

**SIDCUP & DISTRICT
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
PROGRAMME & GROUPS**

2011

UBA



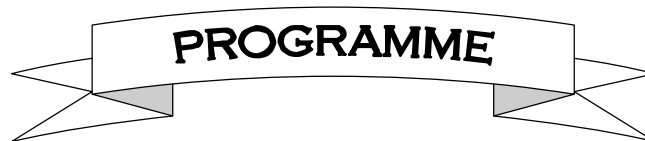
SIDCUP U3A: AIMS & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are a group of local people, retired or semi-retired, who wish to further our interests in a wide variety of subjects. We offer learning activities reflecting members' wishes and aim to satisfy the widest possible range of interests – educational, recreational, cultural, physical, and social. We hold general meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 2.00 pm in the New Community Church Centre, Station Road, Sidcup.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact our membership secretary, John Harlow, on 020 8300 3865. If you have a particular interest which is not catered for in existing groups, or if you wish to join an existing group, please contact our Group Co-ordinator, Christine Spencer, on 020 8300 4291, who will find out whether there are any vacancies.

U3A is a self-help organisation and group meetings take place in members' homes unless otherwise stated. If you wish to make any suggestion, or have any enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Committee Members listed at the back of this booklet.

Anne Evans
Chair



PROGRAMME

2011

20 January	Mr. J. Halligan	Paintings in the Guildhall Art Gallery
17 February	Mr. M. Parkin	The Story of Sevenoaks Market
17 March	Annual General Meeting Miss E. Turner	In the Spirit of Shackleton
21 April	Mr. I. Bevan	Tudor London
19 May	Mrs. J. Bruce	Knickers and Things
16 June	<i>TBA</i>	
21 July	Mr. C. Durack	Major Rowland George Hallam Shears, BEM, TD, G8KW (1919-2009)
18 August	Mr. R. Spiller	Entertainer & Comedian
15 September	Mr. A. Stockwell	Puppets, Piers & Pantomimes – 40 years in show business
20 October	Mr. J. Newson	Her Majesty's Crown Jewels
17 November	<i>TBA</i>	
15 December	Mrs. P. Mortlock	A Country House Christmas

INTEREST GROUPS

AMBLERS (1)



3rd Wednesday at 10.30 am (*Maximum 3 miles*)

Leader • John Harbert 020 8300 5361

AMBLERS (3)



3rd Wednesday at 10.30 am (*Maximum 3 miles*)

Leaders • José Steward 07957 181808

• Norma Balfour 020 8303 7693

Our ambles are designed for people who like to walk in company at a comfortable pace. They are about 3 miles long and range from local semi-rural areas to London-based streets, parks, and river paths.

ANTIQUES APPRECIATION (3), (4) & (5)



(3) 2nd Friday at 10.00 am–12.00 noon

(4) 4th Wednesday at 10.00 am–12.00 noon

(5) 3rd Wednesday at 10.00 am–12.00 noon

Leader of all groups • Martin Baker 020 8300 1752

A broad-based introduction to the world of antiques and collecting, including furniture, ceramics, glass, and metal wares. Some areas may be studied in greater depth. The leader is a retired antiques dealer.

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL



4th Monday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Leader • *New leader required*

The group has studied many areas in Europe (including the UK), North & South America, and Asia. Most members have taken videos or slides during their travels.

BIRD WATCHING



1st Wednesday at 10.00 am

(Not in summer and weather permitting)

Leaders • Gay Braybrook 020 8309 6372

• José Steward 07957 181808

Open to anyone who turns up. Beginners are welcome.

BRIDGE



Weekly on Monday at 2.00 pm

Leader • Fred Till 01322 528605

CLASSICAL MUSIC (1)



2nd Friday at 2.00 pm–4.30 pm

Leader • Derick Johnson 020 8850 1245

We meet to listen to classical music chosen by members in turn, but there is no obligation to do this. It is a friendly group.

CLASSICAL MUSIC (2)



2nd Friday at 2.30 pm–4.30 pm

Leader • Maureen Porter 020 8300 1628

We meet to listen to classical music chosen by members in turn, but there is no obligation to do this. It is a friendly group.

CONCERTS/BALLET/OPERA



Various times

Leader • Norma Balfour 020 8303 7693

Visits arranged throughout the year. Open to all.

CRIMINOLOGY



2nd Monday at 1.30 pm–3.30 pm

Leader • Norman Slaughter 020 8300 9460

Talks on famous murder trials – some on videos.

DARTS



2nd Monday at 12.00 noon–2.00 pm (*not on Bank Holidays*)

Leader • *Contact Group Co-ordinator for information*

Meets at the Alma public house, Alma Road, Sidcup. In addition to playing darts we enjoy the food, a drink, and good company.

DISCUSSION GROUP (1)



3rd Monday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Leader • Carol Green 020 8300 4603

Discusses serious and light-hearted subjects; this always makes for a very enjoyable afternoon.

DISCUSSION GROUP (2)



2nd Tuesday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Leader • Barbara Carpenter 020 8300 8647

An informal group which enjoys discussing interesting topics – local, international, arts, etc. Members arrive with a question or subject to discuss and we go from there.

FAMILY HISTORY



Various weekday afternoons at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Leader • Judith Swain 020 8303 5759

FIRST AID



Weekly on Wednesday at 2.00 pm (*6-week course*)

Leader • Gladys Davidson 020 8850 9252

FREEDOM PASS EXPLORERS



2nd Monday

Leader • Val Gosden 020 8300 0664

Using our Freedom Passes, we visit other areas of Greater London.

GERMAN



Weekly on Thursday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm (*not 3rd Thursday*)
This group is not for beginners

Leader • Betty Deutsch 020 8302 6526

Our group is fun! Come and broaden and deepen your knowledge and practice of German.

HANDCRAFTED CARDS (1) & (2)



(1) 1st Thursday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

(2) 1st Wednesday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Leader of both groups • Val Gosden 020 8300 0664

Using a variety of techniques and materials, we are able to produce greeting cards suitable for almost any occasion.

JAZZ APPRECIATION



Last Friday at 10.00 am–12.00 noon

Leader • Ron Carpenter 020 8300 8647

Meetings have a disciplined, structured approach intended to present a balanced and varied programme of recorded music. This is not a discussion group and, though large, room can always be found for any enthusiast wishing to join.

LOCAL HISTORY (1), (2) & (3)



2nd Wednesday morning

(1) Leader • John Harlow 020 8300 3865

(2) Leader • José Steward 07957 181808

(3) Leader • Pam Kirk 020 8856 8372

Visits are arranged by members to places of historical interest in London and our local area.

LUNCHEON CLUB (1) & (2)



(1) 1st Wednesday at 12.00 noon

Leader • Margaret Platt 020 8309 6395

(2) 2nd Friday at 12.00 noon

Leader • Joan Smith 020 8300 3566

For members who like to meet for a pleasant meal in each others' company at local restaurants.

NATIONAL TRUST/ENGLISH HERITAGE



Various times

Leaders • Olive & John Mercer 020 8300 3136

We visit various National Trust, English Heritage and other notable properties. Members take turns to organise trips. Own transport is not essential.

PARK STROLLERS



Various days monthly at 10.00am

Leader • Various

Members take turns to lead and decide which park to visit.

PARKS & GARDENS APPRECIATION



4th Thursday (*February–October*)

Leaders • Jill Bryant 01322 524008

• Barbara Olney 020 8302 4289

PHILOSOPHY



3rd Monday at 2.00pm

Leaders • Val Gosden 020 8300 0664

• Group Co-ordinator

PLAY READING



1st Tuesday at 2.00pm–4.00pm

Leader • *New leader required*

Members take turns to choose and cast a play. We have read comedies, tragedies, thrillers and psychological plays – but not yet Shakespeare!

QUILLING



Various days at 2.00pm

Leader • Val Gosden 020 8300 0664

Introducing members to paper filigree.

RAMBLERS (1)



4th Tuesday at 10.30am (*5-6 miles*)

Leader • Annette Jansen 01322 522252

Our walks are about 5 or 6 miles and venues in Kent vary. We walk at a reasonable pace and have a pub lunch (or picnic) halfway.

RAMBLERS (2)



4th Tuesday (*4-5 miles*)

Leaders • Pat & Alf Cracknell 020 8302 0823

We are a friendly group who enjoy walks of approximately 4 to 5 miles. Most rambles are circular, starting and finishing at a convenient car park, and include a pub lunch. Walks are usually in the Kent countryside but can be town based.

RUMMIKUB ®



4th Monday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Leader • Margaret Platt 020 8309 6395

This is a game played like rummy but with sets of coloured tiles numbered 1 to 13 – a popular and enjoyable game.

SCRABBLE ®



3rd Monday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Leader • Linda Marshall 020 8302 9541

Challenging but fun. Friendly and addictive.

TEN-PIN BOWLING



Weekly on Mondays at 10.00 am

(Not during school holidays)

Leader • Gay Braybrook 020 8309 6372

We play only for fun at the Bexleyheath Superbowl so no experience is needed. The cost per game is £3, including shoe hire, and tea/coffee. We generally finish by 11.45. Car parking is available at Superbowl.

THEATRE (1)



1st Thursday at 2.00pm–4.00pm

Leader • Linda Marshall 020 8302 9541

Lively monthly meetings to discuss productions seen and to select future theatre visits. Venues are local and West End; most popular is the Royal National Theatre, South Bank, which we visit six or seven times a year.

THEATRE (2)



Various days and times

Leader • Joan Somerset 020 8300 0890

Open to all, this group enjoys a variety of productions, mostly matinées. Check the Notice Board at the monthly U3A meetings for future dates.

WINE APPRECIATION



Last Thursday at 7.30pm–9.30pm

Leader • Michael Jordan 020 8302 3330

We take a theme each month and usually taste about six wines, grading them according to our tastes. Meetings are interspersed with group dinners and visits to France, normally staying there overnight. There is a charge of £3 per evening to cover the cost of the wine.

Why not start a new group?

If you are on the waiting list to join a full group why not create a new one and then advertise it in the Newsletter and on our website? It's not difficult to run a group and leaders of a full one can advise you how it's done.

2010–2011 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Anne Evans	020 8302 2261
Vice-Chair	Annette Jansen	01322 522252
Minutes Secretary	George Murrell	020 8850 2046
Treasurer	Dennis Brittain	
Membership Secretary	John Harlow	020 8300 3865
Speakers Secretary	Val Gosden	020 8300 0664
Group Co-ordinator	Christine Spencer	020 8300 4291
Welfare Officer	Kathy Cordell	020 8300 4573
Social Secretary	Vacancy	

NB: These appointments are correct as at 1st January 2011, but, in some cases, will change at the Annual General Meeting in March 2011.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Travel Group Leader	Margaret Platt	020 8309 6395
Raffle Organiser	Pat Garwood	020 8306 0013
Newsletter Editor	David Smith	020 8304 2305

WEBSITE

www.sidcup-u3a.org.uk

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weekly	Bridge, Ten-Pin Bowling		First Aid	German	
Monthly					
Week 1		Play Reading	Bird Watching, Handcrafted Cards 2, Luncheon Club 1	Handcrafted Cards 1, Theatre 1	
Week 2	Darts, Criminology, Freedom Pass Explorers	Discussion 2	Local History 1, Local History 2, Local History 3		Antiques Appreciation 3, Classical Music 1, Classical Music 2, Luncheon Club 2
Week 3	Discussion 1, Philosophy, Scrabble ®		Amblers 1, Amblers 3, Antiques Appreciation 5	General Meeting	
Week 4	Armchair Travel, Rummikub ®	Ramblers 1, Ramblers 2	Antiques Appreciation 4	Parks & Gardens Appreciation	
Last Week				Wine Appreciation	Jazz Appreciation
Various	Concerts/Ballet/Opera, Family History, National Trust/English Heritage, Park Strollers, Quilling, Theatre 2				