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In accordance with the constitution of the U3A, notice is hereby given that the AGM of Kingston U3A will take place at the Mayo Hall, The United Reformed Church, Kingston, at 1.30 pm on Monday 3 November 2014.

*Joy Garvey, Secretary.*

A blue rectangular box with a white border containing the text 'Nominations for Committee Members' in a white serif font.

We welcome applications from current members interested in joining our very active Executive Committee to help run our highly successful U3A group.

A form is available on our website, [www.kingstonu3a.org.uk](http://www.kingstonu3a.org.uk) or you can just send the following information in writing: full name of Nominee, Proposer and Seconder, with **membership numbers** and signatures of all three, to Joy Garvey, KU3A Secretary, 5 Dennan Road, Surbiton, KT6 7RY, or hand it to a committee member, by noon on Monday 20 October.

A blue rectangular box with a white border containing the text 'Chair's Remarks' in a white serif font.

This column will be the last I write as your chair, my three years coming to an end at the AGM in November. It has been a great privilege to have had this opportunity to work with some wonderful people in all sections of Kingston U3A.

The Executive Committee has been tireless in carrying out their many functions to keep the organisation running and constantly improving. All the subcommittees, such as the Group Coordinators, General Activities Section, Newsletter, Tea Team all play their part in providing us with an unrivalled programme of services and activities. As do all the group leaders whom it has been my pleasure to meet at the annual Group Leaders' Meeting.

I have enjoyed my own group participation, especially in MOTO, which I was pleased to inaugurate, having picked up the idea at a National Conference. Also the Choir and my book group have given me great experiences and pleasure. I look forward to having the time to join others in future. I have been on lots of the excellent outings and hope to go on many more.

The Four Borough Study Days, with whose planning and running I have been closely involved, are another facet of what has been a very interesting and busy three years. I have been pleased with our local Shared Learning Projects

and am hoping to take part in one because the participants obviously gain greatly from the experience. This was very evident at the final presentations I have attended.

We have faced a few problems: namely a dispute with central office over the status of the orchestra and our use of paid tutors and conductors; the sudden closure of the monthly meeting hall; death or illness of key office holders, but have managed to overcome them by working together and finding new solutions.

I will be attending the National Conference as a delegate from Kingston in September and know that I will meet lots of fascinating participants from all over the UK and learn a lot from them. We are part of a great organisation and can all look forward to playing our part in whatever activity we choose in the years to come. Thank you all for your support and contributions.

*Elinor Parker*

## Monthly Meetings

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

**6 October** **Chloe Sayer**

Arts and Crafts of Mexico, Past and Present

**\*3 November** **Ann Clements**

Scandinavian Painters

Anne is a NADFAS Lecturer on a wide range of art subjects.

**1 December** **Christmas Party**

\*Precedes the AGM

**CALLING ALL PAINTERS,  
PHOTOGRAPHERS and  
GRAPHIC ARTISTS - IN  
FACT, ALL MEMBERS OF  
KINGSTON U3A**

We need a logo for the front cover of the newsletter - something that stamps it as unmistakably that of Kingston upon Thames. The Council won't allow us to use any part of the official Kingston logo, so we want you to come up with one. It could be a photograph, a painting, a drawing or an abstract. Perhaps it might feature the river, the ancient marketplace or something completely different. Please keep in mind that this illustration will be featured across the top of the newsletter so landscape orientation is a must.

We are relying on your help with this so please look through your existing work or create something entirely new. We are really looking forward to seeing your work, so please send your submissions – original artwork or, preferably, jpeg attachments - to Pam Durkie, 16 Carlton Road, New Malden, KT3 3AJ email: [pamdurkie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pamdurkie@hotmail.co.uk)

## Membership Renewals

1. Please fill in the lilac form to renew your membership for 2014-2015 **NOW**.

It is much easier for the volunteers processing nearly 1000 memberships if you post it today. Alternatively, bring it to a monthly meeting, preferably Monday 1 September or Monday 6 October, rather than leaving until later.

2. If you post it, include a small, self-seal stamped addressed envelope for the Membership Card. People bringing their form and subscription in person can collect the card at the meeting. The 3 November meeting includes the AGM at 1.30pm and you need a new Membership Card to enter. The card is also used by Interest Groups and on outings, and acts as a receipt for your subscription.

3. By popular request we can now accept Standing Orders as well as cheques. Thank you to the 40 guinea pigs. We are tweaking the process to minimise the extra work this has meant in the short term, so if you already have, or intend to start, a Standing Order, we request you do the following:

- Send the renewal form to Jane Hoyland as usual for this year, with a self-seal stamped envelope for your Membership Card, or bring the form to a monthly meeting as above.

- Instruct your bank to make the payment date 1 October. If it is later we cannot check whether you are a member. If there is not time to adjust for this year, we will take your word that it will be paid, but request that you contact your bank before next year.

NB: A cheque is different and should be dated for when you send it.

4. Sign the Gift Aid section where appropriate to enable us to reclaim the tax from HMRC which you have paid on your subscription. Previous Gift Aid declarations remain valid unless you tell us that you no longer pay tax (either Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax).

Above all write clearly and enjoy next year's membership.

**WANTED**  
**Proofreaders**



Have you had any experience of proof reading? We need a couple of people to volunteer to read through the copy for the newsletter before it goes to press to make sure there are no mistakes in spelling or grammar. (See, it's not really that difficult!)

Pam Durkie would love to hear from you via email: [pamdurkie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pamdurkie@hotmail.co.uk) or Tel: 8949 1812

## Group News

If you have any further ideas for groups or need more information please contact: Shirley Miller on 8940 8573: [shirley.miller4@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley.miller4@btinternet.com) Can you please also ensure that any group news is given direct to the Group Co-ordinators.

## Architectural Walks

A series of walks will begin on Monday 18 August as part of the new Architecture Group (but will be open to all). There will be a break during the winter months. They will be led by Stephen van Dulken and will be under 3 miles through areas of architectural interest. A stop for lunch will occur during or at the end of the walk at a

cafe or simple restaurant. Public transport after 9.30am will be used to get to the start, and will be used for the return.

18 August: Bloomsbury/Fitzrovia  
15 September: City of London  
3 October: Kensington

Contact Stephen on  
07854453109 (9 am to 6 pm)  
svandulken@hotmail.com

## Drawing & Painting Group 3



Sam Atfield is offering art in different mediums of watercolour, pastels etc. For all abilities. There are 2 classes which run at different times on Tuesdays fortnightly.

Contact Sam: 8394 2434  
sam.atfield1458@ntlworld.com

## Famous Welsh Men & Women

This group will be continuing after a summer break. Various groups of people will be studied from history to the present day. There is a vacancy for a couple of members. Start date Wednesday 17th September at 2.00 pm.

Contact: Margaret Evans: 8546 8433

## Friday Lunch Club for Couples

In response to recent demand, a Friday Lunch Club for Couples has been set up and has already had its first very enjoyable get-together – at The Anchor, Pyrford Lock, Wisley. It meets once a

month, on the first Friday, at a venue chosen in turn by individual member couples. Numbers are limited – presently to 6 couples - and venues are expected to be sensible, so nothing too expensive, with each couple to settle their own bill.

Contact: Tula & Iain Baxter 8398 1208:  
[tulaabaxter@hotmail.com](mailto:tulaabaxter@hotmail.com)

## Music Appreciation

The Enjoy & Learn Music group meets in Surbiton on alternate Fridays. Find out more about this informal and friendly group.

Contact: Alan Shelley: 8337 4969

## Paleontology

This involves transcribing and translating documents from Kingston Historical Archives c. 12 – 16th centuries. Latin useful but not essential.

Contact: Maggie O'Neill: 8948 0946  
magon@waitrose.com

## Seriously Anecdotal

A small group, where members are prepared to take their turn to relate, for half an hour or so, an experience from their lives which is entertaining, informative perhaps amusing or educational as well as being a good listener! North Kingston venue, 65 & 371 bus routes: street parking.

Contact: Jean Pearson: 8546 6530 before 7.00 pm please.

## Square Dancing



Square Dancing is suitable for couples and singles of all ages. Spend quality time with your partner or make new friends while learning a new skill, taking low impact exercise and listening to some great music. Square dancing is not about performance. The fun of square dancing is in the action and the mental dexterity, not the result. There is no hopping or skipping and nothing trickier than a 4 step swing in a ballroom hold: the basic step is.....a step. It is not line dancing and there are no long routines to learn, just individual moves. The more moves you learn, the more interesting it gets!

Come along to Shiraz Mirza Community Hall, Manor Park, Malden Road, New Malden, KT3 6AU (213 bus) on Tuesday 16th September, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon, £2.50 per session to cover hall fees.

Contact: Granville or Wendy Spencer on 3556 7449 or 07752431721 or email [spencer8@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:spencer8@tiscali.co.uk)

## Wednesday Walks Programme



These walks were originally planned to take place on the first Wednesday of each month, but will now occur on the second Wednesday to avoid clashing with the Short Walks Group. The walks are easy-paced, 4-6 miles in length and we will lunch together at a pub or cafe, either during the walk or at the end of the day. Start points will

vary. They are led by Steve & Mary Davies.

October 8th: Countryside walk beginning and ending at Guildford Station

November 12th: Second leg of Thames Walk to Greenwich, this time Richmond to Barnes.

This group is dormant in winter, so the subsequent walk will be March 11th, 2015: Details in next Newsletter.

Contact: Steve & Mary: 8977 4776: [steve.davies@zen.co.uk](mailto:steve.davies@zen.co.uk)

## Woodcarving

### Something For the Men

Are there any men out there interested in having a go at woodcarving? It's a fascinating hobby and you might be surprised at what you can do. Stuart started when he retired and has carved everything from birds to Father Christmas.

Contact: Stuart Bailey: 8949 5791: [mail@paulabee29.plus.com](mailto:mail@paulabee29.plus.com)

## SEMINARS

Liz Magennis has planned the following two events:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at 2.15pm - 4.30pm;**

**A Concert: Bell'arte del Canto**

International tenor and animateur, Charles MacDougall, presents some of the most gorgeous songs from the 17th and 18th Century in this recital which features works by Scarlatti, Caldara, Handel, Purcell and Bononcini. Bell'arte del Canto, or the art of beautiful

## Central Surrey Study Days at Menuhin Hall

singing, will be explored through the works of composers seminal to the development of opera, with sensuous arias, replete with compelling melodies and sumptuous harmonies. There will also be a short opportunity for group singing at the end for any who choose to stay (refreshments included).

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 2.15pm - 4.30pm**

**A Concert: The Isle of Lost Dreams:** The Poetry of the Great War in Song

This recital is presented by international tenor and amateur, Charles MacDougall and features the works of the greatest war poets set to music, interspersed with other songs of sorrow and loss. Expect the poetry of Brooke and McCrae expressed through the music of Ireland, Butterworth and W D Denis Browne! This year is an ideal time to engage with the repertoire where Charles' own experiences of his visits to - and performances at - the Commonwealth War Graves in Ypres and The Somme bring an interesting perspective. There will be a short opportunity for group singing at the end for any who choose to stay (refreshments included).

Cost : **Earlybird payment** - if booked by 13th September - is £16 per session or £30 if both concerts booked together. After this date it's £18 per session or £34 if booked together.

Please complete the enclosed forms and send to Liz Magennis at the address below. Cheques should be made payable to **KINGSTON U3A (workshops)**. Acknowledgements will be by email where address given, otherwise please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

**Venue:** 46 The Roystons, Berrylands, Surbiton, KT5 8HH. Enquiries to [gillyvor@hotmail.com](mailto:gillyvor@hotmail.com) or Tel: 8241 5513

**Also see previous Newsletter for 16<sup>th</sup> September**, the film, *After Thomas*, 2 - 4.30pm same venue. (Refreshments included, small donation appreciated) Email, write or phone for a place.

Surrey Network study days are open to members of all U3As in Surrey and the surrounding area. They are held in the [Menuhin Hall](#), Stoke d'Abernon. They normally start at 9.30 a.m. with registration, and finish at 4 p.m. The fee, including coffee / tea and biscuits, is £8 though a visitor who is not a member of a U3A will be charged £10. Attendees should bring a packed lunch. Prior booking is essential and forms and full information are available at the Monthly Meetings or from the Surrey Network site: [www.u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork)

**Fri Sept 19**

**[The Psychology of Everyday Life](#)**

Presented by Anne Dale, Preston Park U3A

**Fri Oct 17 - A Double Bill**

**[Modern Genealogy & Poetry in Motion](#)**

Recent Developments in Genealogy, Getting Started & Popular Lines of Research

Presented by Nick Barratt, Television Broadcaster

Why Shakespeare, Tennyson & Burns are Great - Plus Explanation/Readings of John's Poems

Presented by John Griffin, Local Poet & Broadcaster

**Fri Nov 21**

**[Hail Bright Cecilia!](#)** – Exploring the Music, Art, Poetry & Legends Surrounding Music's Patron Saint

Presented by Peter Medhurst, Bass-Baritone & Pianist



### Wednesday 22 October 2014

This very enjoyable day takes us from Holborn to Holland Park: from the hubbub of Leather Lane market to the dazzling interior of Leighton House.

We meet our guide at the back of the Law Courts at 10.30am and begin our day with coffee and biscuits in one of London's Inns of Court:- Gray's Inn, in



the Great Hall, a special venue from which to begin our tour. After coffee, we will visit the London Silver Vaults. This Chancery Lane Safe Deposit opened in 1876, renting strong rooms to London's wealthy to safeguard their household silver and jewellery. Later, silver traders began renting vaults to store their stock. You'll have an hour to enjoy the treasures on display. This isn't a museum: everything is for sale!

Just across the road we visit the diamond district of Hatton Garden, a hushed and hidden enclave of lawyers and the contrasting bustle of Leather

Lane market, which trades every day from Monday to Friday.

Having completed the first part of our tour, we shall return to Gray's Inn to have our lunch in the Bingham Room.

After lunch, we travel to Holland Park, one of London's most select neighbourhoods.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, fashionable Victorian artists colonised some of this district. However, unlike Parisian artists starving in garrets, these artists lived in splendour, entertaining clients in architect designed studio-houses. None was more splendid than Leighton House, the next stop on our tour of secret London. The plain exterior hides one of the most extraordinary interiors:- the breathtaking masterpiece being the Arab Hall. Lord Leighton's vast painting studio was one of the sights of London during the Victorian era, where the most prominent people, including Queen Victoria, were entertained.

Following our visit here, we take a short walk to Holland Park, the most romantic of London's parks, and once the grounds of a Jacobean mansion, only the ground floor of which survived the Blitz.

We end our tour here with time to buy refreshments in one of the best looking park cafes you'll ever come across, before heading home at 4.45pm.

The walking involved on this tour is approx. 1600 metres /1 mile

**Cost** £39.60 (to include:- coach travel, coffee and biscuits, lunch, services of the guide and tips).

## Meeting Point

- a) 8.45am: Kingston High St. opposite the Rose Theatre
- B) 9.00am: Surbiton, Ewell Road  
"Telephone Exchange" bus stop.

If you wish to join this visit, please complete the application form and send together with your cheque made payable to Kingston U3A(GAS) to Sheila Evans, 35 The Mall, Surbiton, KT6 4EH (Tel: 8241 5746). If you do not give an email address on your booking form, please also **include a stamped self-addressed envelope**.

## Globe Theatre

**Tuesday 18 November 2014**

We have arranged a combined tour of London's Bankside theatres. We start by walking from Waterloo Station along London's South Bank to the site of the Globe Theatre for our tours.

### Globe Theatre Tour

Our guide will take us on a fascinating tour of the iconic Globe Theatre, bringing the space to life with colourful stories of the 1599 Globe, of the reconstruction process in the 1990s, and of how the 'wooden O' works today as an imaginative and experimental theatrical space.



## Bankside & Rose Tour

The Rose was Bankside's first theatre, built in 1587, twelve years before Shakespeare's original Globe. The Rose is the only Elizabethan playhouse that has been excavated on a large scale by archaeologists. The guided tour of the archaeological site of the Rose Theatre includes a walking tour along Bankside, highlighting the interesting historical landmarks along the way. The site today inspires actors and other artists just as it did over four hundred years ago.

### Exhibition

Based under the Globe Theatre, the engaging and informative Exhibition explores the life of Shakespeare, the London where he lived, and the theatre for which he wrote. Imagine the Globe as it would have been: the centre of what was once London's most notorious entertainment district, surrounded by raucous taverns and bawdy-houses.

An Exhibition audio guide is included. The tours will end by about 1.30 pm.

After the tour, you will be free to make your own arrangements for lunch, and to make your own way back. You might want to explore Bankside (Tate Modern, or cross the river via the Millennium Bridge to the City) and Borough (Vinopolis, Clink Museum, Golden Hind, Southwark Cathedral or Borough Market).

**Meeting place:** Waterloo Station, opposite Platform 1

**Time:** 10.15 am

**Cost:** £14.50 per person



Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with your cheque for £14.50 (per person) made payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) to Stewart Keating, 17 Herne Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 5BX (Tel: 8397 5561). If you do not give an email address on your booking form, please also **include a stamped self-addressed envelope**.

Confirmation of booking will include instructions on the ways of returning to Waterloo Station after the tour.

## The Mad Jack Christmas Lunch Special

Friday 5 December 2014

We board our coach in Kingston/Surbiton and travel to East Sussex to meet our guide and start the day by buying refreshments in an old inn opposite Bodiam Castle before 'climbing to the top of the world' in the Sussex Hills. We will enjoy great views and hear wonderful stories when passing through Battle - where King Harold died - on our way to Brightling, home of Mad Jack Fuller.

This eccentric Georgian Squire is famous for his follies, some of which we will see today. He lies forever more in his own massive pyramid in the churchyard. Nearly 200 years ago he installed the biggest barrel organ in Britain inside the ancient church. We will hear it being played specially for us – fittingly, it will be a Christmas carol we know and can join in!

Mad Jack Fuller was a patron of the artist Turner, who painted the view that we see from the huge picture windows of the pub restaurant where we will enjoy our Christmas lunch with all its trimmings -

once we have downed our glass of sherry. What a view! It stretches right across the Vale of Ashburnham and all the way to Beachy Head.

After lunch you can opt either to relax by the fire or take part in the guide's Quiz of the Year. At 3.45 pm we will be served tea and coffee with mince pies before we set off home at 4.45 pm. Traffic permitting we aim to arrive back home by 6.30 pm.

**Cost:** £39.80 (includes transport, guide, lunch, tea, tips for driver and guide (does not include morning refreshments)).

### Meeting time/Place:

8.45 am Kingston, High Street, opposite The Rose Theatre

9.00 am. Surbiton, Ewell Road, Bus stop 'Surbiton Telephone Exchange'

If you would like to join this outing, please complete the enclosed application form and send it, together with your cheque payable to **Kingston U3A(GAS)** for £39.80 to: Gisela Zürcher-Feiß, 37, The Byeways, Surbiton KT5 8HT  
Tel: 8399 4990

## Cruise the Danube from Passau to Vienna and Budapest

Eight days from 12 April 2015



Discover the delights of the Danube on one of the most scenic journeys through the heart of

Europe, from the pretty city of Passau on the Austrian border to the Hungarian Capital, Budapest. We cruise in comfort

and style aboard 4\* ms Serenity, a small, cosy 200 passenger vessel, through the beautiful scenery of the Wachau Valley and dip into the history and culture of amazing cities along the way. With a full day in the musical city of Vienna and Budapest, as well as a visit to the Slovakian Capital Bratislava, this is a wonderful opportunity to sail the waters that are beautifully immortalised by the composer Strauss, in the classical waltz 'The Blue Danube'.

Day 1: We board our coach, as usual, at the various pick-up points to take us to Gatwick where we catch a plane to Germany and then board the ship at Passau, known as 'The Three Rivers City' due to its unique location where the Danube, Inn and Ilz Rivers meet.

We relax on board as we set sail and cruise towards the small town of Melk in the Wachau Valley where we arrive the next morning.

Day 2: In Melk we visit one of the most famous monastic houses in Austria: the Benedictine Abbey which has been occupied by monks for over 900 years. We then relax on board as we cruise towards Vienna for an overnight stop.

Day 3: The whole day is spent experiencing the delights of Vienna. Grand palaces, baroque castles, magnificent squares and monuments are just some of the key features of this beautiful city which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. We enjoy a City Tour in the morning and in the afternoon an excursion to Schönbrunn Palace. In the early evening we cast off and cruise towards Budapest where we will spend the whole of day 4.

Day 4: In Budapest we explore both sides of Hungary's Capital – the traditional 'Buda' and the more cosmopolitan 'Pest'. We start the day with a city tour to help us get our bearings in this city known as 'The Pearl of the Danube'. In the evening we experience Budapest by night with a traditional Folklore show.

Day 5: We begin the day with an excursion which takes us through the sweeping planes of Hungary to Lajosmizse where we visit a traditional stud farm and enjoy a tour of the grounds in a horse-drawn carriage before watching a spectacular live Pusztá Horse Show. In the afternoon we cruise towards Bratislava where we will arrive in the early morning of day 6.

Day 6: Historic Bratislava is dominated by its castle and unique suspension bridge. The boat berths in the centre of the town, so we take a 2.5 hour walking tour to take in the sights and experience its rich culture. In mid-afternoon we set sail and cruise towards Dürnstein.

Day 7: Dürnstein is crowned by the ruins of the castle which once imprisoned Richard the Lionheart. We take a walking tour around the cobbled streets to admire the pretty courtyards and buildings before stopping at one of the Wachau Valley's renowned wine cellars to enjoy some wine tasting. We then set sail for the final time and cruise towards Passau.

Day 8: We disembark this morning and travel by coach to the airport to catch our flight back to England.

**4\* ms Serenity** offers accommodation on three decks. All cabins have air conditioning, en suite shower with wc,

radio, satellite TV, safe, hairdryer, desk and chair

Main Deck Cabins: located on the lower deck these cabins offer two small viewing windows and twin beds which are folded away during the day

Middle Deck Cabins: feature large sliding windows, two separate beds that fold into sofas during the day.

Panorama Deck Cabins: located on the upper deck, they offer a French balcony and twin beds that are folded away during the day.

There is a lift on board which services all decks except the Sun Deck.

**Cost: £1,169.00 pp sharing a 2 berths Main Deck cabin** (Single supplement £499.50)

**£1,319.00 pp sharing a 2 berths Middle Deck cabin** (Single Supplement £ 574.50)

**£1,469.00 pp sharing a 2 berths Panorama Deck cabin** (Single Supplement £649.50)

These prices include coach transfers to and from the airports, all meals on board ship, on-board entertainment and all excursions mentioned.

**Deposit: £250.00** payable when booking

**Insurance: £39.95**

For a detailed booking form please complete the enclosed 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: 8399 4990

## West Country Trip



The West Country sparkled in the sunshine for our "History and Heritage of Bath, Bristol and Wells" trip in May.

We were based in the Grand Hotel, Bristol for four nights and enjoyed a packed programme of visits to cities, villages and grand country houses. Our coach travelled each day through beautiful green countryside full of May blossom and buttercups.

We time travelled through Roman baths, medieval cloisters, Tudor splendour and Victorian extravagance, well informed by our blue badge guide and our local coach driver.

On our way to Bristol we visited Dyrham Park, built in the late 17th century by civil servant, William Blathwayt. The house was set in rolling parkland and the interior had not changed much over 300 years.

Day two was a leap forward to Victorian ingenuity and commercial triumphs.

Tyntesfield Hall was built in stunning Victorian Gothic style by William Gibbs.

The house was decorated in sumptuous style, paid for by William's business venture - importing guano for fertiliser.

## Kingston U3A Singers



We toured Bristol with our guide and were caught in a sudden hailstorm walking across the Clifton Suspension Bridge. Then more Victorian success on show as we walked around the first iron built ship, SS Great Britain, designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The model figures, decoration and sound effects below deck brought the ship to life.

We spent all next day in Bath enjoying the wonderful Georgian buildings. We toured the atmospheric Roman Baths where the hot spring steamed and bubbled as it had when the inhabitants of Bath were worshipping at the Roman Temple there.

The Gothic cathedral was the highlight of the morning in England's smallest city, Wells, with walks around the cathedral's historic moated palace and close. We drove on to the stunning Elizabethan Montacute House, built in butterscotch coloured stone and now home to a historic collection from the National Portrait Gallery.

On our way home to Kingston we visited the beautiful village of Laycock and Laycock Abbey. We walked through the 13th century cloisters, and above them, the more comfortable home of photography pioneer, William Fox Talbot.

*Cynthia Catchpole*

The Kingston U3A Singers held their Spring concert on Friday, 9th May this year.

The programme consisted of a selection of pieces which the choir had sung over the last 10 years under Choir Master Glyn Harvey and declared to be his favourites.

Some comedy items such as Sing a Song of Sixpence, The Teddy Bears' Picnic and Orpheus on the Underground were included.

Also, six delightful solos were performed by members of the choir.

The Christmas concert is planned for Saturday, 13th December at 7.30 pm and will be held as usual at the New Malden Methodist Church, New Malden High Street.

Tickets @ £7.00. will be obtainable from Pat Young (8337 8326), or any choir member, or you may pay on the night.

So, friends and supporters, please put the date in your diaries.

## Second Shared Learning Project at Hillcroft

We are hoping to work with the Oakhill Heritage Project team on a Shared Learning Project starting in January 2015. The research will focus on Surbiton in WWI, looking at various topics from the College's archives including Conscientious Objectors. Another line of research will be to find out more about the people involved in the history of the College. The project leaders will be Moira Shearer and Maggie Coleman.

The project will be advertised at the end of September: details will be on the website and will be emailed to those members with email addresses.

### Change of Address

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

### Newsletter Copy Deadline

Contributions, apart from Group News which should be given to co-ordinators, should reach the Editor Pam Durkie, preferably by email, [pamdurkie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pamdurkie@hotmail.co.uk) or by post to 16 Carlton Road, New Malden, KT3 3AJ by the 25th of :  
October, January and April.

If you'd like to discuss possible contributions with Pam, please email or write to her.

### Newsletter Distribution

The Newsletter is posted as near as possible to the 25th of the month preceding the March, June, September and December Monday Meetings. If it fails to reach you within a reasonable time, or if it is incomplete in any way, please contact Ann Phillips

**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
Craft, Games, Pastimes	Claire Bletcher	8398 7107
Music, Art, New Groups	Margaret Evans	8546 8433
Notification of Group List corrections/updates and email addresses	Keith Maund	8399 9329 <a href="mailto:keith.maund@btinternet.com">keith.maund@btinternet.com</a>

## GROUP DETAILS

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

### CRAFTS

Knitting Group 2:00 pm Wed fortnightly Restarts in September	Vivienne Douglas 8546 2995 v.m.douglas@hotmail.com	NK
Needle Craft 2:00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon in month	Lorna Stott 8399 7747	Sbtn
Patchwork: An informal workshop 10.00am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon in month	Martine Roscorla 8546 0202 c.roscorla@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 2.00pm last Fri in month	Janet Thorpe 8399 3411 grahamthorpe@lineone.net	VL V
Discussion Group 2 2.15pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue Monthly	Ian Parkins 8942 8158 ianparkins@blueyonder.co.uk	NM V
Seminars - Various Topics See Newsletter	Liz Magennis 8241 5513 Gillyvor@hotmail.com	Sbtn

### DRAWING, PAINTING & ART APPRECIATION

Drawing & Painting Group 1 9.30am Mon weekly	Suzanne Gregerson 8241 9423 suzannegregerson@hotmail.co.uk	NK
Drawing & Painting Group 2: various media 2.00pm Tue weekly	Carolyn Forsyth 8255 1746 Caro15@blueyonder.co.uk	K
Drawing & Painting Group 3 11.30 - 2.00pm Tue fortnightly See Newsletter	Sam Atfield 8394 2434 sam.atfield1458@ntlworld.com	E V
Drawing & Painting Group 4 Wed pm weekly	Carole Leicester 01932 765565 csleicester@gmail.com	Sun V
Art Appreciation 1: Artists & gallery visits 2.30pm 1st Thu in month	Janet Holland 8549 1641	

<b>DRAWING, PAINTING &amp; ART APPRECIATION continued</b>		
Art Appreciation 3: gallery visits and discussion 2.30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4th Wed in month	Eva Garland 8979 7166 eva@evagarland.plus.com	VL V
Art Appreciation 4: Artists & gallery visits 2.00pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu alternate months	Geoffrey Gammon 8399 4734 gammon.gj@gmail.com	Sbtn
Digital Photography 1 Monthly t.b.a.	Jane Legate jane.legate3@gmail.com	Sbtn
Digital Photography 2 Monthly t.b.a.	Jane Legate jane.legate3@gmail.com	Sbtn
Architecture tba	Steven Van Dulken 078544531 svandulken@hotmail.com	VL V
<b>GAMES &amp; PASTIMES</b>		
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 2.00pm Mon fortnightly	Linda Foreman 8390 0109 linda.u3a@foto.co.uk	Sbtn
Mah Jong 2.15pm Tue fortnightly	Marion Rich 8546 8782	NK
Scrabble Group 2: For all levels 2.00pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 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 sevans662@btinternet.com	NrH
Cryptic Crosswords 2.00pm 1st Thu in month	Monica Robinson 8399 1753 smonicarobinson@googlemail.com	Sbtn
Scottish Country Dancing Fri weekly 9:30 -11.30am less experienced 10.00 - 12.00 experienced	Shirley Cave 8540 8469 shirley.cave@virgin.net	NM V
Film Group 2pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed & 7pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu in Month	Clive Parratt 8399 4352 seepy65@blueyonder.co.uk	Tol V

<b>HISTORY</b>		
World History: The 18th Century 10.30am 2nd Thu in month	Sandra Cook 3258 5067 sandra.cook@btinternet.com	NK
France in the 19th Century 10am Tue fortnightly	Ann Phillips 8397 0495 annie.ph01@waitrose.com	Sbtn
Social History Group 1 10.30am Wed fortnightly	Des Bellew 8942 3856 desandgill.bellew@virginmedia.com	NM
Social History Group 2 1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs of month	Linda Foreman 8390 0109 linda.u3a@foto.co.uk	Sbtn
Women in History 10.30am 2nd Tue in month	Mary Tucker 8390 1381 me42tuck@gmail.com	Sbtn V
History of Drama 2.00pm 3rd Thu of month	Ann Bradshaw 8399 8027 e.a.bradshaw1@uwclub.net	Sbtn
Roman Archaeology monthly at times to be arranged	Tom Hill 8979 5505 tom.hill@lineone.net	V
British and World history in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century 2.30pm Fri monthly	Iain McLean 07817 635739 wimmclean@hotmail.co.uk	CK
Family History 10.30am 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed in month	Lesley Hodges 8549 1471 lesleyhodges@virgin.net	NK
Local History 2:30pm last Tue in month	Trevor Harrison 8127 4965 trebar.harrison@googlemail.com	NK V
<b>LANGUAGES</b>		
French : Beginners tba	Andree Langdon 8979 26752 Andreelangdon@hotmail.com	EM V
French: Intermediate 2.00pm Thu weekly	Gisela Zürcher Feiß 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	Isabel Gracie 8949 5349	VL



<b>LANGUAGES</b> continued		
German: Intermediate 2.00pm Fri weekly	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NM
Italian Conversation 10.3am 2nd and 4th Wed	Mary Prince 8546 8107 maryprince2013@gmail	NK
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
<b>LITERATURE</b>		
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	NK
Berrylands Book Group 2.00pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed monthly	Maria Williams 8399 2063	Sbtn V
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 2.00pm 3rd Tue in month	Marion Head 8241 3406 marionbornor@googlemail.com	Tdtn V
Creative Writing Group 10.30am 4th Tue in month	Pat Richards 8977 4556 p.m.richards@btinternet.com	Tdtn
<b>MUSIC</b>		
Friday Night is Music Night 7.30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri monthly	Margaret Evans 8546 8433	VL
Music Sharing 2.30pm 2nd Fri in month	John & Ann Rice 8399 6254 Jmr.64@tiscali.co.uk	Sbtn

<b>MUSIC</b> continued		
Enjoy & Learn about Music 7.30pm Fri fortnightly	Alan Shelley 8337 4969	Sbtn
Enjoyment of Opera 2.00pm 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 2.00pm 4th Fri in month	Bill Gayler 83907960 w.gayler@toucansurf.com	Sbtn
Choir 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
Solo Singing Mon pm weekly	Andrew Knight 8942 5446 Andrew.norwood.knight@gmail.com	NM V
<b>COMPUTING</b>		
Tuition is available at New Malden and Hook Libraries Alternate Saturday mornings cost £2.00	Contact Lisa Gebbie 8547 6485	
<b>VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC</b>		
Gardening 2.15 last Wed in month	Ken Frost 8977 8976	Sbtn V
Come dine with me - for singles - members take turns	Vivienne Douglas 8546 2995 v.m.douglas@hotmail.com	K
Sunday Lunch Club Last Sunday in month	Gill O'Donnell 8399 8125 gill.odonnell@blueyonder.co.uk	VL
Friday Lunch Club for Couples See Newsletter	Tula & Iain Baxter 8398 1208 tulaabaxter@hotmail.com	VL 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

<b>VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC</b> continued		
Cinema Group Wed & Thurs pm tba	Lesley Hodges 8549 1471 lesleyhodges@virgin.net	VL V
M.O.T.O.- members on their own - meet to arrange activities of mutual interest 10.30am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue in month	Elinor Parker 8949 2596 eshparker@aol.com	NM
M.O.T.O Group 2 10:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed in month meet outside TK Maxx Kingston Bridge	Shirley Bolton 8786 2069 a_c_bolton@hotmail.com	CK
Longer Walks 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed in month see newsletter	Steve Davies steve.davies@zen.co.uk	VL V
Wild Flowers 10am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu monthly	Anne Turner 8942 1583 sylvia.oates@virginmedia.com	VL V
Pilates Thu 12.30pm. weekly	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NK V
Tai Chi Wed weekly 10am	June Bendall 8546 1729 junemb31@talktalk.net	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	V
<p>Locations: E - Ewell, Chsgtn - Chessington, CK - Central Kingston, EM - East Molesey, HW - Hampton Wick, K - Kingston, NK - North Kingston, OM - Old Malden, Sbtn - Surbiton, Sun - Sunbury, Tdtn - Teddington, Tol - Tolworth, WP - Worcester Park, VL - Various Locations</p> <p>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.</p>		

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