

Dear Member,

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday February 27th at 10am – a talk by Mark Rimmer retired Superintendent Registrar of Brent Council , on **Key Life Events – A lifetime of public service**

Future Monthly Meetings:

Wednesday March 27th: *From Vampires to Vaudeville* – a talk by Alison Hopkins about her mother who was a Windmill Girl and also did work for BBC radio; also her great grandfather who was co-founder of Hammer Films and also in vaudeville

Wednesday 24th April – Sophie Allen, a local head teacher, talking on **Safeguarding**

Norma Levy:

We regret to advise you that sadly Norma Levy passed away at the end of January. Norma ran our Bridge Group from her home for many months until ill health forced her to give up. We send our sympathies to Norma's family.

Interest Group News

Revised KU3A DIARY to end of August 2019 is attached.

This has the **dates ,times, venues and contact details for all groups through to the end of August 2019**. Look out for recent changes and additions highlighted in yellow. This is also available on our website.

Quirky London visits in March

Places for our tours of **Salter's Hall** on Thursday March 14th and of **London Transport Depot's Poster and Art Collection** on Tuesday March 19th are now full up. A tour of the Royal Hospital Chelsea is being arranged on the morning of Wednesday 8th May. More details next month.

Art History Course – Great Artists of the 17th Century

Jennifer Mill's 11-part course looking at the close connections between the Netherlands and England continues. The remaining topics, from February 21st are : 6. Mary Beale & other female artists, 7. David Teniers the younger, 8. El Greco, 9. Velasquez, 10. Zurbaran & others, 11. Murillo. 10am every Thursday till March 28th at the Bowling Club.

Travel Club – Liverpool & Chester Coach Trip 9th – 13th June 2019

The Liverpool & Chester trip, shared with Mill Hill and Barnet U3A ,is going ahead, and the bookings have been sent off to Harry Shaw Group Travel. Kenton members who are going should have had confirmation of their booking from Harry Shaw. . Latest information is that around 6 Kenton members are going. There are still places though these may be limited to double/twin rooms for couples and people prepared to share but there may still be single rooms available.

Contact Lis Driscoll at Mill Hill and Barnet U3A directly for up to date information. Tel: 0208 959 2010 Email: travelmhu3a@gmail.com . If you require general Information about the trip contact Kevin O'Doherty for brochure details and booking forms at kevin_odoherly@hotmail.com. Liz is arranging a get-together before the trip for all participants around late April early May.

English Literature – The Rivals

David Harris plans to finish our study of Sheridan's play, *The Rivals*, at his next session at the Bowling Club at 10am on February 26th. On March 12th there will be a DVD screening of the Bristol Old Vic performing the play, starting at 9.45am, costing £1 each. Looking ahead, we'll be moving on

to the Romantic Poets. David will be taking us through some of the work of William Blake and William Wordsworth, to be followed in due course by Percy Bysshe Shelley, Lord Byron and John Keats

What Are Your Memories?

At the next meeting the group is going to continue sharing their personal memories about holidays and move on to discussing customs and sayings. 10am March 13th at the Bowling Club.

Music Appreciation

The Music Appreciation Group continues to flourish under the direction of Herbie Goldberg. Word has spread about his interesting lectures and more people than ever are now joining. Now meetings are at the bowling club, there is plenty of room for everyone. On Thursday 14th March. Herbie will be dealing with early 20th century composers such as Sir Hubert Parry, well known for "Jerusalem" amongst many other works. He will continue to explore the works of other British composers in the next few months.

German/English Film Club - What's on?

The Friday March 1st film on 1st 2:30pm at Sara Maier's is: Margery & Gladys. The Friday March 15th film will be The Life of Brian (Monty Python). . Call to let Sara know (020 8908 0582) that you plan to come.

Healthy Living Group – February 19th Visit

Regular members of this group are going on a free guided tour of the *Medicine Now* exhibition at the Wellcome Collection, Euston Road on Tuesday 19th February at 11.30am, preceded by coffee at 11am Further details from Sonia Sassoon. The March 19th session, facilitated by Diana O'Reardon, will discuss stress, relaxation and sleep.

Rambling Group – where to next?

The next walk is on Sunday February 17th is the *Celandine Walk along the River Pinn* – approximately 3.0 miles. This walk starts at Pinner Underground Station and takes in the Pinner Memorial Park, then along the River Pinn to Eastcote House Garden. (The walled garden and rockery have recently been replanted). Walkers will follow the River Pinn to Ruislip ending at the station. Meet at 10am in Preston Road Underground waiting room

The Sunday March 17th walk is at the *Rickmansworth Aquadrome*. This was one of our Summer walks in 2016. Come and explore the lakes of Rickmansworth Aquadrome Local Nature Reserve. The lakes are a result of gravel extraction and naturally filled with water from local springs and the River Colne and are home to a variety of wildlife and plants. Paths are wide and on a level gradient. Meet at 10:00 am in Preston Road Underground waiting room. There is a free car park at the Aquadrome so, if coming by car, meet at the café at 10:30am.

Cookery

As members of this group know, meetings are now suspended until April, whilst Viv recovers from her knee operation. However, the group are meeting at Kenton Sainsburys on Thursday March 7th for lunch at 12.30pm.

Film Club – What's On?

The film to be shown at 2.00 on Monday February 18 at Ruth Levere's is "Milk". Further details about the film to be shown at 2pm on Thursday 7th March at Richard's are available from Richard; "Strictly Ballroom" will be screened at 2pm on Monday 18th at Ruth's (Please let Ruth Levere (020

8909 1557) ruth@levere.net, or Richard Stanton (020 8866 2041) sirdickybird@aol.com) as appropriate know that you plan to come.

Watercolour Art Class

This group involves members bringing their own materials to produce their own artwork in sociable company and share tips about the artworks they are creating. The next session is 2pm Tuesday February 26th.

Play Reading

Our play reading for Monday February 25th will be ***At The Sign of the Crippled Harlequin by Norman Robbins*** 'an engaging thriller - rich with shocks and laughs!. New readers welcome.

Museum & Gallery Visits

Eva Groszmann is arranging visits on Thursday 7th March (originally 21st February – moved date to incorporate an added interesting exhibition) to the *Heath Robinson Museum*, Pinner; and March 27th (Tate Modern's Pierre Bonnard: *The Colour of Memory* exhibition). Further details from Eva.

More US Presidents talks in April

Following up on his excellent talks in autumn 2017 assessing the lives and achievements US Presidents (FDR to Nixon), John Matlin has agreed to give us three further sessions on *Ronald Reagan* (April 4th), *Bill Clinton* (April 11th) and *George Bush 1 & 2* (April 18th).

National and regional events

Do remember that, as well as participating in our own local U3A activities, you are also able to go along to national U3A events and London region ones. Forthcoming national learning events include: *U3A Explores Science* on the afternoon of Monday 11th March at the Royal Institution and *Satire to Sublime – British Art from Hogarth to Turner* on Thursday 21st March at the National Gallery. Further details are at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>. London Region events include a 'summer school' held on Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th July. (Members can choose to attend for one, two or three days) at St Bride Foundation, Blackfriars. Further details are at <https://u3asites.org.uk/london-region/events>. U3A London, based at Hampstead Old Town Hall is organising an Easter Conference on Tuesday 23rd to Thursday 25th April on the theme *Upsetting the Apple Cart: Controversial Figures*. More information is at <https://www.u3alondon.org.uk/?p=3389>. Details on these events are also publicised in *Third Age Matters*, the latest edition of which you should have just received.. Feedback from our members who have gone along to all these events in the past has been positive.

Riviera Travel will make a 10% Donation to KU3A

Don't forget that if you book a holiday **directly with Riviera Travel** and nominate Kenton & District U3A, they will **donate 10% of the final cost** to us on your return. **But you must mention that you would like them to do this at the time of booking.** The donation can apply to the total cost of a group booking, if the person making the booking is a U3A member. You may have seen their adverts in *Third Age Matters* magazine.

Please note:

Parking is available at the Century Bowling & Sports Club, but if it is full please park in Logan Road itself. There are no parking restrictions except on Wembley Stadium 'Event Days'.

Guests at Monthly Meetings will be charged £5 to attend, including refreshments. This amount will be deducted from their membership subscription if they join Kenton & District U3A.

*People who have not yet joined may come along to **one interest group meeting without charge.**
If you do not drive and have difficulty getting to meetings, please let us know if you would like someone to pick you up by car and we will see if we can arrange this for you. You can speak to Judith Littman on 020 8904 6116 or email ku3anews@outlook.com.*

We look forward to seeing you at some of our meetings and group activities.

Vivien Spiteri (020 8907 1756)