

Kingston u3a News Bulletin January 2022 No 41

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Here's our first news bulletin of 2022. We hope you had a good Christmas and are now ready to take advantage of some of the activities u3a has on offer over the next few weeks.

Our next Kingston **u3a** monthly meeting is on Monday, 10 January. (The first Monday, 3 January, is a bank holiday.) This will be our annual quiz but, please note that this will only be held online via Zoom. You can find more details below.

There's a couple of business items – about membership cards and subscription payments by electronic transfer – which we'd like you to be aware of.

The Third Age Trust and London Region Network have a series of online talks over the next few months, while Surrey Network has organised study days for later in 2022. You'll find full details below of all the events.

You can find information below about Kingston **u3a**'s next three monthly meetings along with submission dates for our next news bulletin and newsletter. As ever we'd welcome your contributions and photographs.

And to finish, once again, a Happy New Year to you all!

Annual Quiz: Online – Monday, 10 January, 2pm

What better way to start the year than taking part in our quiz?

This year we're doing this solely on Zoom to protect us all from the risk of being contaminated by the dreaded Covid of whatever variant.

The quiz is being organised for us by a specialist 'Zoom Quizmaster' who sets the questions and puts us into teams as we log on. Each team then goes to its own online 'break-out room' where they can discuss their answers just as if they were sitting round a table in the hall at the United Reformed Church. Hopefully many of you will have done online quizzes during your previous lockdown lives. If not, now's the time to discover how easy it is.

We'll need to know if you're going to join us on Zoom and if you'd like to play with your nominated friends, or are happy to work with a random group of members. You could, of course, have two or three friends in one house doing the quiz together on Zoom, particularly if computer access is difficult for any of you.

We're hoping to match the friendly if not uncompetitive nature of our United Reformed Church quizzes in days of old.

Whether you want to join in on your own or wish to nominate the people you'd like to play in your team as well, please let Diane Wilson know at kingstonu3a@gmail.com before 5 January.

Kingston u3a Membership Cards

Although we haven't sent out updated membership cards to those of you who renewed your subscription (as we used to do), we have now printed out cards for new recruits to Kingston **u3a**. The card doesn't have a date on it, just the member's number and name. Jane Hoyland, our membership secretary, will send out the card with the welcome leaflet and the latest newsletter to each new member.

Subscription Payments by Electronic Transfer

We will be sending a final reminder to people who have not renewed membership for 2021/22.

If you receive the final reminder but have in fact paid, please email Jane at membership@kingstonu3a.org.uk and we will double check the bank statements.

If you opted to pay your subscription by electronic transfer, but did not send a renewal form, could you please let Jane Hoyland know, preferably with the form (in the August/Autumn Newsletter), as otherwise she might not find this out for several weeks.

u3a Online Events

The Third Age Trust is holding some online talks January-March which may be of interest to you.

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

- [Refugee women and the British Federation of University Women, 1933-1943](#) – Tues 11 January, 10am
- [Laughter Yoga Workshop](#) – 10am Weds: 12 Jan, 9 Feb, 9 Mar, 13 Apr
- [Holocaust Memorial Day Presentation: The Story of Alice Svarin](#) – Thurs 27 Jan, 2pm
- Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners – six-week course, Thurs, 10am 3 Feb-10 Mar (There is no link to further details about this course at the moment. Check the [Events](#) page regularly for updates.)

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 new talks you are interested in. By the time we publish our bulletins and newsletters, these events are often sold out.

u3a London Region: Online Talks – January-April 2022

Here's a list of the talks to be held over the next few months. Each talk takes place on a Monday, 5.30pm-6.30pm (log in from 5pm)

- Owen Jones: The Victorian Era's Forgotten Artistic Giant 1809-1874 – 10 Jan
- Poisons (Without Practical Advice) – 24 Jan
- Haunted: A Very Strange Lecture – 7 Feb
- The Life and Work of Christina Rossetti – 21 Feb
- The Bayeux Tapestry and its Hidden Messages – 7 Mar
- Tulips: A Terrible, Triumphant Story – 21 Mar
- Women in Ancient Egypt – 4 Apr

You'll find more details of each talk in the flyer [Online Talks: January-April 2022](#) along with a link to the relevant registration form.

After registration you'll automatically receive a booking confirmation email. Retain this as a reminder of your booking details. Please note: only one application per person per talk.

Study Day: The Challenges of Architecture – Tuesday, 22 March

SW London Consortium is organising this study day in the Mayo Hall at the United Reformed Church in Kingston. The programme includes three talks and a walk, plus tea/coffee. Tickets: £15. The flyer, with full description, directions and booking details, will be published at a later date. In the meantime, keep your eye on [London Region's](#) website.

Surrey Network: Study Days

Some study days have been arranged for 2022 and you can now register.

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): £12 for members and £15 for guests attending in person. £5 for those attending via Zoom. Attendees should bring their own packed lunch.

Programme:

- [A Passion for Drawing](#): Colin Wiggins – Fri 18 February
- [Art and Objects of the Moghul Emperors](#): Ursula Weekes – Fri 18 March
- [Illuminated Manuscripts of the Medieval Period](#): Imogen Corrigan – Fri 22 April

- [Talks on Science \(The Magic of Colour, Electronic Music, Poisons, Dying to be Beautiful\)](#): Andrew Hanson and Dr Kathryn Harkup – Fri 20 May
- [Understanding Turner – The Man, His Life and His Work](#): Professor Maria Chester – Fri 17 June

You can see the dates of other study days which will be held later in 2022 on the [Surrey Network's](#) website.

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. For these meetings (except for the Annual Quiz in January) you are also welcome to come along to the United Reformed Church in person. You do not need to book in advance. (Please note that these arrangements may have to change if lockdown regulations are re-introduced.)

Monday, 10 January, 2pm

Annual Quiz – Stephen Arkell

Please note that the quiz will be **on Zoom only**, and **not** in the United Reformed Church. Details of the organisation of the quiz are detailed at the beginning of this bulletin.

Monday, 7 February, 2pm

Sex, Secrets, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court 1660-1830 – Sarah Slater

Monday, 7 March, 2pm

Climbing Kilimanjaro – Graham Horn

February Newsletter

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

We're always happy to receive articles on topics such as:

- 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 by Thursday, 13 January.

The next Kingston **u3a** news bulletin will be emailed to you in early March. Please forward any contributions or suggestions to Susan Hinchsliffe at communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk by Monday, 21 February.

In the meantime, please check the Kingston u3a website regularly. Many thanks.

Changing your Membership Details

If you change your address, email or telephone/mobile number, please let Chris Cheek know at database@kingstonu3a.org.uk. Chris is also able to change your preferences for receiving post or emails or the *Third Age Matters* magazine.

Changing Group Details

If you spot any mistakes or need to make any of the following changes to the Groups & Contacts list which is published in the quarterly newsletter:

- a group's name
- meeting times and locations
- a group leader's contact details

please let Keith Maund know at keithmaund@outlook.com. He keeps a master copy of the spread sheet which contains all this information and passes it on to the newsletter editor, Susan Hinchsliffe, and the webmaster, Diane Wilson. Thank you.