

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.

29th 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

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Following the speaker on 29th November there will be a **Special General Meeting of Sutton U3A** where the **Executive Committee** will give a report on Sutton U3A's financial situation.

Proposals will be placed before the meeting about a rise in the subscription for the year 2014/2015, which will be no more than £2. There may also be a proposal to increase charges for groups who hire rooms.



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CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

In this issue you will find a copy of the Branch Rules, which remind those who belong to Groups that they should contact the leader if they are unable to attend a meeting. If there has been no contact for three months then it will be assumed that you have left that Group.

We would be very grateful if someone could join the Committee and become the Minutes Secretary. The commitment for this job is attending 6 meetings per year, taking then typing and sending out the Minutes.

Marcia Turner

Chairman

SUTTON U3A COMMITTEE 2013/2014

Chairman	Marcia Turner	8669 2953
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Groups Co-ordinator	Kate O'Farrell	8661 2162

SUTTON U3A – BRANCH POLICY – SEPTEMBER 2013

1. GROUP LEADERS are required to ensure that all persons attending their Group have current Membership Cards by checking them all before or at the latest in May each year, and also checking when a new person joins the Group.

2. Members are required to always inform their GROUP LEADER if they are unable to go to a Group Meeting – if a Member has been absent for 3 meetings with the GROUP LEADER not being contacted and a reason given from them for their non-attendance, then that Member is assumed to have left the Group.

3. GROUP LEADERS are required to keep a waiting list of members of their Group - they should also contact the Groups Co-ordinator when five persons are on the Waiting List in order for an Article to be put in the next Newsletter to seek someone to start a new Group.

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

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

6. GROUPS – a Member can only belong to ONE Group on a Topic. A Leader can be both a Member of a Group and lead another Group on the same topic.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS – a Guest may attend ONE General Meeting before becoming a Member. The AGM is for MEMBERS ONLY.

8. GROUP MEETINGS - Hire of Room Charges. If an interest Group is unable to meet in a Member's house, then the Leader may book a room for these Meetings, also informing the Treasurer who will deal with payment. Group Members will contribute 50p per Meeting at the Civic Centre and £1 for Granfers and Trinity Church. This money will be payable in advance at the beginning of each Term with the Group Leader then passing the money to the Treasurer. There will be no refund for non-attendance. The Art Groups will continue to pay an extra £12 at renewal. Special arrangements apply for Social Bridge at Granfers.

DISCUSSION GROUP

2pm to 4pm in Room 3 at the Civic Centre

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.

Future Dates:

Oct 4 Britain in Recession
My Favourite Hates

Nov 1 Houses or Nature
Fashion

Dec 6 Celebrations and Beliefs
Christmas Wishes

The meetings for October and December will be 2.30 to 4.30.

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. 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.

Wednesday 23rd October, 2013

"Louis Pasteur and the Rabies Virus"

Speaker Dr Tim Mason, Visiting Lecturer in Medical Biology, Portsmouth University

Wednesday 20th November, 2013

"The Chemistry of the Human Body"

Speaker Dr Kathryn Harkup. Science Communicator @ Rowanga Robot

Wednesday 18th December, 2013

"Particles and the Universe from the Big Bang to the Large Hadron Collider"

Speaker Professor Peter Kalmus

OTHER GROUP NEWS

Line Dancing

Unfortunately due to falling numbers, it is no longer viable to continue with the Line Dancing Group.

Creative Writing

Likewise, Creative Writing Group is no longer viable.

Recorder Group

Members of the Recorder Groups met in September to consider the way forward, following Auriol Ford's departure from the area. It was decided that there will now be one group meeting once a month, which will include all members who wish to continue from the previous groups. The first meeting will be held on 9th October at the home of Bill and Valerie Brewer. Existing members have been notified and know the address. Any prospective members should contact Bill Brewer on 0208 241 4462.

It was decided that Bill Brewer will be listed as group leader for the purpose of liaising with the U3A and general coordination, but that the leadership role in respect of finding repertoire

and musical guidance will be shared amongst group members. The venue for meetings will also be rotated amongst members willing to host meetings. Future meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and between 10.30 and 12.30.

Social Bridge

The Social Bridge Group are now able to accept beginners. Bridge is held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month between 2pm and 4.30pm at Granfers Hall. The S1 stops outside. If anyone is interested in learning how to play to contact Jenny Kehoe on 020 8642 9025.

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 9.30am on the second Friday of the month. Contact Audrey Wilson. Tel 020 8642 0187 or email to Audrey.wilson1@btinternet.com

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

SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

A big “Thank You” to everyone who supported the outings over the past year – and to the Social Club outings over the past year – and to the Social Club Committee, the outings organisers.

However, it has become increasingly difficult to make arrangements with centrally located and suitable restaurants for the Christmas Lunch and, to do so in time to meet newsletter deadlines. Last year restaurant staff laughed in our faces when approached about Christmas menus in late July and August! And the questionnaire responses last year showed that only about 50% of members valued this event.

So, time for something new! No Christmas lunch this year but a special Summer Day Out next year. This will combine a visit to somewhere interesting with either lunch or a gorgeous afternoon tea.

Maggs Sandilands

Social Club Liaison

TRIP TO HATFIELD 18TH SEPTEMBER

Those who made the trip were blessed with a bright sunny day to explore the beautiful grounds and gardens of Hatfield with its gorgeous herbaceous borders and stunning yew topiary, to visit St Ethelreda’s Church in which Charles I stopped to pray whilst captive, and

to wander Park Farm amongst donkeys, woolly pigs, and a rare Bagot goat (an ‘Adam’s Farm’ Countryfile favourite).

The house itself held countless treasures, including two famous portraits of Queen Elizabeth I, who was seated beneath a tree in Hatfield’s grounds when she received news of her accession to the throne. We admired many other Royal portraits, as well as beautiful antique furniture and tapestries. The family chapel was breathtaking with its exquisite stained-glass windows.

Downstairs in the huge kitchens, we all felt very glad our homes no longer contain the vast numbers of copper pots, pans and kettles to clean and polish!

The house is certainly a cut above many, both in its historical context and its pervading atmosphere.

An excellent restaurant, far above-average shopping, as well as state-of-the-art loos, completed a great day for the last Social Club outing of the year!

Carol Stevens
Trip Organiser

GROUP VACANCIES

Antiques

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

Art Appreciation

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

Art Galleries & Museums

Fourth Thursday in month
Contact Janet Searle 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

Book Club

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

Discussion Group

First Friday afternoon in month at Civic
Centre. Christ Pocock 020 8642 6789

German Conversation

Alternate Friday afternoons
Contact Jane Vahl 020 8642 1846

History

Alternate Monday mornings
Contact Allan Clack 020 8669 5550

Making Music

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

Poets of the Twentieth Century

Second Wednesday in the month

Contact Dawn Lever 020 8661 6496

Social Bridge

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

Walking

At the moment, ad hoc Fridays, but in the New
Year 9.30am on the second Friday of the
month. Audrey Willson. Tel 020 8642 0187

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

"Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance"

William James Durant 1885 –1981
Writer, Historian & Philosopher

U3A SURREY NETWORK
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

STUDY DAYS

Fri 18th October The Architecture & Townscape of Venice
Presented by Barrie Clark, Reigate & Redhill U3A

Fri 15th November The Future of Nuclear Energy in the UK
Presented by Ian Funnell, John Gallop, Bill Nuttall & Jeroen Veenstra

U3A LONDON NETWORK
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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
12th & 20th November 2013

For further information contact:

Surrey U3A Network	Audrey Willson	8642 0187
Greater London U3A Rep	Maggs Sandilands	8647 4419

U3A Music Groups Workshop - Enjoying Music
Friday 22nd November 2013

Tutor: John Hursey Facilitators: Gill Pitt, Alison Gaitonde.

The venue for this workshop has altered as the Open University cannot now host.

New venue: UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, WOODMANSTERNE LANE, BANSTEAD SM7 3EX.

Website: www.bansteadurc.org.uk for directions.

This South East Forum U3A workshop is for present and potential group leaders of music groups, and aims to explore and extend their experiences. It is for those who would like to consider leading a music group – and for those who already do and would like some fresh ideas. John Hursey has been a music tutor at Canterbury Christchurch University for 25 years.

9.30 Registration.

10.00 Welcome (Alison).

10.05 Introductions (Gill).

10.15 Music workshop (John): Everybody has a heart that beats, a voice that pitches, and a memory that connects, so everyone has the potential to enjoy music without needing to read notation or play an instrument.

11.15 COFFEE/TEA

11.30 The sort of course I would like to lead; the sort of course I would like to attend (John)

12.45 LUNCH (BRING YOUR OWN)

13.45 Music workshop: simple ways of exploring the craft without technical knowledge.

14.15 Listening to music – why the process has been described as the “medicine of the mind” (John).

15.15 Evaluation of the day

16.00 CLOSE

Refreshments: tea and coffee (20p) available throughout the day. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. Cost of workshop £3 payable on the day.

Complete the booking form and send to: Alison Gaitonde, 7 Ashurst Road, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5ET
Tel 01737 812646 or email alisonmgaitonde@gmail.com. If unavailable, phone or email to Gill Pitt, 01293 528943 gmpitt34@gmail.com

[Booking form on page 11 of the newsletter](#)

GROUPS BY DAY OF THE WEEK

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

* The Art Groups meet at the Ecology Centre

* Science is held at Nonsuch High School for Girls

* Social Bridge is held at Granfers

* Art Appreciation is held at Trinity Church Hall

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

Detach this part and send to Alison Gaitonde, 7 Ashurst Road, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5ET.
Bookings on first come first served basis (*please print*). **£3 payable on the day.**

First name Surname U3A

Address

Post Code

Tel:

E mail address



The Computer Swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed grandma,
Yes, honestly it's true.
She pressed "control" and "enter"
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
and files of every kind:

I've even used the Internet,
but nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found "online".

So, if inside your "Inbox",
My grandma you should see,
Please "Copy", "Scan" and "Paste" her
And send her back to me!

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Opera Danube is London's brand new operetta company, producing high quality shows as well as providing a platform for emerging young artists. They are supported by the world famous soprano Dame Felicity Lott as well as leading musicians in the classical world, such as Malcolm Martineau, Roger Vignoles and Joan Rodgers.

They are performing Franz Lehar's The Merry Widow on 18th and 19th October at St. John's Smith Square, directed by Simon Butteriss and conducted by Chris Hopkins and The Orchestra of the City. There are also some supplementary events, including a Viennese recital at St. John's Smith Square and a Merry Masterclass with Dame Felicity Lott. There is more information about Opera Danube on www.operadanube.co.uk. They are also featured in an article on Operetta in the Financial Times over the next few weeks.

They are offering **members of the U3A an exclusive discount of £20 for best seats in the house** for the upcoming performances of The Merry Widow. Simply quote "U3A" when ordering through the St. John's Smith Square box office, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA. **Tel: 020 7222 1061**

They're also happy to offer a discounted rate on any group bookings of 10 or more.