



Chairman's Remarks

As the new Chairman I would like to put on record our members' appreciation for all the hard work Elinor Parker put into Kingston U3A during her three years as Chair. I am fortunate she has remained on the committee so we will continue to benefit from her advice.

What particularly strikes me as I get to know fully about our activities is the range of activities we all take part in. Bearing that in mind, I would point out that next year we celebrate 25 years of Kingston U3A. It is not too early to be thinking about it. Obviously this year the committee will be making plans. We

would welcome ideas from members so we can show Kingston the width of our interests.

Meanwhile I commend the interesting list of speakers we have for the monthly meetings.

I wish you all a happy new year. We can console ourselves with the fact that the days are getting longer, the early daffodils are out and we wait expectantly for the snowdrops!

Richard Hawking

Monthly Meetings

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

Date	Speaker	Subject
2 March	Martin Heard <i>Independent Art Historian and NADFAS Lecturer</i>	Images of a Queen: The portraits of Elizabeth I and the development of Gloriana
13 April	Stephen van Dulken <i>Stephen is one of our own U3A members</i>	Women inventors: An exploration in technology and social history
2 May	Barbara Stephens <i>Chief Executive of Dementia Pathfinders community Interest Groups</i>	Dementia Pathfinders

About Richard Hawkins

Richard Hawking, our new Chair, has had a long and successful career in the law as a barrister and judge. He was called to the bar in 1963 at Gray's Inn, was appointed a circuit judge in 1969 and took silk in 1984. He sat at the Old Bailey from 1992 until 2012.

Richard joined U3A on his retirement, joining the committee in 2013.

His wife, Annie, who he married in 1969, is also a Kingston U3A member. They have two children, a son Ben who is a teacher in the far East, and a daughter, Vickie. She is Executive Director of the UK arm of Medicins Sans Frontiers, the humanitarian medical organization.

New Groups

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 (shown on page 13):

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

Numismatics

Money – we use it every day and most of us cannot get enough of it. We don't usually think about the design or history of our coins and notes; we just spend them! These miniature works of art are fascinating and can tell us a great deal about history, geography, economics and politics.

You may have noticed the dozens of variations in the 50p and £1 coins and the significant number of £2 and £5 coins.

This group will explore the history and background of these items. You may even spot a coin with an error in your change, or a rarer item like the Kew Gardens 50p (now changing hands for £20 to £120).

Medals (campaign and commemorative) and tokens will also be examined. The frequency and format of meetings will be decided at the first meeting on Tuesday 31st March 2015 at 2.00 pm

If interested please contact:
Ron Williams: 8399 2063 or
k.n.s.@heraldstar.co.uk

Poetry

If enough people are interested a new poetry group will start in the New Malden area, probably on Thursdays mornings. It will be a workshop with everyone taking turns to present a theme.

If interested, please contact:
Jean Das: 8942 7455 or
blueheaven611@yahoo.co.uk

Gardening

Margaret Stroud is prepared to recommence the Gardening Group.

Meetings will be as before, on the last Wednesday of the month, but in members' homes, instead of a church hall.

The first meeting will be in Margaret's house on Wednesday 29th April 2015, 2.15 – 4.00 pm

All gardening group members and others interested should contact: Margaret Stroud: 8942 0395 or magistroud@talktalk.net

Drawing and Painting

Various Media.

This group would like to recruit more members.

It meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2.00pm in The United Reformed Church where we hold our monthly meetings.

Please contact:

Carolyn Forsyth: 8255 1746 or caro15@blueyonder.co.uk

Family History

This is a very popular pursuit and we have requests to form a second group.

However, we need someone with sufficient expertise to help people find their way through the process of researching a family tree.

Anyone willing to do this please contact:

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

Longer Walks

N.B. The fact that the "Longer Walks" group no longer meets was accidentally left out of the last newsletter, so apologies to anyone who might have been interested.

Seminars

The following events have been organized by Liz Magennis

A Talk on British Sign Language by Nina Booker

A Primary School Teacher specialising in Special Needs & an enthusiast about BSL, Nina Booker's talk will be a general introduction to the topic, issues concerning people with hearing impairment and some basic & simple instruction on the signs themselves. If members are keen, Nina will consider taking the topic further on future occasions. She suggests, if you wish, looking at the following link but it is NOT essential for the talk:

www.british-sign.co.uk/bsl-british-sign-language/fingerspelling-alphabet-charts/

Date and Time: Saturday 16th May 2015 at 11.00am- 1.00pm;

Cost: £8 (to cover Nina's travel expenses & light refreshments).

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

12 Years before the Past

An untrained worker in the Textile Conservation Studio @ Hampton Court

A talk by Christine Housden who has much experience of working with historical costume:

Date: Wednesday 20 May 2015, 11.00am- 1.00pm

This event is free but a small donation for refreshments would be appreciated. Email, write or phone for a place:

The venue for both events is 46 The Roystons, Berrylands, Surbiton, KT5 8HH. Enquiries to gillyvor@hotmail.com or Tel 8241 5513

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

HOGARTH TO GAINSBOROUGH – Painting in Eighteenth Century England

Friday, 20th March 2015

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.

THE NHS AND THE FUTURE

Friday, 17th April 2015

The National Health Service (NHS) is, as its new CEO, Simon Stevens has said, “at a crossroads and needs to change and improve as it moves forward”. It can continue to improve while sustaining its founding principles of ‘Care free at the point of use and funded by taxation’ but change is essential. Both government action and changes in attitude towards health by all members of society are needed, with an upgrade in prevention and public health; patients taking more control of their own care; breaking of boundaries between GPs, hospitals, social services and physical and mental health to reflect the needs of our ageing population; and investments in workforce, technology and innovation. These challenges will be outlined by an administrator, business consultant and senior general practitioner.

Tutors – Martin W Roberts, Stephen Potter, Prof Sir Denis Pereira Gray, OBE

THE STORY OF STONEHENGE

Friday, 15th May 2015

Tutor – Professor Michael Parker Pearson

The main aims of the day are to provide participants with an up-to-date knowledge of research into Stonehenge and its wider context, to appreciate some of the advances made using scientific techniques, and to explore the various theories about Stonehenge. These will include a review of prehistoric megalithic monument building, exploring

Stonehenge's chronological and geographical significance; an overview of the stones erected at Stonehenge and the theories behind their selection, transport and erection plus a review of the recent discoveries of houses and settlement remains near Stonehenge.



Stonehenge and Salisbury Tuesday, 31 March 2015



When Samuel Pepys visited Stonehenge he declared: 'God knows what their use was!' Indeed, built over a span of 1500 years and 60 generations it is unlikely that the last folk here had any idea what the first folk had intended. It is still a mystery

and so the modern Druids and the archaeologists bump along with an uneasy timeshare of Britain's most important pre-historic monument. The new Stonehenge Visitor Centre opened just over a year ago and is very good. The weather at the end of March may not be the best – but come dressed with a warm vest and gloves and you will enjoy the huge moody skies, together with the omnipresent rocks, that give the stones their special atmosphere.

We meet our guide at Stonehenge and buy morning refreshments before a ride out to the stones to hear all about one of Britain's greatest mysteries. For the first time in living memory you can walk all the way around the monument. Back at the visitor centre investigate the Neolithic houses and stand inside a 360° projection of the stones to experience Midsummer, the Winter Solstice and a brilliant starlit night.

On the way to Salisbury our guide will show us details of the pre-historic landscape and we will drive through Britain's oldest continually occupied settlement and past the ruins of Old Sarum.

In Salisbury you will have time to buy lunch in one of the many eateries and in the afternoon our guided tour begins in the beautiful Cathedral Close (where Ted Heath used to live) and continues into the Cathedral where a highlight will be the best of just four surviving copies

of the Magna Carta, signed by a reluctant King John 800 years ago.



After time to buy tea in the Cathedral refectory we will be back on the coach heading home at about 4.45 p.m. The total walking required during the whole outing is approximately 800m.

Date: Tuesday, 31st March 2015

Cost: £ 42.70 (includes coach, guided tours, tips, but not refreshments or lunch)

Meeting point/time:

a. 7.45 a.m. – Kingston, High Street, opposite the Rose Theatre

b. 8.00 a.m. - Surbiton, Ewell Road, Bus stop 'Surbiton Telephone Exchange'

If you are interested in joining this outing please complete the attached application form and send it together with your cheque for £ 42.70 payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) and a **stamped self-addressed envelope** if you do not give an email address to Gisela Zürcher-Feiß, 37, The Byeways, Surbiton KT5 8HT - Tel 8399 4990

Brighton Town Walk
On and Off the Beaten Track
- and the Royal Pavilion
Wednesday 6 May 2015 and
Thursday 4 June 2015



We meet at Clapham Junction station, where Kingston U3A member Stewart Keating will provide you with day-return train tickets to Brighton. At Brighton we will be met by our guide, Brighton U3A member Peter Tarshis. First we go to a café in the local United Reform Church for coffee. Then off we go to the Pavilion to start the walk proper.

This walk will visit some of the most well known and many less well-known sites and sights in Brighton.

We will start at the Royal Pavilion, make our way to the sea-front and then turn inland through the Lanes (the original town of Brighton) and, via various Twittens, head uphill to St Nicholas Church with its Mediaeval tower, Norman font and 15th Century rood screen.

Then, via more Twittens, where we find out about Brighton's industrial past, we go into the trendy North Laine area of the city and what were some of the

worst 19th Century slums in England (now transformed!).

The whole walk should take about 90 min to 2 hours and we end back at the Royal Pavilion.

During the walk you will hear some funny, and some far from funny, stories of Brighton's past. At the end of the walk you will have a general idea of how Brighton grew into one of the most popular resorts in UK, and will appreciate that Brighton is more than a seaside resort.

After the walk we go to the Pavilion for a self-guided audio tour. The Pavilion also has a café, where you can buy lunch and tea. After you have toured the Pavilion, make your own way back to the station (about a 15 min walk, or by local bus) for the return to London; there are two trains an hour, at 26 and 56 mins past the hour, and the journey time to Clapham Junction is about 45 mins).

Dates: Wednesday 6 May and Thursday 4 June

Cost: £22.10 per person which includes day-return ticket from London Zone 6 to Brighton, and admission to the Royal Pavilion. Please note that the train tickets you will be given at Clapham Junction are valid (on the day of travel only) for travel from London Zone 6. You must have a valid ticket to the Zone 6 boundary – such as your Freedom Pass. The cost does not include refreshments.

Meeting place: Clapham Junction station, Platform 13, at the Information booth. Please note there are stairs to be negotiated at Clapham Junction.

Time: 10.00 am – don't be late: the Brighton train leaves soon after 10.00am.

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send it with your cheque for £22.10 (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 a reminder of travel arrangements as well as a map of Brighton, which you should bring with you on the day.



Down House is where Charles Darwin, the famous scientist, lived and worked. With its unique place in the history of science, Down House is one of the major visitor attractions in the South East.

See the study where Darwin wrote "On the Origin of Species" still as it was when he worked here, and stroll through the extensive gardens that so inspired the great scientist.

Equally fascinating are the glimpses you get into the life of the Darwins in the family rooms.



There is also an interactive multimedia tour, narrated by David Attenborough, to tell you more about how Darwin developed his ideas.

Our visit will include coffee on arrival and a buffet lunch.

Date: Friday 22 May 2015

Cost: £24.00 for members of English Heritage (please bring your membership card with you)

£32.00 for non members

Meeting point and time:

a) 9.00am: Kingston High St. opposite the Rose Theatre

b) 9.15am: Surbiton, Ewell Rd., "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, 8, Maple Leaf House, 67-69 Maple Rd., Surbiton KT6 4AG

If you do not give an email address on your application form, **please also include a stamped self-addressed envelope.**

Eltham Palace & Thames Cruise Monday 22 June 2015



Today we travel to Eltham Palace in south east London. On arrival we will have time for morning coffee before our guided tour of the Palace.

Eltham Palace was the childhood home of Henry VIII and the medieval Great Hall survives from this period. In the 1930s Stephen and Virginia Courtauld built a mansion adjoining the medieval Great Hall and created an Art Deco masterpiece. We will be welcomed to the mansion as guests of the Courtauld millionaire. We will be able to walk into Virginia Courtauld's wardrobe and try on her hats, look into the gold-tiled bathroom and breath in her favourite perfume.

We will stay at Eltham Palace for lunch. There is a café serving light lunches or you can bring a picnic and lunch in the gardens. There will be time to wander in the gardens before we depart for Greenwich with our guide and board a boat for a cruise along the Thames to Westminster pier where we arrive about 4.30pm. There are toilets and a bar on board where we can buy

hot and cold drinks. Our coach will meet us at the pier and take us back to Surbiton and Kingston.

This tour involves a certain amount of walking (about half a mile plus the gardens) and is therefore not suitable for those with mobility impairment.

Date: Monday 22 June 2015

Cost: £38.30 NB: For English Heritage members there will be a £10 refund on the day on production of a valid EH card.

Boarding time/ point:

a) 8.45 a.m. High Street , Kingston – opp. The Rose Theatre

b) 9.00 a.m. Ewell Road, bus stop “Telephone Exchange”, Surbiton

Please send the completed application form and your cheque made payable to Kingston U3A (GAS) for £38.30

plus a stamped self-addressed envelope if you do not give an email address to: Moira Shearer, 35c St Andrews Square, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4EG – Tel 8390 6356

South East U3A Forum

More Learning; More Enjoyment

Wednesday 22 April 2015 at Meridian Hall, East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LT

The South East U3A Forum Conference will again be held in 2015, bringing together U3As across the

South East. This popular and valuable event gives members across this large region an opportunity to meet, exchange views and news, and hear of innovations and examples of good practice.

Carole Millin, National Training Support Officer of the Third Age Trust will be talking about learning developments in the U3A movement and Anthony Hughes, Trustee for Wales, will be talking about use of technology within U3As to aid learning, sharing and their efficient running. Our new Regional Trustee, Hilvary Robinson, will be talking about her vision for the future of the South East Region. There will be opportunities to learn about interesting U3A activities across the South East and to take part in discussion groups on topics which, it is hoped, will include some of your current interests and concerns.

Again this year, through support from the Trust’s Regional Support budget, the Conference and a light buffet lunch is free of charge. Attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis and is open to all members, who should apply individually. The conference will close at 15.30 to make travelling home easier.

Bookings must be made by 14 April or earlier if possible. Full information and booking forms can be accessed via our website, www.kingstonu3a.org.uk

The Castles, Historic Houses and Gardens of North Wales

Five days from Monday 19th October 2015



Caernarfon Castle

We depart in our private executive coach and en route to our hotel we visit the National Memorial Arboretum near Litchfield. On arrival in Caernarfon we check in at the 3* Celtic Royal Hotel for a four night stay on half-board basis.

The next morning we meet our Blue Badge Guide who will accompany us throughout the day. First we visit Caernarfon Castle. Begun in 1283 as the definitive chapter in Edward I's conquest of Wales, Caernarfon was constructed not only as a military stronghold but also as a seat of government and royal palace. We then visit the National Trust's Plas Newydd Country House and Gardens. Associated with the 1st Marquess of Anglesey, who commanded the cavalry at the Battle of Waterloo, Plas Newydd is a beautiful 18th Century Country House with spectacular views across the Menai Strait to Snowdonia.



Portmeirion

On day 3 we visit, with our guide, Portmeirion and in the afternoon enjoy a scenic excursion on the Festiniog Narrow Gauge Railway from Minffordd Station to Blaenau Festiniog. We continue to the LLechwedd Slate Caverns where you may choose to embark on the Victorian Mine Tour (there are 61 steps to climb down and 70 steps to climb up again). The tour involves a ride on the steepest cable railway in Britain before we all hear about the life of a Victorian family at work in the mines. The entrance fee for the Victorian Mine Tour is not included in the Tour price.

Day 4 brings us to the NT property at Bodnant Gardens. Featuring huge Italianate terraces and offering stunning views across to Snowdonia, this is one of the world's most spectacular gardens. In the afternoon we have a guided tour of Conwy Castle. Completed in 1287 and one of Edward I's chain of Welsh fortresses, Conwy Castle is a gritty, dark stoned fortress which has the rare ability to

evoke an authentic medieval atmosphere. In the afternoon you may also choose to visit the NT's Aberconwy House dating from the 14th Century.

On day 5, after checking out of our hotel, we visit the award winning Compton Verney art gallery. Located in the setting of a grade 1 listed Robert Adam mansion, Compton Verney contains an outstanding collection of British, Neopolitan, Germanic and Chinese paintings.

Cost: £ 410.00 pp sharing a twin room

£ 75.00 deposit - non-refundable, payable with booking

£ 99.00 single room supplement

£ 16.00 insurance – upper age limit: 85 years

For a detailed booking form please complete the enclosed application form and send it **with a stamped self-addressed envelope** (not too small please) to:

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

Kingston U3A Singers



The choir held their popular Christmas concert on Saturday 13 December at New Malden Methodist Church.

Their choir master, Glyn Harvey, conducted and was accompanied by Peter Bullett at the piano and the organ. The choir sang a varied selection of popular pieces from musicals and light opera.

At this 100-year anniversary the first half concluded with a selection of memories of the First World War Christmas truce, when soldiers emerged from their trenches and fraternised, exchanging beer and cigarettes, the Germans singing 'Stille Nacht'.

The second half reverted to a traditional programme of carols. There were also solos and readings by members of the choir.

The evening ended with a happy rendition of 'The Stable Carol' by Vaughan Meakins.

The next concert will be on Saturday 9 May at the same venue.

A Question of Age

As you get older does life become a bore?
Are you like a lion that's lost its roar ?
Are you like a shark with no teeth just gums?
Alone on a reef without any chums
Are you like a fish who cannot swim?
Or a couch potato in a gym
Is your vision twenty twenty?
Or do you exit through the entry
Is your hearing on the wane?
No I did not say it's going to rain
Do you arrive before you go
And can't remember so and so
Do you go before you went
And can't think what someone meant
Is laying in bed what you do best?
Are you lacking energy and zest?
Do you look before you leap?
Or are you already half asleep
At parties over your drink do you linger longer?
Or do you jump up and join the conga
Well, I've found a way to buck the trend
The passage of time I can transcend
For I have joined the U3a
And life's getting better every day

Robin Clarke

Have You Time For Tea?



The tea team need some more volunteers to help serve teas at our monthly meetings. They are a really friendly group and the job isn't onerous: each team of 4 does duty just 3 times a year. Please consider whether you could help, and ring Ann Rice (8399 6254) or email jmr.64@tiscali.co.uk

Change of Address

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

Newsletter

The newsletter is published quarterly.

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, July and October each year.

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 February, May, August and November each year. 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.

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@paulabee29.plus.com	NM V
DISCUSSIONS		
Talkback: Discussion of topical issues 10.30am 2nd Wed in month	Stephanie Leitch 8546 9216 stephanie@stalbans66.plus.com	NK V
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
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 V
Drawing & Painting Group 2: various media 2.00pm Tue weekly	Carolyn Forsyth 8255 1746 Caro15@blueyonder.co.uk	K V
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 V
Architecture Mon monthly tba	Stephen 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 1: For all levels 2.00pm 2nd & 4th Mon in month	Sylvia Oates 8974 8821	NK
Scrabble Group 2 2.00pm Tues twice monthly	Jean Evans 8546 2853 sevans662@btinternet.com	NrH
Scrabble Group 3 2.00 - 4.30 pm Wed fortnightly	John Cooke 8546 9213	NK
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 V
Social History Group 2 1 st 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
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 2nd Fri in month	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
LANGUAGES		
French : Beginners tba Monday weekly	Andree Langdon 8979 2652 andreelangdon2013@gmail.com	WM
French: Intermediate 2.00pm Thu weekly	Gisela Zürcher Feiß 8399 4990 gzuercher@btinternet.com	Sbtn
French: Intermediate 10.30am Tue fortnightly	Isabel Gracie 8949 5349	NM
French Conversation: Intermediate 10.00am Tue weekly	Marcel Ladenheim 8399 7451 marselad2000@yahoo.co.uk	Sbtn
French Conversation: Intermediate 10:30 Thu weekly	Robin Clarke 8390 1649 robin345@live.co.uk	V
German Conversation 1.30pm Thu fortnightly	Isabel Gracie 8949 5349	NM

LANGUAGES 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
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 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
Poetry Reading Group 4 tba Thu am	Jean Das 8952 7455 Bluehaven611@yahoo.co.uk	NM 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 V
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 19 th and 20 th 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
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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 07768 643663 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
Gardening Starts 25 April - see newsletter	Margaret Stroud 8942 0395 magistroud@talktalk.net	V
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	Kathleen Seed 8540 6527 km50seed@gmail.com	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: Chsgtn - Chessington, CK - Central Kingston, E - Ewell, EM - East Molesey, HW - Hampton Wick, K - Kingston, NrH - near Hospital, NM - New Malden, 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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