# SUTTON U3A NEWSLETTER

# **WINTER 2015**

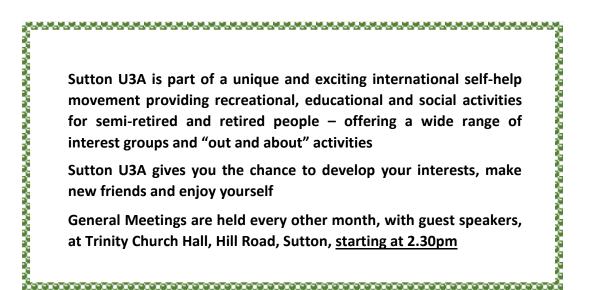
Next General Meeting Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

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

Speaker Bernard Lockett Reflections of Post War East London



The Committee would like to wish all Sutton U3A Members A Very Happy Christmas & A Healthy and Peaceful New Year





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We are pleased to welcome the following new members to Sutton V3A

Glenda Charman & Simon Lipscomb & Lesley Hagger & Carol Warren Trudi Waller & Hilary Clark & Viorica Feler-Morgan & Jacqueline Dow & Maggie Penton

Shirley O'Grady 🏶 Jeff Hughes 🏶 Vincent Fosdike 🏶 John Swan 🏶 Mary Tapp



### New & Prospective Members' Morning

10.30 a.m on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at The Waterstones Coffee Shop 71–81 Sutton High Street



### Group Update

We are sorry to announce the closure of the Fashion Group due to the ill health of Maddie Simms, the Group Leader

# Social Club News

### General Knowledge Quiz



Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 2.00 - 4.30pm (please arrive 1.45 for 2pm start) at The Salvation Army Hall, Benhill Avenue, Sutton cost includes tea/coffee and cake & free prize draw ticket Come along and have some fun. Make up a team with your friends (4-6 on a table), or come along and help make up a team with other U3A members

> £5 per ticket booking form at the back of the newsletter



## ART GALLERY GUIDED TOURS - by Ann Davies, BA, MA

Ann Davies continues to offer these tours exclusively to Sutton U3A members. In the spirit of Christmas she is also offering 5 tours for the price of 4 if booked together.

The booking form for this series of tours looks different to accommodate bookings for galleries with entry fees and for those members who possess Art Fund cards. In addition Ann has provided an option for pre-booked refreshments at a special rate at the Wallace Collection because of the problems with slow service during our last visit. The Wallace Collection Hertford House, Manchester Square, W1U 3BN <u>Tour price includes coffee</u> at the restaurant.

**Tour 1** - 11.30 a.m. Wednesday 13 January 2016 This is a return visit to the sumptuously decorated museum close to Oxford Street which houses one of Europe's finest art collections. This is a repeat tour of the one given in October and provides an introduction to the house and the collection including works by Boucher, Fragonard and Reynolds.

**Tour 2** - 11.30 a.m. Friday 22 January 2016 - please note <u>the lift will be out of action</u> for servicing on this day.

**Tour 3** - 11.30 a.m. Wednesday 27 January 2016 - the lift should be fully operational

The breadth and quality of the Wallace collection is breathtaking. This tour will predominantly concentrate on the Dutch and Spanish paintings in the collection.

**The Dulwich Picture Gallery**, Gallery Road, SE217AD **Tour 4** - 11.30 a. m. Wednesday 3 February 2016 <u>Tour price includes entry fee.</u>

The world's oldest purpose-built public art gallery was founded in 1811 and houses a permanent collection which includes works by Rembrandt, Gainsborough, Reynolds, Canaletto, Rubens, Veronese, Murillo and many more. It is a short walk from West Dulwich station.

The Courtauld Prints and Drawings Room and The Courtauld Gallery, Somerset House, The Strand, WC2R ORN Tour price includes entry fee. Tour 5 - 11.30 a.m. Wednesday 10 February 2016

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This tour offers another opportunity to visit the Prints and Drawings room at the Courtauld Institute of Art and view a selection of drawings from the collection. We will consider the relationship of some of these works with paintings in the Courtauld Gallery itself.

**Tour 6** - 11.30 a.m. Wednesday 24 February 2016 This visit will look at the "isms' of the collection which take us from the Nineteenth to the Twentieth *C*entury: Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, Expressionism.

The Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road, SE21 7AD Tour price includes entry fee.

**Tour 7** - 11.30 a.m. Wednesday 9 March 2016 This is a repeat of Tour 4, on 3 February.

**The National Portrait Gallery**, St. Martin's Place, WC2H OHE

Tour 8 - 11.30 a.m. Wednesday 16 March 2016

Tour 9 - 11.30 a.m. Wednesday 23 March 2016

These tours will explore the gallery's phenomenal collection of Twentieth Century portraits.

Tate Britain, Millbank, SW1P 4RG

Tour 10 - 11.30 a.m. Friday 22 April 2016

Tour 11 - 11.30 a.m. Wednesday 27 April 2016

We will be looking at the Twentieth Century paintings and sculpture in the Tate Collection on both days.



### Moíra Wíckham

### 11<sup>th</sup> June 1935 - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015



Moira Phillips was born in Purley and attended Purley C of E Primary School and Purley Grammar School. She left at 16 years old and became a shorthand typist and was once a receptionist at the Royal Institute of British Architects. Her family moved from Purley to Carshalton. During a holiday on the Isle of Man with her father to watch the motorcycle TT races Moira met her future husband Ron Wickham. Moira designed and made her own wedding dress, which was worn three years later by her younger sister Barbara.

Ron and Moira lived in a maisonette in Thornton Heath, where their first son Geoffrey was born. When a second baby was on the way, they moved to a house in Carshalton, where Gary was born. This house was to remain Moira's home until she died there. Five years after they moved in, I became her next door neighbour and began a friendship which spanned 45 years. Our two families became close and we shared our pets and many family events.

Moira had three grandchildren and she was kept busy making and altering their clothes, as she had done for her family. Sadly Ron died after a short illness when Moira was only 55. It was a shattering experience for her as they were always together and their lives revolved around their family. She took up driving again and got herself a job as a GPs receptionist, determined to get on with life and be independent.

By 2001 I was also widowed, and one day I suggested that we have a short holiday together. It was a great success, and then there was no stopping us! We twice visited her sister in Australia, went to North America, all over Europe, Britain and, just two years ago, we went to Russia.

After Moira retired, she felt at a loss, so I suggested we should join Sutton U3A. She went to many groups and was Treasurer of the Social Club Committee. Using her secretarial skills, she did voluntary office work for Tom Brake and Sutton Seniors Forum. She also taught knitting at Carshalton High School for Girls and was a member of Wallington Townswomen's Guild. She still found time to sew and bake lovely cakes.

She will be missed by her family and her many friends .....and my cat!!

Betty Stratford

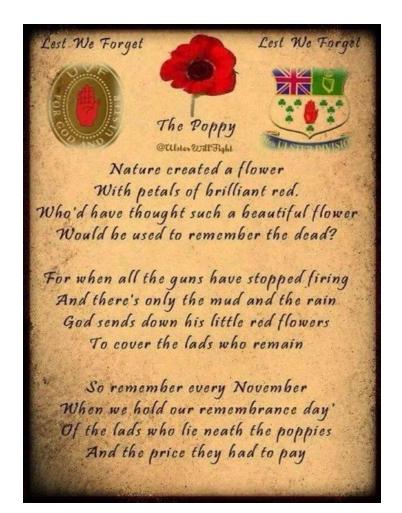


### Thought for the Month



Paris 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November, 2015

### Armistice Remembrance



### Group Vacancies

Antiques	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday afternoon
Cinema Streaming	Variable
Geology	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning
Poets of the Twentieth Century	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday morning

If you wish to join any of these groups, please contact the Group Leaders



### Request for London Representative

Each London U3A sends a representative to a quarterly meeting of the London Region. Maggs Sandilands has represented Sutton U3A for several years but has stepped down this year. Other members of the Executive Committee are fully committed already with their various functions and we would like to invite an application from any member to take up this position.

> Please either ring Audrey Willson on 0208 642 0187 or email on <u>u3awillson@btinternet.com</u>





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### National, London Region, Surrey & Sussex Forthcoming Events

#### National

Thursday, 10th December - Time 13:15 - 13:55

**FREE** Lunch Hour Lecture: Truth and lies: medicine in the media. Speaker Dr Christoffer van Tulleken, UCL Towers Lab

Venue: Darwin Lecture Theatre, Darwin Building access via Malet Place, London, WC1E 6BT For more information contact Sonia Abrams 0203 108 3840| or email <u>events@ucl.ac.uk</u>

#### Surrey Network

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Turning Points in 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Painting – Breaking the Mould Presented by Barrie Garnham
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Spying Through the Ages Presented by Hugh Davies, former Bletchley Park Guide

#### Sussex U3A Network (SUN)

#### Saturday 12th December - 10.15am – 3.30pm

#### Thomas Hardy and Rural Life - Geoff Doel

Hardy's observation of the structure, skills and class problems of rural communities in the 19<sup>th</sup> C is unequalled. We'll explore his own rural background as expressed in his work. Venue: All Saints, Chapel Green, Church Road, Crowborough, TN6 1ED

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January - 10.15am – 3.30pm

Jazz - The Sound of Surprise - Mike Head

Jazz is possibly the only true American art form & draws on its African & European roots to produce a fascinating and unique music. You will look at its development through the recordings and images of the most important musicians of jazz and blues. Venue: The Steyning Centre, Fletcher's Croft, Steyning, BN33 3XZ

#### Saturday $13^{th}$ February - 10.15am – 3.30pm

#### Fifty Years of Changing Britain - Gillian Pitt

An exploration of the scientific & technological developments combined with social & political ideas and action which have changed our lives and our nation - from the advent of antibiotics, computers and the post war welfare state in the atomic age through to the 1990s and the digital age. Venue: Village Hall, Swan View, Pulborough, RH20 2BF

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

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



# 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 <sup>ST</sup> 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	8669 9931
			or DORIS SMITH	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	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
	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 <sup>™</sup> 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

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FRIDAY AM	WALKING GROUP	2ND IN MONTH	AUDREY WILLSON	8642 0187
	THEATRE GROUP A	BY ARRANGEMENT	ANN WILSON	8647 9312
	THEATRE GROUP B ART APPRECIATION B	BY ARRANGEMENT 1 <sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY IN MONTH	AUDREY WILLSON PAMELA LYNE	8642 0187 8643 3018
FRIDAY PM	GERMANY CONVERSATON	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





#### Please note that the previous 24 hour Legal Helpline for U3A members has now ceased

#### With immediate effect the new Legal Helpline details are as follows:

Arc Legal Assistance in partnership with Irwin Mitchell Solicitors Telephone 0344 770 1040

### SUTTON U3A COMMITTEE 2015/2016

Chairman	Audrey Willson	8642 0187
& Surrey U3A Network Representative	Addrey Willson	0042 0107
Vice Chairman	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Edwards	8643 8630
Treasurer	Brenda Dombey	8287 0871
Membership Secretary	Mavis McCarthy	8661 2556
Communications Secretary	Shirley Ellerbeck	8644 0262
Groups Co-ordinator	Cheryl Bailey	8669 1789
Social Committee Liaison	Maggs Sandilands	8647 4419
Social Club Treasurer	Angela Bradbrook	8681 8401
Committee Member	Margaret Laurence	8661 6021
Committee Member	Amanda Tomlin	8669 1722
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Speaker Bookings Secretary	Vacant	

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# Booking Forms for Spring 2016

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Art Gallery Tours Spring 2016 – Booking Form
Name Tel No Tel No
Mobile No, in case of delay on the day
Emergency Contact
Alternatively, if you would prefer to receive your confirmation by email, add your email address below:
Email
The Wallace Collection
Tour 1Tour only - £16[]Tour including tea/coffee & cake - £20[]Tour 2Tour only - £16[]Tour including tea/coffee & cake - £20[]Tour 3Tour only - £16[]Tour including tea/coffee & cake - £20[]
<u>Please tick as appropriate</u>
Dulwich Picture Gallery
Tour 4 Tour with Art Fund Pass - £16 [ ] Tour and entry - £20 [ ] Tour 7 Tour with Art Fund Pass - £16 [ ] Tour and entry - £20 [ ]
The Courtauld Gallery
Tour 5 Tour with Art Fund Pass - £16 [ ] Tour and entry - £20 [ ] Tour 6 Tour with Art Fund Pass - £16 [ ] Tour and entry - £20 [ ]
The National Gallery
Tour 8 Tour only - £16 [] Tour 9 Tour only - £16 []
Tate Britain
Tour 10     Tour only - £16     []     Tour 11     Tour only - £16     []
Book any four tours and get the fifth tour FREE (Entry fee and refreshments are considered extras)
Cheque enclosed for [£ ]
Cheques payable to "Ann Davies", together with <mark>a stamped addressed envelope</mark> to be sent to Ann Davies, 29 Glebe Road, Cheam, Sutton. SM2 7NS Tel No 07957634524 or email suttonu3a@live.co.uk