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Chair's Remarks

We are now well into the second decade of the 21st century – doesn't time fly! With this newsletter you will receive invitations to apply for the usual excellent set of outings and holidays organised by our General Activities Section, who are the envy of many other U3As I hear. There is also a last chance to join the next joint Richmond-Kingston-Wandsworth-Merton event, this time to Kew Gardens, but applications must be in by March 8th. Our South West Shared Learning Project has got off to a good start, looking at places to visit in our area.

Kingston U3A is now the proud possessor of a laptop and a data projector, which can be used by any group on application to Diane Wilson.

Help is needed for two essential posts in Kingston U3A, firstly we need a suitably qualified or experienced person to examine the annual accounts once a year in the Autumn: secondly Maureen and Terry Garrett, who have led and planned our walks so well for many years, want to bow out and we need one or more people to replace them. If you can help with either of these jobs please contact me or any member of the committee.

Finally a word of warning. At some point in the future we may reach capacity in the numbers who can be admitted to the Richard Mayo Hall for our monthly meetings. Do you have any opinion as to the fairest way of managing this problem, if or when it arises? Your committee is monitoring the situation, but we are a mutual organisation and suggestions to me or any committee member would be welcome.

Kind regards to all our members,

Elinor Parker

Chair's Annual Report Given at the AGM on November 5th 2012

Welcome to the AGM and thank you for coming to attend.

In this, my first year as your Chair, I have been helped greatly by an excellent executive committee. And by several subcommittees such as GAS (the General Activities Section), ably led by Gisela Zuercher-Feiss, all of the Group Coordinators (the organisation of which committee has attracted favourable notice from the Third Age Trust executive), the newsletter group and the tea team. All of whom are, of course, volunteers giving their time and input out of love.

We have brought in some innovations this year, most notably the launch of our new website, which I hope you will all take the opportunity to look at today and will keep an eye on in the future.

It has already attracted a lot of favourable comment outside Kingston. Thanks are due to Russell-Cooke who have sponsored the cost of this and whom we are pleased to welcome here today, and to Diane Wilson who has been the person most responsible for the whole project.

Membership has continued to grow and thanks are due to Jane Hoyland, Membership Secretary and Peter Harris, Database Manager. We hope that increasingly members will pay their subscriptions by standing order or bank transfer to make this process more streamlined.

With the big increase in postage recently we will need in future to communicate much more by email, as for instance when we had to switch our meeting from

this hall for two months, so please ensure we have your address for this.

Underpinning all our organisation is the work of Joy Garvey who keeps the committee running efficiently as Secretary and chief administrator. Thanks also to Lesley Hodges for her work on the committee.

The newsletter is flourishing under our long-serving editor Audrey Green and her team and our new layout specialist Mike Wilson.

If you look for the newsletter on the website you will be able to see it in colour although it will not appear for a couple of days after the posting so as to preserve a level playing field for applications for outings.

Gisela's team has given us a tremendous programme of outings, visits and holidays, which are the envy of many local U3As, and I know they are already hard at work on the next set of adventures for us.

Linda Foreman has been liaising with new members this year and organising New Members' meetings and a follow-up analysis of their expressed interests in U3A and their experiences, some of which might inform their future contributions to the Kingston group.

You will shortly hear from Martine Roscorla who has been a tremendous asset in systematising the accounts from my rather amateur, brief reign as Treasurer and I thank her for all her seamless attention to our financial well-being.

This year we have had some excellent speakers, thanks to Shirley Miller who has organised this function for many years, and we look forward to her

success being emulated next year under the aegis of Eva Garland, who also represents us at the Greater London Region and the Surrey Network.

Groups are the life blood of any U3A and we have many new and continuing ones on our list. We will be welcoming Group Leaders to their annual meeting in February to thank them for all they do and have invited the SE Region Trustee Pam Jones to address them and to emphasise the central place of study in the U3A.

Together with representatives from Richmond, Wandsworth and Merton I have been involved in organising the joint events at Richmond Park, Hampton Court and Barnes Wetlands, which have been well-attended and will be continuing.

This is the 30th anniversary of U3A in the UK and we will be represented at the Surrey celebration being held all day at Denbies on the 7th of November, which I encourage everyone to attend.

This was a momentous year for the nation and I know that there were U3A volunteers amongst the game-makers and many of us welcomed the flame and the cyclists to Kingston. We also have a certificate commemorating our participation in the Olympic walks along the Thames. We sang the national anthem on the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne 60 years ago and heard some reminiscences of that day.

My report and the accounts will be posted on the website.

The U3A is a great organisation and we can be justifiably proud of Kingston U3A and all it achieves. I commend this report to you and thank you for your support and attention as this year draws to a close and we welcome an exciting future to come.

Monthly Meetings

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:-

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

13th May Revolutions in Physics in the 20th Century

Roger Hunt

3rd June The Musical Theatre of Gilbert and Sullivan

Bernard Lockett

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.

Group Leaders Meeting

Pam Jones a U3A regional trustee has confirmed that she will be speaking at the meeting on 26th February.

Group News

Two of our group leaders have retired; Shelagh Howes who has run the Scrabble Group for 20 years and Maureen Garrett who has been responsible for the Walks Programme for 16 years. We wish to thank Shelagh and Maureen for their dedicated contribution to Kingston U3A.

Drop-in at John Lewis

Join our casual ad hoc group for a coffee and friendly chat – every Wednesday 10.30am in the riverside cafe, at the far end by the window. All members welcome.

The Short Walks Group

This group have had a very successful second year, with 42 members joining walks during the year. The highest number being 19, and maybe it was the Olympic Games which inspired people to take more exercise, but our numbers changed in August from 12 or less, to high teens, and have remained there regardless of the weather. Some members walk regularly, others once monthly, or if the weather is good. We have asked members for any ideas or preferences, but they seem to be happy with what we are doing. The success appears to be the fact that they do not have to book in advance, and know that they can just turn up at T.K. Maxx on the 1st or 3rd Wednesday for a 10.30am departure. We



try to vary our walks in The Royal Parks or along The Thames, by using some public transport and an occasional ferry, and have our regular venues for refreshment breaks. There are options along the way to leave the walk and return via bus. Our walks are between 2.5 and 3.5 miles, and it is not just about distance or exercise, fresh air and companionship are equally beneficial. During December we had a Christmas Party with buffet lunch at a pub; 25 members attended. When there is a 5th Wednesday, we sometimes go further afield for a day outing.

During our two years we have seen members who have struggled with our walks, and others not challenged enough. Therefore, we feel that there is possibly a need for a slower, shorter walk, as well as longer more distant day outing walks. It is apparent from volume of interest in the new exercise groups as well as walking, that U3A members are becoming more aware of the importance of physical exercise as well as stimulating the brain. Any society of self-led groups is only as good as the willing leaders at a given time. Therefore, we **appeal to any walk leaders, current, lapsed, or members who would consider getting involved** to contact us: Shirley Bolton & Yvonne Salim (see group list)

Every Picture Tells a Story

In this group we have a different picture every month for each member to find out all they can about it from whatever is most convenient; from books, computer, internet, and/or looking at the original. The aim is to research when and how it was painted and on what. Was it commissioned and by whom? Was there a special event, historically or locally to

influence the artist? Biography of the artist. The painting: story portrayed; symbolism, meaning, relevance. Does it convey this? Is there a dominant feature and does it look well balanced? Finally does it appeal to you? We each find out all that we can and then discuss our findings and share our thoughts. The idea is that everyone takes part. Jean Das

Group Leaders Wanted

Assistance with Walks

If you are able to help with Long or Short walks please contact the following:-
Long Walks Ian Parkins 8942 8158:
Short Walks Shirley Bolton 8786 2069

Orchestra

There are vacancies for all string instruments. Contact Liz Bartlett on 8974 5453.

Poetry Group

Please contact Ann White on 8942 1395

Mah Jong

Please contact Claire Bletcher on 8398 7107.

New Groups

Women in History

Mary Tucker has recently started this group which meets in the Surbiton area on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10.30 am. There are vacancies. Contact Mary on 83901381 if you are interested.

Cycling

Pam and Stuart Crisp have started a new cycling group.



Kingston U3A Orchestra's Summer Concert



Kingston U3A Orchestra's Summer Concert is at 3 pm on Sunday 19th May at St Andrew's Church, Surbiton, KT6 4AB. On the programme are two glorious works: Beethoven's Symphony no 8 in F and Haydn's Mass in Bb (The Harmoniemesse). The chorus will be the newly formed Harmonie Choir, Chorus Master Peter Bullett. Peter is known to Kingston U3A members as a cellist in the U3A Orchestra and as an occasional conductor and pianist for the U3A Singers. Soloists in the Mass will be young musicians drawn from conservatoires in London.

Possible New Group

Advanced French Conversation

Marlène Critcher has kindly agreed to hold a French Conversation Group at her home in Chessington. If interested please ring Marlène on 8397 1135 or for more information ring Shirley Miller on 8940 8573.

Tickets are £10 (children under 12 free) and will be on sale at monthly meetings. For tickets by post send a cheque and s.a.e. to Kingston U3A Orchestra, 10 Ravenswood Court, Kingston KT2 7JL. Further details from Liz Bartlett 8974 5453.

Workshops

Wednesday 8th May 2013

Economics for the Terrified (Making Sense of Economics and the British Economy)

Have you ever wondered how our economy works - and sometimes doesn't? This talk from a retired economist will help explain some of the puzzles of economics. It might make you more sympathetic to our Chancellor of the Exchequer. It could even be fun. No previous knowledge is required.

Time: 2pm-4.30pm

Venue: Kingston United Reformed Church

Cost: £6 including refreshments.

Please complete the enclosed application form & send it with your cheque payable to Kingston U3A (World War Workshop) to Liz Magennis, 46 The Roystons, Surbiton, KT5 8HH no later than 30th April 2013.

Wednesday 5th June 2013

Mithradates - The Poison King

A look at the life and legend of Mithradates, ruler of the kingdom of

Pontus, on the Southern Shore of the Black Sea, from 120 to 63 BC.; claimed descent from Alexander the Great and Darius, thus combining the Graeco and Persian cultures. An implacable enemy of Rome he fought three wars and some of the most spectacular battles in ancient history. Even after devastating defeats he escaped time after time and recovered to fight again. His immense knowledge of poisons



allowed him to build up immunity, foiling assassination attempts and eliminating rivals. What drove him and why did he oppose Rome so intensely? What is his legacy even in our time? Join Randal Scott, an enthusiast, willing to come from Northern Ireland to share his knowledge and passion.

Time: 2pm-4.30pm

Venue: Kingston United Reformed Church

Cost: £6 including refreshments.

Please complete the enclosed application form & send it with your cheque payable to Kingston U3A (World War Workshop) to Liz Magennis, 46 The Roystons, Surbiton, KT5 8HH no later than 24th May 2013.

Wednesday 12th June 2013
**Discover your personality type and
that of your nearest and dearest**

The Enneagram is a fascinating & accurate study of personality types; it can help us develop greater understanding, tolerance and compassion for ourselves and others. It opens the way to creating rapport and richer communication with each other. We are very lucky to have succeeded in obtaining Rosemary Cowan, experienced teacher of the Enneagram who set up the London Enneagram Centre, in 2002, and will skilfully and enjoyably guide us through to great insights and learning. Early booking advised as places are limited.

Time: 1pm-5pm

Venue: Kingston United Reformed Church

Cost: £15 including refreshments

Please complete the enclosed application form & send it with your cheque payable to Kingston U3A (World War Workshop) to Liz Magennis, 46 The Roystons, Surbiton, KT5 8HH no later than 30th May 2013.

**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. Confirmed Dates and Subjects are:-

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.

Friday 31st May The Fascinating Percy Family, Earls of Northumberland Presented by William Forrester, Lecturer for British Museum & National Portrait Gallery

Friday 21st June From the Medes to the Mullahs – A History of Iran Canon Dr Anne Davison

**Study Day at Orleans
House Gallery**

Palladian Architecture

A Study Day for Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Wandsworth U3A members at Orleans House Gallery on Wednesday 5th June.

Did you know that here in South West London we have some of the finest Palladian villas in the country? These include houses such as Marble Hill House and Chiswick House.

This Study Day includes learning about the original inspirational architecture of Palladio, the works of Inigo Jones and a more detailed look at some of these villas here in South West London.

Application details and costs will be available in March so look at the website or contact Jennifer Anning on: 8330 6931.

Walks Programme March to May 2013

I am putting on some walks which were rained off. If you would like to join a walk please ring me, Terry Garrett, on 8398 7612 at least 24 hours before the walk.

Monday 25 March - Islington + Canal walk New walk, 3 miles but can be extended to 5 miles. Travel by train/ underground.

Wednesday 24 April –Mickleham to Dorking, New walk 4 miles flat. Lunch at the Griffin.

Tuesday 28 May – Walk along river Wey into Guildford. May visit the Cathedral and Surrey University en route. Travel by bus. New walk 4 miles.

Please note: Walking boots are recommended in the winter as they

have a good grip in mud, protect ankles and are robust. Rucksacks make it easier climbing stiles. For London walks comfortable shoes are normally adequate.

Outings



Kew Gardens

Visit Kew Gardens with guided tours of the grounds, Kew Palace and kitchens with Kingston, Richmond, Merton and Wandsworth U3As on **April 10th 2013** from 11 am. Total **price for entrances and tours: £17**.

Choose from a guided walking tour lasting approximately one hour or a commentated circular bus tour of the gardens, about 45 minutes. Join tours of Kew Palace and kitchens with a costumed guide. Free time to explore the gardens at your leisure and enjoy lunch at one of the four restaurants or cafes in the gardens.

Please send your completed application and a **cheque for £17 payable to Kingston U3A to Elinor Parker 16 Alric Avenue, New Malden, KT3 4JN (Tel 8949 2596)**. **Applications must be in by March 8th**.

Transports of Delight - Around London by Road, Rail, River and Air

Join U3A member Stewart Keating for a round trip from Waterloo to the O2 arena, by methods of public transport you might not have used before.

From Waterloo we go by bus to Tower Gateway, where we dive into a pub for coffee and a pitstop. There's an optional short stroll to the bronze sundial and London timeline at Tower Hill before we take the Docklands Light Railway, almost to the Excel Centre. Leaving the DLR we head for the cable car crossing to the O2 arena.



Note: you will buy your ticket for this crossing at the ticket office – fares are £3 - £4 if you have a Freedom Pass or Oyster card, or £4 - £5 without. However, be aware that if the cable car is suspended because of weather conditions, we'll cross the river by Jubilee line tube from Canning Town.

We will go into the O2, and stop for lunch in whichever of the 30 or so eateries takes your fancy.

After lunch we travel back to Waterloo by river: the River Bus journey takes about 50 minutes. As with the cable car, you will buy your ticket at the ticket

office. It will cost £3 - £4 if you have a Freedom Pass or Travelcard, or £5 - £6 if you are using a pay-as-you-go Oyster card. The full adult fare is £6 -£7. We disembark at the London Eye/Millennium Quay, for the short walk back to Waterloo, where we should arrive between 3.30 and 4.00 pm.

Please note that fares for the cable car and the RiverBus are due to increase in April, but details have not yet been announced – which is why price ranges are given.

There are steps from Waterloo station to the York Road at the beginning and end of our trip, but the rest of the journey is on the flat or has escalators/lifts. Party size will be limited to 20, but we will run this trip at least 3 times. You **must** book your space on one of these trips, using the booking form enclosed with this Newsletter.

Dates: Thursday 9 May, Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 22 May.

Cost: 50p to cover admin costs, payable in cash on the day. This is a pay-as-you-go trip. You will pay cable car and River Bus fares as you go (see above), plus whatever you choose to spend on coffee at Tower Gateway and lunch at the O2 arena.

Meeting point: Opposite platform 1, Waterloo station at 10.15 am.

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it to Stewart Keating, 17 Herne Road, Surbiton, KT6 5BX.

Tel 8397 5561. If you do not give an email address on your booking form, please enclose a **stamped self-addressed envelope**.

Handel House Museum Friday

31st May 2013

Two years ago some Kingston U3A members thoroughly enjoyed a guided tour of the Handel House Museum in Mayfair and a private music recital. We now have a chance to do it again. Georg Friedrich Händel was born in 1685 in Halle/Germany. His father, Händel, was an eminent barber-surgeon who insisted that his son studied law and strictly forbade him to meddle with any musical instrument.



But son Georg found means of getting a little clavichord which he played in a room at the top of the house when the rest of the family were asleep. At an early age he became a skilful performer on the harpsichord and pipe organ. Eventually he convinced his father to allow him lessons in musical composition and keyboard technique. In 1710 Händel became Kapellmeister to Prince Georg, Elector of Hanover, who in 1714 became George I of Great Britain. In 1710 Händel decided to move to Great Britain, became a British citizen and changed his name to George Frideric Handel. To find out more about this great baroque composer I have arranged a visit to 25, Brook Street, Mayfair, a beautifully restored Georgian townhouse where Handel lived for 36 years until his death in 1759 and where he composed such well known musical masterpieces as the Messiah, Zadok

the Priest and Music for the Fireworks.

The Museum celebrates Handel's life and work displaying portraits of him and his contemporaries in finely restored Georgian interiors and by bringing live music back to the house. As the house contains original 18th-century floors, visitors are asked to wear sensible shoes. Stiletto heels are particularly unsuitable.



On arrival in Mayfair we will have time to get some refreshments in one of the many cafés in Lancashire Court before starting our guided tour at 11.30 a.m. followed by a 30 minute exclusive private music recital with one harpsichord and two singers in the Performance Room where Handel himself entertained his guests.

The whole visit including some free-time to browse at leisure will last approx. 1½ hours. You are then free to visit the nearby St. George's Church where Handel played the organ, or return home.

Cost: £ 15.50 (guided tour and recital)

Meeting time/point: 10.15 a.m. outside platform One, Waterloo Station. We shall then take the Jubilee Line to Bond Street and from there walk some 10 minutes to the House.

Please complete the enclosed application form and send it **together with your cheque for £ 15.50 payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) and a stamped, addressed envelope if you do not give an e-mail address** to:

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



Cruising in the Chilterns

Monday, 17th June 2013

We board the coach in Surbiton/ Kingston and make our way to the charming village of Aldbury where we meet our guide for the day. You will have time to buy morning coffee at the idyllic country pub by the village pond before boarding the coach again for our guided tour. We will visit the grounds of the old Ashridge Estate, now looked after by the National Trust but once home to the Duke of Bridgewater – the father of the inland waterways. You will see some of the sleepy villages that the late Sir Bernard Miles talked about in his 'Me and Old Charlie' wireless monologues and hear about Rothschilds and zebra drawn carriages, edible dormice, witches and the Great Train Robbery etc.

We return to Aldbury for our lunch stop and in the afternoon enjoy a 90-minute canal cruise on a wide beam barge where they will also serve us tea and cake while

we are seated around tables and listen to the guide who will highlight a few points of interest as we wend our way to the Marsworth Locks.

We will be back on the coach by 4.45 p.m. to start our return journey to Kingston/Surbiton.

Price: £ 32.25 (this includes, transport (coach/barge), guide, gratuities and tea and cake on the barge. It does not include morning coffee and lunch)

Boarding time/point: 8.30 am.
Surbiton, Ewell Road, Bus stop 'Telephone Exchange' 8.45 am.
Kingston, Kingston Hall Road

Please complete the enclosed application form and send it **together with your cheque for £ 32.25 payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) and a self-addressed stamped envelope if you do not give an e mail address** to Gisela Zürcher-Feiß, 37, The Byeways, Surbiton KT5 8HT
Tel. No: 8399 4990

Our visits to the Wallace Collection

We made two visits in November last year to the Wallace Collection, where we had a private tour. We learned about the history of the Collection, and family that amassed it. We saw some of the Rembrandts and the Bouchers - and, of course The Laughing Cavalier - and we compared the Canalettos with the Guardis. We admired the Sevres porcelain, and Marie Antionette's furniture, but we didn't have time to look at the collection of arms and armoury.

It's unlikely that we'll organise another trip, but you can easily visit the Collection as a private individual. It is housed at the Wallace's home, Hertford House in Manchester Square, half way between Bond Street and Baker Street tube stations. Get the Jubilee line or bus 139 from Waterloo to Bond Street, and walk (10min) up Duke Street (along the side of Selfridges).



The Collection is free to visit, and there is a daily public (free) guided tour, usually starting at 2.30pm. And on the last Friday of the month, the custodian of clocks does a tour (again, free) and discusses each one as he winds it. There is a classy restaurant in the covered courtyard, or there are plenty of eateries nearby. For more information, ring the Wallace Collection on 7563 9524, or go to their website www.wallacecollection.org. Stewart Keating

Holiday

**The History and Heritage of
Glasgow, Edinburgh and Loch
Lomond.**

**5 days - departing on Monday, 7th
October 2013**

Our autumn holiday for 2013 will take us to beautiful Scotland. We board our executive coach at our designated pick-up points in Kingston/Surbiton and en route to our hotel we will visit the National Trust's Dunham Massey in Cheshire, an elegant Georgian mansion with a sumptuous Edwardian interior filled with a fine collection of paintings, furniture and Huguenot silver. On arrival in Drymen we check in at the 3* Best Western Buchanan Hotel for a four night stay on half-board basis.

Our Blue Badge guide will meet us in our hotel. We will have a guided tour of the Burrell Collection in Pollock Country Park, where we can admire a staggering collection of 9000 works of art (medieval

art, tapestries, alabasters, stained glass, English oak furniture and European paintings by artists such as Degas and



Cézanne). We then continue into the City to visit the Glasgow School of Art for a guided tour of the building regarded as Charles Rennie Mackintosh's finest architectural masterpiece and we will have the chance to experience the splendour of a bygone era by taking tea in the world famous Willow Tea Rooms designed by Mackintosh in 1904.

The next day we will visit the picturesque village of Tarbet once described by Queen Victoria as being blessed with 'splendid passes, richly wooded with the highest mountains behind' where we will enjoy a cruise on beautiful Loch Lomond. We then continue to Helensburgh to visit Hill House. Sitting high above the Clyde, Hill House is considered to be one of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's finest domestic creations.

Our city tour by coach through Edinburgh today will take in sights such as Edinburgh Castle, Princes Street and the Scottish Parliament building. In the afternoon we visit the Royal Yacht Britannia. Highlights of this visit include the State Dining Room, the Bridge and the Queen's Sitting Room.

Before returning home on day 5 we visit Dumfries House. Designed 250 years ago by brothers John, Robert and James Adam, Dumfries House is an imposing Palladian Mansion nestled within 2000 acres of scenic countryside in Ayrshire in south-west Scotland. It is widely acknowledged today as one of the most architecturally significant stately homes in the United Kingdom.

Cost: £ 384.00 per person sharing a twin room (This includes executive coach throughout the tour, half-board accommodation, Blue Badge Guide on days 2,3 & 4, entrance fees (except Dunham Massey), all excursions and guided tours, gratuities)

Not included:

Single room supplement: **£ 69.00**

Insurance: **£ 14.00**

Entrance fee to Dunham Massey: group rate £ 10.00 per person. NT members free.

Payment: £ 75.00 deposit payable when booking, Remainder payable by 12th August 2013

For a detailed itinerary and a booking form please complete the enclosed application form and send it **with a stamped addressed envelope** to: Gisela Zürcher-Feiß,

37, The Byeways, Surbiton,
Surrey, KT5 8HT

Tel. No.: 8399 4990.

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	Gill O'Donnell 8399 8125	V

DISCUSSIONS

Talkback: Discussion of topical issues 10.30am 2 nd Wed in month	Stephanie Leitch 8546 9216 stephanie@stalbins66.plus.com	NK
Science & Philosophy: Members take turns to give talks 10.00am 1 st 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	V
Drawing & Painting Group 2: various media 2.00pm Tue weekly	Dottie Read 8399 4336	K
Drawing & Painting Group 3 10:30 - 12:30am Fri weekly	Sam Artfeld 8394 2434	V
Art Appreciation 1: Artists & gallery visits 2.30pm 1 st Thu in month	Janet Holland 8549 1641	V
Art Appreciation 2: Every Picture tells a story 10.30am 3 rd Thu in month see newsletter	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.	Linda Foreman 8390 0109 linda.u3a@photo.co.uk	Sbtn V
Mah Jong 2.15pm Tue fortnightly	Philip Richards 8546 3711 philip@exciting.fsnet.co.uk	NrH
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 9:30am 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 1 2.30pm last Tue of month	Alan Shelley 8337 4969	OM V
Family History 2 10:30am first Wed in month	Lesley Hodges 8549 1471 lesleyhodges@virgin.net	NK V
Social History Group 1 Wed fortnightly	10.30am Des Bellew 8942 3856 desandgill.bellew@virginmedia.com	NM
Social History Group 2 1st Thurs of month	Linda Foreman 8390 0109 linda.u3a@foto.co.uk	Sbtn V
Women in History 10.30am 2nd Tues in month	Mary Tucker 8390 1381	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 2.30pm Fri fortnightly	Iain McLean 07817 635739 wimmclean@hotmail.co.uk	CK V
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: Intermediate 10:30 Thu weekly	Robin Clarke 8390 1649 robin345@live.co.uk	V
German Conversation 1.30pm Thu fortnightly	Margret Padgett 8941 1254	EM V
German: Intermediate 2.00pm Fri weekly	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NM V
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 annedarlow33@gmail.com	Sbtn
Books: Members take turns to choose a book 10.00am 1st Wed in month	Jill Thomas 8399 2887 jillthomas121@btinternet.com	CK V

LITERATURE continued		
Enjoy Books 2.30pm 3rd Fri in month	Kate Oatham 8977 2014 Oatham@hotmail.com	HW
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 V
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
Creative Writing Group 1 2.30pm alternate Tues	Doreen Marshall 8546 6159	NK
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
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
Enjoy & Learn about Music 7.30pm Fri fortnightly	George Darlow 8399 6035 annedarlow33@gmail.com	Sbtn
Enjoyment of Opera 2pm Wed monthly	Marie Scott 8715 4163	NM V
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
Singing 10.30am Thu weekly	Helga Randall 8397 8712	OM V

MUSIC continued		
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 Mon pm weekly	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 See newsletter	Vivienne Douglas 8546 2995 v.m.douglas@hotmail.com	K V
Live Arts: Visits to theatres (Kings Tun, upstairs) 11.30am 2nd Mon in month	Heather Trutwein 8241 7574	CK V
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 3 rd Tue in month	Elinor Parker 8949 2596 eshparker@aol.com	NM V
M.O.T.O Group 2 10:30 3 rd Wed in month	Mary Tucker 8390 1381 me42tuck@gmail.com	Sbtn
Walks: All members are welcome See news item	Terry Garrett 8398 7612 tm@tmgarrett.plus.com	

VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC continued		
Short Walks: approx 2 hours 10.30am (outside TK Max Kingston Bridge) 1 st & 3 rd Wed in Month	Shirley Bolton 8786 2069 a_c_bolton@hotmail.com	CK V
Wild Flowers 10am 2 nd Thu in month Next meeting 14 Mar 2013	Anne Turner 8942 1583 sylvia.oates@virginmedia.com	VL V
Pilates Thurs. 12.30 pm. weekly	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	CK V
Pilates Group 2 Mon. pm Weekly	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NK V
Tai Chi Wed. weekly 10am	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NK V
Table Tennis (some experience required)	Pat Young 8337 8326 p.young229@btinternet.com	NM
Film Group 2pm 2nd Wed. & 7pm 3rd Thursday in Month	Clive Parratt 8399 4352 seepy65@blueyonder.co.uk	Tol V
Cycling Group various dates	Pam and Stuart Crisp 8399 9095 pamelacrisp50@hotmail.com	V

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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.

General Information

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