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Chair's Annual Report November 2014

In the three years I have been privileged to serve as your Chair we have seen a steady growth in our membership and activities. There are now over two hundred more members and our latest total, before the current renewals exercise, was nearing the one thousand mark. This growth has been efficiently serviced by our Membership Secretary and Database Manager.

The number of groups has grown from about 70 to over 90, with new ones being added regularly. The details about them form a large section of our newsletter and are carefully managed by the Group Coordinators.

We have a new and vibrant website which is a source of information for prospective, new and established members and is the subject of much admiration from other groups.

Our finances were helped in the first couple of years by sponsorship, which has now ended. By careful management we are now in the comfortable position of not needing to raise membership fees from their current level in the foreseeable future.

Our use of electronic media has increased and many members now pay their subscriptions by standing order. Those who receive their newsletter by

email help us to save on postage. We can also communicate with members by email and this has enabled many events and activities to be advertised in between the quarterly newsletters. This has been made possible by the expert management of our large database which underpins such usage.

We have a new Newsletter Editor who has interesting plans for change whilst recognising the strengths of the existing format. The distribution team ensures the prompt delivery of the posted version.

Our General Activities Section has gone from strength to strength and is branching out into cruising following successful foreign and UK based holidays. Added to this are the regular monthly outings and Christmas lunches which are deservedly popular with members.

Monthly meetings, excluding the Christmas celebration and the January quiz, have brought us a succession of interesting speakers and the chance to advertise Study Days and Shared Learning Projects. Thanks to the Tea Team we have had a chance to chat and socialise after the speakers.

We have been able, through the kind hosting of John Lewis, to run two SLPs in Kingston, with members from other areas. This culminated in the publication of two books looking at attractions in South West London and famous people associated with the area. More SLPs are in the pipeline.

The Twenty-third AGM

I have been pleased to be involved in the South West London Consortium of U3As which has organised a succession of well attended Study Days at various venues in the four boroughs involved.

Each year we have hosted a lunch meeting for group leaders and were pleased to welcome the National Chair of U3A UK to be the speaker at the most recent one. It is an occasion to thank Group Leaders for all they do and to present ten and twenty year Certificates of Appreciation as appropriate. Our Secretary has been a quiet support to me in fielding information from Head Office and managing invitations, agendas and minutes for our Executive Committee meetings.

Other committee members have played their part in organising events and helping to run our ongoing activities, such as the Music Workshops and New Members' Meetings. We have sent members to meetings of the Surrey Network, the Greater London Region and National Conferences during the last three years.

We started the last three years on a high after our successful celebration of our twenty year anniversary and we are already looking forward to our twenty fifth next year. I would like to thank everyone in Kingston U3A for making my term of office so interesting and for their support and help along the way. I commend this report to you and wish my successor all the best for the years ahead.

Elinor Parker

Over one hundred members attended the twenty-third AGM of Kingston U3A on Monday, 3 November. Everyone was required to present a current membership card or to have their eligibility to attend confirmed by the Membership Secretary.

This year, for the first time, everyone received a booklet (produced by Pam Durkie, the newsletter editor) with all the relevant documentation. Fronted by a splendid picture of Kingston Bridge and the agenda, it included the Chair's report at the end of her three year period in office, the certified annual accounts and a list of candidates for election to the committee. There were also accounts of what each member of the committee has been doing whilst in post and a detailed listing and classification of all our groups plus the minutes of last year's AGM.

All the reports and accounts and the reappointment of the examiner of the accounts were passed without dispute. There are spare copies of the AGM booklet which can be obtained either by email or in paper form. If anyone would like one please apply to Leslie Hodges for the paper version or Pam Durkie for the email.

Following the AGM a committee meeting has been held at which Richard Hawkins was elected as Chair, Joy Garvey as Secretary and Martine Roscoria as Treasurer. The other members of the committee are taking the same positions as last year and Liz Magennis and Elinor Parker were co-opted.

Monthly Meetings

These are usually held on the first Monday of the month at the United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston at 2 pm. If this falls on a Bank Holiday the meeting will take place on the following Monday.

Date	Speaker	Subject
5 Jan	Quiz	
2 Feb	Leslie Pitcher <i>Regular contributor to Fetcham and Surrey wide Art Lectures</i>	Vincent Van Gogh
2 Mar	Martin Heard <i>Independent Art Historian and NADFAS Lecturer</i>	Images of a Queen: The portraits of Elizabeth I and the development of Gloriana

Group News

We are always keen to set up new groups or add to existing ones. If you have any ideas please contact us and we will give as much help as we can. Can you please ensure that any group news comes direct to the Group Co-ordinators.

Contact Shirley Miller 8940 8573 or shirley.miller4@btinternet.com

CLARINET GROUP

Gillian Calder, a novice clarinet player would love to meet other clarinet players. Gillian does not feel she is capable of leading the group but would welcome anyone who could take on this role. She would be happy to host the group at her home in New Malden. Day and time to be arranged with the group.

Anyone interested phone Gillian: 8949 4540 or email: gillian.calder@icloud.com

POETRY

Unfortunately one of our poetry groups had to close last year and our other groups are full. We would like to set up another one as we have frequent enquiries about poetry but we need someone willing to lead and/or host such a group.

Offers to : Shirley Miller 8940 8573 or email shirley.miller4@btinternet.com

GARDENING

Our long established Gardening Group is entering a period of dormancy from which it will not emerge next Spring unless a new leader can be found.

There are no specific requirements regarding venues, dates, times and frequency of meetings. We hope that anyone willing to take on the running of the group will express an interest before the end of February 2015.

All enquiries and expressions of interest should be made to Ian Parkins tel: 8942 8158 or email: ianparkins@blueyonder.co.uk

Seminars

Liz Magennis has planned the following:

Seminar 1: The Clamour of the Lyre: Music and Musicians in Homer's Odyssey

This lecture seeks out the invitation to adaptation for opera found within Homer's Odyssey, specifically that presented by the musicians within the narrative and the musicality (or musical-theatricality) of the epic as a whole. It is apparent that the epic features a sound-world that is evoked and created in delicate detail throughout by the presence of bards, singing goddesses, Apollo and Odysseus, as well as the Sirens. Yet the way in which these musical individuals are configured offer us a picture of Odyssean musical-theatrical dramaturgy that is profoundly interesting.

Date: Monday 19th January 2015
2.30pm – 4.30pm

Cost: £9 (refreshments incl)

Event 2: A musical Soiree around the piano: Shaking the Blues away:

Come & join us for a delightful winter late afternoon cabaret with the flavours of Cole Porter, Sondheim, Noel Coward et al.

Date: Friday 23rd January 2015,
4.30pm-6.30pm. Refreshments included. Small glass of wine available for £3.00.

Cost: £9

(Earlybird price for both events **£16** if paid by 31/12/14).

Seminar 2: Different Worlds: learning about Autism

Join us for a day of learning from the experts on the subject of Autism. Earlier in 2014 Ruth Magennis gave a fascinating talk on Communication. Now she gives her expertise as a Speech Therapist on the subject of Autism while Catherine Newell, in the afternoon, offers her moving narrative on the subject.

Date: Thursday 12th February 2015,
11.00am - approx. 4.30pm

Cost: £13 (includes lunch)

NB Winter Warmer: Earlybird price: Book all 3 by 31/12/14 & save an extra £4: **Cost £25.**

Venue: (for all three events) 46 The Roystons, Berrylands, KT5 8HH. Taking the K2 bus to Hook stop, or train to Berrylands station are most convenient or ample free parking is available.

All cheques payable to: **Kingston U3A (Workshops)**. Please complete and return enclosed forms to: Liz Magennis, 46, The Roystons, Berrylands, Surbiton, KT5 8HH.

Tel: 020 8241 5513

email: gillyvor@hotmail.com

Confirmation will be by email where possible. **If you do not give an email address please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.**

Central Surrey Study Days at Menuhin Hall

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 and 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 are available at the Monthly Meetings or from the Surrey Network internet site, www.u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork

20 February 2015 **LONG TO REIGN OVER US**

How the British Monarchy has survived social change, revolution & war.

The 63rd year of the reign of the Queen reminds us that this is one of the most successful monarchies of the modern age. In the 20th Century, empires fell as war wrought changes in the political and social landscape of Europe: the British Empire disappeared – but the monarchy thrives. Why is this? How have kings and queens over the centuries forged such an enduring relationship with their people?

Presented by Nigel Arch, retired Director of Kensington & Kew Palaces, who has degrees in history, politics and war studies.

Friday, 20th March 2015 **Hogarth to Gainsborough – Painting in Eighteenth Century England**

The eighteenth century saw the rise of a native school of great painters in England with a remarkable diversity of subject matter. For example the satirical paintings of Hogarth, the Industrial Revolution pictures of Joseph Wright and portraits by Gainsborough. Using slides we will study their Style, Symbolism and Historical Social Background.

Presented by Leslie Pitcher (B.A. Cantab) who has lectured on Art History for various NADFAS, WEA and U3A organisations.



**Visit to Langdon Down
Centre, Hampton Wick
Monday 19 and Monday 26
January 2015**

The Langdon Down Centre (formally Normansfield Hospital) is now known as the Langdon Down Museum of Learning Disability.

Dr. John Langdon Down first identified the condition while he was working at the Royal Earlswood Asylum, and he brought a revolutionary and enlightened approach to the care of people with a learning disability from his home, Normansfield. The Normansfield hospital closed in 1997 and is now the Langdon Down Museum of Learning Disability from which guided tours for groups are organised.

Our visit will last approximately two hours. There will be a presentation, a guided tour of the classrooms and the theatre as well as the Museum.

Dates: Monday, 19th and Monday, 26th January 2015 (state preference on your application form)

Cost: £ 10.50, includes refreshments

Meeting time/point: 2.30 p.m. – Eden Street, Kingston, Bus stop 281

Please complete the application form and send it together with your cheque for **£ 10.50** payable to **Kingston U3A (GAS)** and a **stamped addressed envelope if you do not give an email address** to: Mrs. Jean Das, 233, Malden Way, New Malden KT3 5QW
Tel.: 020 8942 7455

Sounds of the Organ Tuesday 27 January 2015

Liz Magennis has planned **Orchestral Sounds of the Organ**: A visit to St Mary-at-Hill church, Eastcheap. A Baroque recital followed by the pleasure of a professional musical demonstration on the organ, created especially for Kingston U3A by the Director of Music, Robert Mingay Smith. The William Hill organ at St Mary-at-Hill was built in 1848. It is an historic instrument and the church is famous because of this and the fact that Wren was responsible for rebuilding the church after the Great Fire of London. We will look at why the instrument was rebuilt in 2002 and experience the orchestral sounds of the organ.

Date: Tuesday 27 January 2015

Cost: £8

Meeting Place: Wimbledon Underground station at 11.15am, downstairs, near Costa coffee.

N.B. Please bring packed lunch.

Small glass of wine or juice available at the event. Fill in and return the enclosed form together with a cheque payable to: Kingston U3A (Workshops) to Liz Magennis, 46 The Roystons, Berrylands, Surbiton, KT5 8HH. Tel: 020 8241 5513 email: gillyvor@hotmail.com

Confirmation will be by email where possible. **If you do not give an email address please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.**

Two Temple Place Thursday 12 February 2015

Following the successful visits to Two Temple Place this year, a visit to the new 2015 exhibition has been planned. 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 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. The Portland stone 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 hammer-beam roof of Spanish mahogany. There are



fascinating carvings and panels throughout the house.

Our trip will incorporate a guided tour of the house at 11.30, lasting for about an hour, and a chance to see the exhibition which tells the stories of the forgotten collector-philanthropists of the booming industrial north-west. The collection includes rare Egyptology, medieval manuscripts, Turner watercolours, Byzantine icons and many other treasures. We will arrive in time to buy tea or coffee, and cake if desired. The cafe accepts cash only.

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

Date: Thursday 12th February

Time: 10.00am

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

Cost: £8.50 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 £8.50 made payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) and a **stamped, addressed envelope if you do not give an email address** to: Claire Bletcher, 17, Lower Green Road, Esher, KT10 8HE
Tel: 020 8398 7107

The Old Bailey Tuesday 3 March 2015

We are lucky to secure a limited number of places on a tour of the Central Criminal Court, known by the street in which it is situated – Old Bailey – on Tuesday 3 March 2015. The Court is owned and run by the City of London, and our guide is the Secondary of London and Under Sheriff.

Our tour will begin in Court 1 (one of the oldest in the building), where we will learn about the running of the



courts (there are 18 of them). Then we will visit parts of the complex not normally open to the general public, including the Grand Hall, part of London's Roman Wall, and Dead Man's Walk, as well as the cells where prisoners are held when not in the dock. There are stairs to be negotiated.

Tours have to be conducted after the courts close for the day, and so we are



asked to arrive by 5.45pm, to allow time to clear security and to make our way to Court 1. The tour lasts about 90 minutes, so we should be leaving the building before 8pm.

To avoid the problems of travelling as a group across London in the evening rush hour, we will meet at Wimbledon Station. We catch the 4.30pm train towards Luton/Bedford, alighting at City Thameslink Station, from where we walk the 400 metres to the Lord Mayor's entrance to the Old Bailey.

Our guide conducts these tours in his own free time. He donates all the fees to raise funds for The Sheriff's and Recorder's Fund, which aims to help ex-offenders with education, training, clothing and family support, to help cut the rate of re-offending.

Date: Tuesday 3 March 2015

Cost: £10.50 per person

Meeting place: Wimbledon Station Platform 9

Time: 4.15pm

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with your cheque for £10.50 (per person) made payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) to Stewart Keating, 17 Herne Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 5BX (Tel 020 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 best ways of returning to Waterloo Station after the tour.

Do You Dare Age Well?



Ageing well isn't just about keeping the wrinkles at bay. There are a number of health problems which affect women as they grow older, but knowing what you can do about them can improve the quality of your life. In association with Brunel University, we are hosting a workshop to address health issues such as memory, continence problems and hearing. Designed for women aged 65+ and to be informative and fun, the workshop will last for 1 to 2 hours at the end of which women who are interested will be able to sign up to take part in a research programme.

The workshop will take place on 20 January 2015 from 2.00pm. A venue has still to be confirmed but if you are interested please email wilsond115@googlemail.com

Tea Breaks

Following the suggestion of many of you, the cost of tea/coffee is to be rounded up to 50p, as from January 2015. This applies to refreshments provided in Group Leaders' homes.

Could You be a Host?

HOST is a well-established charity which organises visits by young, international university students to volunteer families in the UK. Having a well-educated younger person from another part of the world visit you for a day, a weekend, or over Christmas, is an ideal way of exchanging ideas about your respective cultures. It's an opportunity to take a pride in our own country and to understand more about another one, while showing kindness to someone far from home. It's also great fun.

If you're not sure about doing this on your own, why not get together with another U3A member and make a great international weekend of it? To find out more, please see www.hostuk.org or call HOST 020 7739 6292.

Note from Ed: Friends of mine have been happily hosting foreign students for many years, making firm friendships in the process. They have recently returned from the Far East having been invited to the wedding of one such student.

Newsletter

Deadlines

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 or by post to: 16 Carlton Road, New Malden, KT3 3AJ by the 25th of January, April and July 2015.

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

Distribution

The Newsletter is posted as near as possible to the 25th of the month preceding the December and March Monday Meetings. If it fails to reach you within a reasonable time, or if it is incomplete in any way, please contact Ann Phillips on 8397 0495.

Change of Address

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

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 keith.maund@btinternet.com	8399 9329

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
Needle Craft 2:00 pm 2nd & 4th Mon in month	Lorna Stott 8399 7747	Sbtn
Patchwork: An informal workshop 10.00am 2nd Mon in month	Martine Roscorla 8546 0202 c.roscorla@btinternet.com	NK
Woodcarving tba	Stuart Bailey 89495791 mail@paulabee.plus.com	

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 th Tue Monthly	Ian Parkins 8942 8158 ianparkins@blueyonder.co.uk	NM V
Famous Welsh Men and Women 2pm Wed fortnightly	Margaret Evans 8546 8433	K 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	Sam Artfeld 8394 2434 sam.artfeld1458@ntlworld.com	E
Drawing & Painting Group 4 Wed pm weekly	Carole Leicester 01932 765565 csleicester@gmail.com	Sun V

DRAWING, PAINTING & ART APPRECIATION continued		
Art Appreciation 1: Artists & gallery visits 2.30pm 1st Thu in month	Janet Holland 8549 1641	
Art Appreciation 3: gallery visits and discussion 2.30pm 3 rd and 4th Wed in month	Eva Garland 8979 7166 eva@evagarland.plus.com	VL V
Art Appreciation 4: Artists & gallery visits 2.00pm 2 nd 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 07854453109 svandulken@hotmail.com	VL 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 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 nd & 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
Square Dancing Am Tue weekly - phone before first visit	Wendy Spencer 3556 7449 or 07752431721 Spencer8@tiscali.co.uk	OM V

GAMES & PASTIMES continued		
Film Group 2pm 2nd Wed & 7pm 3rd Thu in Month	Clive Parratt 8399 4352 seepy65@blueyonder.co.uk	Tol V
HISTORY		
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 1st Thurs of month	Clare Collins 8942 6810 Clare.coll@gmail.com	Sbtn V
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 th century 2.30pm Fri monthly	Iain McLean 07817 635739 wimmclean@hotmail.co.uk	CK
Family History 10.30am 1 st 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
Paleography tba	Maggie O'Neill 8948 0946 Magon@waitrose.com	K V
LANGUAGES		
French : Beginners tba Monday weekly	Andree Langdon 8979 26752 Andreelangdon@hotmail.com	WM 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

LANGUAGES continued		
German Conversation 1.30pm Thu fortnightly	Isabel Gracie 8949 5349	NM
German: Intermediate 2.00pm Fri weekly	Shirley Miller 8940 8573 shirley.miller4@btinternet.com	NM V
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
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 V
Books of your choice 10.00am 2nd Tue in month	Audrey Perry 8541 4147 audrey.perry@utoronto.ca	NK
Berrylands Book Group 2.00pm 3rd 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
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 V
MUSIC		
Friday Night is Music Night 7.30pm 1st 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

MUSIC 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 - masterclass 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 £3.00	Contact Lisa Gebbie 8547 6485 Lisa.gebbie@kingston.gov.uk	
VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC		
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

VISITS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ETC continued		
Cinema Group weekly 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 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	Shirley Rees 8977 1374 shirlock.ann@btinternet.com	CK
Short Walks: approx 2 hours 10.30am 1 st and 3 rd Wed in month meet outside TK Maxx Kingston Bridge	Shirley Bolton 8786 2069 a_c_bolton@hotmail.com	CK
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Wild Flowers 10am 2 nd 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
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, WM - West Molesey, 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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