

**SUTTON U3A      UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**  
**NEWSLETTER      JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013**

**!!!! NEW WEBSITE <http://suttonu3aorg.fatcow.com/> !!!!**



WALLINGTON TOWN HALL

**SUTTON U3A is a local charity with 35 interest groups where people can learn and share together on the basis of fun and friendship. There are regular trips and outings and meetings with guest speakers which are held bi-monthly. General Meetings are held at Trinity Church Hall, Hill Road, Sutton, starting at 2.30pm.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March      Steve Roberts      Tales of a Scotland Yard Detective**

**31<sup>st</sup> May      A.G.M followed by displays and presentations by different groups.**

## **SUTTON U3A COMMITTEE 2012/2013**

Chairman	Marcia Turner	8669 2953
Vice Chairman & Newsletter Editor	Chris Pocock	8642 6789
Secretary, Speaker Bookings & Surrey U3A Network	Audrey Willson	8642 0187
Treasurer	Bill Brewer	8241 4462
Membership Secretary	Mavis McCarthy	8647 4667
Social Liaison & Greater London U3A Rep	Maggs Sandilands	8647 4419
Social Club Treasurer	Moirra Wickham	8395 2741
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Sutton U3A is affiliated to the Third Age Trust which is based at  
The Old Municipal Buildings, 19 East Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1QE  
Tel No 020 8466 6139

### **CHAIRMAN'S NOTES**

#### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

At the end of the November General Meeting I put the Committee Resolution to the meeting which was that: *“Due to the increase in the running costs of Sutton U3A the meeting approves an increase in the annual subscription from £16 to £18 a year and for the Art Groups which meet at the Ecology Centre from £28 to £30”.*

These increases shall come into effect from the beginning of the financial year on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. The Membership Secretary is authorised to receive cheques for this new subscription and to bank such monies as from 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

This resolution was passed unanimously, you will find a renewal form included in this newsletter. Please send your cheque and STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE to Mavis.

**SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM WITH THIS NEWSLETTER**



**YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU  
- SEE FACING PAGE**

The Committee is in need of some extra help (four or five people) to ensure all the required tasks are completed. Please really think about what you might be able to do as, currently, some people are doing a lot more than we should ask.

All the vacancies require you to attend the Committee meeting which is in the morning of the General Meeting day and, in brief, the key tasks are:

1. **Publicity Officer** to deal with any external requests for information. e.g. libraries.
2. **Minutes Secretary** to take the minutes at the Committee and AGM meeting, then type and distribute.
3. **London Regional Representative** to attend the monthly meeting, which all the London U3A's representatives attend and then report back to our committee.
4. **Groups Coordinator**, this role requires you to liaise with the group leaders and keep a record of waiting lists for all groups. This job could be shared between two people.

I hope that some of you will contact me to talk further about these vacancies.

Marcia Turner

January, 2013

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**We are pleased to announce that Sutton U3As new website  
was launched on  
12th December, 2012 (12-12-12!)**

On the site you will find full information on all our interest groups, including vacancies, summer study courses and details of upcoming events. The site is updated on a regular basis, so if you have anything of interest to members, please email [suttonu3a@live.co.uk](mailto:suttonu3a@live.co.uk).

If the 'fatcow' is causing comment, this is the name of the web host for our site. They are an environmentally friendly company in the USA, whose offices and data centres are 100% powered by wind energy. We can be proud that the machines hosting our website and email are fully eco-friendly!

With our help, FatCow prevents the release of 999 metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere every year.

## **GROUP NEWS**

Thank you to those members who have volunteered to lead or host groups over the last few months. Do you have skills or experience that you would like to share with other members of Sutton U3A? We are looking for more volunteers to help form new groups on any interests. Help will be given by members of the Executive Committee in providing information and working alongside you. If you feel you have something to offer please get in touch with one of the Executive Committee.

### **POTENTIAL NEW GROUP – WALKING**

This Group could be for members interested in easy walking, or more dedicated walkers, or both. If any members are interested in either of these walks, please contact me for further details. The time, frequency and meeting point can be mutually agreed at an initial meeting. Group Leader Audrey Willson Tel 8642 0187

### **NEW GROUP POSTPONED – LINE DANCING**

Unfortunately the Line Dance Teacher which was booked for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month is no longer available and I am currently endeavouring to find a replacement. As soon as another Teacher is found I will telephone everyone who has contacted me with further details.

The good news is that 25 members have expressed an interest in this new Group which now makes it viable. If any other members are interested please phone Audrey Willson on 8642 0187.

### **POTENTIAL NEW GROUP - PAPER CRAFT**

If anyone is interested in joining a Paper Craft Group, on the third Monday afternoon of the month, please contact Pat Wilson on 8642 8714. Pat lives on the S1 bus route.

### **POTENTIAL NEW GROUP – ART GALLERIES & MUSEUMS**

If anyone is interested in joining a group interested in visiting Art Galleries and Museums, please contact Janet Searle on email [janetsearle@talktalk.net](mailto:janetsearle@talktalk.net) or Tel. 8647 3715. After our visits we can meet and discuss what we have seen, and plan the next exhibition we intend to visit.

## GROUPS IN SUTTON CIVIC OFFICES

### DISCUSSION GROUP 2pm to 4pm Chris Pocock 8642 6789

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.

#### Date Room Subjects

Feb 1	4	The problems of addiction in Britain
Mar 1	3	Advertising and Marketing Celebration
Apr 5	3	Senior Citizens in 2013 Our tips for saving money
May 3	3	Transport My favourite music
June 7	3	The worlds' resources A place I have enjoyed visiting and why

### INVESTIGATING EUROPE Maurice Pearton 10.30am TO 12.30pm

Contact Jenny Kehoe 8647 9025

Future Dates: Feb 20 Mar 20 Apr 17 May 15  
June 19 Sept 18 Oct 16 Nov 20 Dec 18

### BRIDGE GROUP Jenny Kehoe 020 8647 9025

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at Granfers (on the S1 bus route) at 2.30 and any member who has a good basic knowledge would be welcome to join us and we would endeavour to help them if necessary. It is not essential to have your own partner, we have several members who do not have a partner and we organise around this.

Please note we cannot take beginners as we have no expert player in our group who can teach others. If there is a member in Sutton U3A, that would like to take on this role, we would be very grateful. However Banstead U3A has a beginners group, so if you wish to learn you could try them.

Held in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Common Room at Nonsuch High School for Girls, Cheam Road, Cheam. Open 2.30pm for a 3pm start. There are new security measures at the school, please contact Derek Yeo if you have not attended before.

**This is a collaborative effort between the school and three local U3A Branches which are Sutton, Banstead and Epsom**

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**Spring Term 2013**

Wednesday 13th February	Dr Mark Downs (Society of Biology)	Hearing: The Difference
Wednesday 20th March	David McCallum Chartered Civil Engineer	BRUNELS Father & Son

**Summer Term 2013**

Wednesday 24th April	Alan Thomas (U3A member)	History of the Global Positioning System
Wednesday 22nd May	Dr Colin Forsyth Research Associate Space Plasma Group Mullard Space Science Lab, UCL	Processes that lead to the Northern Lights and effects of space on weather
Wednesday 19th June	Dr Myrto Symeonidis Mullard Space Science Lab	To be announced

## **GROUP VACANCIES – TRY SOMETHING NEW !**

**The Book Club** Monthly, on third Wednesday afternoon.  
Contact Joyce Paice. Tel **8642 3041**

**Geology** Monthly, on third Thursday morning. Anyone interested is invited to come along to see how they like it and should contact Valerie Brewer on **8241 4462** or [wbls19238@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:wbls19238@blueyonder.co.uk)'

**German Conversation** Fortnightly, on Friday afternoon  
Contact Jane Vahl Tel **8642 1846**

**Mahjongg** Monthly, on third Wednesday afternoon  
Contact Doreen Sawtell Tel **8643 8185**

**Making Music** Monthly, on first Wednesday morning  
Contact Clare Nunns Tel **8669 0174**

**Music A** Fortnightly, on Thursday morning  
Contact Charles Stow Tel **8661 1193**

**Photography A** Fortnightly, on Tuesday morning  
Contact Brenda Sell Tel **01373 362401**

**Photography B** Fortnightly, all day Tuesday  
Contact Jean Woodall Tel **8773 3876**

**Poetry Appreciation** First Thursday of the month  
Contact Gwen Tredgett Tel **86428092**

**Science** Monthly, on Wednesday p.m. 6th Form Common Room, Nonsuch High School. Contact Derek Yeo Tel **8647 4016**

**Scrabble & Board Games** Monthly, first Tuesday p.m.  
Contact Sheila Bigwood Tel **8770 0639**

**Writing for Pleasure** Second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of the Month. Contact Joyce Paice Tel: **8642 3041**

## SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

**YOUR SOCIAL CLUB NEEDS YOU !**



We need new faces to help with Social Club activities, support will be available! Please contact Maggs Sandilands on tel 0208 647 4419 - if you are interested you will get a warm welcome.

### **SOCIAL CLUB OUTINGS**

The costing of any outing includes coach hire , a tip for the driver, and entrance fee, we are non-profit making! But due to rising fuel prices, coach costs keep rising too.

#### Social Club Guidelines

1. **Bookings** These must be made using the Application Form, plus cheque to secure a place, either by post (plus SAE) to the organiser, or in person at a General Meeting. Verbal requests do not secure a confirmed place.

A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE must be enclosed when booking by post, in order to be sent the RECEIPT which confirms there is a place on the outing.

An EMERGENCY CONTACT is requested, as without this the organiser would not know how or who to inform should a member have an accident or be taken ill, especially if they were unable to travel home on the coach. We hope this shows an assurance of care, and is not perceived as intrusive. All applications are treated as confidential and are destroyed after the outing or theatre trip.

The organiser of each outing will keep a WAITING LIST.



2. **Payment** - by cheque only please!  
One cheque for EACH outing or theatre trip. Each event has its own organiser and funding etc.
3. **Guests** Members are welcome to invite their non-U3A spouse or a friend, on ONE outing or theatre trip a year.
4. **Cancellations** of Bookings for outings and theatre trips.

In the case of hospital admissions and/appointments at short notice, we ENDEAVOUR to make a refund IF the place can be filled from the waiting list. NB. NO REFUND will be made to anyone failing to turn up - or do not turn up by the PICK UP time stipulated on the day.

Thank you, to all of you who completed and returned the questionnaire. The results confirmed that the majority of people are happy with the status quo. We have several outings in the pipeline for 2013. More information will be available in the next newsletter, on our website and at the *General Meetings*.



New members are invited to join members of the Committee for coffee on 13th February, at the Coffee Shop in the Central Library at 10.30am. This is a good opportunity to get to know other members and learn more about the various groups.



## **THEATRE OUTINGS AT WIMBLEDON**

**Save The Last Dance For Me Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30**  
**Cost £18.50 for the Dress Circle seats Row J and K**

A nostalgic, feel good musical that will take us back to the music and magic of the early 60's. The story line is about two teenage sisters through the summer of 1963 on a traditional family holiday, where they get more than sand and sea. Songs include: A Teenager in Love, Sweets for my Sweet, Here I Go Again, His Latest Flame, Save The last Dance For Me, Little Sister and many others.

**This is just the thing for a miserable March afternoon!**

**Priscilla Queen of the Desert Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30**  
**Cost £30 for Dress Circle Rows N and O**

Starring Jason Donovan. Sounds very expensive but if, like me, you saw the show when it was on in town you will realise why it is expensive. It must cost a fortune to produce. Based on the musical Priscilla and including songs It's Raining Men, I Will Survive, Hot Stuff, Go West Girls and more. Completely outrageous and fabulous.

**Sleeping Beauty Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30**  
**Cost £18 for Dress Circle Rows M and N**

Matthew Bourne's adaptation of the classic 'Sleeping Beauty' has proved itself as great as his productions of 'Nutcracker' and 'Swan Lake'. It is different but still enchanting.

If you would like stalls seats for any of the above please contact me, Jenny Kehoe 8642 9025 ASAP. Stalls seats cost may be slightly higher.

### **PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY**

**SEND A SEPARATE CHEQUE FOR EACH SHOW. EACH SHOW IS  
INDIVIDUALLY COSTED SO NO COMBINED CHEQUES PLEASE.  
BOOKING FORMS AT BACK OF NEWSLETTER**