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Sutton U3A is part of a unique and exciting international self-help movement providing recreational, educational and social activities for semi-retired and retired people – offering a wide range of interest groups and “out and about” activities

Sutton U3A gives you the chance to develop your interests, make new friends and enjoy yourself

General Meetings are held every other month, with guest speakers, at Trinity Church Hall, Hill Road, Sutton, starting at 2.30pm

*Next General Meeting
Friday, 25th September, 2015*

*2.30 pm at the
Trinity Church Hall, Sutton
(opposite Civic Offices)*

*John Ambrose
Collective Legal Solutions
Tax, Care, Sideways Disinheritance, etc*

CHAIR'S NOTES



..... Hope you've all had a great Summer !

Come and Say Hello.....

We are having a pitch to promote the U3A at the following events, the Carshalton Environmental Fair on August Bank Holiday, Monday, 31st August and at SCOLA's Big Event in Manor Park on Saturday, 5th September, so if you are in the area, do pop in for a chat.

Thought for the Month

Meaning is not something you stumble across, like it's an answer to a riddle or prize in a treasure hunt.

Meaning is something you build in your life. You build it out of your own past,

Out of your affections and loyalties, out of the experience of human kind,

Out of your talent and understanding.

Out of the things you believe in, out of the things and people you love,

Out of the values for which you are willing to sacrifice something

The ingredients are there.

You are the only one who can put them together into the unique pattern that is your life,

let it be a life that has dignity and meaning.

John W Gardner, leader, activist, author and reformer

Subject of the Film : JOHN GARDNER: UNCOMMON AMERICAN

A Celebration for the Life of Dawn Lever

5th September 1944 - 4th July 2015



Dawn was born in Taunton, Somerset where her parents were evacuated during the war; she was the eldest of three children. The family returned to London and settled in Streatham, Dawn attended Swaffield Road Primary School and was one of only two who won a “scholarship” Her designated school was Lady Margaret’s Grammar School in Parson’s Green, where pupils were required to wear boaters and gloves, the school motto was “The lot has fallen to me, in a fair ground. Yea I have a goodly heritage” - later in life she came to believe, it was a goodly heritage. Dawn completed her “O” and “A” levels but decided against university and applied for an Apprenticeship at Peter Jones, where she obtained a City and Guilds in Retail Distribution and became Head Buyer in the Lighting Department.

She moved to New York to work as an au pair for a year, then took a tour of the USA , discovering San Francisco and a love of the arts in all its many and varied forms.

In 1967 on her return to London she was accepted at Philippa Fawcett Teacher Training College, where she was one of the first to obtain a B. Ed. During those four years she travelled extensively in Europe with Vic, her future husband. Their two daughters were born in 1974 and 1978 and there are two grandchildren.

Dawn taught at Cricket Green Primary School and took an Open University course for Children with Special Needs which she used when she worked at the Links and Carew Manor schools; she had a particular love for those children.

Dawn was very active in local politics, a member of the Labour Party, a founder member of the Sutton Women’s Centre, a member of CND and Amnesty International, a campaigner for Women’s Rights. She donated to Voluntary Service Overseas to support a Doctor.

2001 found her in Greensborough, North Carolina, working as an exchange teacher in a public school, experiencing the differences in education for those children and the racial discrimination.

In 2007 she went to Kenya working as a volunteer for an education charity, supporting the local black teachers and volunteers.

Dawn led the 20th Century Poetry Group for U3A, she read ‘Today’ by Billy Collins at the most recent AGM in May.

Dawn was diagnosed with Leukaemia in December 2014 and underwent three months of chemotherapy at St. Helier Hospital. The disease appeared to be in remission but it returned, she was admitted to the Royal Marsden Hospital and died on the 4th July 2015.

Dawn was an educator, she worked for the empowerment of women and inspired children.

Dawn was a woman full of compassion, so many acts of personal kindness, which came from a love of other people; a good friend to so many.

Doris Richards

U3A Outing to Sandwich and Walmer Castle

In mid-July we went on a coach trip to Sandwich and Walmer Castle. Sandwich was a Saxon stronghold, first mentioned in AD664 and later became one of the Cinque Ports. It is situated on the banks of the River Stour on the Kent coast. Sandwich contains the highest number of listed buildings per head of population in the country and was the first town in Britain to have a preservation order placed on the whole town. It is the most complete medieval town in England.

We were lucky with the weather as we wandered around the pretty timbered buildings and quaint little shops. There were a variety of restaurants and cafés where we could stop for coffee or lunch. There was plenty to see, with four historic churches, a museum attached to the Guildhall, a windmill built in c1760; the oldest restored windmill in Kent. Richborough Fort was established as a military base after the Roman invasion of 43AD. The gardens at the Salutation Manor House are an oasis of tranquillity and river trips were available, if one had the time. You would really need to spend a

few days in Sandwich to be able to enjoy it to the full but it was lovely to have a glimpse of what was available.

After lunch we returned to our coach for the second part of our trip; a visit to Walmer Castle in Deal. The castle is complete, compact and furnished comfortably in a very homely fashion. It was easy to see how the Duke of Wellington lived there in the 19th Century. There was a lovely sea view from the first floor terrace, where deckchairs were placed between the cannon. Or there was the option of walking in the sheltered gardens, or just sitting by the lily pond, relaxing in the sunshine, and having a final cup of tea before our journey home. Our homeward trip took us through Dover, where we witnessed 'Operation Stack', with hundreds of lorries parked along the motorway on the way in to Dover. Many thanks to Maggs for organising this lovely day.

Brenda Pennington



◀ Enjoying the Gardens
at Walmer

Sandwich ▶



SUMMER LUNCH AT PARHAM, 12th JUNE

On a mild sunny morning we set off for the special Summer outing via leafy lanes and pretty, small towns. Tension when we reached the Parham gates – would our coach get through or would we have to walk to reach the house and lunch?

The coach drove in with just inches to spare – everyone held their breath! But Summer lunch was waiting for us in the Old Kitchen, where four tables were set very prettily. After an enjoyable two course luncheon and coffee, the Chef and staff were thanked with a well deserved round of applause.

Afterwards there was a lot to explore – the gardens with beautiful herbaceous borders, a parterre style veggie garden, the old walled garden and the impressive old fashioned greenhouse, full of tender

plants and colourful geraniums. Some took cover from rain in garden outbuildings or the shop or church.

Many headed for the house, where unexpected steps, little corridors or landings led to one intriguing room after another. The Tudor period Great Hall was hung with historic portraits, (including the important one of Prince Henry, the lost prince, eldest son of James I/VI). The spectacular Long Gallery runs the full length of the house, and was furnished with interesting pictures, antique furniture and many old embroideries.

Those needing a cup of tea before the journey home sat in the sun – in the Dog Kennels!! - a small paved courtyard adjacent to the kitchens. So, a “big thank you” to Mavis for arranging such a great summer, celebration, especially as she was unable to join us.

Maggs Sandilands



TOWN & COUNTRY GROUP

In August the Town and Country Group spent a very pleasant day visiting Chichester (a trip of one and a half hours by train from Sutton).

On arrival, we took a walk around the rather lovely Bishop's Palace Garden before enjoying an early lunch in the Cathedral's Cloisters Cafe garden (albeit occasionally battling the wasps!) Menu on offer here was good - varied and reasonably priced.

'Sickert in Dieppe' was the current exhibition showing at the Pallant Gallery, and was enjoyed by those who chose to visit. Nek Chand's Rock Garden Sculptures in the restaurant garden here were superb also.

A little shopping around town was also accomplished before the guided tour of Chichester Cathedral at 2.30. This was followed by a cream tea (inside this time!) after which we managed to persuade a passer-by to take this rather jolly photo!

Carol Stevens



LONDON APPRECIATION 'A' GROUP

The London Appreciation 'A' group enjoyed a very enjoyable visit to the Canal Museum located close to Kings Cross Station. The building was originally built as an ice storage depot and has many original features. The Museum charted the rise and fall of Canal traffic during the 19th and early 20th centuries. We had a very nice lunch at the Kings Place, a relatively new building, but architecturally also very interesting. A highly recommended trip.

Jo Smith



Social Club News

Canterbury & Christmas Market

Wednesday, 25th November, 2015

£12.00 per person



We hope you will join us on our Autumn Excursion to Canterbury.

There has been a church and a monastery on the site of the Cathedral since AD597. Since the murder of Thomas Becket in 1170, it has been a place of pilgrimage, following stories of miracles occurring here. Some of these pilgrims are written about in 'The Canterbury Tales' by Geoffrey Chaucer. The Cathedral is a magnificent structure, its age reflected in the various forms of architecture. It is known as the Mother Church of the Anglican religion.

For those interested in history, Canterbury has a wide variety of places of interest to visit. In the Roman Museum you can see an underground house with its mosaic floor, there is the Canterbury Tales Experience and the Canterbury Heritage Museum. Also available are audio walking tours.

Because this visit is only four weeks before Christmas it is the ideal time to look around the wide variety of shops that Canterbury has to offer. There are all the High Street favourites, but also many independent small shops. In addition there is a Christmas Market in Whitefriar's Square and this is always worth a visit.

Betty Stratford

BOOKING FORM ON PAGE 15

REMINDER - when trips are advertised in the newsletter the booking process will be open to Sutton U3A members only during the first two weeks

After that, if there are still vacancies, these will be offered to members from the other U3As and/or Sutton Seniors

Social Club Guidelines

Any outing includes coach hire, a tip for the driver and entrance fee – we are non-profit making! But due to rising fuel prices coach costs keep rising too.

1. **Bookings.** These must be made using the application form, plus a cheque to secure a place, either by post (plus SAE) to the organiser or in person at a General Meeting. Verbal requests do not secure a confirmed place.

A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE must be enclosed when booking by post in order that a receipt can be sent which confirms a place on the outing.

An **EMERGENCY CONTACT** is requested as, without this, the organiser would not know how or who to inform should a member have an accident or be taken ill, especially if they were unable to travel home on the coach. We hope this shows an assurance of care, and is not perceived as intrusive. All applications are treated as confidential and are destroyed after the outing or theatre trip.

The organiser of each outing will keep a WAITING LIST

2. **Payment** – by cheque only please!
One cheque for EACH outing or theatre trip. Each event has its own organiser and funding etc.
3. **Guests** – Members are welcome to invite their non-U3A spouse or a friend, on **ONE** outing or theatre trip per year
4. **Cancellations of Bookings** for outings and theatre trips. In the case of hospital admissions and/or appointments at short notice. We ENDEAVOUR to make a refund **ONLY IF** the place can be filled from the waiting list.

NB. **NO REFUND** will be made to anyone failing to turn up –or do not turn up by the PICK UP time stipulated on the day.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to Sutton U3A

Caroline Allen * Sheila Andrews * James McGing

Diana Parsk * Donna Woollard * Valerie Hobbs * Marguerite Lipscomb

New & Prospective Members' Morning



10.30 a.m on Thursday, 3rd September at The Oasis Coffee Shop

Trinity Church

Opposite Sutton Civic Centre

Groups Update

Investigating Europe This group was founded at the beginning of the century, yes indeed, with Maurice Pearton as Chair, an academic historian and published author. One of our earliest groups in Sutton U3A,

He has lead us with erudition, professional analysis and judgement. Europe's political and constitutional complexities over generations have been expounded, and insights delivered with acuity and humour.

Now of senior years, Maurice has invited by the publishers of a book he wrote in the 1980s to revise the work: *Diplomacy, War & Technology since 1830*: in the context of global developments since original publication.

A demanding challenge, sadly Maurice, reasonably, feels unable to continue to also present *Investigating Europe* for Sutton U3A. The Group is disbanding now, with ever grateful thanks to our retired Professor of Modern History.

Jan Munro

Science Group Due to the funding for the Science Lectures at Nonsuch High School for Girls being stopped, we now need to know accurately which Sutton U3A members will be interested in going to future lectures at the School.

Please inform Cheryl Bailey on 020 8669 1789 or email cheryl.bailey@blueyonder.co.uk as soon as possible of your interest in these lectures. At the time of going to press we have not been given any information about lectures in October & December this year. As soon as we know the dates and title of the lectures all members who have sent their details to Cheryl Bailey will be informed.

Audrey Willson

Group Vacancies

Antiques	2 ND Thursday afternoon
Art Galleries, Group	4 th Thursday in the month
Art Portraiture	Tuesday afternoon, fortnightly
Beyond Barchester – Trollope	3 rd Friday afternoon
Biographies	2 nd Friday afternoon
Bridge,	2 nd and 4 th Wednesday p.m.
Cardmaking & Papercraft	3 rd Monday afternoon
Cinema Streaming	Variable
Family History	2 nd Monday afternoon
Informal Piano Playing	1 st Friday afternoon
Literature	Last Thursday morning
Photography B	Tuesday, fortnightly – all day
Philosophy	Thursday morning, four weekly
Recorder Playing	1 st Wednesday am
Scrabble and Board Games	Tuesday afternoon, fortnightly

The **Scrabble and Board Games** group which meets fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon at Sheila's house, desperately needs new members if it is to continue. All sorts of games, including Scrabble and Rummikub are offered. Contact Sheila Bigwood 8770 0639 for more details.

If you wish to join any of these groups, please contact the Group Leaders, who are listed on pages 14 and 15.

National, London Region, Surrey & Sussex Forthcoming Events

National

Monday, 5th October **U3A Explores Science at the RI**, Royal Institution of Great Britain – 13.30-17.00

Wednesday, 4th November **What Makes Great Theatre?**, Piccadilly Theatre. 11.00 – 16.30, in association with the Ambassador Theatre Group

Thursday, 26th November **“Face Value” – Exploring Portraiture**, The National Gallery Collection 11.00-15.30

Surrey Network

Friday, 18th September **Yehudi Menuhin** - His Life, His School & Its Music
Dr Richard Hillier & Malcolm Singer, The Yehudi Menuhin School

Friday, 16th October **The Maya - Children of the Corn**. Maria Chester, Pre-Colombian Meso-American Archaeologist & U3A Member. Please note, This lecture replaces the original lecture on North American History

Friday 20th November **Cosmology - Big Bang to Big Rip?** Roger Luther, U3A Member

Sussex U3A Network (SUN)

Saturday 19th September – Pulborough

Wildlife of the South Downs - Sarah McKenzie. The variety of habitats and wildlife that make up the South Downs.

Saturday 17th October – Crawley

Vincent Van Gogh and Painting in 19thC France - Leslie Pitcher

An exploration of Van Gogh’s impact on the course of European painting, the remarkably rapid stylistic development and what his paintings have to tell us about his dynamic and tragic life.

Saturday 14th November – Rustington

Psychology: An Introduction to the Brain and the Senses - Duncan Carmichael and Giles Hamilton Fletcher

The nature of the brain, its development and how it works and an examination of aspects of our sensory perception.

Saturday 12th December - Crowborough

Thomas Hardy and Rural Life - Geoff Doel

Hardy’s observation of the structure, skills and class problems of rural communities in the 19th C is unequalled. We’ll explore his own rural background as expressed in his work.

Please go to the SUN website, where you can also apply online for the study day of your choice:
www.sussexu3anetwork.org.uk

London Network

Thursday, 1st October **Recording, Writing, Publishing Memories** At the Library, Canada Water, SE16

IF YOU ARE NOT ONLINE, CONTACT AUDREY WILLSON or DEBBIE EDWARDS

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020 8770 4065
information@scill.org.uk
www.scill.org.uk



SCILL Hub, 3 Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, SM1 2SW

Sutton Centre for Independent Living and Learning (SCILL)

SCILL is a community charity which offer a range of services for the *whole* community and specialising in disability

It is located in Sutton, the rooms and space can be rented out for meetings or parties. Blue Badge parking is available as well as accessible toilets and a “Changing Places” room that can be accessed 24/7.

SCILL provides free, confidential information & advice, on any issues – including health matters such as signposting you to local care services and explaining how to access them, being discharged from hospital and/or finding an emergency dentist; joining local social groups, lunch clubs or art clubs etc; highlighting transport options to visit London etc; finding a local gardener; and even hiring a skip! Ask us anything.

Classes at SCILL - include Computers; Pottery; Art; Craft.

The Gymnasium is open to anyone – to use either on your own for £20 a month or with support from a trained fitness instructor for £33 a month

We offer a basic **Footcare** service for just £15 or full for £21

Activities on the Road – SCILL have a number of groups that meet at various locations around the Borough.

Sherwood Café – provides a range of sandwiches & hot meals, it is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 2pm

SCILL have teamed up with **Citizens Advise Bureau** to offer a fantastic service for people who live or work in LBS and have a long term health condition or disability.

We work with Sutton Shopmobility to sell small items of disability equipment and RADAR keys for access to all locked accessible toilets in the UK.

Contacting SCILL

Telephone – 020 8770 4065

Email – Information@scill.org.uk

Website – www.scill.org.uk

Address – 3 Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SW

Opening Hours for both visitors to the Centre and telephone calls

The centre is open Monday – Friday between 9am – 5pm

The centre is also open between 10am – 1pm on Saturdays

Groups by Day of the Week

DAY	SUBJECT	FREQUENCY	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
MONDAY AM	ART GROUP B *	FORTNIGHTLY	BRIDGET GILL	8642 4303
	HISTORY	FORTNIGHTLY	ALLAN CLACK	8669 5550
	WRITING FOR PLEASURE	1 ST IN MONTH	PAT WILSON	8642 8714
MONDAY PM	FAMILY HISTORY (Beginners)	2ND IN MONTH	JOY CATLING	8647 7690
	CARDMAKING & PAPER CRAFT	3RD IN MONTH	<i>PAT WILSON</i>	8642 8714
TUESDAY AM	LITERATURE	LAST IN MONTH	JILL HENDERSON	8647 2588
	PHOTOGRAPHY A	FORTNIGHTLY	BRENDA SELL	01737 362401
TUESDAY PM	ART APPRECIATION A	2ND IN MONTH	JOY JORDAN	86422635
	ART GROUP A *	FORTNIGHTLY	AUDREY NUTLEY	8688 3018
	CURRENT AFFAIRS	1ST & 3RD IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
	ART PORTRAITURE *	FORTNIGHTLY	JULIA WILDING or DORIS SMITH	8669 9931 8688 8606
	SCRABBLE & BOARD GAMES	FORTNIGHTLY	SHEILA BIGWOOD	8770 0639
TUESDAY ALL DAY	PHOTOGRAPHY B	FORTNIGHTLY	JUDY TAYLOR	8647 4049
WEDNESDAY AM	HISTORY OF FASHION	1 ST IN MONTH	MADELEINE SIMMS	0203 638 0992
	PLAYREADING	2ND & 4TH IN MONTH	CHERYL BAILEY	8669 1789
	POETS OF THE 20TH C	2ND IN MONTH	PEARL ESSEX	8770 0639
	RECORDERS PLAYING *	1ST IN MONTH	BILL BREWER	8241 4462
WEDNESDAY PM	THE BOOK CLUB *	3RD IN MONTH	THERESE PALMER	8330 5460
	BOOKWORMS	2ND IN MONTH	MAVIS McCARTHY	8661 2556
	HISTORY OF FASHION	1 ST IN MONTH	MADDIE SIMMS	0203 638 0992
	MAHJONGG	3RD IN MONTH	DOREEN SAWTELL	8395 4627
	SCIENCE *	TWICE PER TERM	DEREK YEO	8647 4016
	SOCIAL BRIDGE *	2ND & 4TH IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
WEDNESDAY ALL DAY	TOWN & COUNTRY	4 TH IN MONTH	CAROL STEVENS	8642 5634
THURSDAY AM	ART GALLERIES & MUSEUMS	4th IN MONTH	JANET SEARLE	8647 3715
	GEOLOGY	3RD IN MONTH	VALERIE BREWER	8241 4462
	HORTICULTURE	1ST IN MONTH	JANET SEARLE	8647 3715
	LONDON APPRECIATION A	MONTHLY	ANN WILSON	8647 9312
	LONDON APPRECIATION B	3RD IN MONTH	MAVIS McCARTHY	8661 2556
	LONDON APPRECIATION C	1ST IN MONTH	DON JORDAN	0203 441 4269
	PHILOSOPHY	LAST IN MONTH	JOHN GOODALL	8394 0083
THURSDAY PM	ANTIQUES	2ND IN MONTH	MAGGS SANDILANDS	8647 4419

DAY	SUBJECT	FREQUENCY	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
FRIDAY AM	WALKING GROUP	2ND IN MONTH	AUDREY WILSON	8642 0187
	THEATRE GROUP A	BY ARRANGEMENT	ANN WILSON	8647 9312
	THEATRE GROUP B	BY ARRANGEMENT	AUDREY WILLSON	8642 0187
	ART APPRECIATION B	1 ST FRIDAY IN MONTH	PAMELA LYNE	8643 3018
FRIDAY PM	GERMANY CONVERSATION	FORTNIGHTLY	MARTHA FAULKNER	8241 7075
	BIOGRAPHIES *	2ND IN MONTH	PAT MOODY	8330 5465
	TROLLOPE GROUP	3RD IN MONTH	PAMELA MORGAN	8642 5103
	DISCUSSION GROUP *	1ST IN MONTH	LIZ ROBSON	8647 3812
AD HOC	CINEMA STREAMING	BY ARRANGEMENT	SHIRLEY ELLERBECK	8644 0262

* Art Group B meets at the Scouts Hall, Wallington

* Art Group A & Portraiture meet at the United Reform Church Hall, Wallington

* Social Bridge is held at Granfers

* Biographies, History, Trollope & Discussion Group are all held at Civic Offices

* Science is held at Nonsuch High School for Girls – contact Derek Yeo for security information

Christmas Canterbury
Wednesday, 25th November, 2015

Name Mem No Tel No

Emergency Contact Tel No

Relationship: Relative Friend Neighbour

Cost £12.00 []

Pick Ups Wallington Shotfield 9.00am []

 Sutton Grove Road Post Office 9.15am []

Please tick boxes as appropriate

Cheques payable to "Sutton U3A Social Club", together with **a stamped addressed envelope *** to be sent to Shirley Ellerbeck, 53 Danescourt Crescent, Sutton, SM1 3DZ. Tel No 020 8395 2763

* Alternatively, email the receipt to:.....

SUTTON U3A COMMITTEE 2015/2016

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Parham - George Sage * Sandwich & Walmer - Brenda Pennington,
Canal Museum - Joanne Smith * Chichester - an unsuspecting passer-by!



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If you love theatre and live entertainment as much as we do, you'll love ATG Theatre Card and we have an exclusive offer for U3A members! You can purchase an ATG Theatre Card for £25 – a saving of £10 off our standard membership price (£35).

£25 buys you a whole year of these great benefits;

- Priority – book your favourite seats, first!
- Offers – with savings of up to £10 off and even some half price!
- No fees* - no extras to pay on most productions.
- Exchange your tickets for free.*
- Great restaurant and attraction offers.
- Access to ATG Theatre Card workshop offerings – see below.



You can use your Card at any Ambassador Theatre Group theatre – there are 38 across the UK.

To purchase your U3A ATG Theatre Card for £25 either;

Go to: www.u3a.org.uk and log in to Offers in the Members' Area OR

Visit: Your nearest ATG Theatre Box Office (visit atgtickets.com to find your nearest venue) and take this advert with you.

West End Creative Learning *Inspiring passion in theatre*

Once you are a member of our Theatre Card scheme you will receive details of all our courses working with West End Directors, Actors and industry experts, in our beautiful West End Theatres. Sample of workshops for 2015 below:

Pinter with Harry Burton – 1 day course



Monday 21st September 2015

Max 26 participants

Fortune Theatre

£45.00 (including tea and coffee)

Working alongside Harold Pinter's friend and long-term working associate Harry Burton, the day will begin with a presentation of Harry Burton's documentary film for Channel 4 'Working with Pinter'. You will work on scenes from a Pinter play with Harry and professional Actors to investigate the processes and options when working with Pinter's text.

(Application process available through membership details).

Puppetry taster – 1 day course



Monday 28th September 2015

Max 26 participants

Lyceum Theatre

£45.00 (including tea and coffee)

Jennifer Pearcy-Edwards is a performer, storyteller, and puppeteer. During the day you'll make a puppet and work in teams to move your creations and create scenes to investigate what makes a successful puppet come to life. Please be aware that this is a very physical course – do please let us know of any mobility issues you may have at the point of application.

(Application process available through membership details).

*ATG Theatre Card benefits are subject to availability, please check with the venue or call 0844 871 7633. Members can purchase up to 4 tickets at the Theatre card price per performance and up to 4 drinks at UK venues in the Ambassador Theatre Group. Offers are subject to availability and cannot be used in conjunction with other promotions or offers. Additional booking fees may apply on selected music, comedy and named act events and on tickets to events at non ATG and ATG international venues. ATG reserve the right to withdraw benefits or related offers and without notice. ATG Theatre Card price is valid until 30/09/2015. For full Terms and Conditions please visit atgtickets.com. Only one ATG Theatre Card can be purchased per U3A magazine page and per U3A member.