

AGM Elections

Current Committee members :

Chair – John Bishop,
Vice-Chair – Louise Bennett and Peter Rummer,
Treasurer – Anita Maund,
Secretary – Vivien Spiteri

Committee members

Howard Goldstein
Judith Littman
Kevin O’Doherty
Diana O’Reardon
Adele Setton

Monthly Meetings

The next meeting is on Tuesday (note day) August 27th at 10am with a talk by Richard Selby on *The History of Money*.

Future Monthly Meetings:

Wednesday September 25th - Christine Coates on *The Home Front in WWII*

Wednesday October 23rd– Jim Moher on *Walter Citrine, Baron of Wembley*.

If you know anyone who might be persuaded to be a monthly speaker for us, do contact Adele Seton.

Air Ambulance Talk

Members who attended the July monthly meeting on the work of the London Air Ambulance Service by Ali Wade will be pleased to hear that we raised an impressive £197 in donations and a speaker’s fee for this worthwhile cause.

Interest Group News

Revised KU3A DIARY to end December 2019 is attached

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

New Group – History Discussion

One of our members, Jean Hossain, has kindly offered to lead a new history discussion group. Jean used to be a history teacher. She plans to start with just a couple of sessions and then take stock on how it’s going. Assuming the group takes off, over time a range of historic ideas and topics will be covered.

Members of the group will be encouraged to engage in discussion and contribute their own knowledge of and reactions to the topic.

The first session will be on Wednesday 11th September at 2.30pm at the Bowling Club and Jean will lead a discussion on Benjamin Disraeli’s life and parliamentary career. The second session will be on Wednesday 9th October and look at the development of canals and railways during the industrial revolution.

Jean is holding a short meeting to gauge interest and discuss with potential members how the new group will work. It will be after the monthly meeting on Tuesday 27th August (so about 11.45am). Do come along if you are interested. Alternatively, you can contact Jean to find out more or register your interest: jeanhossain@gmail.com or 8907 0445.

New Group - Current Affairs in Depth

Rosemary Wolfson is setting up a new monthly discussion group to consider specific topics in depth that sit behind the news headlines. The subject for the first meeting at 2pm on Tuesday September 24th will be the differences between the two main branches of Islam - Sunni and Shia - and their art and culture. Location: Rosemary’s house on Regal Way Kenton. Please contact Rosemary if you are intending to come.

New Group – Book Club

KU3A's new book club, facilitated by Zsuzsanna Messing will be meeting every other month at 2pm on Thursday afternoons: Aug 22nd, Oct 31st and Dec 19th - then generally on the fourth Thursday. The first meeting will be held in Zsuzsanna's house in Kingsbury. The author to be discussed on Thursday August 22nd will be **Julian Barnes** - who won the Man Booker Prize with *The Sense of an Ending*, and had three other books shortlisted for the Booker Prize: *Flaubert's Parrot*, *England, England*, and *Arthur & George*. Please let Zsuzsanna know that you plan to attend and which of Julian's books you plan to read. You can also contact Zsuzsanna to find out more about how the group will operate.

Quirky London Visit – London Transport Museum Depot Discovery Tour

Our next outing is to London Transport Museum's Depot in Acton Town on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th September. We have arranged a private guided 'depot discovery tour' by volunteer guides of its store of vehicles, signs, models, photographs, engineering drawings and uniforms. This follows the visit some of us made to the art and poster collection in March. The cost is just £4. Details are in the attached flyer. Contact Louise Bennett if you would like to go.

Music Appreciation - English Composers - Delius

The August session featured the music of Frederick Delius. Herbie Goldberg promises more tuneful delights and insights into the composer's life and work at the next meeting on Thursday September 12th at 2pm at the Bowling Club when we'll be concluding our exploration of the work of Delius.

Magic of the Musicals

Mike Morrow returns after his Summer break on Tuesday 3rd September to delight us with an entertaining couple of hours to watch and listen to song excerpts from films and stage shows.

Cookery – what's on the menu?

The two cookery sessions in September will be on the 5th and 19th. After picnics and BBQs (the group actually had a charcoal BBQ in the garden on August 1st!), September's focus is on "brunch" with some recipes which might be nice for late starts for the day perhaps when visitors stay.

Healthy Living

The focus for the Tuesday 17th September meeting is understanding your blood test results. Please bring any blood test results forms for us to interpret along with any relevant press cuttings, articles, books etc to help the conversation. The 8th October meeting will discuss bones, muscles and joints.

Speaking in public

Newcomers welcome to this friendly group whose aim is to feel comfortable standing up and speaking in front of an audience. The theme for our next session on Friday 13th September is "My most Embarrassing Moment" - should be fun!

Play Reading – what next?

Our play reading for Monday August 19th will be Noel Coward's *Relative Values*, a comedy of manners in which an American movie actress is preparing to wed a British earl. On Monday September 23rd all sleuths welcome for this month's "whodunnit" as we read Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*. 2pm at the Bowling Club.

Film Club – Summer break

There will not be any Film Club in August or September as neither Ruth or Richard are available. They hope to be up and running again in October.

Foreign Film Club - Father

The next film will be **Father** at 2.30pm on Friday 6th September at the Wembley home of Sara & Jo Maier. The film is a 1966 Hungarian coming of age story. The main character copes with his childhood loss of his father against the backdrop of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956. Please let Sara know if you intend to come.



Wanstead Park Walk— Sunday 18th August

Rambling Group – where to next ?

Sunday September 22nd (note not the 15th) - Parkland Walk North Section Alexandra Palace to Highgate.

We will be walking from Alexandra Palace to Highgate on a section of the Capital Ring. The Parkland Walk is the longest linear nature reserve in London at 4.5 miles in length and follows the former railway line connecting Finsbury Park to Alexandra Palace which opened in 1873. Meet at 10am at Preston Road station

What are your memories? Families

On Wednesday September 11th at 10am at the Bowling Club, the group will share personal memories of their families. New members warmly welcomed.

English Literature Pride and Prejudice

David returns after a summer break on Tuesday September 10th when he will start on taking us through Jane Austen's classic novel, Pride and Prejudice. David has agreed to have an additional meeting on Wednesday afternoon Oct 2nd at 2pm, not a Tuesday morning. On the morning of Tuesday October 29th we hope to show a relevant film, so hold the date whilst we sort out what film might be screened at the Bowling Club.

Riviera Travel will make a 10% Donation to KU3A

If you book a holiday **directly with Riviera Travel** and nominate Kenton & District U3A, they will **donate 10% of the basic cost** to us on your return. You will need to inform them **that you would like them to do this at the time of booking**. The donation can apply to the total basic cost of a group booking, if the person making the booking is a U3A member. That's all you need to do for the benefit of all our members.

Please note:

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. 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.

Interest group coordinators: Louise Bennett and Peter Rummer, email KU3Agroups@outlook.com

QUIRKY LONDON VISIT: LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM'S ACTON DEPOT - 'DEPOT DISCOVERY TOUR'

We have arranged a private guided 'depot discovery tour' at London Transport Museum's Depot in Acton on the afternoon of Tuesday 17th September.

The Acton Depot is London Transport Museum's store, housing objects that are not on display in the museum's main site in Covent Garden. This visit follows the fascinating and popular guided visit many of us made on March 19th this year to view the Museum's poster and art collection and the request from many to see the other half of the collection in the Depot.

This time we can expect to be split into two groups and be shown vehicles, signs, models, photographs, engineering drawings and uniforms by volunteer guides.

The tour starts at 2.00pm and will last about an hour and a half.

The outing can accommodate 24 people and the price is just £4.00 each. Louise will collect the admission charge prior to our visit. Payment arrangements will be advised.

The Depot is opposite Acton Town Underground Station. We will be meeting in two groups. Louise will meet one group at Preston Road Station waiting room at 1.00pm. They will travel from Preston Road Station via the Metropolitan Line up to Rayners Lane and change to the Piccadilly Line to reach Acton Town Station.

A second group, particularly aimed at those who have been attending Healthy Living that morning, will travel with Richard Rumsey.

They can bring a sandwich lunch and eat it at the Bowling Club. They will then walk to the bus stop on Preston Road, close to Logan Road arriving there at 1pm, where others can join them. They will take the 204 bus to Sudbury Town then Piccadilly line to Acton Town Station. Louise will ask about people's travel intentions nearer the visit.

Please note that the tour involves a lot of standing on concrete floors. There are toilets on the premises.

Contact Louise Bennett on louisebennett@btinternet.com or 8907 2060 if you would like to come or for more information.