

KENTON & DISTRICT



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Newsletter - January 2019 Update

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday January 23rd at 10am – a talk on *The Housing Crisis – Causes, Challenges and Solutions* by Danny Kaye.

**Future Monthly Meeting Dates:**  
**Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup>:** A talk about *Key Life Events – A Lifetime of Public Service* by Mark Rimmer, the former chief registrar at Brent Council.

**Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>:** *From Vampires to Vaudeville* – a talk by Alison Hopkins.  
Monthly Meetings are held at:  
Century Bowling Club, 51-53 Logan Road, Wembley, 10am to noon.

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## **Interest Group News**

### ***Revised KU3A DIARY to end of April 2019 is Attached***

This has the dates and times for all groups through to the end of April 2019, where appropriate. Look out for recent changes and additions in yellow.

This is also available on our website.

### ***New Tales from the 18th Century - The truth behind 'The Favourite'***

Many of you will remember Ruth Herman's interesting series of talks from the 18th Century, based on her own research in the archives. Ruth has agreed to run a special session on Tuesday February 5th at 2pm at the bowling club looking at the truth behind the film: *The Favourite*. This is a recently released historical period comedy, which addresses the relationship between the Duchess of Marlborough and her younger cousin, vying to be court favourites of Queen Anne.

Please note that the **Board & Card Games** session on February 5<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

### ***Board & Card Games – February 5<sup>th</sup>***

***The session on February 5<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled – see the truth behind 'The Favourite' above.***

***The next session is 1:30pm on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Bowling Club.***

### ***Two NEW Quirky London visits in March***

First, a private tour of **Salter's Hall** on the afternoon of Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Salter's Company has its origins in the salt trade and is one of the City of London livery companies. Cost is £5 each.

Second, a private guided tour of **London Transport Depot's Poster and Art Collection** in Acton

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Town on the afternoon of March 19<sup>th</sup> by David Burnell – who gave us the fascinating talk on the museum's collection at our monthly meeting in October last year. Cost £4 each.

See flyer attached for more detailed information. Contact Louise Bennett on [louisebennett@btinternet.com](mailto:louisebennett@btinternet.com) or call Richard Rumsey [020 8204 1223](tel:02082041223) if you would like to come on either of these visits.

### ***Art History Course – Great Artists of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century (Part 2)***

Jennifer Mill's new 11-part course started on January 10<sup>th</sup> looking at the close connections between the Netherlands and England via *Rubens* and *Van Dyck*. Weeks 4-6 will focus on some less well-known English artists. Moving on to the strong links between Spain and the Southern Netherlands (which was, at that time, Spanish) and the 17th century Golden Age of Spanish art.

The weekly topics are:

1. Rubens
2. Rubens & friends
3. Van Dyck
4. William Dobson & Samuel Cooper
5. Peter Lely & J M Wright
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 28<sup>th</sup> (except February 14<sup>th</sup>) at the Bowling Club.*

### ***Travel Club – Liverpool & Chester Coach Trip 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019***

Mill Hill U3A are arranging a five-day trip to Liverpool & Chester, staying at a Novotel in Liverpool centre for four nights. Kenton U3A members are invited to join the trip. For further information see the attached flyer, then contact: Kevin O'Doherty ([kevin\\_odohererty@hotmail.com](mailto:kevin_odohererty@hotmail.com) or [020 8907 5876](tel:02089075876)). **Booking deposits must be received by January 31s. See attached flyer;**

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### ***English Literature – The Rivals***

Bring your copy of Sheridan's 18<sup>th</sup> Century comedy of manners play, *The Rivals*, to David Harris's next sessions at the Bowling Club at 10am on Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note that January 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Magic of the Musicals session, not [English Literature](#).

### ***What Are Your Holiday Memories?***

The theme of the next meeting is Holidays. 10am February 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bowling Club. New members interested in sharing their memories would be especially welcomed. Contact John Collier for details [020 8904 2346](tel:02089042346) or [johncollierjc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:johncollierjc@tiscali.co.uk).

### ***Music Appreciation***

All meetings are now held at the Bowling Club. The next date is 2pm on Thursday February 14<sup>th</sup>, when Herbie Goldberg will continue his presentation of the exceptional music of *Sir Arthur Sullivan*, and his comic operatic collaborations with *W S Gilbert*.

### ***German/English Film Club - What's on?***

On January 18<sup>th</sup> the film is: *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and February 1<sup>st</sup> it is: *Hobson's Choice* (David Lean). 2:30pm at Sara Maier's. Call to let her know ([020 8908 0582](tel:02089080582)) you plan to come.

### ***Healthy Living Group – February 19<sup>th</sup> Visit***

Regular members of this group are going on a free guided tour of the *Medicine Now* exhibition at the Wellcome Collection, Euston Road at 11.30am, preceded by coffee at 11am Further details from Sonia Sassoon ([sonia.sassoon@outlook.com](mailto:sonia.sassoon@outlook.com)). The March 19<sup>th</sup> session, with Diana O'Reardon, will discuss stress, relaxation and sleep.

### ***Rambling Group – where to next?***

The next walk is on Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> to the Olympic Park near Stratford. Diana O'Reardon and Kevin O'Doherty will lead the walk around the venues built for the 2012 Olympics. Meet at 10am in Preston Road Underground waiting room. Bring water and lunch to eat en route. Cafes on site.

### ***Film Club – What's On?***

The January film at 2pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at Ruth's is: *The Piano*. February's films are: *10 Rillington Place* (on the 7<sup>th</sup> at Richard's) and *Milk* (on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Ruth's). Please let Ruth Levere ([020 8909 1557](tel:02089091557)) [ruth@levere.net](mailto:ruth@levere.net), or Richard Stanton ([020 8866 2041](tel:02088662041)) [sirdickybird@aol.com](mailto:sirdickybird@aol.com)) know you plan to come.

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### ***Magic of the Musicals***

The next session is 10am Tuesday January 22nd. Then back to the regular schedule on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Art – Sketching & Watercolour***

Trixi continues to lead this group; where members bring their own materials and share tips about the artworks they are creating. The next session is 2pm Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***Play Reading – One Man, Two Guvnors***

Our play reading for Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> will be *One Man, Two Guvnors*. In Richard Bean's English version of Goldoni's Italian comedy; sex, food and money are high on the agenda! 2pm at the Bowling Club.

### ***Museum & Gallery Visits***

Eva Groszmann is arranging visits on Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> (to the Royal Academy to see *Klimt/Shiele Drawings* from the Albertina Museum, Vienna, plus, Bill Viola/Michelangelo: *Life Death Rebirth*); Thursday February 21<sup>st</sup> (visit to the *Heath Robinson Museum*, Pinner); and March 27<sup>th</sup> (Tate Modern's Pierre Bonnard: *The Colour of Memory* exhibition). Further details from Eva ([020 8907 5691](tel:02089075691) or [evagroszmann128@gmail.com](mailto:evagroszmann128@gmail.com)).



### ***More US Presidents talks in April***

Many of you will remember John Matlin's excellent talks in autumn 2017 on US Presidents (FDR to Nixon). The good news is that John has agreed to give us, not just two, but, three further sessions on Ronald Reagan (April 4<sup>th</sup>), Bill Clinton (April 11<sup>th</sup>) and George Bush 1 & 2 (April 18<sup>th</sup>).

### ***Riviera Travel will make a 10% Donation to KU3A***

A reminder 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](mailto:ku3anews@outlook.com).*

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

Vivien Spiteri (020 8907 1756)

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www.kentondistrictu3a.org](http://www.kentondistrictu3a.org)**