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Chair's Remarks

Is it too early to wish everyone a very merry Christmas? It is that time of year again and we are looking forward to it with the annual U3A Festive meeting on December 3rd. Carols to sing, seasonal music from the orchestra, poems and readings, plus a few other items, including a raffle, will make up our start to the Christmas season. As usual please wear a decorated hat to the meeting.

Your committee has been busy and I would like to commend especially Shirley Miller who has organised the monthly meeting speakers for many years now with great success. She is being succeeded by Eva Garland who has planned an exciting list for next year which I hope you will all support.

You must by now know about our wonderful new web-site and this is largely due to the great expertise and hours of dedicated work put in by Diane Wilson. As I said at the AGM, all the committee members have put in a tremendous amount of work organising the membership, new members, the money, the outings, our regional connections and the administration and I am sure you will all appreciate their efforts on your behalf. Next year we need to think about what we want from our U3A and if we are being true to our objectives of lifelong learning and study and how we approach them.

In future we intend to use email to communicate with members between the quarterly newsletters, especially in the case of emergencies, as when we had to change our meeting venue. Or it may be that extremes of weather necessitate a cancellation, so please look at your emails and the web-site regularly.

The newsletter will in future be on the web-site, 'in glorious technicolour', although you will also continue to receive it by post, unless you opt not to.

A new Shared Learning Project starts in Kingston in January, and there will be more joint events organised by Richmond, Merton, Wandsworth and Kingston following the series this year which was very well-attended.

Finally I would like to get in early and wish all our members a very happy New Year and all the best for 2013.

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:-

7th January Quiz - NB The entrance fee for this meeting is £2 for members. £ 2.50 non members

4th February Matilda, Queen of the Conqueror - Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror, was the first woman to be crowned Queen of England and subject of the recent TV series on She-Wolves: England's early Queens. - Tracey Borman, PhD in History,

4th March U3A, Shared Learning, past, present and future - Di Whitton Regional Shared Learning Co-ordinator.

8th April Introduction to Opera - The Development of Opera from Monteverdi to Britten with Peter Clarke Music Director of Sidmouth Choral Society

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 help.

a copy of Time to Learn from the U3A publications department. Invitations will be sent out in the New Year.

Examiner Desperately Required

We need a financial examiner to examine the accounts at the end of the financial year which ends on 30th September. If you feel you can help with this essential job please contact our Treasurer Martine Roscorla Tel: 8546 0202 email c.roscorla@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Kingston U3A Orchestra's Christmas concert is on Sunday 16th December at 3.00 pm in St Andrews Church, Maple Road, 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 a cheque made out to Kingston U3A Orchestra and enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Group News

Drawing and Painting Group 3

Due to popular demand we hope to start another group in the New Year. Our tutor, Russel Coulson, a local artist, has worked

Group Leaders - A Date for your Diary

The Group Leaders Lunch will be held on Tuesday 26th February at Christ Church Hall, Coombe Road, New Malden. 213 bus passes the door, New Malden Station a short walk. Only one person from each group will be able to attend because of numbers in the hall. We hope to have one of the regional U3A trustees to speak at the lunch and all those attending will get

in all aspects of design, illustration and visualisation. He paints and draws and teaches in adult education. We hope to be based in Kingston. If you are interested please ring Margaret Evans Tel No 8546 8433

Come Dine with Me

We have started another group of 'diners' who meet on Sundays, having Sunday lunch together but we need 2 more to join. Anyone interested please call Vivienne on 8546 2995



Possible New Groups

Drop in Coffee Morning

Drop in for coffee and meet other U3A members at John Lewis's Riverside Place to Eat (at far end) Wednesdays 10.30 am. Start Date: Wednesday 12th December.

TAI CHI

Beginners and improvers. We have managed to find a tutor for Tai Chi. Classes to start in January 2013 in North Kingston area. Wednesday am or pm or Thursdays pm. Cost depends on numbers. If interested please ring: Shirley Miller 8940 8573 or Email: shirley.miller4@btinternet.com

New : Cycling Group

Pam and Stuart Crisp have volunteered to organise a new cycling group. If you are interested please phone or email them: Pam and Stuart Crisp 8399 9095 or pamelacrisp50@hotmail.com



Group Leaders Wanted

Mahjong, Japanese & Mandarin Languages, Wine Tasting, Architecture.

The Great War Workshops

The Great War Workshops by expert Western Front lecturer and guide Alan Reed.

Wednesday 30th January 2013 :The Christmas Truce.

Wednesday 6th March 2013:The Tommy.

Alan's father was a Normandy veteran who fell in love with a French girl, married her and worked for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; their son, Alan, consequently grew up knowing the work and terrain first – hand. He has made the narratives of the First and Second World Wars his life's mission, has co-written a book concerning the Christmas Truce and is currently researching war poets for his second publication.

VENUE : Kingston United Reformed Church

DATES :

Wednesday 30th January 2013:
Workshop 1 The Christmas Truce

Wednesday 6th March 2013: Workshop
2 The Tommy: Life at the Front & behind
the lines.

PROGRAMME:

12.45: Welcome tea / coffee & biscuits.

1.15– 2.45 Lecture

2.45 – 3.15 Tea / Coffee

3.15 – 4.15 Lecture

4.15 – 4.45 Looking at artefacts

COST: £7.00 single workshop or
£12.00 for both if booked together by
January 19th.

If you would like to take part in one /
both of these workshops please
complete the enclosed application form
and send it with your cheque made
payable to: **Kingston U3A (World War
Workshop)** plus a **stamped
addressed envelope** to:

Liz Mengennis, 46 The Roystons,
Surbiton KT5 8HH **no later than 19th
January 2013 for Workshop 1 and no
later than 23rd February for
Workshop 2. ENQUIRIES:** Tel. 8241
5513 email : gillyvor@hotmail.com

**Central Surrey Study
Days at Menuhin Hall**

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).

Confirmed 2013 Dates and Subjects
are:-

Friday 15th February Astronomy &
Space Science. Presented by Dr Ian
Hepburn, Mullard Space Science
Laboratory, UCL

Friday 15th March My Life in Music:
Singer, Broadcaster & Conductor.
Presented by Brian Kay, Principal
Conductor, Leith Hill Music Festival.

Friday 19th April The Archaeology of
Early People in London & Surrey.
Presented by Jonathan Cotten.

Friday 17th May The Life of William
Cobbett. Presented by Richard Thomas
& Luath Ferguson, Farnham U3A

Editor's Odd Bits

The AGM.

The Chair read her report for the year,
this will be on the web site in full. The
Treasurer went through her report,
circulated at the meeting, explaining the
few differences from last year.

Russell-Cooke are sponsoring the
redesign of our web site, this will appear
in next years accounts.

The membership is now nearly 900. The
existing committee were returned en
bloc with one addition, Mr Tony
Sanders.

The AGM was followed by a fascinating talk on Joan of Arc which left listeners with a lot to think about. This was followed by staff from our sponsors Russell-Cooke solicitors who explained a good deal about Making a Will and Power of Attorney both Enduring and Lasting.

Summer Schools

Details of National Summer Schools are sent to local U3As in November. These will be on the Kingston web site when available.

The South East Region Summer School is held at Chichester University from 9 July to 12 July See Fetcham U3A web site for details.

Also on the Fetcham web-site:- South East Area U3A Forum Workshop for Language Group Leaders, possible date 19th April. Check this web site for further information.

Guided walk around the Smithfield area of London

This walk has proved to be very popular. For various reasons, numbers have to be limited to 20; so far, 60 members have been on the walk, and a further 40 are waiting to go.

However, winter is upon us, and so there will be no further walks until next year. There will be a fuller announcement in the March Newsletter, and I'll contact the 40 or so people on the waiting list with details of dates, etc. In the meantime, if you want more information, please email me on keating@talktalk.net. Within reason, I'm happy to run the walk as long as there is sufficient demand. Stewart Keating

Walks Programme



December 2012 to February 2013

We have reduced the number of walks to one per month. **Walking boots** are necessary in the winter as they have a good grip in mud and protect ankles. **Rucksacks** make it easier climbing stiles. For London walks comfortable shoes are adequate. If you would like to join a walk please ring Terry Garrett on 8398 7612 at least 24 hours before the walk.

Friday 14 December – Islington to Limehouse New walk. 5 miles Travel by train. Walk along 3 different canals through an interesting area of London. Lunch en route. Leader: Terry Garrett.

Wednesday 30 January - Oxshott to Claygate. 4 miles flat. Train to Oxshott and bus back from Claygate where we will lunch at the Griffin. Leader: Maureen Garrett.

Thursday 28 February – Shepperton and Chertsey Mead - 5 miles. Travel by bus. Circular walk partly along the Thames. Lunch in Shepperton Square. Leader Terry Garrett

Review of Holiday in Spain

Classical Spain. Granada, Seville and

Ronda. September 12th - 18th 2012

On Tuesday 12th September 17 members and guests of Kingston U3A set out for what was to prove an exciting and event filled visit to a very warm and sunny Spain.

The run to Gatwick airport and flight to Malaga went smoothly, at Malaga Airport we were officially joined by our English tour manager, Mr Ian Tucker, who would be our extremely friendly, helpful and knowledgeable guide throughout the next six days. The coach run to our hotel in Granada was through countryside that appeared to be exceptionally dry with parched maize standing in the fields and we learned that Spain was experiencing its second year of drought. How ironic that neighbouring areas should be badly affected by floods shortly after we had returned to England.

Next day our visit proper started with an outing to the world famous Alhambra Palace. Our guide gave us an exhaustive tour of the gardens before taking us into the palace buildings themselves, where an excellent film clearly demonstrated the extent and success of the restoration work which still continues today. The complex is considered to be the greatest example of Moorish art, not just in Spain but in the whole world and the effect is truly stunning. So popular indeed is the site that it limits visitors to 12,000 per day, despite which the rooms at times were overcrowded but always well worth the wait to view the extraordinary Moorish artwork.

The remainder of the day was free to explore for those with energy to spare and a visit to Granada Cathedral handsomely repaid the effort with breathtaking architecture and gold artefacts in abundance.

In the evening our coach wound its way up labyrinthine roads to an older part of Granada where we were to be entertained by a demonstration of flamenco dancing billed as the most authentic and closest to the original styles. The venue in a cavern tunnelled into the mountain itself, which we were told is where the original inhabitants built their homes, simply digging out another room as the family grew! With castanets, guitars, singing and steel tipped shoes on a metal floor, the cave resounded to an impressive volume of sound.

Next morning we left Granada for our hotel in Seville, stopping in Cordoba to visit its world famous "Mesquita". Originally a Christian Basilica, this was destroyed in the 8th century by the occupying Moors who then constructed on the site what came to be known as the most important sanctuary of Western Islam at that time, surpassing Damascus as the reference model in the richness of its splendour. When the Moors were themselves driven out by the Christians in the 16th Century it was decided not to destroy such a beautiful



edifice but instead to enclose it in a just-as-beautiful Christian Cathedral, even incorporating the minaret in the Cathedral's tower! The building today is a mosque inside a cathedral in a display of quite unique magnificence.

Saturday morning saw our party enjoy a guided tour of Seville taking in many of the buildings erected for the 1929 exhibition of the Americas for some of which there regrettably now seems to be little use, but evidence abounds of the importance of Seville, at one time one of the richest cities in the world.

A visit to the Reales Alcazares, residence of the Spanish royals for seven centuries, somehow did not overly impress despite an excellent guide. Perhaps our senses had been dulled by the opulence of previous buildings.

Seville's Cathedral, claimed to be the world's largest, but it was by then a pleasure to get into its high vaulted areas and out of the heat. The tomb of Christopher Columbus was a highlight but after inconclusive DNA testing even the Spanish seem to have doubts as to the genuineness of the remains within the tomb. The number, size and magnificence of the artefacts here clearly showed the wealth that was once Spain's.

The following morning, Sunday, we were off to the art gallery known as the Museo de Bellas Artes. Formerly a convent, this lovely rambling building had become the repository of artworks from many of Spain's convents and monasteries closed down early last century by the government in its programme to lessen the influence of the Catholic Church. While this ensured that many of the works seen were of a religious nature, some of the later galleries had more secular examples

and especially of local artists and were well worth viewing.

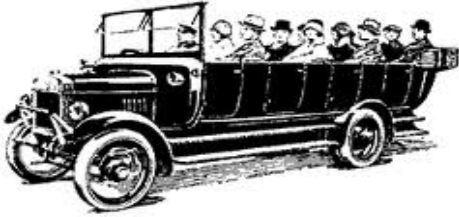
On Monday, our last full day, a coach tour of the Jerez de la Frontera region took us through acres of a strangely stubby crop dotted with white buds, which we learned were cotton. Not many of us knew that Spain grew cotton!

Reaching Jerez itself we were entertained to a guided tour of the famous Tio Pepe Winery, producer of the sherry of that name which apparently is the world's largest selling sherry. A tasting was, of course, enjoyed. On then to free time in the ancient maritime port of Cadiz, the provincial capital and with a natural harbour that is centuries old.

On our final day we visited Ronda, a town perched dramatically above a 90m gorge with breathtaking views in every direction. Our guide described to us the very early connections with English visitors who were a mere 10 hours horseback ride from the naval base of Gibraltar, how bandits once thrived in this lawless countryside and showed us the first bullring in Spain where bull fighting on foot originated. A walking tour through the winding streets was highlighted by a visit inside what was a residence with a garden overlooking splendid views, a chapel with its local Madonna and the Town Square fronting the old Town Hall from whose balcony the early sport of bullfighting would have been viewed.

Then, sadly, back to Malaga and its airport and reluctantly back to not so sunny and warm England from a trip which had been much anticipated and did not disappoint - thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all involved in its organisation.

Outings



After meeting at Waterloo we will take the Northern Line to Tottenham Court Road (no lift, stairs to exit). From there we will walk for 15 minutes to the Museum.

Date: Friday 18th January

Meeting point: Waterloo Station outside Platform One

Time: 10.15am

Price including entrance, refreshments and talk: £10.10

Please complete the enclosed application form and send it, together with your cheque for £10.10 **made payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) and a stamped, addressed envelope** to: Claire Bletcher, 17, Lower Green Road, Esher, KT10 8HE Tel: 8398 7107

Legal London

Wednesday 20th February 2013

This award – winning tour takes us on a comprehensive journey which enables us to trace the history of London as a legal centre. From medieval times lawyers have practised in that area of London which is situated between Westminster and the City.

We meet our guide on the Aldwych at 10.30am, in time for coffee and biscuits. From there we move to the Inns of Court where we trace the history, traditions and peculiar practices of English law. We visit the Elizabethan Middle Temple Hall and from there move to the Royal Court of Justice in the Strand where we can really see Legal London at work, as barristers in wigs and gowns hold last minute conferences with their clients in the corridors.

The Cartoon Museum

Friday 18th January 2013

In 2006 London's first Cartoon Museum opened to the public. Situated at 35, Little Russell Street, a stone's throw from the British Museum, the Cartoon Museum exhibits the very finest examples of British cartoons, caricature and comic art from the 18th century to the present day. Displaying the cartoon heritage of Britain spanning works from Hogarth to Steve Bell, there are over 250 original cartoons on two floors, giving a fascinating insight into the social history of the times in which they were created.

When we are there in January the exhibition space will feature 'Trog (and Humph too)', bringing together the cartoons and caricatures of jazz musicians, cartoonists and friends Wally Fawkes (Trog) and Humphrey Littleton.

Our visit will begin with tea or coffee and biscuits, followed by an illustrated talk by the curator, after which we will be free to browse the collection and exhibition. Unfortunately there is no lift to the first floor. Because this is a small museum the number on the trip will be limited.

We have a carvery lunch at an iconic pub on Fleet St. and then take a coach tour which includes the Old Bailey and Staple Inn and the opportunity to stroll through Lincoln's Inn.



Our tour ends in Carey St, the former home of the Bankruptcy Courts. Then there is time to purchase a cup of tea before leaving for home at 4.30pm, ahead of the London rush hour.

Most of the day is spent walking – but the pace is gentle and there are plenty of stops along the way.

DATE: Wednesday 20th February 2013

COST : £28.45 to include coffee and biscuits, carvery lunch (vegetarian option available) plus opportunity to purchase dessert, bar drinks and coffee on the day, coach travel, the services of a guide + tips

MEETING POINT:

8.45am Kingston Hall Road

9.00am Surbiton, Ewell Rd, “ Telephone Exchange “ Bus Stop

Please complete the enclosed application form and send it with your **cheque(made payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) plus a stamped addressed envelope** to:

Ann Phillips, 40 Shrewsbury Close , Surbiton, KT6 5BS. Tel 8397 0495

V & A Museum of Childhood Monday March 18th 2013

The V & A Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green is home to the nation's collection of childhood related objects dating from the 1600s to the present day. A tour has been arranged which highlights objects that reflect British childhood over the past 300 years, followed by the opportunity to explore the remainder of the collection at your leisure.

We meet at 1.30pm opposite Platform 1 at Waterloo station, then travel by tube to Bank station where we will change to the Central Line, this involves a walk of 7-8 minutes, and a flight of stairs, arriving at Bethnal Green two stops later. The museum is approximately a 5min walk from the station. Our tour is due to begin at 2.30pm. and lasts for 1 hour. There is a cafeteria where you can buy refreshments afterwards. You can then take whatever time you wish to explore the rest of the museum before returning home.

Date: Monday March 18th 2013

Meeting point: Waterloo Station. Outside platform 1 **Time:** 1.30pm

Cost: £2.90

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

GROUP DETAILS

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

CRAFTS

Needle Craft 2:00 pm 2 nd & 4 th Mon in month	Lorna Stott 8399 7747	Sbtn
Patchwork: An occasional workshop Times to be arranged	Monica Weeden 8546 1353 theweedens@blueyonder.co.uk	NK
Egg Decoration Please phone for details Next session 6 December	Gill O'Donnell 8399 8125	

DISCUSSIONS

Talkback: Discussion of topical issues 10.30am 2nd Wed in month	Stephanie Leitch 8546 9216 stephanie@stalbands66.plus.com	NK
Science & Philosophy: Members take turns to give talks 10.00am 1st 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
Discussion Group 2 2.15pm 4 th Tue 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	
Drawing & Painting Group 2: various media 2.00pm Tue weekly	Dottie Read 8399 4336	K
Art Appreciation 1: Artists & gallery visits 2.30pm 1st Thu in month	Janet Holland 8549 1641	V
Art Appreciation 2: Every Picture tells a story 10.30am 3rd Thu in month	Jean Das 8942 7455 blueheaven611@yahoo.co.uk	NM V
Art Appreciation 3: gallery visits and discussion 2.30pm 3 rd and 4 th Wed in month	Eva Garland 8979 7166 eva@evagarland.plus.com	V
Art Appreciation 4: Artists & gallery visits 2.00pm 2 nd Thu alternate months	Geoffrey Gammon 8399 4734 gammon.gj@gmail.com	V

GAMES & PASTIMES		
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 Tue 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
HISTORY		
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
Social History Group 1 Wed fortnightly	10.30am Des Bellew 8942 3856 desandgill.bellew@virginmedia.com	NM
Social History Group 2 1 st Thurs of month	Linda Foreman 8390 0109 linda.u3a@foto.co.uk	Sbtn V

HISTORY continued		
History of Drama 2pm 3rd Thu 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 th century 2pm Fri fortnightly	Iain McLean 07817 635739 wimmclean@hotmail.co.uk	Sbtn V
Family History 10.30 1st Wed in month	Lesley Hodges 8549 1471 lesleyhodges@virgin.net	
LANGUAGES		
French: Beginners 10:30am Thu Weekly	Lesley Hodges 8549 1471 lesleyhodges@virgin.net	
French: Intermediate 2.00pm Thu 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 Thu weekly	Robin Clarke 8390 1649 robin345@live.co.uk	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
Spanish Revision & Practice 2.30pm 2nd & last Mon in month	Ken Frost 8977 8976	VL

LITERATURE		
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 rd 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		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 2.00 pm Wed fortnightly	Peter Wills 8399 5190 wills.peter1@sky.com	Sbtn V
MUSIC		
Friday Night is Music Night 7.30pm 1 st 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

MUSIC 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	Sheila Evans 8241 5746	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 Mon of month	Paul Levene 8399 7887 paullevene@blueyonder.co.uk	Sbtn
Singing for Fun 10.30am Fri weekly	Rowan Astbury 8255 6457 rowanastbury@blueyonder.co.uk	
Solo Singing	Andrew Knight 8942 5446 Andrew.norwood.knight@gmail.com	NM V
COMPUTING		
Tuition is available at New Malden and Hook Libraries Alternate Saturday mornings cost £2.00	Contract Lisa Gebbie 8547 6485	
VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC		
Gardening last Wed in month Next meeting 27th March 2013	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 7pm 3 rd Tue in month	Vivienne Douglas 8546 2995 v.m.douglas@hotmail.com	K V
Come dine with us – for couples - members take turns	Maria Williams 8399 2063	
Live Arts: Visits to theatres (Kings Tun, upstairs) 11.30am 2nd Mon in month	Heather Trutwein 8241 7574	CK V

VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC continued		
Theatre Visits (Coffee lounge Kingston United Reformed church) 1.00pm 1st Mon 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 3rd Tue in month	Elinor Parker 8949 2596 eshparker@aol.com	NM V
M.O.T.O Group 2 10:30 3rd Wed in month	Mary Tucker 8390 1381 Marytucker42@hotmail.com	Sbtn
Walks: All members are welcome See news item	Maureen Garrett 8398 7612 tm@tmgarrett.plus.com	
Short Walks: approx 2 hours 10.30am (outside TK Max Kingston Bridge) 1st & 3rd Wed in Month	Shirley Bolton 8786 2069 a_c_bolton@hotmail.com	CK V
Wild Flowers 10am 2nd Thu in month Next meeting 14 Mar 2013	Anne Turner 8942 1583 sylvia.oates@virginmedia.com	VL V
Pilates Thu pm	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	CK
Table Tennis (some experience required)	Pat Young 8337 8326 p.young229@btinternet.com	NM

Locations: NrH - near Hospital, K - Kingston, NK - North Kingston, CK - Central Kingston, HW - Hampton Wick, OM - Old Malden, NM - New Malden, Sbtn - Surbiton, Chsgtn - Chessington, EM - East Molesey, Tdtn - Teddington, WP - Worcester Park, VL - various locations

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.

General Information
National Office The Third Age Trust, The Old Municipal Buildings, 19 East Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1QE, phone 8466 6139. Lines open Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Resource Centre phone 8315 0199 open Tues & Thurs 9:30 am - 4:00 pm www.u3a.org.uk.
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