# SUTTON U3A NEWSLETTER

# **SUMMER 2013**

**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.



Speaker Simon Gilbert
"Another Opening; Another Show"
Anecdotal account of Simon Gilbert's exciting
musical career and the interesting stars with
whom he has worked.

#### **29 November 2013**

Speaker Richard Norman
"From Music Hall to Variety Theatre"
The rise of music hall in taverns which later developed into lavish variety theatres



THE GROVE, CARSHALTON

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S NOTE**

# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AS PRESENTED TO THE AGM - Corrections

Our AGM was held on 31 May, when the Committee was re-elected together with the addition of a new member, Kate O'Farrell, who has agreed to be responsible for Group Liaison. In due course she will be in touch with all Group Leaders to learn about their groups, the members and how the Committee can best assist. Equally we can help if you would like to talk to someone about starting a new group.

At the AGM we all enjoyed being entertained and admiring the skills of some of our members from the following: Art Group, Crafts, both Photography Groups, Recorder Group, Making Music and Poets of the Twentieth Century; a rich and varied programme from some very talented individuals. Thank you all for agreeing to entertain us.

Marcia Turner

#### Chairman

We are looking for any member who is willing to examine the accounts for the current financial year, following the end of that year at March 2014.

Bill Brewer would be happy to explain what is involved to anybody who could help us in this respect.

Paul Kehoe has examined the accounts for the year ended March 2013 and I express my appreciation and that of the Committee to Paul for undertaking that task.

A few minor corrections are necessary as a consequence, compared with the figures presented at the AGM. These are as follows:

Annual Income Total was £6,265.80, whereas the figure was previously stated as £6,249.80, i.e. a difference of £16.

The Balance Sheet balance brought forward should have been stated as £11,316.46, compared with £11,315.96, i.e. a difference of £0.50, with the closing Balance Sheet balance being £11,817.07. Revised figures are:

Annual Income	£6,265.80
Annual Expense	£5,845.66
Income Surplus	£ 420.14
Closing Bank Balance	£ 4,905.70

Bill Brewer

**Treasurer** 

INCOME	2012-2013	2011-2012	BALANCE SHEET	31 March 2013	31 March 2012
Subscriptions	£1,814.75	£1,637.00			
Subscription pre-paid	£3,120.00	£3,823.50	Balance at beginning of the year	£11,315.96	£12,722.77
C.O.I.F Interest	£54.05	£43.90			
Group Hall Hire Contributions	£897.00	£615.00	Result for the Year 2012-13	£420.14	-£1,100.31
Bank Interest			Payments Owed / Other	£80.97	-£306.50
Granfers Hall Hire					
Contributions	£380.00	£420.00	TOTAL	£11,817.07	£11,315.96
Donations					
TOTAL	£6,265.80	£6,539.40			
EXPENDITURE					
Capitation Fee	£1,246.00	£1,256.50	C.O.I.F Deposit Fund	£6,517.92	£6,463.87
G.L.R.F. Affiliation			Lloyds Bank Balance	£4,905.70	£4,814.09
LBS/Trinity Hire - General	£213.00	£364.75	Cash	£393.45	£38.00
LBS/Trinity - Line Dancing	£23.25				
LBS/Trinity - Art Appreciation	£174.75	£69.00	TOTAL	£11,817.07	£11,315.96
LBS - Hire - Biography GP	£110.45	£82.00			
LBS - Hire French	£70.50	£90.60			
LBS - Hire - Discussion	£91.45	£112.35			
LBS - Hire - Investigating Europe	£52.95	£41.55			
LBS - Hire - History	£146.55	£235.65			
Granfers	£380.00	£380.00			
Ecology Centre - Art Groups	£551.00	£621.00			
Speakers	£372.50	£360.00			
Printing/Photocopying	£692.50	£1,658.31			
Stationery	£25.31	£244.60			
Website	£46.17				
Postage	£921.44	£950.79			
Telephone		£8.76			
Committee Expenses	£202.34	£14.99			
Third Age Trust - Mailing Costs	£468.80	£484.80			
Refreshments	£16.70	£57.86			
Other	£40.00	£606.20			
TOTAL	£5,845.66	£7,639.71			
INCOME -v- EXPENSES	£420.14	-£1,100.31			

#### SUTTON U3A COMMITTEE 2013/2014

Chairman	Marcia Turner	8669 2953
Vice Chairman & Newsletter Editor	Chris Pocock	8642 6789
Secretary, Speaker Bookings & Surrey		
U3A Network	Audrey Willson	8642 0187
Treasurer	Bill Brewer	8241 4462
Membership Secretary	Mavis McCarthy	8647 4667
Social Liaison & Greater London U3A Rep	Maggs Sandilands	8647 4419
Social Club Treasurer	Moira Wickham	8395 2741
Website & Email Manager	Shirley Ellerbeck	8644 0262
Groups Co-ordinator	Kate O'Farrell	8661 2162

#### DISCUSSION GROUP

in Room 3 at Civic Centre 2pm to 4pm

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

Aug 2 Made in China

Our Favourite Films

Sep 6 Curriculum in Education

Food and Drink

Further dates and subjects will be on the U3A website and in future newsletters.

There are vacancies in this group.

Group Leader Chris Pocock 020 8642 6789

## **INVESTIGATING EUROPE**

10.30am to 12.30pm at the Civic Centre

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Maurice Pearton's trip to Germany has been changed, so the September meeting is cancelled and an additional meeting will be held on Wednesday November 6th, usual time and place. 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 next 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: Oct 16 Nov 6

Nov 20 Dec 18

Group Leader Maurice Pearton
Contact Jenny Kehoe 020 8647 9025

#### SCIENCE GROUP

6th Form Common Room at Nonsuch High School for Girls, Cheam Road, Cheam. Open 2.30pm for 3pm start.

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

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 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

"Mushrooms, Toadstools and Fungi; Their Toxicity"

Speaker Dr David Donaldson, Former Consultant Chemical Pathologist East Surrey Hospital

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013

"Louis Pasteur and the Rabies Virus"
Speaker
Dr Tim Mason
Visiting Lecturer in Medical Biology,
Portsmouth University

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

"The Chemistry the of Human Body"
Speaker
Dr Kathryn Harkup.
Science Communicator
@ Rowanga Robot

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

"Particles and the Universe from the Big Bang to the Large Hadron Collider" Speaker Professor Peter Kalmus



Sutton U3A is affiliated to the Third Age Trust
The Old Municipal Buildings,
19 East Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1QE
Tel No 020 8466 6139

#### **GROUP NEWS**

#### Tai Chi Beginners Class

Due to the lack of U3A members attending the Tai Chi Group it will no longer be deemed a U3A Group.

Nevertheless the two instructors will be continuing the Tai Chi class on Thursdays from 9.45am to 11am at Granfers Hall but it will be open to the general public. Obviously U3A members will be able to continue attending this class.

#### **Walking Group**

The walks are easy pace, on the flat. Usual duration 2-3 hours, approximately three miles. A break in the middle for refreshments and a natter. At the moment, ad hoc Fridays, but in the New Year a set Friday will be arranged.

Group Leader Audrey Willson. Tel 020 8642 0187 or email audrey.willson1@btinternet.com.

#### **London Appreciation Group B**

In June some members of the London Appreciation B group had a fun outing on the London Duck road and river classic sightseeing tour. The Duck is an amphibious vehicle used in the D-Day landings and we had a 75 minute tour, including 30 minutes on the river when we had to change from a driver to a Captain. Throughout the tour we had a live commentary, which was full of information as well as cheesy jokes. The consensus was that although we all thought we were familiar with the sites, this was a novel way to revisit the landmarks.

Afterwards most of the Group adjourned for lunch at a nearby pub/restaurant. This year the Group have had a diverse range of outings including the British Museum Pompeii Exhibition.

Tina Caton



#### **SOCIAL CLUB NEWS**

#### Our Trip to Saffron Walden and Audley End

Saffron Walden claims to be the best preserved medieval market town in England. It lived up to its reputation, with many half-timbered buildings, narrow streets, antique shops and an art exhibition. So much to see and explore - you could follow the town trail which took you to the church and the other historic buildings.

The focal point of the town is the square where markets have been held for hundreds of years and still are (but not on the day we were there!). Fortunately there were many places to take cover from the heavy showers,



**Audley End** 

including somewhere to eat!!! Reluctantly we got back on the coach for the short drive to Audley End House and Gardens.

Most of the group took a one hour, very informative guided tour of this wonderful house. This did rather limit our time left to visit the formal gardens, stables, kitchen garden and Victorian kitchen. You would certainly need a day here if you wanted to walk by the lake and explore the rest of the grounds. Most of us said we would like to return on a proper summer's day, as towards the end it was very wet, windy and cold. In spite of the weather everyone seemed to have enjoyed the day.

Betty Stratford

Submissions from all groups are welcomed for inclusion in future issues. Please email to suttonu3a@live.co.uk, or ring Chris Pocock on 020 8642 6789

#### **GROUP VACANCIES**

#### **Antiques**

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

#### **Art Group B**

has two vacancies. Contact Diana Taverner on 020 8647 8432

**Geology** Third Thursday morning in month. Contact Valerie Brewer on 020 8241 4462 or wbls1923@blueyonder.co.uk

#### **Art Galleries & Museums**

Fourth Thursday in month Contact Janet Searle on 020 8395 4527 or check the website for upcoming visits

#### **Art Portraiture**

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

#### **Making Music**

First Wednesday morning in month. Contact Clare Nunns on 020 8669 0174

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



Suggestions for small infill items are welcomed for inclusion in future issues. Please email to suttonu3a@live.co.uk, or ring Chris Pocock on 020 8642 6789

# U3A SURREY NETWORK FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> September Third Age Trust Conference & AGM at the East Midlands Conference Hall,

Nottingham, from Friday 13th to Monday 16th September

STUDY DAYS

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> September Than Longen Folk to Goon on Pilgrimages - From medieval to modern times

Presented by Dr Catherine Ferguson, Roehampton University

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> October The Architecture & Townscape of Venice

Presented by Barrie Clark, Reigate & Redhill U3A

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November <u>The Future of Nuclear Energy in the UK</u>

Presented by Ian Funnell, John Gallop, Bill Nuttall & Jeroen Veenstra

U3A LONDON NETWORK FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> August Film matinees and other events for seniors at the British Film Institute,

South Bank.

Tue 8th October ELGAR'S LIFE AND THE WOMEN WHO INFLUENCED HIM.

At The Elgar Birthplace Museum, Worcester WR2 6RH.

Wed 16th October WEST END U3A SING OUT!

Do you dream of singing in a West End Theatre?

Wed 20th November FILM Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" from the Mariinsky Theatre. 12<sup>th</sup>

& 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

For further information contact:

Surrey U3A Network Audrey Willson 8642 0187

Greater London U3A Rep Maggs Sandilands 8647 4419



# "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat"

### **Wimbledon Theatre** Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm

Dress Circle Seats, Rows A, B & C

#### £17.50

if you are interested, please book early. Contact is Jenny Kehoe on 020 8642 9025

# Booking forms are at the back of the newsletter Don't forget your S.A.Es!!!

#### **Visit to Hatfield House**

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

Cost: £25.25

drive directly to Hatfield House in Hertfordshire, built between 1607-11, by Robert As well as richly decorated State rooms, Cecil. visitors can see superb examples of Jacobean craftsmanship, including the Grand Staircase and the rare stained glass window in the private chapel.

The Victorian kitchen has been restored to give a fascinating glimpse into life of the house as the staff prepare for Queen Victoria's banquet in 1846.

The beautiful gardens contain regular exhibitions of sculpture. You may also wish to visit The East Garden (only open on Wednesdays) at an additional cost of £4, or Hatfield Park Farm at an additional cost of £4.50.

The Coach House restaurant serves a varied menu, and there is shopping in the Stable Yard.

Contact mobile no. on the day **07855 716233** 



It is with regret that we have learnt that Brian Wicker is moving away from the area. John Goodall is taking on the Philosophy Group and Jill Henderson is the contact for Literature.

I have been in Brian's Literature and Philosophy groups for two or three years and have found them most interesting and intellectually stimulating, thanks to his deft guidance and broad knowledge of his subjects.

I am sure I speak for all members of these groups when I thank him for his sterling efforts and wish him all the best for his move to Canterbury.

John Goodall

Auriol Ford, who started the Recorder Groups and has led them for a number of years, has also departed the area. Auriol has been an inspirational teacher/leader of the recorder groups and has been also been an active member of the Making Music Group. Regretfully she has returned to Nottingham. Auriol will be much missed, but it is hoped that those who have known her will maintain contact.

Bill Brewer

It is planned that members of the recorder groups will meet in September to decide where to meet and who will take over as leader. Probably there will be only one recorder group in future, but that has to be decided. Future newsletters will give details, once they have been arranged.

Newsletter Editor - Chris Pocock

Newsletter Production - Shirley Ellerbeck

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# **INTEREST GROUPS BY DAY OF WEEK**

DAY	SUBJECT	FREQUENCY	CONTACT	TEL
MONDAY AM	ART GROUP B *	FORTNIGHTLY	DIANA TAVERNER	8647 8432
	ART PORTRAITURE *	FORTNIGHTLY	JULIA WILDING	8669 9931
			or DORIS SMITH	8688 8606
	HISTORY	FORTNIGHTLY	ALAN CLACK	8669 5550
	FAMILY HISTORY (Beginners)	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN MONTH	JOY CATLING	8647 7690
MONDAY PM	MUSIC B	1 <sup>ST</sup> IN MONTH	STAN SHERMAN	8669 2447
	PAPERCRAFT	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN MONTH	PAT WILSON	8642 8714
	LITERATURE	FORTNIGHTLY	JILL HENDERSON	8647 2588
TUESDAY AM	PHOTOGRAPHY A	FORTNIGHTLY	BRENDA SELL	01737 362401
	SOCIAL STUDIES	FORTNIGHTLY	ANN PETTINGELL	8669 0528
	ART APPRECIATION *	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN MONTH	PETER TURNER	8669 2953
THECDAY DM	CURRENT AFFAIRS	1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
TUESDAY PM	WRITING FOR PLEASURE	2 <sup>ND</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> IN MONTH	JOYCE PAICE	8642 3041
	SCRABBLE & BOARD GAMES	FORTNIGHTLY	SHEILA BIGWOOD	8770 0639
TUESDAY ALL DAY	PHOTOGRAPHY B	FORTNIGHTLY	JUDY TAYLOR	8647 4049
	CRAFTS	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN MONTH	BERYL COLEMAN	8646 1272
	INVESTIGATING EUROPE	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
MEDALECDAY ANA	MAKING MUSIC	1 <sup>ST</sup> IN MONTH	CLARE NUNNS	8669 0174
WEDNESDAY AM	POETS OF THE 20TH C	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN MONTH	DAWN LEVER	8661 6496
	RECORDERS A	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN MONTH	BILL BREWER	8241 4462
	RECORDERS B	4 <sup>TH</sup> IN MONTH	BILL BREWER	8241 4462
	THE BOOK CLUB	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN MONTH	JOYCE PAICE	8642 3041
	BOOKWORMS	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN MONTH	MAVIS McCARTHY	8647 4667
MEDALECD AV DAA	FRENCH *	1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> IN MONTH	BERYL COLEMAN	8646 1272
WEDNESDAY PM	MAHJONGG	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN MONTH	DOREEN SAWTELL	8395 4627
	SCIENCE *	MONTHLY – varies	DEREK YEO	8647 4016
	SOCIAL BRIDGE *	2 <sup>ND</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
	ART GROUP A *	FORTNIGHTLY	AUDREY NUTLEY	8688 3018
	ART GALLERIES & MUSEUMS	LAST IN MONTH	JANET SEARLE	8647 3715
	GEOLOGY	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN MONTH	VALERIE BREWER	8241 4462
	HORTICULTURE	1 <sup>ST</sup> IN MONTH	MARY SMITH	8647 7883
THURSDAY AM	LONDON APPRECIATION A	MONTHLY	ANN WILSON	8647 9312
	LONDON APPRECIATION B	3 <sup>RD</sup> IN MONTH	MAVIS McCARTHY	8647 4667
	LONDON APPRECIATION C	1 <sup>ST</sup> IN MONTH	DON JORDAN	0203 441 4269
	PHILOSOPHY	FOUR WEEKLY	JOHN GOODALL	83940083
	POETRY APPRECIATION	1 <sup>ST</sup> IN MONTH	GWEN TREDGETT	86428092
THIDCDAY DAA	ANTIQUES	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN MONTH	MAGGS SANDILANDS	8647 4419
THURSDAY PM	MUSIC A	FORTNIGHTLY	CHARLES STOW	8661 1193
	GERMAN CONVERSATION	FORTNIGHTLY	JANE VAHL	8642 1846
EDIDAY DEA	BIOGRAPHIES *	2 <sup>ND</sup> IN MONTH	PAT MOODY	8330 5465
FRIDAY PM	DISCUSSION GROUP *	1 <sup>ST</sup> IN MONTH	CHRIS POCOCK	8642 6789
	LINE DANCING *	FORTNIGHTLY	AUDREY WILLSON	8642 0187
	THEATRE GROUP	BY ARRANGEMENT	ANN WILSON	8647 9312
	WALKING GROUP	Ad hoc FRIDAYS	AUDREY WILLSON	8642 0187

<sup>\*</sup> The Art Groups meet at the Ecology Centre

<sup>\*</sup> Science is held at Nonsuch High School for Girls

<sup>\*</sup> Social Bridge is held at Granfers

<sup>\*</sup> Art Appreciation & Line Dancing are held at Trinity Church Hall

<sup>\*</sup> Biographies, History, French & Discussion Group are all held at Civic Offices

# "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" at Wimbledon Theatre

## Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm

Name	Mem No	. Tel No
Emergency Contact		. Tel No
I enclose my cheque for the cost of	£17.50	[ ]
Cheques payable to "Sutton U3A Social Cluto be sent to Jenny Kehoe, 7 Walnut Mews, Ch	•	·



# Hatfield House Wednesday, 18th September, 2013

Name	Mem	No	Т	el No
Emergency Cont	act			Tel No
	Cost	£25.25	[	1
Pick Ups	Wallington Shotfield	9.15am	]	1
	Sutton Grove Road Post Office	9.30am	[	1
	Please tick boxes as appropriate			

Cheques payable to "Sutton U3A Social Club", together with a stamped addressed envelope to be sent to Carol Stevens, 49 Rutherford Close, Sutton, SM2 9DP. Tel 020 8642 5634