

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



### *Annual General Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015*

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

*Speaker – Ian McCannah  
Regional Trustee of U3A Trust*

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At the end of my first year as Chair, I must say a big “thank you” to all the Committee Members for their support through which has been a most hectic year for me and also a steep learning curve!

In this Newsletter are the Agenda/Programme and Reports for the AGM which is being held on 29th May. If you are planning to come to this meeting please bring this Newsletter with you as there will be no extra copies at the AGM as we do try to save paper. Please also remember to bring your Membership Card as you will not be allowed into the Meeting without it – the AGM is for Members only.

On the following page you will see an urgent appeal from me for more people on the Committee, the most important post to be filled within the next twelve months being the post of Treasurer.

Finally a big thank you to Stan Sherman who, after more than eleven years, is finally “hanging up his hat” and leaving Sutton U3A and also ceasing to host the Music B Group. I am sure that all the members who attended his Group and listened to classical music will miss his sessions, and we wish him well for the future.

Wishing everyone a happy, and hopefully, a warm Easter.

*Audrey Willson*

**URGENT NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**  
**REGARDING COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Nomination Forms went out with the last Newsletter asking for members to be nominated for our Committee. I am sorry to report that the only nominations we had were from our existing Committee for Committee members standing for re-election.

The most urgent replacement we need is a Treasurer and you will have read the article from Bill Brewer in the last Newsletter where he outlined his duties and said that, at the very most, he was only willing to serve until May 2016. As the Treasurer's duties could be shared, it was hoped that one, or possibly, two members would come forward now so that Bill could work with them over the coming 12 months before he retires. On the following page is a Job Description of the Treasurer's duties.

**If no member(s) come forward it would be a disaster for Sutton U3A as, according to the legislation relating to a registered Charity and also our Constitution, we MUST have a Treasurer, and therefore if no-one comes forward by May 2016, Sutton U3A will have to close down.**

**Personally it seems inconceivable to me that this might happen, so I would urge you to think whether you can help.**

Out of our 357 members there must be one, or possibly two, members who can take on the role of looking after our finances. We have been in existence for nearly 30 years providing and enabling retired people to live rewarding and interesting lives, meeting new people and participating in various social events, all run on a self-help voluntary basis.

On a final note, we really must have more help on the Committee to ensure the successful growth of our U3A (providing we have a Treasurer) and I would ask, therefore, if there are 2 members who would be willing to be help in a general way on our Committee, without having a specific role. And, of course, we do need another Vice Chairman, and again this post can be shared by 2 people.

Although we stated on the Nomination Form that the deadline for any nominations for the Committee was 28 February, please disregard this and contact either myself or Debbie Edwards immediately if you are interested in any of the above.

Many thanks

*Audrey Willson*

**PLEASE NOTE MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: [u3awillson@btinternet.com](mailto:u3awillson@btinternet.com)**

## **Sutton U3A Treasurer**

Pay invoices for such items as hall hire, printing materials and expenses, postage etc. Hall hire invoices are normally posted to the Treasurer, Members of the Committee will also present claims for reimbursements of expenses, together with relevant receipts.

Maintain a record of payments and receipts each month. Entries do not normally exceed 15 a month and are often far less.

Receive and maintain a file of bank statements. The bank statements are checked against the record of payments and receipts and reconciled after allowing for cheques not presented by the end of the month.

At the end of the financial year, produce a statement of annual receipts and payments for that financial year broken down into the main receipts and expense categories. A statement is also prepared showing the opening and closing reserves balances, which movement should correspond to the difference between receipts and expenses for the year. The Treasurer will present these accounts to members at the Annual General Meeting at end May. The accounts are examined by an Examiner, who signs off, or suggests any changes, before the accounts are finalised.

Attending bi-monthly committee meetings and presenting information regarding the reserves position. Assist by providing financial guidance when the level of subscriptions is considered for the following year. This usually is considered at the end September meeting.

N.B. The Treasurer is not responsible for collecting members' subscriptions. This is undertaken by the Membership Secretary, who banks the subscriptions and provides the Treasurer with a slip showing amounts banked. These amounts are entered into the Receipts and Payments record by the Treasurer.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SUTTON U3A**  
**HELD AT TRINITY CHURCH HALL, SUTTON ON FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

**WELCOME**

Chris Pocock welcomed everyone to the AGM especially any new members present.

**MINUTES OF LAST AGM HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2013**

There were no matters arising and these were approved unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Marcia Turner's report was circulated in the Spring Newsletter 2014.

Chris Pocock thanked all Group Leaders/Hosts, Social Club & Executive Committee members for all their hard work as well as all Members for their ongoing contributions to Sutton U3A.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

U3A Sutton Accounts were circulated at the meeting. The figures for the latest year are in a different format from those originally presented for the previous year and therefore the previous year's figures have been restated to be comparable on the same format. The examiner has signed off and approved the accounts as presented.

Bill Brewer gave an overall analysis of the accounts, which showed the following balances at the account year end (31<sup>st</sup> March 2014) –

The Charity Investment Fund (COIF)	£6,545.44
Bank Balance	£5,722.69
Cash	£ 43.00

The surplus of receipts over payments shows very little change at £494.06. However, this can be misleading as the receipts benefited from early receipt of pre-paid subs which was considerably larger than for the previous year. Accordingly this might mask the increases that have taken place in a number of expenses:

- **Hall Hire payments** have risen. Figures for both the last two years show a shortfall of contributions by groups in hired premises. The Art Groups make their contributions in the form of an enhanced subscription showing in subs and pre subs rather than in Hall Hire contribution. However, even

after allowing for this, there was a shortfall in total hall hire figures both years. Consideration of this prompted the executive committee to raise contribution levels, starting in the current year. Smaller groups (but beyond the size which could be accommodated in private houses) could not cover costs at the old contribution level.

- **Postal Charges** (mainly the Newsletter) and mailing charges for Third Age Matters have risen, despite efforts to circulate the newsletter by email and to distribute the Newsletter at General Meetings.
- **One off expenses incurred for a new printer and related software.** This should not be repeated and the aim is to produce the Newsletter more cheaply than by engaging commercial printers. The work of printing is undertaken by Shirley Ellerbeck, who has our thanks for taking this job on.
- **Website costs** increased this year, due in part to upgrading the site, but there will be a recurring cost of the domain name and website hosting.

The balance sheet continues to show healthy reserves in the bank and in COIF (a body specifically set up to handle deposits of charities).

Bill expressed his appreciation to Geoff Haseler, who volunteered to examine the accounts for the year and has completed and signed off his examination of the accounts for 2013-14. Bill has had no personal connection with Geoff in the past and his offer to examine the accounts was via another committee member. He is an experienced accountant, was financial director of the Puma sportswear company and more recently has examined accounts of various charities and clubs. He has been of considerable assistance and has offered to take on the role of examiner for another year.

The AGM endorsed the appointment of Geoff Haseler as the examiner for the following year 2014-15, with thanks to Geoff for undertaking that task.

Bill also expressed his thanks to Paul Kehoe for his contribution in examining the accounts for 2012-13. Paul has not had any responsibility for the restatement of those accounts but some of his observations have been of great help in preparation of the latest accounts.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Mavis McCarthy reported that membership as at 31<sup>st</sup> March stood at 356 Members – however it currently stands at 271, with 60 new Members and 17 resignations. Shirley Ellerbeck will be emailing members and Mavis will be telephoning members who have not renewed membership to remind them.

Mavis reported the death of the following five members:-

Narinder Chakal  
Gordon Bishop  
Audrey Flint  
Kay Porges  
Freda Wright

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 meetings have been held in the Sutton Library Coffee Shop but as this has now closed, future new members meetings will be held here in Oasis at Trinity Church. The next one will be at 10.30am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## **SOCIAL CLUB REPORT**

Maggs Sandilands reported that replies to the Social Club's questionnaire in 2012 indicated that Members liked the combination of visits to interesting old towns and historic houses and gardens. The 2013 programme reflected this mix:

- "Quirky" Saffron Walden and Audley End House
- Romsey and Mottisfont Abbey and Rose Gardens
- Historic Rochester
- Gilbert White's House at Selbourne
- Hatfield House and Gardens

Although overall the five outings broke even, three trips were under-subscribed so that after expenses there was a small loss - this is why the Committee really does welcome suggestions and feedback from Members.

Maggs Sandilands thanked the members of the Social Club Committee for all their hard work – Betty Stratford (Secretary), Moira Wickham (Treasurer), Mavis McCarthy, new member Carol Stevens, as well as Shirley Ellerbeck (Communications Secretary) who has enhanced the notices.

Maggs Sandilands especially thanked Jenny Kehoe for organising three trips to Wimbledon Theatre over the past year. It was with great regret that Jenny's resignation had been received and Sutton U3A is greatly in her debt for all the outings, Christmas lunches and theatre trips she organised in her time on the Social Committee.

Activities planned for 2014 are:

- Brooklands Motor and Aviation Museum
- A new Summer Luncheon at Loseley House and Gardens
- The Mary Rose Museum at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- The Henry Moore Foundation
- Historic Henley and Nuffield Place.

## **ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chris Pocock expressed a huge thanks to Marcia Turner who had resigned as Chairman after seven years. During Marcia's time as Chair, Sutton U3A had seen the membership grow and the Groups change.

Thanks also to Kate O'Farrell, who has been our Groups Co-ordinator for the past twelve months, who was resigning this year.

The following people had been nominated and were elected to serve for the next twelve months:

Chris Pocock; Bill Brewer; Audrey Willson; Mavis McCarthy; Maggs Sandilands and Shirley Ellerbeck.

Audrey Willson was elected as Chair Person for the coming year. Audrey also welcomed Debbie Edwards on to the Committee – Debbie will be our new Secretary for the coming year. The positions of Groups Co-ordinator and Publicity Officer are currently vacant.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being No Other Business, Chris thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the Meeting was closed.

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## **SUTTON BRANCH**

Registered Charity No 297859

**Friday 29th May 2015**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**To be held in the**

**Main Hall, Trinity Church, Hill Road. Sutton**

#### **Programme**

2.00pm	Arrival and opportunity to pay annual subscriptions
2.30pm	Business Meeting (see Agenda below)
3.00pm Approx.	Talk by Ian McCannah, Regional Trustee, U3A London Region on U3A movement and his role as Trustee
3.15pm Approx.	Entertainment by: Music & Recorder Groups & .Poetry Group
3.45pm	Close of Meeting

#### **Agenda**

- 1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Chairman's report**
- 3 Treasurer's Report**
- 4 Appointment of Examiner**
- 5 Membership Secretary's Report**
- 6 Social Committee Chair – Report**
- 7 Nominations and Election of members to Executive Committee**
- 8. 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 2015**

This has been a very interesting and busy year for Sutton due in the main because we have taken a more proactive approach to publicising Sutton U3A and our activities.

During the last twelve months we have seen the Membership grow to 357 as well as four new Groups starting, Theatre Group B, Trollope, Cinema Streaming and Town & Country. At the time of writing there are two more Groups in the pipeline, namely Play Reading and a Piano Group. This is great news for Sutton U3A as groups are the lifeblood of any U3A.

Our first Open Afternoon at Civic Centre was a great success and we also participated in two local events, Carshalton Environmental Fair and Scola's Big Event.

This Summer we are again having a stall at these two events as well as the Cheam Charter Fair on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

I wish to thank the Executive Committee and the Social Committee for all their hard work over the past year as well as the Leaders and Hosts for running all our Groups so efficiently.

*Audrey Willson*

**March 2015**

## Open Afternoon – Friday 6th February 2015 Civic Offices, Sutton

As we had never had an Open Afternoon which would allow Groups and Group Leaders to display their work and enable the general public and our members to find out about our Groups, we decided to hold our first one on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February in Meeting Room 1 at the Civic Offices, Sutton.

We were fortunate in obtaining a grant from the Third Age Trust which helped us with the cost of advertising in the Sutton Guardian and also the hall hire and refreshments.

There was great enthusiasm and participation amongst the Groups for this event and in total 34 Groups plus Sutton U3A Social Club were represented.

We invited our local MP, Paul Burstow, to come along and open the event and say a few words and we were very pleased when we heard from his Diary Secretary that he was free that afternoon.



We were due to open the doors at 2.30pm and to our surprise we found that before that time there was a queue of people waiting to come in. Paul Burstow visited all the tables and spoke to many Group Leaders and members. Afterwards he welcomed everyone and was very interested in the concept of the U3A and its self-help, educational & social activities.

For the first hour we were very busy but it then quietened down and we had a steady flow of visitors. The whole atmosphere was very buzzy and positive. We had 24 new members join, either on the day or as a result of coming along.

As this was our first venture in hosting an Open Afternoon we certainly learned many lessons for the future, the main one being that we need a bigger venue for our Open Afternoon in 2016!

*Audrey Willson*



# COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY FOR OLDER PEOPLE

## Thursday, 26th February in the Europa Gallery

Sutton U3A was represented by having a stand at this event. The Safety Day was run by the Metropolitan Police in Sutton and Sutton Council, in association with Sutton Neighbourhood Watch Association. The Mayor and Council Leader opened the event.

As well as Sutton U3A, there were around 25 – 30 organisations with stands, all there to help local residents more aware of the range of services that are available to support and help keep them safe. There were Guest Speakers with information about specialist subject areas at various times during the day.

This event was very useful in helping to promote us and we took the names of people who wanted to join Sutton U3A.



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*We are pleased to welcome the following new members to Sutton U3A*

*Jill Baker \* Sandra Brodie \* Sue Crofts \* Gloria Dean  
Brenda Dombey \* Joan Eaves \* Reginald Elliott  
Jennifer Evans \* Margaret Fisher \* Susan Gillson \* Alan Guppy  
Joan Hunt \* Lynette Janaway \* Alan Marchant  
Judith McEwan \* Sylvia Partrige \* Miles Partrige  
Elizabeth Passaway \* Brenda Pennington \* Patricia Umney*

## New & Prospective Members' Morning

10.30 a.m on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April



The Oasis Coffee Shop, Trinity Church  
Opposite Sutton Civic Centre

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### S.T.A.R. Group

#### SMALL TASKS AS REQUIRED

We are still keen to encourage people to join our new S.T.A.R Group. As always there are many small tasks that need doing, for which the members of the Executive Committee may not always have time or the skills. With our intention to attend more events this year to promote Sutton U3A, this group allows for members to share in and feel a real part of the U3A, without any commitment on a regular basis.

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## Potential New Groups

### Piano Group

Calling all piano players of any standard, even a bit rusty! Might you be interested in a friendly group of people who meet occasionally to play the piano to each other? If so, please contact Clare Nunns, 020 8669 0174 or email to [clare.nunns@gmail.com](mailto:clare.nunns@gmail.com). When the numbers are known Clare will arrange a meeting to discuss a format.

### Play-Reading Group

Cheryl Bailey is hoping to start a play-reading group to be held on Wednesday mornings every fortnight at her home in Carshalton (three minutes' walk from Carshalton High Street). She anticipates needing around eight members to make this viable.

The plan is to complete each play over two sessions, with time at the end of each for coffee and a discussion about the play and characters. No public performances involved! Please e-mail Cheryl on [cheryl.bailey@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:cheryl.bailey@blueyonder.co.uk) or call on 0208 669 1789 to get more details and exchange ideas.

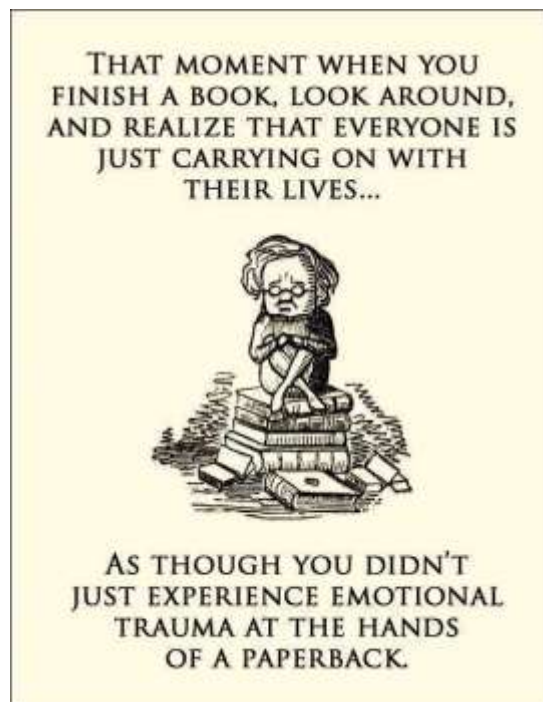
## Group Closure

### Music B Group

I have run the Music B group for eleven and a half years, originally intending to play my LPs and give them away (or even sell them) to members of the group afterwards, - but nobody ever wanted them! I originally wrote that it was to be "Snap, Crackle, but no Pop.", but eventually moved to CDs which, of course, gave much better reproduction. People seemed pleased to just attend and listen to classical music - I never pretended to give any profound commentary on the pieces. I suppose it was an opportunity to relax and enjoy the music without the interruptions that you may get in your own home.

Over the years we met many friendly people through the group, and I, together with Jean (who did the hard work of providing the tea and biscuits, etc.) would like to thank all of these people, and also to thank the officials of the U3A who helped to keep the group running. We are now no longer members of the U3A, but wish it well in the future.

*Stan Sherman*



## Social Club News



### Chenies Manor House & Gardens

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

**BOOK A.S.A.P. TO SECURE A PLACE!**

The coach hire, driver's gratuity, entrance and welcome drink are all included in the £20 cost

This beautiful garden is famous for the fabulous spring tulip display which, it is hoped will be out for our late April visit - the reason that this first outing of the year is so early!

Every year Mrs MacLeod Mathews and her gardeners plant over 8,000 tulips in the garden of this Tudor manor house, which featured as a backdrop for the Antiques Roadshow last year. It has been the setting for numerous television plays and serials, most notably "Little Dorrit". There are also two mazes, gorgeous borders and a kitchen garden.

The fascinating brick house originally belonged to the Dukes of Bedford; many family members are buried in the adjacent churchyard. The house was visited by Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I and their courts. The quirky, rambling house is furnished with equally interesting period furniture and a tour of the house is included.

We shall have a welcome tea/coffee with biscuits in the Old Barn - and perhaps buy a scrummy cake? Either bring a picnic lunch or order one of the Deli sandwiches (listed on the reply form), at a cost of £3.50.

So this visit has something for both lovers of antiques and gardens.



### Summer Lunch at Parham House & Gardens

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015

The cost of £34.95 each includes entrance fee, lunch, coach and gratuity for driver

Parham House is situated between Storrington and Pulborough in West Sussex. It was built of local stone in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century and was possibly visited by Queen Elizabeth I.

Parham's grounds consist of seven acres of Pleasure Gardens, an orchard of apple and other fruit trees, a four acre walled garden, which originates from at least the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and the mixed and herbaceous borders are of Edwardian opulence.



There is a large deer park, dovecote and the church of St. Peter, once part of Parham village, lies to the south west of the House.

Parham House and Gardens is a beautiful, interesting and historical place to visit and includes a two-course summer lunch with coffee. Please indicate your choice of first course on the booking form as we have to let the caterers know in advance.



**Walmer Castle & Sandwich**

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2015**

Cost if English Heritage Member                      £12.80

Cost if NOT English Heritage Member              £20.20

Spend the morning and have lunch in Sandwich, one of the historic Cinque Ports - now about two miles from the sea. The town is a network of narrow streets, with a small oblong square in front of St Peter's Church, handsome houses in the High Street and a picturesque tollhouse on Shand Street. The large and ancient Church of St Clement has a Norman tower and is worth a visit.

In the afternoon visit Walmer Castle, one of several coastal forts erected on the orders of Henry VIII. This unusual castle was built to a quatrefoil plan with a central tower; some walls more than twelve inches thick, some with embrasures for cannon! Despite this it was captured by the Parliamentarians in the Civil War and only adapted as a dwelling in the 18<sup>th</sup> century when it became the official residence of the Warden of the Cinque Ports.

The Duke of Wellington was Warden and died in residence in 1852 - there is an exhibition of his personal effects. The most notable Warden in recent times was Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, who took a keen interest in the gardens. There is a garden named for her, with colourful herbaceous borders and a large kitchen garden.

Explore the unique living quarters, visit the garden and relax in the café.

**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**





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

The Social Club Committee are again pleased to announce that Ann Davies will continue with a Summer Season of Art Gallery Tours

£15.00 per person per tour

### **Wednesday 17 June 2015**

National Gallery - Impressionism

This tour will focus on the wonderful collection of Impressionist paintings at the National Gallery which includes those by Monet and Manet. By giving context to this movement and with reference to the gallery collection, Ann will also nod at what came before in 19th century France and to what followed.

### **Wednesday 24 & Friday 26 June 2015**

National Gallery - the Dutch Masters

The National Gallery collection includes Vermeer, de Hooch and many others which illustrates the virtuosity of the Dutch masters. This tour will give historical context to the works and consider how and why they evolved their distinctive style. This tour was postponed from the Spring Season due to industrial action at the National Gallery resulting in the closure of the relevant rooms. Ann has offered this tour again and will provide it for free to those who have already booked (she knows who you are!) and it is hoped that by holding it over two days that no one will be disappointed. There are spaces for new bookings.

### **Wednesday 8 July 2015**

Tate Britain - Portraits from Gainsborough to Sargent

Tate Britain has the most amazing collection of portraits with which to consider the evolution of technique and style as well as the changing demands on the artist.

### **Wednesday 26 August 2015**

National Gallery - Venetian Art

A tour of Venetian art at the National Gallery concentrating on Moroni, Veronese and Titian.

**Residents of Cheam will celebrate  
the 756th Annual Cheam Charter Fair  
on Saturday 16 May 2015**

The Cheam Charter Fair is thought to date back to 1259 when Henry III granted Cheam a charter making it a town. Firm historical records of the Fair date back to the 1800s when a fairground accompanied the market.

Sutton U3A are planning to have a stand so that we may promote Sutton U3A and encourage new members. If you are in the area, do pop in and say 'hello'.

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**HISTORY OF ART TALKS @ SUTTON LIFE CENTRE**  
24 Alcorn Close, Sutton, SM3 9PX

**Friday 1 May - 11 am**

A joint presentation will be given by Bridget Cooper and Ann Davies exploring the links between Art and literature, ranging from Shakespeare to the Pre-Raphaelites.

**Friday 29 May - 11am**

A presentation on Monet by Ann Davies in the large projection room. This facility will enable a series of Monet paintings to be projected onto the walls at one time to illustrate the presentation, making it an unusual and exciting visual experience.

Includes tea/coffee and biscuit - £1 donation to the Friends of Sutton Life Centre

Buses 80 and 470 stop outside. Nearest station is Sutton Common (five minutes walk)

## National U3A, London Region & Surrey Network Forthcoming Events

- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>      The Future Development of the NHS – Title to be confirmed  
Presented by current and retired NHS Staff

*All Study Days take place at the Menuhin Hall, The Yehudi Menuhin School, Stoke d'Abernon, KT11 3QQ and cost £8 for members and £10 for non-members. Coffees and teas are provided but bring your own lunch. Times are 9.30am - 4pm. There is plenty of car parking space. Applications and SAE to be sent to John Kennedy, 20 Greville Park Road, Ashted KT21 2QT. 01372 273561. Application Forms can be downloaded from [surreyU3Astudyday@btinternet.com](mailto:surreyU3Astudyday@btinternet.com)*

- Weds Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>      South East Forum One Day Conference at East Grinstead “More Learning, More Enjoyment” – free entry. 9.15am - 3.30pm.

### Summer Schools

National U3A Summer Schools  
Harper Adams University : 13th - 16th July 2015  
Royal Agricultural University : 17th - 20th August 2015

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

The London Region U3A Non Residential Summer School  
St Bride Foundation, Bride Lane, EC4Y 8EQ - 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July

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National Office have been trialling online booking and it has proved to be very popular, so members will now be able to book online as well for all U3A events organised by the National Office and still choose to pay by cheque if preferred. They hope members will take advantage of this and suggest they keep an eye on the Events section in the members' area of the website [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) so they know everything that's coming up.

Once you have logged onto the website, you initially need to set up a password to access the Members Area Homepage, then Events, and you can book individually for any events that are listed.

**IF YOU ARE NOT ONLINE, CONTACT AUDREY WILLSON, DEBBIE EDWARDS or MAGGS SANDILANDS**



**Heavenly Gowns UK** is a local non-profit group who make clothes for stillborn and premature babies born at St. Helier Hospital. These items are given to the parents free of charge.

**They have need for:**

- ✚ volunteers to knit or crochet bonnets, booties, small blankets and wraps. (free patterns available)
- ✚ volunteers to sew dresses, romper suits, nappies, wraps and 'forever beds' from the donated fabrics. These are usually wedding dresses but can be any delicate, soft fabric.
- ✚ Donations of wedding dresses, soft fabrics, satin, jersey and trims, such as ribbon and lace. Also white or pastel knitting wool.



If you would like to participate in this project, please contact Shirley Ellerbeck on 0208 644 0262 or email on [suttonu3a@live.co.uk](mailto:suttonu3a@live.co.uk)

## Discussion Group

2pm to 4pm

This group will now be led jointly by Moira Wickham and Liz Robson.

There will not be a meeting in April, as it coincides with Easter.

The next meetings are Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May and Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Venue for the May meeting is Trinity Church Hall.

Liz Robson – 020 8647 3812  
Moira Wickham – 020 8395 2741

## 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.

15th April, 20th May and 17th June

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:

- 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 Christoph Mazur, Faculty of Engineering, Imperial College London  
“From electricity to petrol, and back again : the long way to clean transport”
- 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 Dr Kathryn Harkup, Science Communicator at Rotwangs Robots “Comets”

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 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

### Biographies

Second Friday afternoon in the month  
Contact Pat Moody on 020 8330 5465

### 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 8642 8714

### Cinema Streaming

Variable  
Contact Shirley Ellerbeck 0208 644 0262

### Discussion Group

First Friday afternoon in month at Civic Centre  
Contact Liz Robson on 020 8647 3912  
or Moira Wickham on 020 83952741

### 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

### 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

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

### Town & Country

Variable  
Contact Liz Robson 0208 647 3812

### 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 email to Shirley Ellerbeck at [suttonu3a@live.co.uk](mailto:suttonu3a@live.co.uk)

## Groups by Day of the Week

DAY	SUBJECT	FREQUENCY	CONTACT	TELEPHONE
<b>MONDAY AM</b>	ART GROUP B *	FORTNIGHTLY	BRIDGET GILL	8642 4303
	HISTORY	FORTNIGHTLY	ALLAN CLACK	8669 5550
	WRITING FOR PLEASURE	MONTHLY	PAT WILSON	8642 8714
<b>MONDAY PM</b>	FAMILY HISTORY (Beginners)	2ND IN MONTH	JOY CATLING	8647 7690
	CARDMAKING & PAPERCRAFT	3RD IN MONTH	PAT WILSON	8642 8714
<b>TUESDAY AM</b>	LITERATURE	LAST IN MONTH	JILL HENDERSON	8647 2588
	PHOTOGRAPHY A	FORTNIGHTLY	BRENDA SELL	01737 362401
<b>TUESDAY PM</b>	ART APPRECIATION	2ND IN MONTH	MAVIS McCARTHY	8661 2556
	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
<b>TUESDAY ALL DAY</b>	PHOTOGRAPHY B	FORTNIGHTLY	JUDY TAYLOR	8647 4049
<b>WEDNESDAY AM</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY PM</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY AM</b>	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	FOUR WEEKLY	JOHN GOODALL	8394 0083

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<b>THURSDAY PM</b>	ANTIQUES	2ND IN MONTH	MAGGS SANDILANDS	8647 4419
	MUSIC A	FORTNIGHTLY	CHARLES STOW	8661 1193
<b>FRIDAY AM</b>	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
<b>FRIDAY PM</b>	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	LIZ ROBSON & MOIRA WICKAM	8647 3812 8395 2741
<b>AD HOC</b>	CINEMA STREAMING	BY ARRANGEMENT	SHIRLEY ELLERBECK	8644 0262
	TOWN & COUNTRY	BY ARRANGEMENT	SHIRLEY ELLERBECK & LIZ ROBSON	8644 0262 8647 3812

- \* 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 – see Group page for security information



*Membership Renewal due 1st April*

*Form at the back of this newsletter*



# FREE, 24-HOUR LEGAL ADVICE FOR U3A MEMBERS

Simply telephone  
FirstAssist 01455 251 500  
and quote the following details:  
Name **The Third Age Trust**  
Number **70494**

*FirstAssist can advise U3A  
members on any legal issues,  
not just U3A-related ones!*



## SUTTON U3A COMMITTEE 2014/2015

<b>Chairman &amp; Surrey U3A Network Representative</b>	<b>Audrey Willson</b>	<b>8642 0187</b>
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<b>Speaker Bookings Secretary</b>	<b>Cathy Guy</b>	<b>07878825412</b>
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**Chenies Manor & Gardens**  
**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015**

Name ..... Mem No ..... Tel No .....

Emergency Contact ..... Tel No .....

Pick Ups	Wallington Shotfield	9.00am	[ ]
	Sutton Grove Road Post Office	9.15am	[ ]
Entrance & Coach	£20.00	[ ]	
Optional Sandwich	£3.50	[ ]	

Cheque enclosed £.....

**Choice of Deli Sandwich on granary bread**

- A. Tuna with sweetcorn & red onion [ ]
- B. Chicken & tomato with mustard mayonnaise [ ]
- C. Smoked ham, cheddar cheese & tomato chutney [ ]
- D. Rosemary ham, sun blushed tomatoes & Tallegro cheese [ ]
- E. Mozzarella, pesto, tomatoes & pine nuts [ ]
- F. Brie, olives & sunblushed tomatoes [ ]

or

**I shall bring my own picnic lunch** [ ]

*Please tick boxes as appropriate*

Cheques payable to "Sutton U3A Social Club", together with **a stamped addressed envelope** to be sent Mrs Maggs Sandilands, 33 Queenswood Avenue, Wallington, Surrey, SM6 8HR.  
Tel No 020 8647 4419.

Parham & Summer Luncheon, West Sussex  
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

Name ..... Mem No ..... Tel No .....

Emergency Contact ..... Tel No .....

**Cost**                      £34.95                      [   ]

**Pick Ups**    Wallington Shotfield                      10.30am                      [   ]

Sutton Grove Road Post Office    10.45am                      [   ]

**Menu Choices**

1. Homemade Coronation Chicken and three salads                      [   ]

2. Homemade Vegetarian Quiche and three salads                      [   ]

3. Hot Sausage Baguette with Red Onion Marmalade and three salads    [   ]

*Please tick boxes as appropriate*

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to be sent Mavis McCarthy, 15 The Chilterns, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5QN.  
Tel No 020 8661 2556

**Walmer Castle & Sandwich**  
**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2015**

Name ..... Mem No ..... Tel No .....

Emergency Contact ..... Tel No .....

<b>Pick Ups</b>	Sutton Grove Road Post Office	9.00am	[ ]
	Wallington Shotfield	9.15am	[ ]
Cost if English Heritage Member		£12.80	[ ]
Cost if <b>NOT</b> English Heritage Member		£20.20	[ ]

Cheque enclosed £.....

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**Guided Art Gallery Tours**

**Summer Season, 2015**

£15 per per person per tour

Name ..... Mem No ..... Tel No .....

Emergency Contact ..... Tel No .....

I would like to book for (please indicate in first column your chosen tour/tours)

**Wednesday 17 June 2015**

National Gallery - Impressionism [ ]

**Wednesday 24**

National Gallery - the Dutch Masters [ ] [ ]

**Friday 26 June 2015**

National Gallery - the Dutch Masters [ ] [ ]

**Wednesday 8 July 2015**

Tate Britain = Gainsborough to Sargent [ ]

**Wednesday 26 August 2015**

National Gallery - Venetian Art [ ]

Indicate in righthand column if you attended the previous tour which was disrupted by the NG strike.

Cheque enclosed £.....

Cheques payable to "Ann Davies", together with a stamped addressed envelope to be sent to Ann Davies, 29 Glebe Road, Cheam, Sutton. SM2 7NS  
Any questions or queries to [suttonu3a@live.co.uk](mailto:suttonu3a@live.co.uk)



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2015/2016

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION £18 ART GROUPS £38  
JOINT MEMBERSHIP WITH ANOTHER U3A GROUP £14.50**

Full fee paid at ..... (Give name of U3A Group)

Please return the completed form, together with your cheque made payable to

“Sutton U3A” and a **Stamped Addressed Envelope** to:  
**MAVIS McCARTHY, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY,  
15 THE CHILTERN, BRIGHTON ROAD, SUTTON,  
SURREY, SM2 5QN  
Tel 020 8661 2556**

First Names ..... Title .....

Surname .....

Address .....

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Post Code .....

Tel No .....

Email Address .....

Please indicate if you wish to receive emails for information only

or to receive both information and Quarterly Newsletter by email

Do you wish to receive The Third Age Matters magazine?  Yes  No

Art Groups  Yes  No (Please tick as appropriate)

Please indicate where you heard about us, thank you. ....

Signature ..... Date .....

- i. Members should not do anything to bring The U3A into disrepute
- ii. Members should not do anything to undermine the work of the Executive Committee
- iii. The U3A operates a policy of zero tolerance if a member behaves in a threatening, aggressive or intimidating manner towards a member of the Executive Committee
- iv. Fellow members should be treated with respect
- v. Members must keep their contact details up to date with Membership Secretary