

Kingston u3a News Bulletin June 2023 No 52

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It's good to start with the news that one of our members, Elizabeth Ellis, is planning to start up a new Members On Their Own group as the existing ones are full. If you feel any of your groups are getting a bit overcrowded or if you have been waiting for a place for a long time, why not talk to other group leaders and get together with some members to set up a new one?

Did anyone out there go to a holiday camp when they were younger, or even work at one? If so, you might be interested in taking part in a research project on holiday camps. Details below.

If you attended the recent talk on the Foundling Hospital, you might like to read more about the speaker's experiences in his blog. We've included the link below.

The **u3a** South West London Network is holding a study day on 20 June in Kingston at the United Reformed Church, the subject 'Challenges in our Schools Today'. You'll find details below and a booking slip at the bottom of this bulletin.

As ever, there's information on other talks and study days as well as a list of our next few monthly meetings along with particulars about the talks and speakers.

You'll also find the deadlines for our next bulletins and newsletter. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer and keep in touch!

New Group: MOTO6

Elizabeth Ellis has kindly offered to set up a new Members On Their Own group, based in central Kingston. This will be known in the group listings as MOTO6.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Elizabeth on 07543 741082 or email her at elizabethellis998@gmail.com.

Elizabeth has not yet established a regular meeting time so it will depend on members bringing along their diaries to the first meeting when a time, activity and place will be decided. Elizabeth will then circulate details.

The Foundling Museum: John Caldicott

For those of you who attended the monthly meeting on 15 May and heard John's talk on the Coram Foundling Hospital Story and his own experiences in one of the hospitals, you may be interested to find out more. You can read his story on the

[Coram](#) website. Many thanks to our speaker secretary, Mary Hodgson, for finding this information and letting us know.

Local History Project: British Holiday Camps

- Are you a Londoner?
- Did you visit or work in a British holiday camp?
- Would you like to come and share your memories for a new local history project?

Oral history specialists, Digital Works, are running the project, working with the British Film Institute to explore and record the history of Londoners visiting or working at British holiday camps.

The project organisers are looking for anyone who can spare an hour to share stories of their memories. The interviews will be an important addition to Bishopsgate Institute's archive and will form the basis of an educational documentary film. The last interviews will be held on 15 June. Any travel costs incurred will be met.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Matthew Rosenberg at <mailto:mat@digital-works.co.uk> or 07949 107023.

You can find further details on the [Hello Campers!](#) website.

u3a South West London Network: Study Day – Challenges in our Schools Today

The network's **u3as** (Hammersmith & Fulham, Kingston, Merton, Richmond and Wandsworth) invite you to a series of talks on the challenges facing education providers today.

Date: 20 June

Place: Richard Mayo Centre, Kingston United Reformed Church, Eden Street, Kingston KT1 1HZ

Timetable:

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| 10.15am | Registration, tea/coffee and biscuits |
| 10.40am | Introduction and housekeeping – Libby Barton, SW London Network |
| 10.45am | Talk 1: Have our Schools Seen Better Days? – Liz Day, retired teacher and teacher trainer |
| 11.45am | Talk 2: Multi-Cultural School Experiences – John Maxwell, retired teacher in a Southall school |
| 12.30pm | Lunch: There are numerous cafes nearby and a snack bar at the church itself. |

1.25pm	Reconvene: Welcome back – Susan Leigh, SW London Network
1.30pm	Talk 3: School Governance and Current Challenges – Michael Ross, Merton School governor
2.30 pm	Talk 4: Safeguarding Children – Derek Crabtree, Advisor to Schools on Safeguarding
3.30pm	Close

Cost: £10 (includes tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival)

Booking: Complete the booking slip at the end of this bulletin and send it to Rosemary Mattock, Merton u3a, 7 Belvedere Square, Wimbledon SW195DJ with a cheque made out to Richmond U3A. Please include either your email address or a stamped, self-addressed envelope for notification of successful application.

You can also find this booking slip on Kingston **u3a**'s website: [Study Day: Challenges in our Schools Today](#).

Contact: Rosemary Mattock, Merton u3a, email: U3A.rose@gmail.com
Tel: 020 8946 9632

u3a Online Events

The Third Age Trust is holding some online talks in June 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 usually free of charge.

- [Driving Tips to Save Money and the Planet from IAM RoadSmart](#) – 2pm Mon, 5 Jun
- [Expedition Cruising: An Antarctic Adventure](#) – 2pm Thu, 8 Jun
- [Creative Writing: On the Edge of Empire \(Session 1\)](#) – 2pm Tue, 13 Jun
- [Using Parish Registers for Family History Research](#) – 2pm Wed, 14 Jun
- [Mindfulness and Meditation Continuation Sessions](#) – 10am, six sessions, Thursdays: 15 Jun, 20 Jul, 17 Aug, 21 Sep, 19 Oct, 16 Nov
- [Creative Writing: On the Edge of Empire \(Session 2\)](#) – 2pm Thu, 15 Jun
- [LEO: the World's First Business Computer](#) – 2pm Fri, 16 Jun
- [Setting Up and Running a Local Exploring World Faiths Group](#) – 10am Mon, 19 Jun
- [Into the Mind of an Artist: Van Gogh \(Part 1\)](#) – 10am Thu, 22 Jun
- [Adapting to Climate Change](#) – 10am Mon, 26 June

London Region: Summer School

2023's summer school will be held Tue 25-Wed 26 July.

Place: St Bride Foundation Institute, 14 Bride Lane (off Fleet Street), EC4Y 8EQ

Cost: £41 per day including refreshments and buffet lunch with a choice of healthy salads and fruit.

Programme: Activities include 17 talks, four workshops and eight guided walks. The wide range of subjects includes: Art, Current Affairs, History, Literature, Performing Arts, Music, Sciences, Social Studies.

You can see full details in the [Summer School Programme](#).

Booking: Once you have studied the programme and decided which event(s) you would like to attend, you can enrol and pay via the [online booking form](#). Please check [London Region](#)'s website to see where places are still available.

Surrey Network: Study Days

Study days have been arranged in the coming months 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. Attendees should bring their own packed lunch. £5 for those attending via Zoom.

Programme

- [Vikings and their Influence in the World](#) – Fri, 16 Jun
- [An Utterly Incomplete History of Keyboards and Keyboard Music](#) – Fri, 15 Sep
- [Quarks, the Universe and Everything](#) – Fri, 20 Oct
- [Rembrandt: From Fame to Poverty and Final Acclaim](#) – Fri, 17 Nov

Places will be available in the hall or for online viewing. Booking is already open for the June-November events. This information is also available on [Surrey Network](#)'s website.

Kingston u3a: Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held at the United Reformed Church (URC) in Kingston on the first Monday of each month unless it is a bank holiday. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Please arrive promptly for the start of the meeting. Entrance fee is £1. Tea/Coffee and biscuits are available at the end of the meeting.

At each meeting we have a book-swap stall where you can leave any good books you've read and would now like to dispose of and/or pick up one or two that someone else has brought in.

Please note: The church has recently reduced the number of people we can admit to the hall by 30, which means we can accommodate only 120 people. But you do not need to book in advance.

Monday 5 June, 2pm

The Sunbury Embroidery Gallery – Robert Shaw

Robert, architect and chairman of Sunbury Gallery, will talk about the creation of the Sunbury Millennium Embroidery, from its inception in 1995 to the opening in 2006, including its ethos, a royal visit, outreach and exhibitions, the Diane Springhall collection and plans for the future.

Monday 3 July, 2pm

Paula Rego at the National Gallery – Colin Wiggins

Colin talks about his collaboration with Paula Rego while she was Associate Artist at the National Gallery; the exhibition he curated at the end of her appointment; and the progress of her work *Crivelli's Garden*, which will be exhibited at the gallery from July until October.

Monday 7 August, 2pm

Simply Gershwin: The Music of George and Ira – Howard Slater

The life story and music of Ira, lyricist, and his brother George, composer, who created some of the most memorable songs of the Jazz Age.

Autumn 2023 Newsletter

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

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

- reports from your group
- 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 at newsletter@kingstonu3a.org.uk by Wednesday, 12 July.

The next Kingston **u3a** news bulletin will be emailed to you in early July. Please forward any contributions or suggestions to Susan Hinchsliffe at communications@kingstonu3a.org.uk by Friday, 24 June.

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.

u3a South West London Network: Study Day – Booking Slip

Name(s):

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Telephone number and/or email address:

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Which u3a do you belong to?:

I enclose a cheque made out to Richmond U3A for £

Send this booking slip to Rosemary Mattock, Merton u3a, 7 Belvedere Square, Wimbledon SW19 5DJ with a cheque made out to Richmond U3A. Please include either your email address or a stamped, self-addressed envelope for notification of successful application.