

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

2013

U3A



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, 24 Station Road, Sidcup.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact our membership secretary, Margaret Scambler, on 020 8315 0108. 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
Chairman



PROGRAMME

2013

17 January	Bob Ogly	Biggin Hill
21 February	Mrs. Austin	Honey
21 March	Annual General Meeting	
	John Beckham	Birds of Rye Harbour
18 April	Ann Knief	Lola Montez – a 19 th Century Adventuress
16 May	Mr. Guerdon	Chickens
20 June	Paul Gourden	Age UK
18 July	Ian Porter	Suffragettes
15 August	Peter Gilman	Coastline National Trust
19 September	Chris McCoory	Rogues, Rascals and Rebels
17 October	Jack Wheeler	Japanese Gardens
21 November	Bernard Locket	Author
19 December	Jack Ripley	Entertainer

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*)

Leader • 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 Friday at 10.00 am–12.00 noon

Leader – 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.

BIRD WATCHING (*In abeyance*)



1st Wednesday at 10.00 am

Leader to be advised

Open to anyone who turns up. Beginners are welcome.

BOOK READING



1st Thursday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm
Meetings in Sidcup

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.

CONCERTS/BALLET/OPERA



Various times
Leader • Norma Balfour 020 8303 7693
Visits arranged throughout the year. Open to all.

CREATIVE WRITING



Monthly at time to be advised
Leader • George Murrell 020 8850 2046

DARTS



2nd Monday at 12.00 noon–2.00 pm
(not on Bank or School 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

FREEDOM PASS EXPLORERS



2nd Monday

Leader • Val Gosden 020 8300 0664

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

FRENCH



Fortnightly – dates flexible

Leader • Betty Deutsch 020 8302 6526

GERMAN



Weekly on Thursday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm (*but 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 2.00pm–4.00pm

(2) 1st Wednesday at 2.00pm–4.00pm

Leader – 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 10.00am–12.00noon

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) Contact • Lesley South 020 8300 8298

(2) Leaders • Pauline Watling 020 8300 3910

• Barbara Olney 020 8302 4289

• Jill Bryant 01322 524008

(3) Leaders • Christine Withams 020 8850 4144

• Janet Young 020 8856 1898

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

LUNCHEON CLUB (1) & (2)



(1) 1st Wednesday at 12.00noon

Leader • Margaret Platt 020 8309 6395

(2) 2nd Friday at 12.00noon

Leader • Pam Kirk 020 8856 8372

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

PARKS & GARDENS APPRECIATION



4th Thursday (*February–October*)

Leaders • Jill Bryant 01322 524008

• Barbara Olney 020 8302 4289

PHILOSOPHY (1) & (2)



1st & 3rd Monday at 2.00 pm

(1) Leader • Roy Black 020 8302 9942

(2) Leader • Val Gosden 020 8300 0664

QUILLING



Various days

Leader • Val Gosden 020 8300 0664

Introducing members to paper filigree.

RAMBLERS (1)



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

Leader • Annette Holland 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)

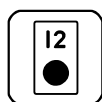


4th Tuesday (*4-5 miles*)

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 ®

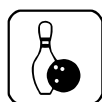


3rd Monday at 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

Leader • Linda Marshall 020 8302 9541

Challenging but fun. Friendly and addictive.

TEN-PIN BOWLING



Weekly on Mondays at 10.00 am

(Not on Bank or 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 2.00 pm–4.00 pm

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.

WALKING IN LONDON



3rd Tuesday at various times

Leader • Val Gosden 020 8300 0664

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.

2012–2013 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Anne Evans	020 8302 2261
Vice-Chair	Lesley South	020 8300 8298
Minutes Secretary	George Murrell	020 8850 2046
Treasurer	Christine Smith	020 8304 2305
Membership Secretary	Margaret Scambler	020 8315 0108
Speakers Secretary	Sue Brooks	020 8298 1117
Group Co-ordinator	Christine Spencer	020 8300 4291
Welfare Officer	Kathy Cordell	020 8300 4573
Social Secretary	Vacant	

NB: These appointments are correct as at 1st January 2013, but, in some cases, will change at the Annual General Meeting in March 2013.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Raffle Organiser	Jackie Burke	020 8302 7395
Newsletter Editor	David Smith	020 8304 2305

WEBSITE

www.sidcup-u3a.org.uk

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weekly	Bridge, Ten-Pin Bowling			German	
Week 1	Philosophy 1, Philosophy 2		Bird Watching, Handcrafted Cards 2, Luncheon Club 1	Book Reading, Handcrafted Cards 1, Theatre 1	
Week 2	Darts, Freedom Pass Explorers	Discussion 2	Local History 1, Local History 2, Local History 3		Antiques Appreciation 3, Classical Music 1, Luncheon Club 2
Week 3	Discussion 1, Philosophy 1, Philosophy 2, Scrabble ®	Walking in London	Amblers 1, Amblers 3	General Meeting	Antiques Appreciation 5
Week 4	Rummikub ®	Ramblers 1, Ramblers 2	Antiques Appreciation 4	Parks & Gardens Appreciation	
Last Week				Wine Appreciation	Jazz Appreciation
Various	Concerts/Ballet/Opera, Creative Writing, Family History, French, Quilling, Theatre 1 & 2				

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