

Annual General Meeting & General Meeting

Friday, 27th May at 2.30pm

Trinity Church Hall, Opposite Civic Centre

The AGM and General Meeting will be followed
by entertainment by the Twentieth Century
Poetry Group and the Recorders Group

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.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Chair's Notes
- AGM Papers
- Social Club News
- U3A Members Presentation
- Group News & Vacancies



Notes from the Chair

By the time you read this we will be well on the way to completing another successful year, and be planning for the start of the 2016/17. Along with our hard-working Committee, a lot of the credit for our continued success goes to our 40+ Group Leaders. As I keep saying...without Groups we would be just another bi-monthly meeting club for retired people and, of course, without Group Leaders there would be no groups.

As I stated above, a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes by our Committee, especially by Debbie Edwards, Mavis McCarthy, Maggs Sandilands and our Communications Secretary, Shirley Ellerbeck. Now that quite a lot of members have their own email addresses, Shirley is able to communicate quickly important information en-masse as well as producing our own very attractive Newsletter.

I expect that you will notice that this edition of the Newsletter is in a completely new format which I hope you will all enjoy.

Our Open Afternoon event continues to evolve, and by the time you read this our second event will have been held. A report and photos of this will appear in the Summer edition. This type of event helps to publicise to the general public in Sutton all the activities that we do and hopefully more people will become members.

As I mentioned in my last Newsletter, if you know of friends or neighbours who might benefit from joining our friendly U3A, meeting new people, enjoying our Groups or perhaps going to the theatre

or attending any of our events organised by the Social Club, please pass their contact details to our Membership Secretary — the more the merrier !

You will see in this Newsletter that there is a revised edition of the Branch Policy re Groups and Meetings which originally was in the New Year 2016 Newsletter — the only amendment in this revised edition is in Paragraph 12 re ART GROUPS. The correct figure for Members of the Art Group to pay for 2016/17 in addition to their £18 annual subscription is £30 (not £50 as stated in the New Year 2016 Newsletter).

And finally, following the Ballot Papers which went out in January, I am pleased to report that we have had a nomination for one of the vacant posts on the Committee, i.e. Speaker Booking Secretary, but we still need a Vice Chairman, and Publicity Secretary. If you feel you might be interested you could initially become a General Committee Member to find out practically what is involved, and if you think it is something you could do, then take it over when you feel comfortable about it. If, on the other hand, it is not for you, then there is no obligation. Please do think about these two posts and, if you feel you would like to chat to me about them, then contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I wish you all a very Happy and Warm Easter.

Audrey Willson

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SUTTON U3A

HELD AT TRINITY CHURCH HALL, SUTTON ON FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2015

WELCOME

On behalf of Audrey Willson, Derek Yeo chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM, especially any new members present.

Apologies received from Audrey Willson, Maggs Sandilands and Cheryl Bailey.

MINUTES OF LAST AGM HELD ON 30TH MAY 2014

There were no matters arising and these were approved unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Audrey Willson's report was circulated in the Spring Newsletter 2015.

It had been a very interesting and busy year, due in the main because of a more proactive approach taken to publicising Sutton U3A and its activities.

During the past 12 months membership grew to 361, with six new Groups starting – Theatre Group B, Trollope, Cinema Streaming, Town & Country, Play Reading and a Piano Group - great news for Sutton U3A as Groups are the lifeblood of any U3A.

Our first Open Afternoon at Civic Centre was a great success, as was the Cheam Charter Fair earlier this month. This summer we will again have a stall at the Carshalton Environmental Fair and SCOLA's Big Event.

Audrey thanked the Executive Committee and Social Committee for all their hard work, as well as Group Leaders and Hosts for running all the Groups so efficiently.

Derek thanked Audrey for the tremendous amount of work she had done over the past year, including the re-establishment of liaison with other neighbouring U3As.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the accounts for the 12 months ended 31st March 2015 were circulated at the meeting.

These show a deficit of £1,439 in receipts and payments, compared with a surplus of £494 during the previous year. The deficit was almost entirely accounted for by extra publicity related payments, as the Committee felt that publicity should be a priority, to avert declining membership.

£960 was spent on new equipment (almost all publicity related), consisting of a gazebo, folding chairs, a folding table, an upright stand and various name banners. These items were one-off and accordingly should not be repeated in the current year's accounts. Additionally, some £447 related to ongoing publicity charges (i.e. event charges and advertising). However almost half of ongoing publicity costs were covered by a grant of £190 received from the Third Age Trust.

Subs and pre-subs, at £6,188, have remained fairly stable, despite some fall in membership earlier in the year.

Although the rise in hall hire contributions exceeded the rise in payments for hall hire, overall hall hire payments were considerably in excess of contributions. However, the contributions excluded the practical art groups, which pay towards hall hire by way of an enhanced subscription. Additionally, part of the hall payments are for general meetings, costing just over £200 a year. Payments also included an advance payment of £160 towards hall hire by one of the art groups.

Other factors contributing towards this year's deficit have been rises in costs of printing, postage and stationery. Part of the extra printing cost resulted from publicity related material, but also extra circulars about changes in our Constitution and a Special Meeting to vote for these changes. Some part of the extra postage and stationery costs were also as a result of these extra circulars.

It was emphasised that members who take the newsletters by email save the U3A a considerable amount, with postage costing around £4 a year for members receiving the newsletter by post, and additional expenses for printing and stationery.

Turning to the balance sheet, reserves are fully adequate, at £10,872. These reserves consist of cash, bank account, and reserves with COIF, a body recommended for holding spare reserves of charities. The reduction in total reserves reflects the deficit for the year, as explained above. No increase in Subscription levels has been made for the current year.

Acceptance of the Accounts was agreed unanimously, proposed by David Muir and seconded by Liz Robson. Thanks were expressed to Geoff Haseler, who has examined and signed off the Accounts for a second year.

Bill Brewer was not standing for re-election, having been Treasurer for the past 3 years. He wished Sutton U3A a successful and solvent future.

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER

The AGM endorsed the appointment of Geoff Haseler as Examiner for the following year, proposed by Margaret Laurence and seconded by Patricia Le Serve.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mavis McCarthy reported that membership as at 31st March 2015 stood at 361 members, with 80 new members and 19 formal resignations. Although the majority of members have renewed, a reminder has been sent to those outstanding and these are now coming in.

Mavis reported the death of the following five members:-

Pauline Campion
Victor Jordan
Chris Pocock
Gwen Tredgett
Barbara Isaac

Coffee mornings for new members have been held successfully every two months, which has helped to introduce members to each other and learn more about the Sutton Branch. The next one will be at 10.30am on Wednesday 8th July at the Oasis Coffee Shop.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Maggs Sandilands, Mavis McCarthy reported that over the past year the Social Committee have arranged five summer outings, four theatre trips, a January quiz and a special guided walk. Despite losses of £177 on two of the outings, overall there was a small gain of £57.62. The decision to give Sutton members a priority booking period before offering places to neighbouring U3As has boosted participation in our activities.

The programme for 2014-15 included:

- Brooklands Motor and Aviation Museum
- Summer Luncheon at Loseley House
- Portsmouth and the Historic Dockyard
- Nuffield Place and Henley
- The Henry Moore Foundation
- January Quiz at the Salvation Army hall
- Guided Walk around the Inns of Court in London and lunch at Middle Temple Hall
- Theatre trips to The Pyjama Game, Miss Saigon, Anything Goes and Shakespeare in Love

Thanks were given to the individual Social Committee members who organised these.

In addition, the Guided Art Gallery Tours with Ann Davies have become increasingly popular and well supported.

On behalf of Maggs, Mavis thanked members of the Social Committee for their hard work over the past year, as well as Mary Gates who assists on an ad hoc basis, and welcomed Brenda Pennington to the Committee. Thanks were given to Carol Stevens and Audrey Willson and the Committee are sad to lose their input.

The programme of outings for 2015-16 includes:

- Chenies House and Gardens in April
- Summer Luncheon at Parham House in June
- Walmer Castle and Sandwich in July
- Shuttleworth and Swiss Garden in September
- Canterbury and Christmas Market in November

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thanks were expressed to Bill Brewer, who is standing down as Treasurer after 3 years.

Nominations had been received for the posts of:

Chair – Audrey Willson

Secretary – Debbie Edwards

Treasurer – Brenda Dombey

Membership Secretary – Mavis McCarthy

Communications Secretary – Shirley Ellerbeck

Groups Co-Ordinator – Cheryl Bailey

General Committee Members – Margaret Laurence and Amanda Tomlin

There being no other nominations for these posts, the above named were elected to serve for the next twelve months, with unanimous support.

No nominations had been received for the posts of Vice Chair, Speaker Bookings Secretary and Publicity/Events Secretary. Members were asked at the meeting if anyone would like to volunteer for these posts. No further nominations were received and these positions remain vacant.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Brenda Dombey asked members who are tax payers to complete and return the forms for Gift Aid.

It was suggested that postage might be saved by folding Newsletters and sending out in A5 envelopes rather than A4. [Post meeting note – this has been investigated and is no cheaper because of the weight involved.]

Derek Yeo thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and introduced Ian McCannah, Regional Trustee.

SUTTON BRANCH

Registered Charity No 297859

2.30 pm Friday 27th May 2016

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**To be held in the
Main Hall, Trinity Church, Hill Road, Sutton**

Programme

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| 2.00pm | Arrival and opportunity to pay annual subscriptions |
| 2.30pm | Business Meeting (see Agenda below) |
| 3.00pm Approx. | Entertainment by: Recorder & Poetry Groups |
| 3.45pm | Close of Meeting |

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of Minutes of 2015 AGM
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of Examiner
6. Membership Secretary's Report
7. Social Committee Chair – Report
8. Nominations and Election of members to Executive Committee
9. A.O.B.

The AGM is for members only, please bring this Notice and your Membership Card with you

Debbie J Edwards
Secretary – Sutton U3A

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MAY 2016

Another successful year for Sutton U3A, our membership continues to grow, especially the number of Groups – we currently have 41. Our monthly General Meetings are very well supported with a variety of Speakers.

We have continued our pro-active approach in publicising the activities of Sutton U3A and this has resulted in more members as well as Sutton U3A becoming more widely known throughout the Borough. I am very pleased to report that more members have come forward to lead new Groups, which is excellent as Groups are the very lifeblood of any U3A.

All eight current members of the Executive Committee have said that they will stand for re-election, which is excellent news, and I want to thank them and the Social Committee for all for their very hard work over the past twelve months, as well as the Leaders and Hosts for running all our Groups so efficiently.

Thank you also to Doris Richards and Elizabeth Aumeer who recently agreed to become Sutton U3A's representatives and attend the regular London Region U3A Meetings and who have covered the last two meetings

Audrey Willson
March 2016



SUTTON U3A – BRANCH POLICY – Effective 1st APRIL 2016

Revised 1 February 2016

GROUPS & MEETINGS

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

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.

GROUP LEADERS are required to keep a waiting list of Members for their Group – they should also contact the Groups Co-ordinator when four 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

GUESTS may attend ONE Meeting of ONE interest Group before becoming a Member of Sutton U3A

GUESTS may attend an Outing by Coach ONCE PER CALENDAR YEAR if there are spaces not required by Members

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

GENERAL MEETINGS – a Guest may attend ONE General Meeting before becoming a Member.

GROUP MEETINGS - Members will contribute 50p (or whatever sum the Group Leader thinks is reasonable) per Meeting at the Group Leader's House to cover expenses

GROUP MEETINGS – Charges for Hiring Rooms/Small Halls

If an Interest Group is unable to meet in a Member's house, then prior to the beginning of each season (April to August; September to December; January to March) the Leader must contact either the Groups' Co-ordinator or the Chairman to book a suitable room for the Group. When the cost of the booked room for each season is known the Group Leader will be notified and the cost divided between the number of members in the Group. This money, which should be in cheque form, being collected by the Group Leader at the beginning of each season. The Group Leader will then pass the money over to the Treasurer within two weeks of the beginning of each season. There will be no refund for non attendance at any Group Meetings. Note: Every endeavour will be made to hire a Room at the Civic Centre where the cost is very reasonable; however if there is no availability a booking may have to be made at either Trinity Church or Granfers (these rooms are dearer than Civic Centre).

GROUP MEETINGS – SCIENCE GROUPS - Special arrangements apply as the cost of these meetings is shared with Banstead U3A and Epsom & Ewell U3A

SOCIAL BRIDGE - Special arrangements apply for Social Bridge at Granfers

ART GROUPS - Special arrangements apply. Members will pay £30 for 2016/17 in addition to their £18 annual subscription; if a member attends a second Art Group then a further £30 is payable. Group leaders are responsible for collecting and ensuring all their members pay the appropriate sum - either £10 at the start of each season (April to August; September to December; January to March). or £30 in one go; these amounts to be sent to the Treasurer in cheque form early in each season. There will be no refund for non-attendance at any of the Art meetings.

Welcome to New Members

**Martin Beevers Margaret Bentley
Roger Bentley Barbara Crees
Irene Drummond
Christine Eberhard Ann Fielden
Suzanna Hill Marie Knowles
Ira Murray Anthony Nicholas
Kathleen Ottway Ian Robinson
Jane Targett Briar Price
Hazel Sanders John Webster**

New Members' Coffee Morning



**10.30 am
Tuesday, 17th May**

**Coffee Shop
Sutton Central Library**



Maurice Porter—Obituary

Maurice joined Sutton U3A in 2001 and was a keen member and participant in the History Group that met in later years at the civic offices.

He and Rita were also keen members in the Social Club outings and theatre outings and always enjoyed anything we did on the social side.

He also attended Maurice Pearton's Investigating Europe for many years until ill-health prevented him travelling from Wallington.

He was a pharmacist and had the chemist shop on Stafford Road and was an excellent man who helped all his customers and I know some personally who remember him with the highest regard.

He was a great man, with a great sense of humour and will be much missed.

Jenny Kehoe

Recent Social Club Events

Another Successful Quiz

On the afternoon of 12th February, we held our second annual quiz at the Salvation Army Hall in Sutton.



The Quizmaster was Liz Robson and she certainly got our grey cells working overtime. It was a very close finish with only fifteen points separating the best nine teams! We had to resort to a tie-break question to separate the two top teams.

The eventual winners were the 'Masterminders', which were (L to R) Jean Ando, Mabel Griffiths, Rupert and Jean Quested, Maggie Lane, and Joan McKenzie (front).

The 'Masterminders' each won a bottle of wine and a winner's medal. The members of the

last team — the 'Drama Queens' each received a wooden spoon with a sad face carved into the bowl!

The venue provided tea, coffee and a lovely selection of cakes for everyone during the interval.

There were some really good prizes in the free raffle, These were kindly donated by U3A members or their family and friends.

Our thanks go to Liz Robson for her creation and 'delivery' of the quiz and to Jean Quested and Maggie Lane for their assistance with serving the refreshments.

Social Club Committee

Visit to the Savoy Theatre

On 2nd February a group of Sutton U3A members met at the Savoy Theatre in the Strand, for a performance of "Guys and Dolls".

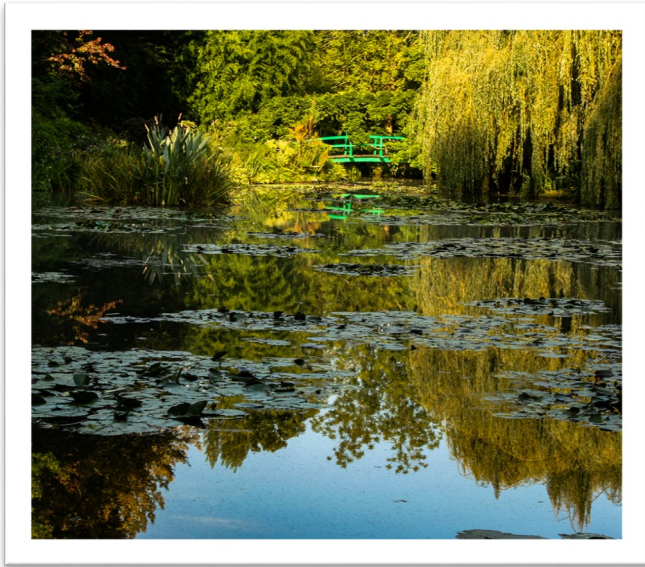
*It was a very enthusiastic and lively show, not least due to the unexpected musical talent of **Sophie Thompson** (Emma Thompson's sister) and **David Haig**.*

This is the first time that they have appeared together since their comic pairing as bride and groom, Lydia and Bernard, in the British film, "Four Weddings and a Funeral".



U3A Members at the SLC

Friday, 19th February, found three Sutton U3A members — Margaret Stevens, Don Jordan and George Sage — joining Ann Davies in a joint presentation at the Sutton Life Centre.



Photograph by Don Jordan.

On Friday 19th February Margaret Stevens, Don Jordan and George Sage showed their photographs of Monet's Giverny Garden alongside Monet's paintings of the same subject.

For a couple of hours the winter weather was banished from our minds while we enjoyed looking at the gorgeous images projected simultaneously and enlarged onto the walls of the hall in the Sutton Life Centre.

Ann Davies offered a commentary on Monet's paintings while Margaret, Don and George made the garden real by describing their visits to Giverny and locating their photographs within the garden to give the audience a sense of its geography and atmosphere. George, Don and Margaret had visited the gardens separately during different months in 2004, 2008 and 2013 respectively.



Photograph by George Sage

The presentation began with their photographs of the iconic Japanese bridge alongside a Monet painting of the same scene. From the outset it was apparent that the garden had inspired the three photographers to compose and capture the effects of light that so beguiled Monet.

A series of different views followed which guided us around the garden and towards the house. There was one cheeky photograph taken by Margaret from within the house.

Photography within the house is forbidden but we are grateful to Margaret for her daring effort!

It was interesting to see how little the garden had changed since Monet's time (he died in 1926), although there had been alterations to the planting scheme. This led to a lively discussion on the merits of modern planting and whether it was true to Monet's vision.



Photograph by Margaret Stevens

We are so grateful to Don, Margaret and George for sharing their photographs and experiences and transporting us, however briefly, to Giverny.

Thought for the Month

Isn't it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it too?

Douglas Adams, Author

Town and Country Group at the BBC

Wednesday 24th February

On a cold February morning a group of 21 members gathered outside the Media Café in the precinct of BBC House in London. We were told in advance that strict security arrangements were in place and it took the whole party 20 minutes to be finally vetted as “safe to enter the portals of the BBC” !

We thus stepped inside the exciting world of broadcasting at Portland Place, London to look behind the scenes of the dynamic live broadcasting hub and to find out what goes on at the beating heart of the BBC. The two Guides, Adrian and Jan, were introduced to us and Jan first explained about the rich history of the building and the BBC and, from the Observation Gallery, we were all able to view the state of the art newsroom where all the world news is streamed in continuously, then vetted and put forward for various television and radio new studios. We also saw from a distance the current weather programme being transmitted.

Adrian then took over guiding our group and took us into an adjoining building to show us the Studio which is home to The One Show.



He explained how the nightly topical magazine programme is put together and we all sat on the famous sofa where many favourite celebrities and personalities have sat and been interviewed by Matt, Alex and Chris. The Studio looks onto the entrance to the new BBC building at street level.

We then went into the original BBC building and went into a Studio where a couple of members had a go at reading the news, and one did the weather forecasting. In another Studio we saw where BBC Radio Drama is made – members were asked if they would like to have a go at recording our own radio



play, and a few brave members went ahead and read a short play from scripts provided, with Jan and Adrian applying music and realistic sound effects !

Then the tour was over and we all returned to the new BBC building and bade farewell to Adrian and Jan who were very entertaining and informative Guides.

Quite an experience which I feel everyone enjoyed!

Audrey Willson

Reminder

The Coach Trips and the Theatre Outings are proving so popular that they have been over-subscribed on several occasions -



- so don't be disappointed

May Coach Trip 24th May



*We're
going to
Hampshire!*

Alresford is a lovely small rural town. It has Georgian buildings with small cottages. Alresford is famous for growing watercress and the restored railway. The Watercress Line (or Mid-Hants Railway).

There are some very nice small shops and places to eat. We will have lunch here before driving the short distance to Hinton Ampner.

Hinton Ampner is an elegant country manor with highly distinctive gardens, which sit so harmoniously within the landscape.

The house was lovingly rebuilt by its last owner, Ralph Dutton. After a catastrophic fire in 1960. Enjoy the beautifully proportioned rooms which house his exquisite collection of ceramics and art, each window offering undisturbed views to the tranquil countryside beyond.

And the gardens are wonderful; beautifully manicured lawns lead the eye down avenues of sculptured topiary, past borders full of the heady scent of roses to breath-taking views across the South Downs.



There is a shop, small tea room and a second-hand bookshop.

We leave at 4:30 pm – arriving back in Sutton between 6 – 6:30pm.

National Trust Members £14.00

Non NT Members £22.50

June

Coach Trip 17th June

A Sussex Day Out *West Dean Gardens* *& Bignor Roman Villa*



The wonderful restored walled kitchen garden is the highlight of any visit to **West Dean Gardens**. There are beautiful herbaceous and decorative planting as well as vegetable beds. Take a peep into the original gardening sheds and into the main gardens surrounding the original 'stately home' (now West Dean Training College) and walk the length of the 300 foot pergola covered with roses, honeysuckle and clematis.

Take a picnic lunch or visit the Garden Restaurant for a hot, homemade meal or snack. Visit the quirky shop, which also has plants for sale.



After lunch we go on to **Bignor Roman Villa**, one of the largest ever found, discovered in 1871 by a local farmer. There is an introductory talk, after which we can explore the site with its well preserved mosaics. Before leaving, we will have a Sussex Cream Tea!

Please note that although both sites have some cover if there are summer showers, comfy walking shoes are advisable!

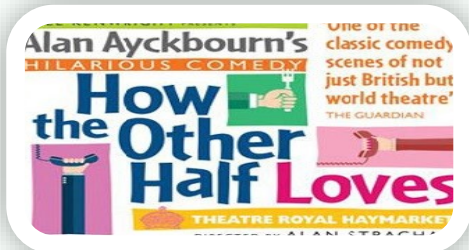
Cost £27.60

**The cost includes coach travel, driver's tip,
entrance fees, the Introductory Talk and the Cream Tea.**

Theatre

Theatre Trips

3pm Thursday, 5th May



Theatre Royal, Haymarket

£25 - face value £57

Limited run of 9 weeks only

The all-star cast includes Nicholas Le Prevost opposite Jenny Seagrove, Tamzin Outhwaite opposite Jason Merrells Matthew Cottle, opposite Gillian Wright

2.30pm Wednesday, 6th July



New London Theatre

£39.50

for top price tickets £62.50

NOTE

Theatre bookings are **only** held for three weeks so please book early

QUAKER STEEL BAND 3RD AUGUST

The Quaker Steel Band is based at the Quaker Meeting House, 10 Cedar Road, Sutton

We play a range of music, including songs to sing along to.

We are responding to a request from Canterbury U3A to play for them on the afternoon of 3rd August at the Meeting House in Sutton at 2pm.

We are inviting members of local U3As to come too. Attendance is free of charge.

To book your place, contact Cynthia Milligan on
Cynthia.milligan@btinternet.com
Telephone 0208 393 1383

Or Graham Ellis on grahampellis@googlemail.com
Telephone 0208 642 5876

Spotlight on Groups

Groups



Active Walking

We have received a very positive response to the announcement of this new group.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month in the morning. Most walks will involve a coffee stop at the beginning and a lunch break, either in the middle or at the end, depending on the chosen walk.

Sylvia Beavis

Embroidery & Sewing

This new group still has a couple of vacancies.

Our regular time to meet is the third Wednesday afternoon in the month.

Pat Wilson

Literature

We enjoy increasing our knowledge of literature – prose, poetry and plays. We make collective choices of what to read and find that one subject or period will lead us on to another.

Having just read “Gulliver’s Travels” and “Robinson Crusoe” we are now planning further travel books and the poetry of Alexander Pope.

At our monthly meetings we have friendly discussions of what we have read and what to read next.

Jill Henderson

Biographies

13 May
Presentation and discussion on Lady Jane Grey

10 June
Pat Moody on Clarissa Dixon Wright

We meet on the 2nd Friday afternoon in the month at the Civic Offices

Pat Moody

Contact details for Group Leaders are on pages 22 & 23

Group **Vacancies**

Advanced Walking

Contact Sylvia Beavis Mob: 07774 888973
or 0203 091 8121

Art Group B

Alternate Monday mornings
Contact Bridget Gill 020 8642 4303

Cinema Streaming

Ad hoc. No fixed meeting
Contact Shirley Ellerbeck 020 8644 0262

Discussion Group

First Friday afternoon in month
Contact Liz Robson 020 8647 3812

Family History

Second Monday afternoon in month
Contact Joy Catling 020 8647 7690

Informal Piano Playing

First Friday afternoon in the month
Contact Clare Nunns 020 8669 0174

Literature

Last Tuesday morning in the month
Jill Henderson 020 86472588

Needlework

Contact Pat Wilson 020 642 8714

Philosophy

Last Thursday morning in month
Contact John Goodall 020 8394 0083

Science

Wednesday afternoon, twice per term
Contact Derek Yeo 020 8647 4016

Social Bridge

2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoons.
Vacancies for experienced players.
Beginners should contact Jenny Kehoe on
020 8642 9025

Walking

Second Friday of the month
Contact Audrey Willson 020 8642 0187

National, London Region Forthcoming Events

The Search for Life in the Universe - the New Science of Astrobiology

U3A members are invited by Birkbeck College (no charge) to this lecture by Professor Ian Crawford Professor of Planetary Science and Astrobiology,

@ 2.30–4pm, Monday, 11th April

University Square, Stratford,
Salway Place, London E15.

U3A Spring Concert

Mozart Requiem with the Brandenburg Singers and Organ, conducted by Robert Porter. Wednesday 27th April 2pm - 4pm. £18 per ticket, @ St Clement Danes, Strand, London, WC2.

Please visit the Events page on the U3A national website:

<http://www.u3a.org.uk/members-area/events/427-participative-learning.html>

Exclusive Study Day at the National Gallery for U3A members

The Age of Baroque - spectacle and style

Thursday 2 June 11am to 3.30pm.
@ The National Gallery

£18 per ticket

Following the success of our joint ventures exploring paintings in the National Gallery's Collection both chronological and thematically, the National Gallery is delighted to be hosting another U3A study day which will focus upon the 17th century Baroque style in Italy, Spain, France and the Netherlands. This follows on from the study days on Italian and Northern Renaissance painting

Book now through the national U3A website www.u3a.org.uk.

Surrey & Sussex Networks

Forthcoming Events

Surrey U3A Network

The Theatrical Heritage of Gilbert & Sullivan

Presented by Bernard Lockett, Trustee of the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival Friday, 15th April at the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon.

u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork

Sussex U3A Network

Treasures of Music

Saturday, 16th April

All Saints, Chapel Green, Church Road,
Crowborough, TN6 1ED

Music is unique as a container of human expressiveness; at any one performance the listener is offered the chance to join the composer on a musical journey of exploration. Music matters worldwide, it makes use of three attributes; the heart-beat, voice pitch and memory. Sometimes through it the listener is offered glimpses of a coherent pattern to day to day living: Rhythm – the hinge of movement, Melody – the song of feeling and Harmony – the glue of continuity. This study day will explore the overture, the concerto and the symphony. No specialist knowledge required.

Changing Landscapes

Saturday, 14th May

The Steyning Centre, Fletcher's Croft,
Steyning, BN44 3XZ

An exploration of why our rural and urban landscapes changed so much. Farming prospered at first then a recession contributed to the breakup of large estates and loss of output. Villages began to be purely residential. Towns were transformed – healthier and safer due to innovations such as clean piped water supply, cheaper bricks and lower densities. Greater disposable income to spend on leisure helped resorts to boom, wealth was also spent on revamping old buildings and places of worship and new country houses. Cars and bikes appeared and began to affect urban and rural landscapes

u3asites.org.uk/sussexu3anetwork

South East U3A Network

Conference - "U3A—New Stage"

The Annual Conference will be held in the Meridian Hall, East Grinstead on Wednesday 20 April 2016. The title is "U3A - A New Stage" and the main speakers are Pam Jones from Witney U3A who is the new Chairman of the Third Age Trust and Professor Richard Faragher, University of Brighton.

<http://u3asites.org.uk/code/3asite.php?site=352&page=3>

If you are not online speak to Audrey Willson 8642 0187 or Debbie Edwards 8643 8630

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 & PAPERCRAFT	3RD IN MONTH	PAT WILSON	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	8669 5060
	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	PLAYREADING	2ND & 4TH IN MONTH	CHERYL BAILEY	01737 351553
	POETS OF THE 20TH C	2ND IN MONTH	PEARL ESSEX	8642 7487
	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
	MAHJONGG	3RD IN MONTH	DOREEN SAWTELL	8395 4627
	SEWING & EMBROIDERY	3RD IN MONTH	PAT WILSON	8642 8714
	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

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THURSDAY PM	ANTIQUES	2ND IN MONTH	MAGGS SANDILANDS	8647 4419
ALL DAY	ACTIVE WALKING	3RD IN MONTH	SYLVIA BEAVIS	O203 0918121
FRIDAY AM	WALKING GROUP	2ND IN MONTH	AUDREY WILLSON	8642 0187
	THEATRE GROUP A	BY ARRANGEMENT	T.B.A	
	THEATRE GROUP B	BY ARRANGEMENT	AUDREY WILLSON	8642 0187
	ART APPRECIATION B	1 ST FRIDAY IN MONTH	PAMELA LYNE	8643 3018
FRIDAY PM	GERMAN CONVERSATION	FORTNIGHTLY	MARTHA FAULKNER	8241 7075
	BIOGRAPHIES *	2ND IN MONTH	PAT MOODY	8330 5465
	INFORMAL PIANO PLAYING	1ST IN MONTH	CLARE NUNNS	8669 0174
	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

* Play-Reading, 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

Due to building work, entry to the school will be through the main entrance ONLY until further notice The building work is likely to take about a year to complete. Please park in the carpark to the left of the main entrance. Wait in the porch to be escorted to the meeting room.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr. is an American author best known for his inspirational book, Life's Little Instruction Book, which was a New York Times bestseller

Remember that the most valuable antiques are dear old friends.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



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**Alresford & Hinton Ampner
Tuesday 24th May 2016**

Mem No:

Name:

Tel No:

Emergency Contact:

Tel No:

Relationship:

National Trust Members £14.00

Non NT Members £22.50

Pick Ups Wallington Shotfield 9.30 a.m.

 Sutton Grove Road Post Office 9.45 a.m.

Please PRINT CLEARLY & tick boxes as appropriate

Cheques payable to "Sutton U3A Social Club", together with **a stamped addressed envelope** to be sent to
Mavis McCarthy, 15 The Chilterns, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5QN. Tel No 020 8661 2556

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

**Bignor Roman Villa and West Dean Gardens
Friday, 17th June 2016**

Mem No:

Name:

Tel No:

Emergency Contact:

Tel No:

Relationship:

Cost £27.60

Pick Ups Wallington Shotfield 9.00 a.m.

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Mrs Maggs Sandilands, 33 Queenswood Avenue, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 8HR Tel No 020 8647 4419

Social Club Guidelines

Any outing includes coach hire, a tip for the driver and entrance fee – we are non-profit making!

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

Payment – by cheque only please!

One cheque for EACH outing or theatre trip. Each event has its own organiser and funding etc.

Guests – Members are welcome to invite their non-U3A spouse or a friend, on **ONE** outing or theatre trip per year.

Theatre Trips - Bookings are only held by the theatres for a very short time, usually 3-4 weeks. Therefore bookings must be made promptly.

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.

Show Boat

Matinee Performance at The New London Theatre
2.30 pm on Wednesday, 6th July, 2016

Mem No:

Name:

Tel No:

Emergency Contact:

Tel No:

Relationship:

Mobile No, in case of delay on the day:

Cost: £39.50 []

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to be sent Shirley Ellerbeck, 53 Danescourt Crescent, Sutton, SM1 3DZ. Tel No 020 8644 0262

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How the Other Half Loves

Matinee Performance at The Theatre Royal, Haymarket
3.00 pm on Thursday, 5th May 2016

Mem No:

Name:

Tel No:

Emergency Contact:

Tel No:

Relationship:

Mobile No, in case of delay on the day:

Cost: £25 []

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