

## Kingston U3a News Bulletin – 19 September 2017

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer months and are looking forward to continuing your activities with the U3A. This month's issue brings you news of several special events at the National Gallery, the British Library, the Royal Institution and Kingston University; an invitation to take part in some research at University College London; a reminder about our next meetings in Kingston; a study day on holidays in the 50s and 60s; and a preliminary announcement about next year's Summer School in Chichester.

But, before these events, a quick reminder. If you haven't done so already, please make sure you send off the necessary form and your cheque to renew your U3A membership. A copy of the form was enclosed with the latest printed newsletter. Alternatively, you could pay at the next U3A monthly meeting on Monday, 2 October. Your prompt payment would be much appreciated.

### Research in auditory processing at UCL

University College London (UCL) is aiming to investigate the effect of ageing on motor control in speech. Researchers would like to invite around 10 monolingual British English speakers, 65-80 years old, to participate in their studies. Before the study, the researchers would ask you to complete a general background information questionnaire. The study itself involves one or two visits to UCL's lab in Chandler House, WC1N 1PF.

Further information and contact details are available on UCL's [website](#).

Please note that if you have applied for this study in a previous round, UCL asks that you not apply again.

### U3A explores science at the Ri

At this special U3A event at the Royal Institution three speakers will talk about the following subjects:

- Where are the Aliens? What can modern results in astrobiology tell us about the prospects for finding intelligent life elsewhere in the Universe? (Ian Crawford)
- How do we know anything? And how can we know things better? (Michael de Podesta)
- Wild at heart but captive in gut: exploring the effects of life in captivity on the gut microbiomes of rereleased chimpanzees (Catie Williams)

Each presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

**Time:** 1pm-5pm

**Date:** Monday, 16 October 2017

**Place:** The Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, London, W1S 4BS

**Cost:** £21.50

**Further information and tickets:** See the [Eventbrite](#) website.

## **1,000 years of illumination**

The British Library holds one of the finest collections of illuminated manuscripts in the world, both religious and secular. Come along and hear experts talk about the cultural and artistic context of these manuscripts.

**Time:** 10.30am-4pm

**Date:** Monday, 23 October 2017

**Place:** Knowledge Centre Theatre, British Library Knowledge Centre, Level 1, British Library, 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB (Entrance is via the Library's main piazza.)

**Cost:** £24

**Further information and tickets:** See the [Eventbrite](#) website.

## **Setting the scene: landscape painting at the National Gallery**

The National Gallery invites you to a U3A study day tracing the history of landscape painting c1250-1900.

**Time:** 11am-4pm

**Date:** Monday, 14 November 2017

**Place:** Sainsbury Wing Theatre, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 5DN

**Cost:** £21.50

**Further information and tickets:** See the [Eventbrite](#) website.

## **Study day: Holidays in the 50s and 60s**

This study day is being run by the SW London Network and will look at how the British holiday has changed in our life time.

**Time:** 10.30am-4pm

**Date:** Thursday, 16 November 2017

**Place:** Richard Mayo Hall, United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston

**Cost:** £8 (includes tea/coffee on arrival)

**Further information and booking:** Download the [leaflet](#) from the Kingston U3A website.

## **Summer School, Chichester 2018: dates for your diary**

Next year's Summer School will be held Monday 18-Thursday, 21 June.

Keep your eye on the [South-East U3A](#) website for details.

## **Kingston U3A monthly meetings**

- **Monday, 2 October:** David Hassard will speak on Kingston's aircraft history.
- **Monday, 6 November:** David Pearson's topic will be 'Blessed are the Cheesemakers'. John is an international cheese judge and will describe encounters with suppliers and customers.

Meetings are open only to members and are usually held at the United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston at 2pm (doors open from 1.30pm). £1 charge for members. Cost includes tea and biscuits.

## **Kingston University events**

List of forthcoming events:

### **Business breakfast: doing business in Europe in the Brexit age**

**Time:** 8am-10am

**Date:** Thursday, 12 October 2017

**Place:** to be confirmed

**Further information and tickets:** See the [Kingston University](#) website.

### **Playback at Kingston University**

Playback brings together in one exhibition over 200 short films made by young artist-film makers. With some of the films originally made with Kingston University, this is your chance to see the work of your peers and local artists on the big screen.

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 October-Saturday, 4 November 2017

**Place:** Platform Exhibition Space, Kingston School of Art at Knights Park, Grange Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2QJ

**Cost:** free

**Further information:** See the [Kingston University](#) website.

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The next email news bulletin will be towards the end of October. Please forward any contributions or suggestions to Susan Hinchsliffe at [communications@kingstonu3a.co.uk](mailto:communications@kingstonu3a.co.uk) by mid-October. Many thanks.