

## **Kingston U3A News Bulletin - 14 December 2018 no 16**

As Christmas approaches, we have a sackful of goodies for your delectation next year. Researchers at University College, London are looking for volunteers to help them study the effects of bilingualism. There are details of the courses at South East forum's summer school and a reminder of Surrey Network's study days on a variety of topics. The Third Age Trust, meanwhile, has an interesting event on Anglo-Saxon manuscripts and book art at the British Library. Kingston U3A has a new walking group and, if you play the violin, there's an invitation to join a string quartet. Kingston University is offering a variety of bird-watching, gardening and study events. Kingston U3A is looking for a Speakers Secretary and finally there's a reminder about our first meeting next year on 7 January ... the Kingston U3A annual quiz.

It just remains for us to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### **Research project: Brain study - bilingualism**

Students at University College, London are researching how the brain processes different languages.

They are looking for volunteers to participate in their research. You must:

- be bilingual
- have a language other than English as your first language
- be 35-80 years old
- have never had a brain injury

The study involves a series of computer-based tasks and a short brain-scanning session. You will be reimbursed for your time and travel expenses.

**Further information:** please contact [eva.thomas@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:eva.thomas@ucl.ac.uk).

### **South East forum: summer school**

The 14th annual summer school will take place at Chichester University, 24-27 June next year.

There will be courses on bridge, cycling, falconry, family history, folk dancing, maths, music, painting, patchwork and quilting, psychology, walking and yoga.

**Further information:** please see [Full details of courses](#).

**Booking:** [Booking information](#) and [Booking form](#)

## **Surrey Network: study days – a reminder**

Please see the [Network's](#) website for forthcoming study days. Places are still available and subjects include:

- Philosophy
- The Bayeux Tapestry and its historical background
- The Aztecs
- People and places of Surrey
- Mathematics in action

Registration is already open for some of these events. Dates for registering for future study days are listed on the website.

## **Third Age Trust: Anglo-Saxon Manuscripts and Book Art**

A day at the British Library hearing from experts about the sophisticated art found in manuscripts from the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. The talks will explore the interconnected cultural world of illuminated manuscripts from Britain, Ireland and continental Europe.

**Date:** Monday, 4 February

**Time:** 10.30am-4pm

**Place:** The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB

**Cost:** £24

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

## **Walking group**

Kingston U3A has a new walking group, who plan to meet on alternate Tuesdays. The next walk will be on Tuesday, 8 January and thereafter at fortnightly intervals, weather permitting. Various walks (six to 10 miles long) are scheduled and will usually take two and a half to four hours.

Details of the next walk will be sent out early in the new year to those people who have expressed interest.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact: [Pamela Townsend](#) or [Graeme Campbell](#).

## **String quartet**

If you play the violin and would like to join a string quartet, please contact [Jennie Fairweather](#), tel: 020 8391 5164. Jennie plays the cello at grade 4/5 level.

## Kingston U3A: Booking speakers for our meetings

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of booking speakers for our monthly meetings. You would be expected to:

- book speakers and agree details
- welcome speakers on the day and look after them.

It might be possible to split the role, if you don't feel you can undertake both tasks.

It is essential that we find one or two people to take on this role, otherwise we will not be able to hold our monthly meetings.

If you are interested and would like more details, please contact: [communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk](mailto:communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk). Many thanks.

## Kingston University events in January and February

Here are a few of the events early next year which may be of interest to you. For a full list, see [Kingston University](#) website.

### Kingston Biodiversity Network

Come along and join local conservation groups for their quarterly conservation talks and networking session. Find out what the different groups are doing in the Kingston area and how you can volunteer to get involved.

**Date:** Wednesday, 16 January

**Time:** 7-9pm

**Place:** Clattern Lecture Theatre, Penrhyn Road campus, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 2EE

**Cost:** free

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

### RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2019

An opportunity to take part in next year's survey.

**Dates:** Friday, 25 January-Monday, 28 January

**Cost:** free

**Further information:** Please see the [Kingston University](#) website or contact Sivi Sivanesan, tel: 020 8417 3234, email: [biodiversity@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:biodiversity@kingston.ac.uk)

### **Faith and Spirituality Book Group**

This informal group of students, staff and local people, led by the University's Faith Advisor and All Saints Church Kingston, reads short, non-sacred texts to explore what they contribute to faith, belief, ethics, ideology, morality and religion.

**Date:** Monday, 4 February

**Time:** 7-8.30pm

**Place:** Quiet Room (Room 0032), Faith Centre, Penrhyn Road campus, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2EE

**Cost:** free

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

### **Orchard maintenance at Dorich House with the Orchard Project**

This year work will continue in the historic orchard and on the mulberry tree.

**Date:** Wednesday, 6 February

**Time:** 12.30-4pm

**Place:** Dorich House Museum, Kingston Vale, London, SW15 3RN

**Cost:** free

**Registration:** Booking is essential to attend this event.

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

### **Ditch Restoration**

Come along and help in efforts to reinstate functioning ditches for the benefit of wildlife at Tolworth Court.

**Date:** Saturday, 9 February

**Time:** 10am-4.30pm

**Place:** Tolworth Court, Old Kingston Road, Tolworth, Surrey, KT4 7QH

**Price:** free

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

## U3A monthly meetings

### 7 January: Meeting – U3A quiz

Please arrive in good time as we have to make a prompt start at 2pm. We are limited to the numbers we can accommodate round the tables, so we'll operate a first come, first served system.

There is a charge of £1 for entry which includes tea and biscuits at the end of the quiz.

### 4 February: Rembrandt's women

Colin Wiggins, recently of the National Gallery, will talk on the above subject.

These monthly 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 out to you towards the middle of January. Please forward any contributions or suggestions to Susan Hinchsliffe at [communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk](mailto:communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk) by Monday, 14 January.

In the meantime, please check the [Kingston U3A](#) 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](#).