

SUTTON U3A is a local charity with 40 plus interest groups where people can learn and share together on the basis of fun and friendship.

There are regular trips & outings, and meetings are held every other month with speakers.

General Meetings are held at Trinity Church Hall, Hill Road, Sutton, starting at 2.30pm.



THE GROTTTO, ST PHILOMENAS

Next General Meeting **28th March 2014**

Speaker: Ian Bevan
"The Inns of Court"

Ian is a City of London Guide & Lecturer; lecturer in history at various Colleges and for various organisations (WEA, U3A etc.) with a particular interest in the Crystal Palace. Author of the book "To the Palace for the Cup" and other titles.

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Chairman's Note

The Sutton U3A General meeting held November 29th 2013, discussed the Committee recommendation for subscriptions for the 2014/15 period.

The proposal for the Annual Subscriptions to remain the same, with an additional fee of £20 to be paid by those who attend Art Classes, was approved by that meeting.

It is important that this decision is made in the month of November in order that the correct notification be given to members and the agreement by that meeting now allows the Membership Secretary to collect subscriptions from January 2014.

You will be aware that Sutton U3A have rules in the Branch Policy to help us manage our affairs. One of these rules details the contribution members pay if they attend Group Meetings in rented halls. This amount is a contribution and may or may not cover the full charge of the rent of the halls.

In order to make the contribution more equal amongst those who use the Civic and Trinity halls, the charge will be increased from 50p to £1 per meeting.

Sutton U3A believe in the U3A objectives of encouraging learning opportunities for all and providing adequate accommodation for that to take place. The Committee will assist groups that have outgrown accommodation in private houses, or new groups that can be expected soon to be of a size which cannot be accommodated in a private house, in accordance with the objectives outlined above.

The Committee manages the income and expenditure of the Branch as whole and does not consider each Group as an individual cost centre when making Subscription and Contribution decisions.

Marcia Turner

Chairman

SUTTON U3A COMMITTEE 2013/2014

Chairman	Marcia Turner	8669 2953
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A Personal View of the University of the Third Age

As a family historian I believe we should learn from the lessons of history to consider where we are at the present and plan for where we might go in the future. Towards the end of last year I represented Sutton U3A at the Surrey network U3A and the London Region U3A. There I met many people from Greater London and Surrey. During those meetings we had discussions about where the U3A was today and where it might go in the future. Here are some of the things that other people said.

“U3A is run by white middle class women.”

“Greater London has a large number of black and Asian people. We need to do more to get them interested in U3A.”

“U3A should offer opportunities for people who are unemployed or underemployed.”

“We should run groups for people who live in care homes etc., who can't come to other people's homes. This was described as U4A.”

These discussions certainly got me thinking. There is no doubt that U3A is successful. One of the branches in Surrey had 100 groups and 1000 members. That compares to our own branch of about 40 groups and 350 members

Having lived in the multiracial community of Thornton Heath and still doing voluntary work there at a senior citizens club, I fully support the view that we should do more to connect up with people from all different communities. At the London Branch some of the representatives said they had quite a lot of members from those communities, but none of them were representatives at the meeting.

I also support the idea of helping people who are unemployed. After the Surrey meeting I was told that in the North East of England U3A had set up walking groups where the unemployment rate is 30%. Our own branch has been looking for more people to serve on the Committee and be group leaders and hosts, so maybe this could be a source of future human resources.

There are no easy answers but I believe it is important we continue within our branch and, in conjunction with other branches, to help shape the future of the wonderful thing that U3A is and means to so many people.

If you have any views or comments I would like to hear from you.

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Chris Pocock

Vice Chairman and Newsletter Editor

Sutton U3A Branch Policy – October 2013

1. GROUP LEADERS are required to ensure that all persons attending their Group have current Membership Cards by checking them all before or at the latest in May each year, and also checking when a new person joins the Group
2. Members are required to always inform their GROUP LEADER if they are unable to go to a Group Meeting – if a Member has been absent for 3 meetings with the GROUP LEADER not being contacted and a reason given from them for their non-attendance, then that Member is assumed to have left the Group.
3. GROUP LEADERS are required to keep a waiting list of Members for their Group – they should also contact the Groups Co-ordinator when five persons are on the Waiting List in order for an Article to be put in the next Newsletter to seek someone to start a new Group
4. GUESTS may attend ONE Meeting of ONE interest Group before becoming a Member of Sutton U3A
5. GUESTS may attend an Outing by Coach ONCE PER CALENDAR YEAR if there are spaces not required by Members
6. GROUPS – a Member can only belong to ONE Group on a Topic. A Leader can be both a Member of a Group and lead another Group on the same topic
7. GENERAL MEETINGS – a Guest may attend ONE General Meeting before becoming a Member. The AGM is for MEMBERS ONLY
8. GROUP MEETINGS: Hire of Room Charges
 - If an interest Group is unable to meet in a Member's house, then the Leader may book a room for these Meetings, also informing the Treasurer who will deal with payment.
 - Group Members will contribute £1 per Meeting at the Civic Centre and Trinity Church.
This money will be payable in advance at the beginning of each Term with the Group Leader then passing the money to the Treasurer.
 - There will be no refund for non-attendance.
 - Group Members will contribute 50p per Meeting at the Group Leader's House to cover expenses.
 - The Art Groups will pay an extra £20 at renewal
 - Special arrangements apply for Social Bridge at Granfers.



It is with much sadness that the Committee have to report the passing of four members at the end of 2013.

Gordon Bishop

Gordon was a long-standing member of the U3A and was involved in many groups. In recent years he designed and managed the Sutton U3A website, until his health deteriorated in 2012.

Audrey Flint

The death of Audrey in December is a sad loss to the U3A as to many others. For some years she ran and hosted the Poetry Group. She was also an active member of an horticulture group. A frequent visitor on outings and theatre visits made her known to lots of members, as her friendly and outgoing presence endeared her to all.

Having known Audrey for many years I have come in contact with her in other spheres. A keen church member, she also took part in the Westcroft Evergreen activities as well as the Townswomen's Guild. Like others I have lost a good friend and she will leave a gap in the lives of many.

Ron Morris

Kay Porges

Kay was an enthusiastic member of Sutton U3A. She was Chair and Vice-Chair for many years. She had been the very first Head Girl at Nonsuch School for Girls, an achievement of which she was extremely proud. During her working life Kay worked at the BBC. She then led classes on leisure and retirement at SCOLA.

Freda Muriel Wright

We were sad to hear of the loss of Freda Wright who had been a member of U3A Sutton since its inception; in fact she set up the original U3A Art Group which met in her house, then moved to The Barn at The Heritage Centre, and finally settled in The Old Rectory. She was an inspiring leader, having trained at Hornsey School of Art and then teaching Art at a school in Tooting.

Those of us who attended the service at North East Surrey Crematorium learned much about her from the tributes from her family. Freda was one of five children and had been in the WAAF during WW2. She was non-judgemental, accepted people as they were and was a much-loved Aunt who was a rather scary driver!

Audrey Nutley

DISCUSSION GROUP

2pm to 4pm at the Civic Centre

Please check noticeboard on arrival for room details

An informal discussion group held where members can speak as many times as they like. Serious subject in first half, with a more lighthearted subject in the second.

Feb 7

European Union
The English Language

Mar 7 British Industry
Traditions

Group Leader Chris Pocock 020 8642 6789

INVESTIGATING EUROPE

10.30am to 12.30pm at the Civic Centre

The Group has been examining the liquidation of Victorian 'certainty' in European culture between 1880 and 1914, in preparation to studying the cataclysm of 1914.

It will continue this year, with the effects of trans-European conflict on ideas and consequent changes in the social & political analyses & expectations which came to define post-war Europe.

Future Dates: 19th February 19th March

Group Leader Maurice Pearton
Contact Jenny Kehoe 020 8642 9025

SCIENCE GROUP

6th Form Common Room at Nonsuch High School for Girls, Cheam Road, Cheam. Open 2.30pm for 3pm start. This is a collaborative effort between the school and three local U3A Branches, which are Sutton, Banstead and Epsom. Contact Derek Yeo 020 8647 4016

Wednesday 12th February, 2013

"Enhancing Social Abilities using
Non Invasive Brain Stimulation"
Dr Michael Bannisy, Dept Psychology,
Goldsmiths University

Wednesday 19th March, 2013

Subject to be confirmed
Dr Nikki Gammans, Bumblebee Project Officer

There are new security measures at the school, please contact Derek Yeo if you have not attended before.

OTHER GROUP NEWS

Making Music Group

We play music in four-part harmony, not too difficult since we vary in ability. We vary in instruments too and have found in the past that any instrument anyone has brought along has fitted into one of the parts.

At the moment we have violin, viola, recorder and piano. Having just lost two members, we are really keen to find people to join us, any instrument welcome. In the past we had a flute and a cello as well. Playing together is most enjoyable.

After a sociable cup of coffee, one or more has a solo or perhaps a duet that they'd like to play and we enjoy listening to that.

In November, two of us went on a Music Group one-day course at Banstead which gave us an idea or two to bring into our Group.

We meet on the first Wednesday morning in month. Contact Clare Nunns on 020 8669 0174.

Recorders Playing Group

The Recorders Playing Group, which meets on the morning of the second Wednesday of each month at 10.30 am, would welcome new members, particularly players of the descant recorder.

New members should be able to play at least simple tunes, and even if rusty, be prepared to practice to reach a good standard.

Meetings are rotated, but usually will be in Carshalton, Carshalton Beeches, or Sutton. Contact Bill Brewer 020 241 4464.

Family History Group

This Family History Group has now been meeting for one year. The meetings follow the usual ideas of *'how to go about starting to research your Family History'*. Also members report on their own researches and the problems they have encountered, so that we all learn.

Individual meetings have covered -

- How do you start? (Discover what information you already have at home and what older relatives know/remember)
- Information available in Birth, Marriage and Death certificates, in census records, in Parish Registers and in Wills and Administrations.

We had a remarkable meeting in November which, by chance, fell on November 11th, Armistice Day. We looked at some military records that are available to the public. Members reported on how their own family had been involved in WW1 and WW2, and brought some family items in their possession to show to the group.

This group is full at present, as numbers are limited by space. Waiting list enquiries to Joy Catling on 020 8647 7690.

Poetry Appreciation.

It is regretted that this group has been disbanded.

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

We hope the proposed programme will appeal to a wide variety of interests, with something for everyone - the new Mary Rose Museum at Portsmouth, cars and aviation, the UK capital of rowing and a visit to the quirky home of Lord Nuffield and, of course, a Stately Home 'n Garden with a Summer Buffet Lunch!

Whilst the cost of fuel is a huge factor, our costs are kept as low as possible, so we hope you will join us for great summer days out!

May

Brooklands Museum



August

Henry Moore Foundation, Hatfield



June

Loseley House & Gardens plus meal



September

Nuffield Place, Oxford & Henley-on-Thames



July

Portsmouth Dockyard & Mary Rose Exhibition



*Full details and
booking forms will be
in the
Spring Newsletter*

GROUP VACANCIES

Antiques

Second Thursday afternoon in the month
Contact Maggs Sandilands 020 8647 4419

Art Appreciation

Second Tuesday afternoon in the month
Contact Peter Turner 020 8669 2953

Art Galleries & Museums

Fourth Thursday in month
Contact Janet Searle 020 8395 4527

Art Portraiture

Alternate Monday mornings
Contact Julia Wilding 020 8669 9931
or Doris Smith 020 8688 8606

Art A

Thursday mornings, fortnightly
Contact Audrey Nutley 020 8688 3018

Art B

Monday mornings, fortnightly
Contact Diana Taverner 020 8647 8432

Book Club

Third Wednesday afternoon in the month
Contact Joyce Paice 020 8642 3041

Bookworms

Second Wednesday afternoon in the month
Contact Mavis McCarthy 020 8661 2556

Crafts

Second Wednesday morning in the month
Contact Beryl Coleman 0208 646 1272

Geology

Third Thursday morning in the month
Contact Valerie Brewer 020 241 4464

French Conversation

Alternate Wednesday afternoons in month
Contact Diane Merchant 020 644 5474

German Conversation

Alternate Friday afternoons
Contact Jane Vahl 020 8642 1846

History

Alternate Monday mornings
Contact Allan Clack 020 8669 5550

Making Music

First Wednesday morning in month
Contact Clare Nunns 020 8669 0174

Philosophy

Four weekly Thursday mornings
Contact John Goodall 020 394 0083

Poets of the Twentieth Century

Second Wednesday in the month
Contact Dawn Lever 020 8661 6496

Social Bridge

2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoons
Contact Jenny Kehoe 020 8642 9025

Walking

9.30am second Friday of the month
Contact Audrey Willson. Tel 020 8642 0187

**If Group Leaders have vacancies for inclusion in future newsletters,
please contact Kate O'Farrell on 020 8661 2162 or email to suttonu3a@live.co.uk**

U3A SURREY NETWORK - EVENTS

Meetings

- Fri Mar 28th Surrey Network Public Lecture 2014 - "[The Grey Friars Project - Finding King Richard III](#)"
Presented by Dr Turi King, Lecturer in Genetics and Archaeology, University of Leicester
Venue: Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon.
- Wed Apr 2nd South East Conference, Meridian Hall, East Grinstead 10.00 to 15.45
Tea/Coffee & Registration from 09.15
["Future Development of the U3A Movement"](#)
Lin Jonas, Pam Jones & Other Speakers Plus Discussion Groups

Study Days

- Fri Feb 21st [Does the European Union have a Future?](#)
Presented by Dr Simon Usherwood, University of Surrey
- Fri Mar 21st [Music of the People](#) - The Folk Music of England
Presented by Mike Head, Elmbridge U3A & Steve Roud, English Folk Dance & Song Society
- Fri Apr 11th [Astronomy, Big & Small](#)
Presented by Peter Attree

Further information from <http://u3asites.org.uk/code/u3asite.php?site=352&page=3>
or Audrey Willson on 020 8642 0187.

Summer School

Summer School courses are open to members of all U3As. The South East U3A Forum Summer School is held at the University of Chichester. The next Summer School will be held from Tuesday 24 June to Friday 27 June.

Further details and booking forms are available from <http://u3asites.org.uk/southeastu3aforum/>
or: Helen Turner Kent U3A Network on 01622 817264 or Email turnhelen@gmail.com

U3A SOUTH EAST AND OPEN UNIVERSITY

An exclusive study day for U3A members at The Sainsbury Wing Theatre, the National Gallery, London

Best of British: Exploring 18th Century Painting through The National Gallery Collection Thursday 27th March 2014, 11am –3pm

Download the booking form from <http://u3asitec.org.uk/sites/c/croydon/docs/668-best-of-british-the-national-gallery.pdf> or contact Audrey Willson on 020 8642 0187 for more information.

U3A LONDON BRANCH - EVENTS

Music of the Americas Saturday 22nd March, 10am – 4pm

Venue is the Bechstein Room of the Wigmore Hall, with sessions on Latin America, Gershwin, the Symphony in the USA and the American songbook. The cost is £17. Morning and afternoon coffee/tea is inclusive. Lunch can be taken at any of the several nearby eating houses, or you can bring your own.

Download the booking form from

<http://www.nlu3a.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/LRM-AMERICAN-STUDY-DAY.pdf> or contact Maggs Sandilands on 020 6427 4419.



We have a vacancy on the Executive Committee for a Minutes Secretary. We are also looking for more Group Leaders and Hosts. If you are able to help please contact one of the Committee members.

*There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged
to find the ways in which you yourself have altered.*

Nelson Mandela, "A Long Walk to Freedom"

GROUPS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

DAY	SUBJECT	FREQUENCY	CONTACT	TEL
<u>MONDAY AM</u>	ART GROUP B *	FORTNIGHTLY	BRIDGET GILL	8642 4303
	ART PORTRAITURE *	FORTNIGHTLY	JULIA WILDING or DORIS SMITH	8669 9931 8688 8606
	HISTORY	FORTNIGHTLY	ALLAN CLACK	8669 5550
<u>MONDAY PM</u>	FAMILY HISTORY (Beginners)	2 ND IN MONTH	JOY CATLING	8647 7690
	MUSIC B	1 ST IN MONTH	STAN SHERMAN	8669 2447
	PAPERCRAFT	3 RD IN MONTH	PAT WILSON	8642 8714
<u>TUESDAY AM</u>	LITERATURE	FORTNIGHTLY	JILL HENDERSON	8647 2588
	PHOTOGRAPHY A	FORTNIGHTLY	BRENDA SELL	01737 362401
	SOCIAL STUDIES	FORTNIGHTLY	ANN PETTINGELL	8669 0528
<u>TUESDAY PM</u>	ART APPRECIATION *	2 ND IN MONTH	PETER TURNER	8669 2953
	CURRENT AFFAIRS	1 ST & 3 RD IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
	SCRABBLE & BOARD GAMES	FORTNIGHTLY	SHEILA BIGWOOD	8770 0639
<u>TUESDAY ALL DAY</u>	PHOTOGRAPHY B	FORTNIGHTLY	JUDY TAYLOR	8647 4049
<u>WEDNESDAY AM</u>	CRAFTS	2 ND IN MONTH	BERYL COLEMAN	8646 1272
	INVESTIGATING EUROPE	3 RD IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
	MAKING MUSIC	1 ST IN MONTH	CLARE NUNNS	8669 0174
	POETS OF THE 20TH C	2 ND IN MONTH	DAWN LEVER	8661 6496
	RECORDERS	2 ND IN MONTH	BILL BREWER	8241 4462
<u>WEDNESDAY PM</u>	THE BOOK CLUB	3 RD IN MONTH	JOYCE PAICE	8642 3041
	BOOKWORMS	2 ND IN MONTH	MAVIS McCARTHY	8661 2556
	FRENCH *	FORTNIGHTLY	DIANE MERCHANT	8644 5474
	MAHJONGG	3 RD IN MONTH	DOREEN SAWTELL	8395 4627
	SCIENCE *	MONTHLY – varies	DEREK YEO	8647 4016
	SOCIAL BRIDGE *	2 ND & 4 TH IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
<u>THURSDAY AM</u>	ART GROUP A *	FORTNIGHTLY	AUDREY NUTLEY	8688 3018
	ART GALLERIES & MUSEUMS	4 TH IN MONTH	JANET SEARLE	8647 3715
	GEOLOGY	3 RD IN MONTH	VALERIE BREWER	8241 4462
	HORTICULTURE	1 ST IN MONTH	MARY SMITH	8647 7883
	LONDON APPRECIATION A	MONTHLY	ANN WILSON	8647 9312
	LONDON APPRECIATION B	3 RD IN MONTH	MAVIS McCARTHY	8661 2556
	LONDON APPRECIATION C	1 ST IN MONTH	DON JORDAN	0203 441 4269
	PHILOSOPHY	FOUR WEEKLY	JOHN GOODALL	8394 0083
<u>THURSDAY PM</u>	ANTIQUES	2 ND IN MONTH	MAGGS SANDILANDS	8647 4419
	MUSIC A	FORTNIGHTLY	CHARLES STOW	8661 1193
<u>FRIDAY PM</u>	GERMAN CONVERSATION	FORTNIGHTLY	JANE VAHL	8642 1846
	BIOGRAPHIES *	2 ND IN MONTH	PAT MOODY	8330 5465
	DISCUSSION GROUP *	1 ST IN MONTH	CHRIS POCOCK	8642 6789
	THEATRE GROUP	BY ARRANGEMENT	ANN WILSON	8647 9312
	WALKING GROUP	2 ND IN MONTH	AUDREY WILLSON	8642 0187

* The Art Groups meet at the Scouts Hall, Wallington

* Social Bridge is held at Granfers

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

* Science is held at Nonsuch High School for Girls

* Art Appreciation is held at Trinity Church Hall

* French location – check with Diane Merchant

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