30.45** made payable to **KINGSTON U3A (GAS) and a stamped addressed envelope if you don't give your e-mail address** to Gisela Zürcher-Feiß, 37, The Byeways, Surbiton KT5 8HT - Tel: 8399 4990

## Spring Holiday to Lake Garda and Northern Italy

**21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013**



Our Spring holiday for 2013 will take us to the beautiful area around Lake Garda in Northern Italy. We fly to Verona where our tour manager and an executive coach will be waiting for us.

We will have the services of the tour manager and the use of the coach throughout our stay in Italy. We head for Malcesine to check in at the 3\* Hotel Antonella where we will stay for 7 nights on HB basis. During our stay on Lake Garda we will enjoy boat and coach trips to various villages around the lake including Simione, home of Maria Callas. We will visit the charming Palladian town of Vicenza with its Teatro Olimpico - the town of Mantua with its magnificent Palazzo Ducale - Verona, often described as Italy's 4<sup>th</sup> classical city and home of the Arena dating back to 1 BC and Shakespeare's inspiration for 'Romeo and Juliet' – Venice where we will have a private boat journey into St.Mark's Square and, weather permitting, we will enjoy an excursion into the Dolomites where we can expect fantastic views and scenery including the Passa por Doi and Sella Pass, both over 2200 m high and forming some of the most spectacular landscapes in Europe.

**Cost: £ 729** per person sharing a twin room, **Single Room Supplement is £99** (This includes flight, airport transfers, 7 nights accommodation on HB basis, day trips in an executive coach and the services of a tour manager throughout)

**Insurance: £ 36**

**Not included: € 49** for the trip to the Dolomites as this is weather dependent. Also not included are entrance fees to places of interest. In Italy all state run Museums are free to the over 65 year olds on production of I.D.

**Payment:** A deposit of **£ 75** is payable when booking. The remaining amount is

due 56 days prior to the tour departure date.

For a detailed itinerary and a booking form please complete the enclosed application form and send it **together with a stamped addressed envelope** to:



Gisela Zürcher-Feiß, 37, The Byeways,  
Surbiton KT5 8HT – Tel. 8399 4990

## Campanology



Are you an active or lapsed bell ringer interested in getting together to ring and socialise? Like riding a bike, it all comes back quickly, no matter whether you rang 4 or 12 bells, rounds or methods. Two members were involved with ringing the bells of All Saints Kingston when the Olympic Torch and some of the Cycle races passed through. Our Chair is a lapsed bell ringer. If you are interested phone Shirley Bolton on 8786 2069.

## Christmas Concerts

**Kingston U3A Singers** will, this year, hold their Christmas Concert at the **New Malden Methodist Church** on **Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>**. The concert will begin at 7.30pm and tickets, at £6.00, can be obtained from Pat Young Tel: 8337 8326, or from any member of the choir. Put the date in your diary **now**.

## Kingston U3A Orchestra's Christmas

**Concert** is on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm at St Andrew's Church, Surbiton, KT6 4AB. The programme includes Schubert's Symphony no 3 in D major and Vivaldi's Concerto in A minor for Two Violins and Strings. The orchestra is joined by the Singing for Fun Choir, who will perform songs from their repertoire and lead some seasonal carols. Tickets cost £7 and can be obtained at U3A monthly meetings or by post from Martin Bloomfield, 10 Ravenswood Court, Kingston KT2 7JL. Please send an s.a.e with a cheque made out to Kingston U3A Orchestra.

## Free Diamond Jubilee Kingston History Walks

Kingston U3A members have been offered the opportunity to enjoy fascinating guided walks around Kingston. As one of England's most historic towns, the market place and riverside are full of sights and stories dating back to 838 AD. From the Coronation Stone of Saxon Kings to the coaching inns, exploits of a murderous highwayman and a lasting favour from the King who lost his head, every twist and turn of one of the best preserved medieval street layouts in Greater

London brings new surprises. Tales of characters, hauntings, tragedy and the story of the most famous dog in the world are all included on these very revealing strolls through history. What did the Normans find in Kingston's river in 1086? Why is our oldest building called the Chantry Chapel? etc etc.... The tour guide has all the answers.

The walks are free to Kingston U3A members, last approximately 1½ hours and are led by qualified Kingston Tour Guides. Walks start at the Church gates in the Ancient Market Place.



Interested? please contact Gisela Zürcher-Feiß on 8399 4990 or [gzuercher@btinternet.com](mailto:gzuercher@btinternet.com) for more details.

## A Northumberland Voyage of Discovery

Heading North on a soggy April morning, we reached Belton House, near Grantham. A fabulous Restoration house, crammed with beautiful artefacts, the first of many treats.

Leaving our central Durham hotel next morning we passed many Northumbrian landmarks en route to Holy Island. Here



the ancient priory at Lindisfarne, associated with both St Aidan and St Cuthbert, was eventually dissolved and its stones were used to build Lindisfarne Castle in 1570-72. This fortified house was later converted by the architect Edwin Lutyens into a cosy holiday home.

A planned boat trip to the Farne Islands bird sanctuary was scuppered by high winds, giving us a chance to visit Bamburgh. The imposing castle here is one of a concentration of defensive structures in the area, necessitated by the unstable and violent history of this border region.

Next day we paused to gaze at Gormley's Angel of the North en route to Beamish Open Air Museum. Here, some of us visited the re-created pit village and ventured into the darkness of a genuine drift mine, rewarding our bravery with proper (i.e. fried in dripping! ) fish and chips. Others called at the town shops, such as the traditional sweetshop, handily next door to the old dentist's surgery which has original instruments to see and cringe at. Back in Durham we walked up to the castle and the glorious Cathedral which dominates the city skyline, nominated by writer Bill Bryson as "the best cathedral on planet earth". In this world heritage site, the breathtaking romanesque and later gothic architecture houses the final resting place of St Cuthbert's remains. The

ancient and modern stained glass and the collection of artworks would take several days to explore fully.

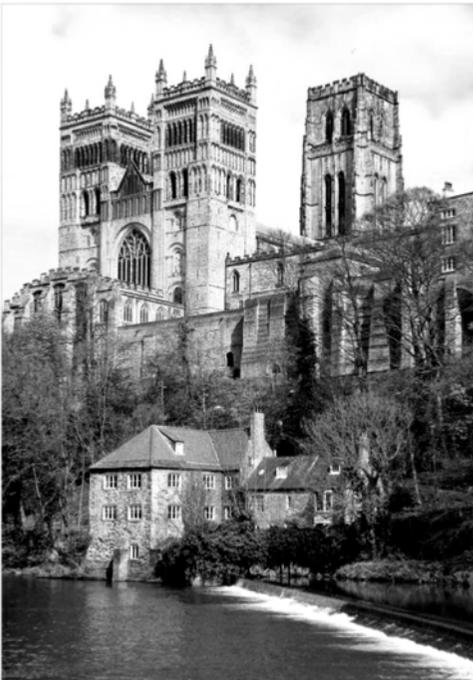
Wandering back to our hotel through cobbled streets and the ancient marketplace in gentle sunshine was a lovely end to the day.

On our last full day, the glories of Alnwick Castle and its gardens were highlighted by sunshine. Inhabited by the Dukes of Northumberland for 700 years, this building surely rivals the National Gallery for the number of Old Masters per square metre of wall space, and the V & A for the tonnage of exquisite objets d'art per room. A unique collection of locally made hand-carved shepherds crooks add a nice rural contrast to all the priceless treasures.

Our final visit was to Craggside House and Gardens, built by the entrepreneur and inventor William Armstrong. Beautiful interiors in many styles contain gems of the Arts and Crafts movement and the Pre-Raphaelites as well as ground-breaking hydraulic systems, electric lights, an internal telephone system and a Turkish bath suite. Armstrong's wife supervised the creation of the lovely gardens, bare hillsides having preceded them.

Returning to London next morning, with a refreshment stop at Betty's Tea Rooms in Harrogate, many of us vowed to return to this fascinating part of the country- even if we had need of our thermal undies most of the time.

Heather Pooley



*Durham Cathedral*

## GROUP DETAILS

Please, always, phone the group leader if you cannot attend the meeting

### CRAFTS

Needle Craft 2:00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon in month	Lorna Stott 8399 7747	Sbtn V
Patchwork: An occasional workshop Times to be arranged	Monica Weeden 8546 1353 theweedens@blueyonder.co.uk	NK
Digital Photography Times to be arranged	Mike Hounsome 01372 727 524 mike.hounsome@virgin.net	Chsgtn
Egg Decoration Please phone for details	Gill O'Donnell 8399 8125	
Arts and crafts -Techniques and History 10.30am 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues in month	Beryl Myers 8949 9160	NM V

### DISCUSSIONS

Talkback: Discussion of topical issues 10.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed in month	Stephanie Leitch 8546 9216 stephanie@stalbands66.plus.com	NK
Science & Philosophy: Members take turns to give talks 10.00am 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed in month	Jennifer Butterworth 8942 7387 jenn.butterworth@virginmedia.com	NrH V
Science and Engineering – shared learning 2pm last Fri in month	Janet Thorpe 8399 3411 grahamthorpe@lineone.net	VL V
Discussion Group 2 2.15pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues Monthly	Ian Parkins 8942 8158 ianparkins@blueyonder.co.uk	NM V

### DRAWING, PAINTING & ART APPRECIATION

Drawing & Painting Group 1 9.30am Mon weekly	Suzanne Gregerson 8241 9423 suzannegregerson@hotmail.co.uk	V
Drawing & Painting Group 2: various media 2.00pm Tues weekly	Dottie Read 8399 4336	K V
Watercolour Painting for beginners 10am Fri	Diane Hounsome 01372 727 524 dianehounsome@gmail.com	Chsgtn V
Art Appreciation 1: Artists & gallery visits 2.30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Thu in month	Janet Holland 8549 1641	
Art Appreciation 2: Every Picture tells a story 10.30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu in month	Jean Das 8942 7455 blueheaven611@yahoo.co.uk	NM V

<b>DRAWING, PAINTING &amp; ART APPRECIATION</b> continued		
Art Appreciation 3: gallery visits and discussion 2.30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4th Wed in month	Eva Garland 8979 7166 eva@evagarland.plus.com	V
Art Appreciation 4: Artists & gallery visits 2.00pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs alternate months	Geoffrey Gammon 8399 4734 gammon.gj@gmail.com	
<b>GAMES &amp; PASTIMES</b>		
Bridge: Some experience required 2.30pm Fri weekly	Jean Jaye 8337 8833 fjaye@tiscali.co.uk	Sbtn
Bridge: Beginners and improvers fortnightly t.b.a.	Sheila Overholt 8942 7151 overholt@tiscali.co.uk	Sbtn V
Mah Jong 2.15pm Tue fortnightly	Philip Richards 8546 3711 philip@exciting.fsnet.co.uk	NrH
Scrabble Group 1: A little experience required 2.00pm 1st and 3rd Tue in month	Shelagh Howes 8399 5337	Sbtn
Scrabble Group 2: For all levels 2.00pm 2nd & 4th Mon in month	Sylvia Oates 8974 8821	NK
Scrabble Group 3 2.00pm Thu twice monthly	Joyce Rissen 8942 9047	VL V
Scrabble Group 4 2.00pm Tues twice monthly	Jean Evans 8546 2853 sevans@btinternet.com	NrH V
Cryptic Crosswords 2.00pm 1st Thu in month	Monica Robinson 8399 1753 smonicarobinson@googlemail.com	Sbtn
Scottish Country Dancing 10.00am Fri weekly	Shirley Cave 8540 8469 shirley.cave@virgin.net	NM V
<b>HISTORY</b>		
World History: The 18th Century 10.30am 2nd Thu in month	Sandra Cook 0203 258 5067 sandra.cook@btinternet.com	NK V
France in the 19th Century 10am Tue fortnightly	Ann Phillips 8397 0495 annie.ph01@waitrose.com	Sbtn
Family History 2.30pm last Tue of month	Alan Shelley 8337 4969	OM V

<b>HISTORY</b> continued		
Social History Group 1 10.30am Wed fortnightly	Des Bellew 8942 3856	NM
Social History Group 2 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs of month	Sue Paine 8390 3942 susan.paine@btinternet.com	Sbtn V
The Stuart Housewife Thurs 2.30pm fortnightly	Rosie Greaves 8541 3063	NK V
History of Drama 2pm 3rd Thurs of month	Ann Bradshaw 8399 8027 ann.bradshaw1@btinternet.com	CK V
Roman Archaeology monthly at times to be arranged	Tom Hill 8979 5505 tom.hill@lineone.net	V
British and World history in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century 2pm Fri fortnightly	Iain McLean 07817 635739	Sbtn V
<b>LANGUAGES</b>		
French: Stage 2 2.00pm Thurs weekly	Gisela Zürcher Feiß 8399 4990 gzuercher@btinternet.com	Sbtn
French: Intermediate 10.30am Tue fortnightly	Isabel Gracie 8949 5349	NM
French Conversation: Intermediate 10.00am Tue weekly	Marcel Ladenheim 8399 7451 marselad2000@yahoo.co.uk	Sbtn
French Conversation 10:30 Thurs weekly	Robin Clarke 8390 1649	V
German Conversation 1.30pm Thu fortnightly	Margret Padgett 8941 1254	EM
German: Intermediate 2.00pm Fri weekly	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NM
Italian Intermediate 10.00am Tue weekly	Ada Stileman 8399 1453	K
Italian advanced 10.00am Mon weekly	Ada Stileman 8399 1453	K V
Spanish 2nd Year: Improvers 2.00pm Wed fortnightly	Glyn Alpe 8337 3997	VL V
Spanish Revision & Practice 2.30pm 2nd & last Mon in month	Ken Frost 8977 8976	VL

<b>LITERATURE</b>		
Book Club 7.30pm 1st Thu in month	Anne Darlow 8399 6035 anne.darlow@blueyonder.co.uk	Sbtn
Books: Members take turns to choose a book 10.00am 1st Wed in month	Jill Thomas 8399 2887 jillthomas121@btinternet.com	CK V
Enjoy Books 2.30pm 3rd Fri in month	Kate Oatham 8977 2014 Oatham@hotmail.com	HW V
Books of your choice 10.00am 2nd Tue in month	Audrey Perry 8541 4147 audrey.perry@utoronto.ca	CK
Berrylands Book Group 2.00pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed monthly	Maria Williams 8399 2063	Sbtn
Poetry Reading Group 1: Poetry of all periods read and studied 10.30am 1st Fri of month	Evelyn Tyler 8399 7670	Sbtn V
Poetry Reading Group 2 10.30am Tue fortnightly	Elizabeth Cook 8549 1373 lizronhatch@tiscali.co.uk	NK V
Poetry Reading Group 3 2.30pm 3rd Tue in month	Marion Head 8241 3406 marionbornor@googlemail.com	Tdtn V
Poetry Discussion 10.00am 2nd & 4th Thu in month	Gloria Moreno Castillo 8949 2919	NM
Biography 2.30pm Last Tue in month	Sandra Lermite 8546 1890	NrH
Creative Writing Group 1 2.30pm alternate Tues	Doreen Marshall 8546 6159	CK
Creative Writing Group 2 10.30am 4th Tue in month	Pat Richards 8977 4556 p.m.richards@btinternet.com	Tdtn V
From the Prologue to Proust - see news item 2.00 pm Weds fortnightly	Peter Wills 8399 5190 wills.peter1@sky.com	Sbtn V
<b>MUSIC</b>		
Friday Night is Music Night 7.30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri monthly	Margaret Evans 8546 8433	VL
Music Sharing 2.30pm 2nd Fri in month	The Weedens 8546 1353 theweedens@blueyonder.co.uk	NK V

<b>MUSIC</b> continued		
Enjoy & Learn about Music 7.30pm Fri fortnightly	George Darlow 8399 6035 anne.darlow@blueyonder.co.uk	Sbtn
Enjoyment of Opera 2pm Wed monthly	Marie Scott 8715 4163	NM
Jazz & Big Band Music 7.30pm Wed fortnightly	John Tacchi 8949 4879 caroltacchi@tiscali.co.uk	OM
Jazz 2 2pm 4th Fri in month	Evelyn Donaldson 8973 0901	HW V
Singing 9.45am Thu weekly	Rosemary Gout 8546 9965	OM V
Orchestra -see news item 10.15 am Wed	Liz Bartlett 8974 5453 lizbartlett@brightnet.co.uk	CK V
Classical Music of 20th Century pm last Monday of month	Paul Levene 8399 7887 paullevene@blueyonder.co.uk	Sbtn
Singing for Fun 10.30am Fridays weekly	Rowan Astbury 8255 6457 rowanastbury@blueyonder.co.uk	
Solo Singing	Andrew Knight 8942 5446 Andrew.norwood.knight@gmail.com	NM V
<b>COMPUTING</b>		
Tuition is available at New Malden and Hook Libraries Alternate Saturday mornings cost £2.00	Contract Lisa Gebbie 8547 6485	
<b>VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC</b>		
Gardening last Wed in month	Ken Frost 8977 8976	Sbtn V
Luncheon Club 12.30pm Sun monthly	Jennifer Lowe 8286 0827 lowejenny@rocketmail.com	
Come dine with me - for singles - members take turns - See news item 7pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues in month	Vivienne Douglas 8546 2995	K V
Come dine with us – for couples - members take turns - See news item	Maria Williams 8399 2063 dianehounsome@gmail.com	
Live Arts: Visits to theatres (Kings Tun, upstairs) 11.30am 2nd Mon in month	Heather Trutwein 8241 7574	CK V

<b>VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC</b> continued		
Theatre Visits 1.00pm first Monday in month	Christine Evans 8224 1985 christineevans2@aol.com	CK V
M.O.T.O. - members on their own - meet to arrange activities of mutual interest 10.30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> tues in month	Elinor Parker 8949 2596 eshparker@aol.com	V
M.O.T.O Group 2 10:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed in month	Mary Tucker 8390 1381 Marytucker42@hotmail.com	Sbtn
Walks: All members are welcome See the programme in the News- letter	Maureen Garrett 8398 7612 tm@tmgarrett.plus.com	
Short Walks: approx 2 hours  10.30am (outside TK Max Kingston Bridge) 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed in Month	Shirley Bolton 8786 2069 a_c_bolton@hotmail.com	CK V
Wild Flowers 10am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs in month	Anne Turner 8942 1583 sylvia.oates@virginmedia.com	VL V
Pilates 2:15 and 3.00 pm Thurs	S Miller 8940 8573	CK
Table Tennis (some experience required)	Pat Young 8337 8326 p.young229@btinternet.com	NM

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V denotes groups with vacancies at time of list compilation, please check current situation with group leader if you would like to join a group.

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<b>Kingston University Library</b> allows the use of their Library for a limited number of members. If you would like a ticket please phone Peta Calcutt 8398 6345.
<b>Tea Rota Organiser</b> Ann Rice 8399 6254
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