

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 aged 50 plus – 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



IMPORTANT BALLOT PAPERS ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

*Next General Meeting
27th March, 2015*

*Speaker – Paul Whittle
“Tsars & Commissars
– Aspects of St Petersburg”*

“Tsars and Commissars - Aspects of St Petersburg” features the many splendid churches, cathedrals and palaces in St Petersburg, which was founded by Peter the Great in 1703. Also the dramatic events of the 1917 Revolution and the bitter 900 day siege by the Nazis in WW2

Paul has visited over forty countries, including such relatively unusual destinations as Armenia, Burma, Syria, and Eritrea. He has also crossed the Sahara Desert

He is retired from the 31st Signals regiment and is the Regimental Historian of the 31st Signals Regiment Association

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Firstly the Executive Committee were shocked and saddened to learn about the sudden death of Chris Pocock. He had served for many years on the Committee as Secretary and also Vice Chairman and was Group Leader for the Discussion Group. Chris Pocock's obituary is in the Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to give formal notice of the Annual General Meeting of Sutton U3A on Friday 29 May 2015 at 2.30pm in the Main Hall, Trinity Church, Hill Road, Sutton and enclosed with this Newsletter you will find Notices regarding:-

- Election of Members to Executive Committee – list of posts
- Nomination Form for Executive Committee
- Treasurer Vacancy
- Notice of Special General Meeting on 27 March 2015
- Special General Meeting on 27 March 2015 – 2 Clauses for approval

This is the time when the Executive Committee has to step down and when all officers and places on the Committee are voted on by members attending the AGM. At the AGM I will read out the name(s) nominated for each post and if there is more than 1 Nominee for a post a vote will be taken at the AGM. If you are interested in standing for any of the posts on the Executive Committee, would you please complete and return the Nomination form to Debbie Edwards, Secretary by 28 February 2015 latest. Please ensure that any application is proposed and seconded by two different members of Sutton U3A.

You will also see in the attachments to the Newsletter that Bill Brewer wishes to retire as Treasurer and now, as the post of Vice Chair is vacant, it is essential that these two posts are filled if Sutton U3A is to continue as they are key positions on the Executive Committee.

As well as the Vice Chairman and Treasurer, we currently have two other posts vacant on our Committee – Groups' Co-Ordinator and Publicity Secretary - Each one of these two posts could be shared by two members, thus making it easier. Currently the work of these two posts is being covered by Committee Members and you will realise that this is extra workload for everyone.



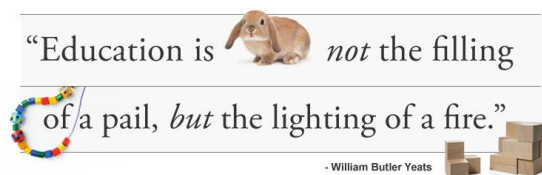
Please do think about whether you can help run Sutton U3A. On the Committee we are all a very friendly bunch and all of us have “learnt on the job” and we all support one another. So if you are interested in any of these vacancies and would like more information before deciding, please do contact me and I would be happy to chat with you about what is involved.

In the December Winter Newsletter I said that we were awaiting approval from the Charity Commission for the “Objects” and “Dissolution” Clauses and I am pleased to report that this has now been granted. Therefore with this Newsletter I am also giving formal notice of a Special General Meeting (which will be followed by the normal General Meeting items as well as a Speaker) on Friday 27 March 2015 to present these two clauses to Members for their approval – you will see in the Notice of this Meeting details of the 2 clauses to be approved by members.

The Membership Application Renewal Form is also in the Newsletter – all subscriptions are due on 1st April but can be paid at any time from now.

Although it is the end of January, everyone on the Committee wishes all members of Sutton U3A a Happy, Healthy & Peaceful New Year

Audrey Willson
Chair



SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

The Social Committee are pleased to announce the following outings for 2015

We hope that you find something among this selection that tempts you to join us
Booking forms will be in the March Newsletter

May Chenies Manor House & Gardens



This historic and enchanting Tudor Manor House with its Award Winning Gardens is set in the charming estate village of Chenies in Buckinghamshire, overlooking the Chess Valley.

as part of a chain of coastal artillery defences it evolved into the official residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Re-opening in 2015 after major renovations.

September Swiss Garden & Shuttleworth Collection



The Swiss Garden was the brainchild of Lord Ongley, which was apparently motivated by the 1820s fashion for all things alpine. The Swiss Garden has just reopened following an 18-month restoration process.



The Shuttleworth Collection is an outstanding collection of vintage aircraft and vehicles. Many of the exhibits are in flying or running order, and some are unique and priceless survivors of their type.

June Summer Lunch at Parham House & Gardens



Historic manor house dating from the Elizabethan era, with rare art, gardens and 875-acre deer park. Nr Pulborough, West Sussex.

July Walmer Castle & Deal



Built during the reign of King Henry VIII, Walmer Castle is one of the most fascinating visitor attractions in the South East. Originally designed

November - Canterbury



The trip will include optional visits to the Cathedral and the German style Whitefriars Christmas Market, which runs from mid-November till Christmas.

REMINDER - in future, when trips are advertised in the newsletter the booking process will be open to Sutton U3A members ONLY during the first two weeks. After that, if there are still vacancies, these will be offered to members from the other U3As and/or Sutton Seniors

FORTHCOMING SUTTON U3A EVENTS

Friday 6th February 2.30pm at the Civic Offices – Sutton U3A Open Afternoon

This is our first Open Afternoon, which will be held annually in the future, and will be open to the public. Group Leaders will be there with details of their Groups and the aim of this event is to help promote Sutton U3A and its activities and encourage more people to become members. Please do come and join us and meet everyone; refreshments will be available.

Thursday 26th February 10.30 to 3.30pm in the Europa Gallery, Sutton Library **Community Safety Day for Older People**

Sutton U3A will be represented by having a Stand at this event.

This Safety Day is being run by the Met Police in Sutton and Sutton Council in association with Sutton Neighbourhood Watch Association. The Mayor and Council Leader have kindly agreed to open the event.

There will be around 25 – 30 organisations staffing Stands to assist in making local residents aware of the range of services that are available to support and help keep them safe. There will also be Guest Speakers with information about specialist subject areas and these talks will be scheduled at various times during the day.

It is hoped to have computer demonstrations about how to stay safe online and how to bank online.

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS' MEETING



10.30 a.m on Thursday, 26th February

The Oasis Coffee Shop, Trinity Church

Opposite Sutton Civic Centre

Christopher Pocock
May 1958 – January 2015

Chris was a man of many facets. He was a very active member of Carshalton Methodist Church in Ruskin Road, Carshalton. He regularly led Sunday prayers informed by an excellent comprehension of local affairs and world news. His research on local church history formed the backbone of the church's centenary celebrations just a few years ago.

He was also an active supporter of the Liberal Democrat Party – he had joined the Young Liberals when he was a student, together with Derek Yeo's daughter. As many of us know, Chris's great passion was genealogy research, becoming expert in this field. He joined the East Surrey Family History Society in 2004 and became the Sutton Group Secretary and was responsible for booking the speakers for their monthly meetings.

Chris joined Sutton U3A in 2004 following a talk given by Margaret Storey at his church. He immediately became active in our organisation and started a Family History Group and later led the monthly Discussion Group as well as becoming Deputy Chair of the Executive Committee. He also represented Sutton U3A at Regional level and until recently he edited our newsletter.

Chris was the prime carer for his younger brother, Keith, who has both mental health and physical health issues. Chris visited him twice a week at his residential care home in Epsom and managed his financial affairs. Chris also leaves his former wife, Beryl, a daughter, Linda, and two sons, Alan and Gary

Although being a diabetic, he enjoyed meeting his pals at the local pubs for a chat several times a week, but he only ever drank diet cola. His tragic early death at the age of 56 is a sad loss; Chris was a character you could not ignore because of the zeal he displayed for whatever he undertook.

He will be very much missed.



...then he slept with his ancestors...
Bible: Hebrew, 1 Kings 14:20.

Tributes may be sent to the family home at 29 Howberry Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 8HZ.
There will be a funeral service at Carshalton Methodist Church and we will publicise details as soon as these become known

DISCUSSION GROUP

2pm to 4pm

As a mark of respect for Chris Pocock, the meeting scheduled for Friday 6th February will not take place.

The next meeting of the Group will be on **6th March** in the Minor Hall at Trinity Church, as there is no availability at the Civic Centre. If you are a member of the Group please do come along if you can, as we need to discuss future leadership of the Group.

If you are unable to attend, please let me know so that I can keep you informed about what was decided at the meeting. Thank you.

Audrey Willson – 020 8642 0187
audrey.willson1@btinternet.com

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 continues 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.

January 28th February 11th March 25th

NOTE: Jan and Feb meetings not on usual days due to unavailability of the room

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 at 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

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

The Science lectures at Nonsuch High School for Girls are funded through an outreach programme by the School. The dates of future lectures are:

21st January, 2015 Mr Norman Clarkson, Gemologist - ‘Gem Testing’

25th March, 2015 Dr Paul Stevenson, Surrey University - ‘Field Guide to the Isotopes’

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.

GROUP VACANCIES

Antiques

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

Art Group A

Alternate Thursday mornings
Contact Audrey Nutley 020 8688 3018

Art Galleries & Museums

Fourth Thursday in month
Contact Janet Searle on 020 8395 4527

Art Portraiture

Alternate Tuesday afternoons
Contact Julia Wilding on 020 8669 9931
or Doris Smith on 020 8688 8606

Book Club

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

Card Making & Papercraft

Third Monday afternoon in the month
Contact Pat Wilson 020 86428714

Discussion Group

First Friday afternoon in month at Civic Centre
Contact U3A Secretary Debbie Edwards until further notice. 020 8643 8630

Geology

Third Thursday morning in the month
Contact Valerie Brewer 020 8241 4462

German Conversation

Alternate Friday afternoons
Contact Jane Vahl 020 8642 1846

Investigating Europe

Third Wednesday morning
Contact Jenny Kehoe on 020 8642 9025

Making Music

First Wednesday morning in month
Contact Clare Nunns 020 8669 0174

Music A

Fortnightly
Contact Charles Stow 020 661 1193

Poets of the Twentieth Century

Second Wednesday in the month
Contact Dawn Lever 020 8661 6496

Recorders Playing

Second Wednesday morning in the month
Contact Bill Brewer 020 8241 4462

Science

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

Scrabble & Board Games

Tuesday afternoons, fortnightly.
Contact Sheila Bigwood 020 770 0639

Social Bridge

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

Trollope – Beyond Bassetshire

Third Friday in the month
Contact Pamela Morgan 020 8642 5103

Walking

Second Friday of the month
Contact Audrey Willson. Tel 020 8642 0187

If Group Leaders have vacancies, articles or photographs for inclusion in future newsletters,
please send to Shirley Ellerbeck – email - suttonu3a@live.co.uk

National U3A, London Region & Surrey Network - Forthcoming Events

- Mon 23rd Mar U3A Explores Science at the RI at the Royal Institution of Great Britain,
21 Albemarle Street, London W1. Places are limited. £20 per ticket. 1.30 – 4.55pm.
- Thurs 9th Apr Family History Study Day
- Discovering Your Ancestors in the First World War
 - Which Way
 - Using Newspaper Records
 - Childhood in Surrey and Hampshire U3A Network
- Fri Apr 17th The Future Development of the NHS – Title to be confirmed
Booking from 1st December. Presented by current and retired NHS Staff
- Weds Apr 22nd South East Forum One Day Conference at East Grinstead “More Learning, More
Enjoyment” – free entry. 9.15am - 3.30pm.
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Summer Schools

Summer School courses are open to members of all U3As.
The South East U3A Forum Summer School will be held at the
University of Chichester from Monday 22 to Thursday 25 June 2015.

**INFORMATION ON ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS ARE ON THE U3A TRUST WEBSITE. www.u3a.org.uk
IF YOU ARE NOT ONLINE, CONTACT AUDREY WILLSON OR MAGGS SANDILANDS**

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	MONTHLY	PAT WILSON	8642 8714
MONDAY PM	FAMILY HISTORY (Beginners)	2ND IN MONTH	JOY CATLING	8647 7690
	MUSIC B	1ST IN MONTH	STAN SHERMAN	8669 2447
	CARDMAKING & PAPER CRAFT	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 *	2ND IN MONTH	PETER TURNER	8669 2953
	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	INVESTIGATING EUROPE	3RD IN MONTH	JENNY KEHOE	8642 9025
	MAKING MUSIC	1ST IN MONTH	CLARE NUNNS	8669 0174
	POETS OF THE 20TH C	2ND IN MONTH	DAWN LEVER	8661 6496
	RECORDERS PLAYING	2ND IN MONTH	BILL BREWER	8241 4462
WEDNESDAY PM	THE BOOK CLUB	3RD IN MONTH	JOYCE PAICE	8642 3041
	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
THURSDAY AM	ART GALLERIES & MUSEUMS	4th IN MONTH	JANET SEARLE	8647 3715
	GEOLOGY	3RD IN MONTH	VALERIE BREWER	8241 4462
	HORTICULTURE	1ST IN MONTH	MARY SMITH	8647 7883
	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	FOUR WEEKLY	JOHN GOODALL	8394 0083

THURSDAY PM	ANTIQUES	2ND IN MONTH	MAGGS SANDILANDS	8647 4419
	MUSIC A	FORTNIGHTLY	CHARLES STOW	8661 1193
FRIDAY AM	WALKING GROUP	2ND IN MONTH	AUDREY WILSON	8642 0187
	THEATRE GROUP A	BY ARRANGEMENT	ANN WILSON	8647 9312
	THEATRE GROUP B	BY ARRANGEMENT	AUDREY WILLSON	8642 0187
FRIDAY PM	GERMANY CONVERSATION	FORTNIGHTLY	JANE VAHL	8642 1846
	BIOGRAPHIES *	2ND IN MONTH	PAT MOODY	8330 5465
	TROLLOPE GROUP	3RD IN MONTH	PAMELA MORGAN	8642 5103
	DISCUSSION GROUP *	1ST IN MONTH	# AUDREY WILLSON #	8642 0187
AD HOC	CINEMA STREAMING	BY ARRANGEMENT	SHIRLEY ELLERBECK	8644 0262
	TOWN & COUNTRY	BY ARRANGEMENT	LIZ ROBSON	8647 3812

- * Art Group B meets at the Scouts Hall, Wallington
- * From January Art Group A & Portraiture will meet at the United Reform Church Hall, Wallington on Tuesdays afternoons
- * 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 – see Group page for security information
- * Art Appreciation - Check with Mavis McCarthy

until further notice

4th – 22nd March, 2015

at the Europa Gallery at Sutton Library,
St Nicholas Way, Sutton, SM1 1EA

The Victorian Society's photographic exhibition '*Saving a Century*',
curated by noted architectural historian Gavin Stamp,
will be on show, free of charge during normal library hours

SUTTON U3A COMMITTEE 2015/2016

Chairman & Surrey U3A Network Representative	Audrey Willson	8642 0187
Vice Chairman	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Edwards	8643 8630
Treasurer	Bill Brewer	8241 4462
Membership Secretary	Mavis McCarthy	8661 2556
Social Committee Liaison & Greater London U3A Representative	Maggs Sandilands	8647 4419
Social Club Treasurer	Moira Wickham	8395 2741
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