
KENTON & DISTRICT U3A



Newsletter - March 2019

The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday March 27th at 10am – a talk by Alison Hopkins called *From Vampires to Vaudeville* – about her mother who was a Windmill Girl and also did work for BBC radio; she will also tell us about her great grandfather who was co-founder of Hammer Films and also in vaudeville.

Future meetings are:-
Wednesday 24th April
Sophie Allen, a local head teacher, talking on *Safeguarding*

Monthly Meetings are held at:

Wednesday 22nd May
David Harris talking about *Poland*.

*Century Bowling Club, 51-53
Logan Road, Wembley, 10am to
noon.*

Interest Group News

***Revised KU3A DIARY to end of August 2019 Click on
Diary Button***

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

This is also available on our website.

[See Diary](#)

Quirky London visits in April and May

Louise Bennett is organising three private guided tours:

- of the **Guards Museum**, Birdcage Walk SW1, on the morning of Wednesday 17th April;
- of the City's historic **Guildhall** on the morning of Friday 3rd May;
- of the **Royal Hospital Chelsea** by a Chelsea pensioner on the morning of Wednesday 8th May.

More details are in the attachment.

Contact Louise Bennett on louisebennett@btinternet.com or call Richard Rumsey [020 8204 1223](tel:02082041223) if you would like to come on any of these visits.

[See Quirky Visits Info](#)

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 will be ending soon. The remaining topics are: Zurbaran & others on 21st March and Murillo on 28th March.

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* (Thursday April 4th), *Bill Clinton* (Thursday April 11th) and *George Bush 1 & 2* (Thursday April 18th). All at 10am in the Bowls Club

English Literature – Romantic Poets

Having finished the Rivals, the group is, from Tuesday March 26th, moving on to the Romantic Poets. David Harris 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 of Religion?

At the next meeting the group is going to share their personal memories of religion. 10am Wednesday 10th April at the Bowling Club. New participants welcome.

Music Appreciation - early 20th century composers

At its March meeting the group concentrated on Sir Hubert Parry and heard extracts from his different types of works. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11th April at 2pm at the bowling club. Herbie will continue to explore the works of early 20th century British composers, including some by British women composers.

Healthy Living Group – March 19th meeting explores stress

In Sonia's absence this month, the March 19th session, facilitated by Diana O'Reardon, will discuss stress, relaxation and sleep. Bring along your knowledge, experience and tips to share with the group. The Tuesday 16th April meeting will be a review of the past year, looking at a few current events and planning next year's programme. In lieu of May's meeting, as Sonia is away, the group will have an outing to Kings College Science Gallery, with a conducted tour of the exhibition *Spare Parts* on Tuesday April 30th, at 11am. Meeting at Wembley Park station 10am and going to London Bridge station. Contact Sonia to book.

Rambling Group – where to next?

Sunday April 28th - Rickmansworth via River Chess to Cassiobury Park

This walk starts in Rickmansworth and goes along the River Chess for a short while then proceeds to Croxley Green and into Dell Wood which is managed by

the Woodland Trust. It contains many dells where flint and gravel were excavated in the past. The path emerges into the Grand Union Canal at Lock 77, Ironbridge Lock. From here we will continue the walk through Cassiobury Park and return via the Metropolitan line from Watford. Meet at 10:00 am in Preston Road Underground waiting room.

Cookery – Easter recipes

Viv is making good progress following her recent knee operation and cookery should restart on Thursday April 4th at 10.30am. The theme for April is “Easter” and the group will be trying a new lamb recipe and making Easter egg biscuits

Film Club – What’s On?

The film to be shown at 2.00 on Monday March 18th at Ruth Levere’s is *Strictly Ballroom*. The film to be shown at 2pm on Thursday 4th April at Richard’s is *Dial M for Murder*. The Monday 15th April film at Ruth’s will be *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*. 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.

German/English Film Club - What’s on?

The Friday 5th April film at 2:30pm at Sara Maier’s is *10 Rillington Place*: The Friday April 19th film will be *Path of Glory*. Please call Sara to let her know (020 8908 0582) that you plan to come.

Play Reading - what next?

Our play reading for Monday March 25th will be *The Titfield Thunderbolt*- Philip Goulding's adaptation of the 1953 Ealing Comedy film about a group of villagers who, finding that their branch railway line is about to be axed, decide to buy and run the railway themselves. A cherishable English comedy! New readers welcome.

Bonnard exhibition Gallery Visits & Museum

Eva Groszmann is arranging a visit on Wednesday 3rd April to see the Pierre Bonnard: the Colour of Memory exhibition in the Tate Modern. Those going are meeting at 2 pm in Preston Road Station (This visit has moved from 27th March). Further details from Eva.

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

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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 are limited to double/twin rooms for couples and people prepared to share.

Contact Lis Driscoll at Mill Hill and Barnet U3A directly for late bookings and up to date information. Tel: 0208 959 2010 Email: travelmhu3a@gmail.com . . Liz is arranging a get-together before the trip for all participants in late April early May.

[See Flyer for Liverpool Trip](#)

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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)

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