Kingston U3A news Bulletin October 2019 Issue No 23

Welcome to this month’s news bulletin where there’s a variety of study days, events, concerts and chances to get involved with local affairs at Kingston university and All Saints Church. You still have time to apply for London Region’s study day on Czech music, there’s a piano recital in Claygate and Christmas concerts in the City. The Third Age Trust still has tickets for the talk on Roman London. To finish we’ve the usual reminder of some of the talks and speakers at our next few monthly meetings.

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SW London Consortium of U3As: study day

Extinction or Survival: our future on the planet?

Programme

10.15-10.50am Registration and coffee

10.50am Welcome and introduction

11am-12.30pm Environmentalism: Future of Cities. Speaker: Charles Wood (Energy UK)

12.30-1.15pm Lunch

1.15-2.15pm Assisted Dying: Do Go Gentle into that Good Night

Alcoholism and Euthanasia. Speaker: Kevin McCarron (Roehampton University)

2.15-2.30pm Tea break

2.30-3.30pm Human Hybrids: Human-Animals and Human-Machines

Speakers: Ariel Kahn and Amy Waite (Roehampton University)

3.30-3.45pm Conclusion

Time: 10.15am-4pm

Date: Tuesday, 5 November

Place: Roehampton University, Roehampton Lane, SW15 5PU

Cost: £15 (includes free parking and a light lunch)

Further information and booking: Please see the Kingston U3A website.

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Concert in Claygate

The Oxshott and Cobham Music Society in Claygate begins its 78th season with an opportunity to hear the Pixels Ensemble perform three famous piano quartets by Brahms, Mozart and Schumann.

Time: 8 pm (6.50pm for a pre-concert talk)

Date: Saturday, 19 October

Place: Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Claygate, KT10 0JP

Cost: £10 at the door

Further information: www.ocms-music.org.uk

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London Region Music Day: Music of the Czechs

Topics include:

* Music of the Czechs: historical and geographical context
* Evocations of Prague
* Bedřich Smetana – a Czech icon
* Czech Folk Songs
* Another Kind of Nationalism: the development of the Czech string quartet
* Dvořák in England

Time: 10am-4.30pm

Date: Saturday, 9 November

Place: King’s Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9AG (nearest station is King’s Cross)

Cost: £25 (including refreshments on arrival)

Further information:

* [Full details of the programme](https://u3asites.org.uk/files/l/london-region/docs/lrmusicdaynov2019programme2019.09.01.pdf)
* [Online booking form](https://u3alondonregion.wufoo.com/forms/q1da7adg0yx1oe4/)
* [Download postal booking form](https://u3asites.org.uk/files/l/london-region/docs/lrmusicdaynov2019postalapplication2019.09.01.pdf)

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Brandenburg Traditional Christmas Concerts

Accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies, these concerts are guarantee to get you into the Christmas spirit with a wide range of festive music, seasonal readings and opportunities to join in with a few traditional and well-known carols. The Brandenburg Singers, directed by Bob Porter, will be performing.

There’ll be an interval presentation on the history and architecture of the two churches where the concerts will be held.

Friday, 6 December

2pm

St Bartholomew the Great, 6 Kinghorn Street, London, EC1A 7HW

Saturday, 7 December

2pm

St Stephen Walbrook, 39 Walbrook, London EC4N 8BN

Tickets: £19.50 See the TicketSource website [https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Brandenburg%20traditional%20christmas%20concert]

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For group bookings, please email bob@brandenburg.org.uk.

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Third Age Trust events

Beneath Your Fee: Hidden Depths of Roman London

There are still tickets available for the event on 21 Novemmber.

Discover more about the City’s ancient history as the Archaeologist of London’s Guildhall Art Gallery leads this study day in the remains of London’s Roman Amphitheatre. You can also take part in a Roman lamp-making workshop and create your own clay oil lamps. The day ends with a guided visit to the nearby Temple of Mithras in the heart of the City.

The gallery opens at 10am if you wish to look around before the event.

Time: 10.30am-4pm

Date: Thursday, 21 November CHECK AVAILABILITY BEFORE PUBLISHING

Place: Guildhall Art Gallery, Guildhall Yard, London, EC2V 5AE

Cost: £23.50, including welcome refreshments (Lunch is **not** provided.)

Further information and booking: Please see the [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beneath-your-feet-hidden-depths-of-roman-london-tickets-67963906875) website.

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Kingston University events

Here is an event which may be of interest to you. For a full list, see on the [Kingston University](https://www.kingston.ac.uk/events/all-events/) website.

Civic Showcase 2019

Kingston University staff and students will be visiting Kingston town centre to highlight the key role the University plays within the local community. The event is open to everyone and celebrates the local and regional impact of both students and staff.

Alongside expert talks and panel discussions, those attending will be able to go to a range of exhibitions and live performances, and get involved in activities which demonstrate the opportunities the University brings to residents and businesses.

Time: 4-8pm

Date: Monday, 14 October

Place: Guildhall, High Street, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1EU

Cost: Free but booking is essential. Please go to the Eventbrite website [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kingston-university-civic-showcase-2019-tickets-71641793533 ] to reserve your place.

Further information: See the Kingston University website. [https://www.kingston.ac.uk/events/item/3449/14-oct-2019-civic-showcase-2019/]

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All Saints Church, Kingston: welcome volunteers wanted

Welcome volunteers play a vital role in helping All Saints remain at the heart of community life in Kingston. They are the public face of the church, greeting all visitors and answering basic questions about the church and its history, as well as highlighting upcoming events and local information.

Activities could include:

* welcoming the public and engaging them in the stories of All Saints
* answering queries and providing customer service
* promoting upcoming events and pointing out other ways visitors can get more actively involved
* reporting any serious issues, concerns, accidents and emergencies promptly.

If you are interested or would like more information, please email heritage@allsaintskingston.co.uk the subject matter ‘Welcome Volunteer’ or call 020 8541 5371.

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U3A monthly meetings

4 November: Fiona Smith or a member of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will guide us through the importance of history and the reason why we must never forget our war dead.

2 December: Andy Thomas offers us a Celebratory History of Christmas, a deeper understanding of the history of Christmas.

6 January: Annual quiz

These meetings are for **members** only:

Time: 2pm (doors open at 1.30pm)

Place: United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston

Cost: £1

Coffee and biscuits are available after the talk.

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The next Kingston U3A news bulletin will be emailed to you around the middle of December. Please forward any contributions or suggestions to Susan Hinchsliffe at communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk by Thursday, 31 October. The next quarterly newsletter will out the week of 25 November. If you have any items for this newsletter, please submit them to Susan by Friday, 18 October.

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In the meantime, please check the [Kingston U3A](http://www.kingstonu3a.org.uk/) website regularly. Many thanks.

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Please note: If you wish your name to be removed from Kingston U3A’s email list, please notify Linda Foreman or Susan Hinchsliffe.