

Kenton & District U3A Music Appreciation Interest Group

This special interest group has been going since the inception of the Kenton U3A branch in March 2014.

We meet in a private house once a month and usually have up to 20 attendees.

Unlike the Creative Writing group, no input is required from its attendees, who fall into 3 distinct categories – those who are passive listeners; those who like to snooze and the minority who discuss and learn more about the music and its performers. However, all are welcome.

The music played is mainly drawn from both instrumental and vocal music of the 18th and 19th centuries.

In addition, the group has been particularly lucky to have been able to acquire a legacy from the late Michael Fox's Estate of both CDs and DVDs, which members are able to borrow. These consist mainly of complete operas and as a result, **up to March 2017** we have been listening to and discussing excerpts from Italian opera.

We have also taken advantage of studying our well known local composer, Handel, who, in the early 18th century during the reign of George I, served as Kapellmeister to the Duke of Chandos in Canons Park.

We are currently examining excerpts from works, which highlight different instruments of the orchestra.

If you would like further information or would like to come along to future meetings of the Music Appreciation Group please contact us by telephone or e-mail.

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