

Kingston U3A News Bulletin 13 January 2020 No 25

Happy New Year and welcome to our first news bulletin of 2020. Although we're only in January, dates and agendas for this year's summer schools are already falling into place and you'll find details below. The Third Age Trust has three interesting study days on offer – a literary one looking at children's books, a scientific one and an artistic one examining the depiction of animals in paintings. The usual suggestions of events at Kingston University and a listing of our forthcoming regular meetings end this month's news bulletin.

Summer Schools

A reminder that the programmes of the summer schools are already out. We advertised some details in December's news bulletin but you can find further information below:

Regional Summer Schools

- [South East Forum](#)
 - Monday, 15-Thursday, 18 June
 - University of Chichester
 - More information: [South East Forum](#) website
- [London Region](#)
 - Tuesday, 21-Thursday, 23 July
 - St. Bride Institute, off Fleet Street
 - More information: [London Region](#) website

Subject Summer School

- [Science Network Conference](#)
 - Monday, 10-Thursday, 13 August
 - Aston, Birmingham
 - More information: [Science Network](#) website
 - Join the Science Network [mailing list](#) for updates.

National Summer Schools

- [Birmingham](#)
 - Monday, 3-Thursday, 6 August
 - Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET
 - More information available at the end of January
- [Cirencester](#)
 - Monday, 7-Thursday, 10 September
 - Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, GL7 6JS
 - More information available at the end of January

If you are interested in the two events above, please keep your eye on the [U3A national website](#).

Third Age Trust events

Close Encounters of the Animal Kind

When is a cat just a cat? Certainly not at the National Gallery, where animals in paintings hold a range of meanings and are particularly significant for what they tell us about ourselves.

Join National Gallery experts to hear about the rich history of animal symbolism in Western art, from the Renaissance to the present day, in works by artists such as Uccello, di Cosimo, Titian, Hogarth, Stubbs and Rousseau.

Time: 11am-3.45pm

Date: Thursday, 12 March

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

Cost: £25

Further information: Please see the [Eventbrite website](#).

U3A Explores Science at the Ri

Join U3A members and explore science through a series of talks and discussions on the following subjects:

- [Outrageous statistics: Sex, lies and surveys](#)
Zoe Griffiths explores the dangers of interpreting statistics badly and so misrepresenting data.
- [Can a slime mould compute?](#)
Susan Stepney looks at some of the peculiar things people use to compute with.
- [Third topic and speaker to be confirmed](#)

Time: 1.45-4.45pm (Registration 1.15pm)

Date: Monday, 16 March

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

Cost: £21.50

Further information and booking: Please see the [Eventbrite website](#).

Discovering Children's Literature

During this study day you can hear five experts speak about the history of children's literature, learn about early printed children's books from the 18th and 19th centuries (such as Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures Underground*), and how the British Library has collected and cared for such works. Find out how well loved children's

book characters have been created through words and illustrations, and how and why we view these characters with such nostalgia.

Time: 10.30am-3.45pm

Date: Monday, 30 March

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

Cost: £24, including welcome refreshments (Lunch is not provided.)

Further information and booking: Please see the [Eventbrite](#) website.

Kingston University events

Here are a couple of events which may be of interest to you but for a full list, see the [Kingston University](#) website.

Tracing Elsewhere

Graduating students from the MA Photography course will be showing their work at this exhibition.

Time: 11am-5pm

Date: Monday, 13-Saturday, 18 January (Avoid Wednesday, 16 January 5.30-8pm as a private viewing taking place.)

Place: Stanley Picker Gallery, Knights Park campus, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2QJ

Cost: free

For further information: Contact Judy Price at j.price@kingston.ac.uk or see the [Kingston University](#) website.

Faith and Spirituality Book Group

Professor Anthony Toweey from St Mary's University in Twickenham will speak on the subject of 'Rerum novarum' ('Of the new things' or 'Rights and Duties of Capital and Labour'), an encyclical issued by Pope Leo XIII on 15 May 1891 which still remains very topical, despite its age.

You can download the full text of the document in English from the [Vatican](#) website.

All are welcome. There is no need to reserve a place or have a ticket. Just read the text and then come along on the day itself.

Time: 7-8.30pm (drinks and nibbles from 6.30pm)

Date: Monday, 3 February

Place: Quiet Room (in the Faith Centre), Main building (MB) 0032, Penrhyn Road campus, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2EE

Cost: free

Further information: Contact Louise Walton at faith@kingston.ac.uk or on 020 8417 2940.

U3A monthly meetings

3 February: The Cinema Museum – Martin Humphries

The Cinema Museum in Kennington is devoted to keeping alive the spirit of cinema from the days before the multiplex. It houses a unique collection of artefacts, memorabilia and equipment from the 1890s to the present day.

2 March: Memory Boxes and Time Capsules – Jo Livingston (U3A Member)

Jo looks at how such objects are linked to our memories and help us recall and relate to past and current events.

6 April: House of Romanov – Siobhan E Clarke

The murder of the Russian imperial family in 1918 shocked the world and still prompts a lurid fascination. The beauty and innocence of the royal children have become emblems of a vanished world.

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 March. Please forward any contributions or suggestions to Susan Hinchcliffe at communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk by Friday, 6 March. The next quarterly newsletter will out mid-February. If you have any items for this newsletter, please submit them to Susan no later than Monday, 20 January.

In the meantime, please check the [Kingston U3A](#) website regularly. Many thanks.

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