

# Kingston u3a News Bulletin October 2021 No 39

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We start October's news bulletin with a reminder that, if you want to come along to the next monthly meeting in person, you do **not** need to book in advance. Although we had some technical issues with the sound at our last meeting, those members who came along were glad to meet up again and enjoy a chat over a cup of tea.

Bob Higgins is still on the look-out for volunteers to help with the High Street Project in Kingston which began last year.

If you haven't done so already, we'd be grateful if you could please renew your membership as soon as possible. We'd love to have some new members on the Executive Committee, too, so please consider if you'd be willing to join us and help run Kingston **u3a**. You'll find details below.

The Third Age Trust and London Region Network are continuing their programmes of talks throughout October and November and the Surrey Network still has tickets available for its study days at the Menuhin Hall in Stoke d'Abernon. You'll find full details below of all the events. While tickets are still available for these events, we continue to include the ones we've mentioned in previous news bulletins, so that members who have recently joined Kingston **u3a** know what is available.

We've listed this year's remaining monthly meetings and included an invitation to contribute to our next bulletin and newsletter.

Finally it's good to hear that many of our groups are starting up again and getting together in person to pursue their interests. Do let us know how things are going.

Until our next edition, take care!

## Monthly Meeting: Monday, 4 October, 2pm

This will again be a hybrid meeting. You can join in online via Zoom or come along to the United Reformed Church in person. There is no need to book in advance, just turn up on the day. Doors open at 1.30pm. You'll find details of this month's talk below.

## High Street Survey Project: Volunteers Needed

Bob Higgins is still looking for volunteers to help with this project which aims to record the changes to our shopping areas – which shops folded during lockdown, which survived and which new ones started up.

All you'll need to do is take photos of shops and make a few notes on their location and whether the shop has newly opened or closed in the last year. You'll then forward this information to Bob.

If you are interested in joining the project, you can contact Bob via email:  
[bobhiggins@virginmedia.com](mailto:bobhiggins@virginmedia.com).

## A Few Reminders

### Subscription Renewals

If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership as soon as possible. You can find full details, along with the appropriate form, in the Autumn newsletter which was sent out to everyone at the beginning of August.

Please note that only new members will receive membership cards.

### Nomination of Kingston u3a Executive Committee Members

We're looking to recruit some new members on to the Committee. They would attend six committee meetings a year and can choose to help with aspects of administration, finance, the database, communications, groups, outings and holidays, membership, the website, or monthly meetings. Help of this kind would be most welcome and we can train people to help us out in their chosen area.

If you would like to join the Committee, please detach the nomination form from the centre of the Autumn newsletter or download one from the Kingston **u3a** website and send it, by noon on Monday, 18 October to:

Lorraine Hellen  
Kingston u3a Secretary  
12 Park Road  
Surbiton  
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## u3a Online Events

The Third Age Trust is holding some online talks in October and November which may be of interest to you.

You can see all of them listed on the national [u3a](#) website, along with dates and times. These events are free of charge.

- [How to Stay Safe Online](#) – Wed 6 October, 10am
- [u3a Cycling Network Meeting](#) – Wed 6 October, 2pm
- [Celebrating National Poetry Day](#) – Thurs 7 October, 10am
- [The Geology of Sedimentary Rocks Part 1: Continental Rocks](#) – Thurs 7 October, 2pm
- [Anglo-Saxon Poetry](#) – Thurs 7 October, 2pm
- [Live Cookery Demonstration: Autumn Warmers](#) – Mon 18 October, 10.30am
- [The Climate Emergency: Is COP26 'Our Best Last Chance'?](#) – Thurs 21 October, 10.30am

- [The Geology of Sedimentary Rocks Part 2: Marine Rocks](#) – Thurs 4 November, 2pm
- [The Numbers You Eat: Nature's Favourite Numbers in Fruit and Veg](#) – Tues 9 November, 2pm
- [The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#) – Wed 10 November, 10.30am
- [Maths Activities and Games](#) – Thurs 11 November, 2pm
- [Geology of Sedimentary Rocks Part 3: Limestones, Coals & Evaporites](#) – Thurs 2 December, 2pm

It's a good idea to make a note of the national [u3a Events](#) page and check it regularly to make sure you are in time to book any talks you are interested in. By the time we publish our bulletins and newsletters, these events are often sold out.

## London Region: Autumn Online Talks

Here's a list of the online talks which are all on a Monday, 5.30-6.30pm (log in from 5pm).

- In for a Penny, in for a Pound (Do you still think in £ s d?) – 4 October
- Sleepwalking into the Abyss (Summer 1914 as the threat of war increases) – 18 October
- Top 10 Odd Things to Measure (the National Measurement System) – 1 November
- London's Gangland from the Sabinis to the Krays – 22 November
- Boys will be Girls: 'Those Squeaking Cleopatras' (Why did Shakespeare use boys to play female roles?) – 6 December

## Further information and registration

Please see the [Autumn Talks](#) flyer where you will see more information about these topics with links to sign up for the appropriate talk.

London Region keeps a [Talks Archive](#), where you can find recordings of some of their previous online events.

## Introduction to Cryptic Crosswords: Workshop

In addition to the talks listed above, London Region is also holding this taster session for beginners on Wednesday, 10 November, 4.30-6.30pm (log in from 4pm).

For more information and to register, please see the [Workshop Flyer](#).

## Surrey Network: Study Days

The Surrey Network's study days have started again

**Time:** 10am-4pm, (registration and login begin at 9.30am)

**Dates:** See programme details below.

**Place:** You can attend in person at the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon or join online via Zoom.

**Cost (including tea/coffee biscuits):** £10 for members, £12 for guests attending in person. £5 for those attending via Zoom. Attendees should bring a packed lunch.

**Registration:** Advance booking is necessary for each event. See links below.

**Programme:**

- [Tutankhamun, the Boy King](#) – Fri, 15 October, [Poster](#)
- [The Development of British Style](#) – Fri, 19 November, [Poster](#)

## Kingston u3a: Monthly Meetings

The meetings listed below will be online via Zoom. We'll send out invitations to all those members for whom we have email addresses. Up to 500 people can participate in an online meeting. The speakers below have all agreed to give their talks via Zoom.

### Monday, 4 October, 2pm

The Antarctic Adventures of Sir Ernest Shackleton – Rodney Paul

Please note: For this meeting you are welcome to come along to the United Reformed Church in person. You do not need to book in advance.

### Monday, 1 November, 1.30pm

Codes and Ciphers in Two World Wars – Mark Baldwin

Please note: this talk follows the AGM, which will begin at 1.30pm.

## November Newsletter

We are looking for contributions to our next quarterly newsletter which will be out in November.

With things beginning to look more hopeful with the easing of restrictions, we'd like to know how you are readjusting to life after lockdown.

And, of course, we'd be happy to receive articles on the usual topics:

- reports from your groups
- poems
- stories
- recommendations for books, programmes on TV, radio or online, box sets

Photos (with captions) are always welcome and brighten up our pages.

Please send any contributions to Susan Hinchsliffe  
at [newsletter@kingstonu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@kingstonu3a.org.uk) by Friday, 14 October.

The next Kingston **u3a** news bulletin will be emailed to you in early December.  
Please forward any contributions or suggestions to Susan Hinchsliffe  
at [communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk](mailto:communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk) by Wednesday, 24 November.

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 [Chris Cheek](#).