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Chair's Annual Report November 2013

I am pleased to report another successful year for Kingston U3A and thank you all for your continued support. We have a growing membership, now approaching 900, and have held several New Members' Meetings to welcome them into our fold.

I would like to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation of all the work put in to keep Kingston U3A running, by the Executive Committee, the General Activities Committee, the Group Coordinators, the newsletter Editor, layout manager and helpers, all group leaders and the tea team who look after us at the monthly meetings. I would like to thank Peter Harris who has managed the database for many years to great effect. He has now handed this over to Linda Foreman. We have had a very impressive Shared Learning Project which resulted in the publication of the hugely successful Out and About in South-West London handbook. There are more SLPs in the pipeline and plans for more of the joint study days we organise with Merton, Richmond and Wandsworth U3As.

Continuing sponsorship from Russell-Cook enabled us to have a

professional redesign of our website, ably managed by Diane Wilson, and we plan to use this and our email database to greater effect in the coming year. We are currently in negotiations with Russell-Cook for further assistance this year. We have also purchased a data projector and laptop for use at monthly and other meetings. One exercise was to check on the membership status of people in Kingston groups as we previously made a decision that everyone needs to be a Kingston member even if they are in a neighbouring U3A. This proved contentious in some instances. We checked with the Third Age Trust whose advice is that we are entitled, as an autonomous unit, to make this decision and that it is justified in terms of the extra administration which would be needed to check the membership status of non-Kingston participants. There will be no retrospective enforcement, but we will be checking this in the coming year.

Another problematic issue was our use of paid tutors in certain very limited instances, which brought disapproval from our Regional Trustee, but support from you, our members, when I raised the issue earlier this year, and agreement from other groups doing the same, whom I met at the National Conference recently. A related issue is the existence of satellite bank accounts for some of our groups, again subject to

central disapproval. We have regularised the use of these and each has two signatories and submits their annual accounts to our Honorary Treasurer Martine Roscorla each year. We are satisfied that this is a sensible use of everyone's time and money.

Another dispute has arisen in respect of the orchestra. They have registered themselves as a separate charity and have thus been in contention with the Third Age Trust, who now do not regard them as part of Kingston U3A and have refused to allow them to use the name U3A. They are currently considering a new name but we hope to continue a warm and friendly relationship with them in the future and wish them well.

I am very pleased to announce that the National Chair of U3A UK, Barbara Lewis, is coming to Kingston in February to address our Group Leaders' meeting. She is a very dynamic and friendly lady and we are greatly honoured that she has agreed to visit us.

We are currently considering holding an event at The Rose in September or October next year. This might consist of a high profile speaker in the theatre and an open fair showing the work of a wide selection of our groups in the cafe area. I hope that groups will see this as an opportunity to show the wider membership and the Kingston public what we are all about.

We need to remember the core values of U3A which are to promote and share learning and I trust that the forthcoming year will see us fostering and developing these values in the friendly and welcoming manner which has been our hallmark as a flourishing group.

The Chair advised us that as we had a quorum we could open the meeting, after explaining the purpose of the meeting she pointed out that members are permitted to attend the AGM free of charge. The £1 paid on entry was to cover the following talk and tea. Any members not wishing to stay for these could retrieve their £1 as they left.

The Chair read her report, printed in full in this Newsletter. The Treasurer presented the Accounts answering the several questions raised by members. The present examiner has agreed to continue.

The committee were introduced individually with each giving us a brief indication of their role.

Jane Hoyland the membership secretary reported that membership may well reach 1,000 by the end of the year. She emphasised the need for members renewing their membership to enclose a sae. Cards will no longer be sent if a sae is not enclosed.

Linda Foreman, Database Manager, described the records she keeps and the data retrieved from them for various reasons such as capitation and gift aid.

Eva Garland arranges speakers for the Monthly Meetings.

Lesley Hodges has now taken on New Members meetings.

Joy Garvey, Business Secretary, receives, distributes incoming mail, takes minutes, produces agendas etc.

Shirley Miller represents the Group Coordinators on the committee and arranges their 4 meetings a year and the resulting schedules for the

Newsletter. They also give assistance with starting up new groups, organise the annual Group Leaders Meeting.

Diane Wilson Web Coordinator reported that the site gets about 600 hits a month. It is used by students, channel 4 and shared learning participants in addition to general users.

Gisela Zürcher-Feiß explained that together with 5 others she organises all the trips both here and abroad giving examples of how popular they are.

There were 2 nominations for new committee members Richard Hawkins and Liz Magennis. Tellers volunteered for checking the voting for each committee member in turn. All were elected.

The meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes and was followed by a fascinating illustrated talk by Captain William Wells on The Vikings.

Kingston U3A Database

Many thanks to Peter Harris for running the database admirably since 2007.

We have recently checked the rules concerning Data Protection and Gift Aid as these occasionally change and we have had a number of queries from members.

Data Protection

1 As a small charity we are fortunately not required to register the Membership Database with the Information Commissioner's Office which would cost time and money. We must however advise you how your information is stored and used.

2 We store names, payments and contact details on a computer for administrative purposes and to enable us to send you Newsletters and other U3A information. Advice on security has been sought from a computer professional. There is a secure backup.

3 We store details of your interests as supplied by you, to help plan our activities, and we occasionally check your membership of Groups.

4 We store details on whether you wish to receive the National Newsletter from U3A HQ at Bromley, and if so, we send them your name and address.

5 We send annual anonymised statistics to U3A HQ at Bromley for capitation and insurance purposes. We are occasionally asked for other statistics by HQ and U3A Regional Committees to inform their plans and policies.

6 We store information on whether you wish us to claim Gift Aid on your behalf.

Gift Aid

7 Gift Aid, currently worth 25% of your subscription, can be claimed by Kingston U3A if you pay Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax at least of that amount. As a rough guide, you pay Income Tax this year if your total income is more than about £9,440 (£10,500 if over 65 and £10,660 if over 75). There are various exceptions and if in doubt please consult HMRC.

8 For a subscription of £13 we can claim £3.25 from the Government. For a joint subscription of £20 we can claim £5. This is at no cost to you.

9 If you advise us that we can claim Gift Aid, we do not see any details of your tax affairs or even know your Tax Office. All we know is that you are paying at least £3.25 in taxes as above, and we send a list of relevant people to a central Tax Office.

10 We are keen to maximise this source of income which has helped to keep the subscription constant since 2010 despite rising costs.

11 Gift Aid declarations do not now have to be signed personally and an electronic record is adequate, but those already signed are still valid. We have to remind you periodically to check that your tax covers the £3.25 and we do this at the annual membership renewal.

12 For those wishing to opt in, or not sure whether they are opted in, please send a letter or email to me, headed: Kingston U3A Gift Aid Declaration. Include your name and address, and write that you (and your named partner if appropriate) wish Kingston U3A to reclaim the tax on your membership subscription. Also write the following: I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and pay tax at least equal to any reclaimed. (You do not need to state an amount as that may change in future years.)

Thank you for your time in reading this, and please let me know of any change of address or email. Also let me know if you do not need a paper copy of our quarterly Newsletter which is available in colour to those with an email address.

Linda Foreman, Database Manager,
54 Berrylands Road, Surbiton, KT5 8PD
linda.u3a@foto.co.uk

Monthly Meetings

Are usually held on the first Monday of the month at the United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston at 2 pm.

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.

The following have been booked:-

2 Dec - Carols, Singing, a Raffle, a Christmas themed quiz and more!

6 Jan - Quiz. Please Note Entrance Fee is £2 for members, £2.50 for non members.

3 Feb - Mary Albanese Midnight Sun, Arctic Moon: Mapping the Wild Hearts of Alaska. Mary is an arctic geological explorer, with a motto: "if at first you don't succeed, try something harder."

3 March - Jennifer Kelsey A Voice of Discontent – about women and their writings in the 18th Century. After leaving teaching special needs pupils, Jenny became interested in the link between women's literature and their history.

7 April - Colin Lomas The Impressionist versus the Pre- Raphaelites. Colin is a retired Art History Lecturer.

Group News

We are constantly on the look-out for new ideas for more groups. With an ever-growing membership, it is important that we continue to expand the range of things we offer. Would anyone be interested in heading an online study group? There are now online topics on offer for use by U3A groups.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of starting a group, workshop, short course or any other type of activity, please get in touch with one of the coordinators, who are happy to help you in anyway they can.
Shirley Miller 8940 8573

Possible New Groups

PHILOSOPHY

This group will provide an opportunity to participate in a seriously light-hearted look at philosophy, philosophers and the life questions they pose. If interested please ring Val Meredith: 8399 1919

FAMOUS WELSH MEN & WOMEN

The second line of Wales' national anthem is "the land of bards and singers" but this small country has produced many other famous people e.g. politicians, writers, actors, sports personalities etc. This will be a shared learning group, with each member researching different people. Starts in the New Year. If interested contact Margaret Evans: 8546 8433.

News of Groups

Kingston U3A has a choice of two choirs, both of which meet weekly at different venues. Both have vacancies and members are welcome to attend a meeting before deciding to join.



SINGING FOR FUN

Singing is for fun, no audition or sight reading required and a wide range of songs are sung. A choir of 40 members meets on Friday mornings in The United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston.

For further information ring:
Rowan Astbury: 8255 6457

SINGING

This mixed choir of 60 voices meets on Thursday mornings at Manor Park Hall, Worcester Park. Music ranges from classical to popular sheet music in four parts. No audition required but a little sight reading is helpful.

Speak to Helga Randall: 8397 8712 if interested.

SERENDIPIDY

Liz Magennis has planned the following 2 events.

Venue: 46 The Roystons, Berrylands, Surbiton KT5 8HH to which the **K2 bus & trains** to Berrylands station are very convenient; also **ample, free, street parking**. Lunch offered warmly at each event, small donation appreciated, but no obligation to stay if not required.

Event 1: **'No man is an Island : The key to unlocking our worlds.**

Tuesday 14th January 2014 11.00am-approx. 2.30pm: 'It's all about connection - 'How do we connect with our world? 'What brings us together? What makes us different?' You are invited to what will be an exciting seminar exploring the power and importance of communication- which is much more than words.

Event 2: **Archaeology of the Mind -**

Seamus Heaney: Thursday 13th March 2014 11.00am-approx. 2.30pm: With the sad death of this great visionary & poet we will take the opportunity of exploring his early work as introduction to his beautifully crafted work.

Enquiries: Email gillyvor@hotmail.com indicating which events you would like to attend & whether you would like to have lunch. Or phone
Liz Magennis: 8241 5513.

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 via the link on www.fetchamu3a.org.uk/studydays.htm.

Confirmed 2013 Dates and Subjects are:-

Fri Feb 21st 2014 - Does the European Union have a Future? - Presented by Dr Simon Usherwood, University of Surrey

Fri Mar 21st 2014 - Music of the People - The Folk Music of England - Presented by Mike Head, Elmbridge U3A & Steve Roud, English Folk Dance & Song Society

Fri Apr 11th 2014 - Astronomy Topic

Spring Concert

Kingston U3A Orchestra with the Harmonie Choir and Soloists are holding their **SPRING CONCERT** at 3pm at St Andrew's, Surbiton on Sunday 30th March 2014.



The programme is a celebration of Mendelssohn's music and includes his Violin Concerto, with soloist Peter Nall, and his Psalms for Choir and Orchestra.

For tickets, or if you would like to be on the orchestra's mailing list, contact Liz Bartlett lizbartlett@brightnet.co.uk.
Tel 8974 5453.

Advance Notice for All Group Leaders

The 2014 Group Leaders' Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February at Christ Church Hall, Coombe Road

New Malden. 213 buses pass the Church. New Malden station is a short walk.

We are delighted to announce that Barbara Lewis, Chairman of the Third Age Trust, is to be our guest speaker-

Please check your e mail in box regularly during early January as, wherever possible, invitations will be sent out in this way.

Outings



Tour of Broadcasting House Monday 20th January 2014

During this fascinating tour entertaining and informative guides will bring to life the work of the BBC's new state of the art multimedia broadcasting centre in the heart of London.

On the tour some of the things you will experience include a camera's eye view into some of the Studios broadcasting to the nation such as the



Six o'clock News and Radio 1, as well as hearing about the rich history of the building and of the BBC. You will be able to look down on the state of the art Newsroom and try reading the news and weather yourself on an interactive news set. You will find out how Radio Drama is made and – if broadcasting schedules permit – you may peak into the newly restored Radio Theatre where Radio 2 concerts and popular comedy shows like 'Just a Minute' and the 'News Quiz' have recently been recorded.

The tour will last approx. 1½ hours.

To reach Broadcasting House we will take the Bakerloo Line from Waterloo Station to Oxford Circus and then walk along Regent Street to Portland Place, which will take about 10 mins.

There are no facilities for refreshments at the BBC. but an abundance of places in Oxford Street to obtain lunch after the tour.

Date Monday 20th January 2014

Meeting Point:Outside platform 1 Waterloo Station

Time:10.15 a.m.

Cost:£ 11.25

Please send your completed application form and cheque payable to **Kingston U3A (GAS)** for £ 11.25 - **plus a stamped self-addressed envelope if you do not give an email address** to: Sheila Evans, 35, The Mall, Surbiton KT6 4EH Tel. 8241 5746

Visit to Two Temple Place

Friday 21st February 2014

Two Temple Place, a Victorian Gothic mansion house, is one of London's architectural gems. It was built as an estate office for William Waldorf, 1st Viscount Astor, in the late 19th century and is now the headquarters of a charity, the Bulldog Trust.

Astor commissioned John Loughborough Pearson to design the house in 1892. In a prominent setting on Victoria Embankment, it resembles the mansion of a great Tudor nobleman. Built of Portland stone, the exterior features carvings by Nathaniel Hitch and two large mullioned bay windows. The building is topped by a gilded weathervane depicting a galleon.

The interior is magnificent, with a full height, top-lit staircase hall with oak panelling, mahogany stairs and solid



ebony columns. The first floor “office” was designed in the form of a Tudor Great Hall with beautiful stained glass windows and a hammerbeam roof of Spanish mahogany. There are fascinating carvings and panels throughout the house.

Our trip will incorporate a guided tour of the house lasting for about an hour, and a chance to see the 2014 exhibition: Art, Science and Exploration, from the University of Cambridge Museums. We will arrive in time to buy tea or coffee (approximately £1.50), and cake if desired (approximately £3.00 or £4.00). The cafe only accepts cash.

After meeting at Wimbledon Underground Station we will take the District Line to Temple. The house is a short walk from there.

Date: Friday 21st February

Meeting point: Wimbledon Underground Station, downstairs outside Platforms 1-4

Time: 10.00 am

Price: £6.50 per person based on a group of 25. Refreshments are not included but can be purchased in the cafe and paid for individually.

If you would like to join this outing please complete the enclosed application form and send it, together with your cheque for £6.50 and a **stamped, addressed envelope** if you do not give an e-mail address to:

Claire Bletcher, 17, Lower Green Road, Esher, KT10 8HE

Tel: 8398 7107

The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy

Wednesday 19th March 2014

The Chapel has a long association with the Duchy of Lancaster. It is the last surviving building of a hospital founded by Henry VII for homeless people in 1512. It stands on the area of London known as the Savoy. The Chapel belongs to Her Majesty The Queen in Her Right as Duke of Lancaster. It is a ‘free’ chapel or ‘peculiar’ – not falling within any bishop’s jurisdiction, but remaining firmly within the Church of England.



The Chapel remains an important part of the Savoy Estate, the Duchy of Lancaster’s principal London land holding. It continues to provide spiritual service to the community, as it has done for nearly 500 years. It is also the chapel of the Royal Victorian Order, an Order of Chivalry within the Sovereign’s personal gift. By The Queen’s appointment, the present Chaplain is also Chaplain of the Order.

Maintenance of this historic building remains the Duchy of Lancaster’s responsibility. Recent work has

included the landscaping of the garden in honour of Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee, and the restoration of the Chapel ceiling in 1999.

On arrival at the Chapel we will enjoy an introductory guided tour by the Steward of the Chapel and will then be served tea/coffee and biscuits. After that you are free to browse at your leisure before making your way home again.

Cost: £ 4.65 per person (includes guided tour and refreshments)

Meeting time/point: 10.15 a.m. outside platform One, Waterloo Station

Please complete the attached application form and send it with your cheque for £ 4.65 payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) **and a stamped addressed envelope if you do not give an e-mail address** to: Jean Das, 233, Malden Way, New Malden, KT3 5QW - Tel. No.: 8942 7455

Spring Holiday Bath, Bristol and Tyntesfield

Departing on Monday 12th May 2014 for 5days/4nights

Our Spring Holiday for 2014 will not take us too far away from Surrey and therefore will not involve long, tiresome coach journeys. We board our executive coach at the designated pick-up points and - en route to our 4* hotel in Bristol where we shall stay for four nights **on a HB basis**- we will visit

the NT's Dyrham Park property near Chippenham. Built between 1692 and 1704, Dyrham Park contains fine textiles and paintings as well as items of Delftware.



Our Blue Badge guide will join us on day 2 when we will visit the NT's Tyntesfield property, an extraordinary Gothic extravaganza with its original Victorian interior intact, with a sumptuously decorated private chapel and surrounded by landscaped gardens. In the afternoon we have a guided tour of Bristol and visit Brunel's SS Great Britain.

On day 3 our destination is Bath, famous for its Roman Baths, Assembly Rooms and Royal Crescent. Our BB guide will take us on a tour and in the afternoon we will visit the Roman Baths Museum. The next day we will enjoy free time in Wells, the smallest City in England, with its famous Gothic Cathedral containing fine medieval statuary, stained glass, chapter house and astronomical clock, the 13th C Bishop's Palace and Vicar's Close – a complete medieval street. We then continue to the NT's Montacute House, a magnificent Elizabethan house adorned with Renaissance features, including contemporary plasterwork and heraldic glass. The property



Report on The History & Heritage of Glasgow, Edinburgh & Loch Lomond

featured in the award-winning film *Sense and Sensibility*. The Long Gallery is home to over 50 Tudor and Elizabethan Portraits on loan from the National Portrait Gallery. On our return journey on day 5 we pay a visit to the NT's Lacock Abbey, Fox Talbot Museum and Village near Chippenham. Founded in 1232, many parts of this abbey have survived largely intact and the Victorian woodland garden includes an 18th C summer house and rose garden.

Cost: £ 399.00 per person sharing a twin room (This includes executive coach throughout the tour, half-board accommodation, Blue Badge Guide on days 2 and 3, gratuities)

Single room supplement: £ 79.00

Insurance: £ 16.00

Payment: £ 75.00 deposit, remainder 2 months before departure

For a detailed itinerary and a booking form please complete the attached application form and send it **together with a stamped addressed envelope** (not too small, please) to:

Gisela Zürcher-Feiß, 37, The Byeways, Surbiton KT5 8HT – Tel. No 8399 4990

A travel-weary group of 32 U3A members arrived at Drymen on the outskirts of Glasgow in the late evening to be met by our cheerful and efficient Blue-Badge Guide, Mike, proclaiming "Welcome to Scotland!", which quickly restored our spirits. This was echoed by our hotel staff who could not have been more helpful and friendly and who immediately had a delicious hot meal on the table for us.

And so began a most enjoyable few days in Scotland.

Our first visit was to the Burrell Collection, housed in a new purpose built museum in Pollock Country Park, a modern single story building on a sloping site, with glass window panels from floor to ceiling, allowing light to fill the inside and the trees on one side to appear to be part of the building. This was a perfect setting to show off the incredible collection of works of art.

Then we embarked on our Charles Rennie Mackintosh 'experience' first visiting the Glasgow School of Art which is regarded as his finest architectural masterpiece, where we were given a tour by former students of the school and saw students at work in the various studios and corridors.

We then took tea at The Willow Tea Rooms which he designed in 1904, a splendid place with elegant interior furnishings, employing some of the same details as we had seen in the Art School. So when we later visited Hill House, the home of the late Walter



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Tea Team



Blackie, the publisher, which was also designed and furnished by Mackintosh together with his wife, Margaret Macdonald, we were beginning to feel quite knowledgeable about his style in what is regarded as an outstanding example of his domestic architecture. No trip to this part of Scotland would be complete without a cruise on Loch Lomond, viewing the beautiful scenery and taking photos along the way.

Then our visit to Edinburgh, with a coach tour of the sites, and on to Leith where the Royal Yacht Britannia is now moored and where we had a tour of the ship including the State Dining Room, the Bridge and the Royal Apartments. All too soon we started on our return journey, pausing to see Dumfries House, a beautiful Palladian Mansion designed by the Adam Brothers, which has recently been refurbished thanks to a loan from the Prince of Wales through his Trust. Thus we ended our whistle stop tour of Scotland with some of us determined to return to see more! However, none of this would have been possible without the planning and organization of the tour by Gisela who, together with Sheila, worked so hard to make it enjoyable – thank you both!

Shirley Rees

We would welcome some more volunteers to help serve teas at our monthly meetings. We are a friendly group and the job isn't onerous: each team of four does duty just three times a year. If you are interested, please ring Ann Rice (8399 6254) or email jmr.64@tiscali.co.uk.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Change of Address

Please send updates to
Linda Foreman,
Database Manager,
54 Berrylands Road,
Surbiton,
KT5 8PD or
linda.u3a@foto.co.uk

GROUP DETAILS

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

CRAFTS

Knitting Group 2:00 pm Wed fortnightly	Vivienne Douglas 8546 2995 v.m.douglas@hotmail.com	NK V
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	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NK V

DISCUSSIONS

Talkback: Discussion of topical issues 10.30am 2nd Wed in month	Stephanie Leitch 8546 9216 stephanie@stalbans66.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	Carolyn Forsyth 8255 1746 Caro15@blueyonder.co.uk	K
Drawing & Painting Group 3 Thurs a.m weekly	Sam Artfeld 8394 2434	K
Art Appreciation 1: Artists & gallery visits 2.30pm 1st Thu in month	Janet Holland 8549 1641	
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

DRAWING, PAINTING & ART APPRECIATION continued		
Art Appreciation 4: Artists & gallery visits 2.00pm 2 nd Thu alternate months	Geoffrey Gammon 8399 4734 gammon.gj@gmail.com	V
Digital Photography 1pm 2nd Mon. in month	Peter Moseley Moseley@btinternet.co.,	V
GAMES & PASTIMES		
Bridge: Intermediate 2.00pm Fri fortnightly	Gill Raynor 07812 042253 gillraynor@hotmail.com	NK V
Bridge: Some experience required 2.30pm Fri weekly	Jean Jaye 8337 8833 fjaye@tiscali.co.uk	Sbtn
Bridge: Beginners fortnightly t.b.a.	Linda Foreman 8390 0109 linda.u3a@foto.co.uk	Sbtn V
Mah Jong 2.15pm Tue fortnightly	Marion Rich 8546 8782	NK
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 V
Scottish Country Dancing 9:30am Fri weekly	Shirley Cave 8540 8469 shirley.cave@virgin.net	NM V
Film Group 2pm 2nd Wed. & 7pm 3rd Thursday in Month	Clive Parratt 8399 4352 seepy65@blueyonder.co.uk	Tol V
Wine Appreciation t.b.a	Gill Raynor 07812 042253 Gillraynor@hotmail.com	
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

HISTORY continued		
Social History Group 1 10.30am Wed fortnightly	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
Women in History 10.30am 2nd Tues in month	Mary Tucker 8390 1381 me42tuck@gmail.com	Sbtn V
History of Drama 2pm 3rd Thu of month	Ann Bradshaw 8399 8027 ann.bradshaw1@btinternet.com	CK
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 monthly	Iain McLean 07817 635739 wimmclean@hotmail.co.uk	CK V
Family History 10.30am 1 st Wed in month	Lesley Hodges 8549 1471 lesleyhodges@virgin.net	NK
Local History t.b.a.	Trevor Harrison 8127 7965	
LANGUAGES		
French: Beginners 10:30am Thu Weekly	Lesley Hodges 8549 1471 lesleyhodges@virgin.net	NK V
French: Intermediate 2.00pm Thu weekly	Gisela Zürcher FeiB 8399 4990 gzuercher@btinternet.com	Sbtn V
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 V

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Italian advanced 10.00am Mon weekly	Ada Stileman 8399 1453	K V
Italian Conversation 10.3am 2nd and 4th Wed	Mary Prince 8546 8107 maryprince2013@gmail	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 V
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
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
Poetry Reading Group 1: Poetry taken lightheartedly 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
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
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	John & Ann Rice 8399 6254	NK

MUSIC continued		
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
Jazz & Big Band Music 7.30pm Wed fortnightly	John Tacchi 8949 4879 caroltacchi@btinternet.com	OM
Jazz 2 2pm 4th Fri in month	Evelyn Donaldson 8973 0901	HW
Singing 10.30am Thu weekly	Helga Randall 8397 8712	OM 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	CK V
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	Contact Lisa Gebbie 8547 6485	
VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC		
Gardening Next meeting 25th April 2014	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	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

VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC continued		
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
M.O.T.O Group 2 10:30 3 rd Wed in month	Mary Tucker 8390 1381 me42tuck@gmail.com	Sbtn V
M.O.T.O Group 3 10.30am 1st Mon in month	Elaine Lewis 8546 5902	CK
Short Walks: approx 2 hours 10.30am (outside TK Maxx 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	Anne Turner 8942 1583 sylvia.oates@virginmedia.com	VL V
Pilates Thurs. 1.30pm. weekly	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	CK V
Tai Chi Wed. weekly 10am	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NK V
Table Tennis (some experience required) 10am Fri. Weekly	Pat Young 8337 8326 p.young229@btinternet.com	NM
Cycling Group various dates - see website	Pam and Stuart Crisp 8399 9095 pamelacrisp50@hotmail .com	

Locations: NrH - near Hospital, K - Kingston, NK - North Kingston, Tol - Tolworth, 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.

Enquiries about groups, including setting up new groups, should be made to group coordinators. The contacts for the various groups are:-

Language, History, Sport	Shirley Miller	8940 8573
Discussion, Science, Outdoor Activities	Ian Parkins	8942 8158
Literature	Ann White	8942 1395
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Tea Rota Organiser Ann Rice 8399 6254

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