



NOVEMBER 2020 Bulletin

MONTHLY MEETING

By Zoom

Tuesday 10th November 2020

2pm

The Foundling Hospital

Jane King studied history and history of art at Bristol University. She spent most of her professional career with the British Council, working with and in countries ranging from Cyprus to Mongolia and Barbados to Bhutan, finishing as head of educational development projects in Central and Eastern Europe following the fall of Communism.

After taking early retirement, Jane became involved with the Coram charity (the successor to the Foundling Hospital) and helped to establish the Foundling Museum. She is a Patron of the Museum and has served on its Development Committee, as well as giving talks and guided tours. She also assists the Director with curatorial work including conservation projects.

Today she will be talking to us all via Zoom about the History of the Foundling hospital. She will explain about the reason why the hospital for abandoned babies and children was needed, how it was funded from 1739 and what it offered the children left to its care.

A link will be sent near the time.

Next month

On Tuesday 8th December 2020 we welcome Imogen Corrigan who will talk via Zoom about "The politeness of Princes".

See our website for more details.

NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

THE MUSIC ENSEMBLE GROUP

The Music Ensemble Group were able to meet outdoors in members' gardens a couple of times during lockdown. With the onset of Autumn we have now just started meeting indoors which is made easier by the fact that there are currently only four of us and the house we meet in is large enough for us to spread out across two adjacent rooms in a properly socially distanced manner!

The group currently consists of a flute, a clarinet, a piano and a ukulele which is an interesting combination when hunting for suitable music to play! It can be a challenge, but we are open to playing various styles/genres of music. Here is a sample of what we've been tackling recently:

Autumn (Allegro) by Vivaldi

Summertime

Oye Como Va

Circle of Life

Fame

Don't Fence me In

I Dreamed a Dream

A selection of pieces from Razzamajazz by Sarah Watts

It has been great to meet up at this difficult time and long may it continue!

Jane Challis

BOOK GROUP 3

We have been meeting throughout Covid, via Zoom, garden meetings, and coffee, in different venues, and the odd lunch.

We have read some very diverse books, and have some very interesting books in the pipe line. And although a small group, we all have enjoyed this time, of Covid, more than I thought we would, as we all seem to have more time on our hands, but now hopefully are coming out of this and getting back to some sort of normality, we will make time to read.

WE can recommend

Me before you Jojo Moyes

Love is Blind William Boyd

Found Erin Kinsley

And the mountains echoed K Hosseini

The Harry Quebert Affair Joel Dicker

Penelope
Book group 3

NATIONAL Winter Learning Programme

All initiatives are available at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes>.

Events which require members to book are at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>.

The website will be updated regularly so keep checking these pages.

Paint or Draw (POD) - The monthly art challenge.

Similar to u3a Eye photographic initiative, members are asked to send in pictures of their original artwork on a monthly theme. Up to 15 images are chosen for the online gallery. No prizes, just prestige.

U3A Maths Week

“Don’t retire from maths – count yourself in!”

Three events planned are planned.

Go to booking at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>:

- **Monday 9 November 2020, 2pm to 3.30pm** Online talk by Rob Eastaway, “Maths on the Back of an Envelope.”
- **Wednesday 11 November 2020, 2pm to 3pm** Maths problems and puzzles workshop.
- **Friday 13 November 2020, 2pm to 3pm** Maths activities and games.

Friday watercolour painters

A series of five workshops led by a u3a member where participants are shown how to produce a to produce a finished piece of artwork at the end.

Pictures of the final artworks will go up on an online gallery.

Starts 20th November 2020.

Advertised at: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

Programme of ‘external’ zoom talks.

National Gallery – Life and paintings of Artemisia (£5) on 24th November 202

Coming soon

Guildhall Art Gallery – Prerecorded talk about the Romans. Date TBC

National Trust – History of the National Trust (free). Date TBC

British Library – Christmas literature (free). Date TBC

Southwark Cathedral – TBC

National Army Museum – TBC

Booking via the u3awebsite

Christmas Choir

Group carol singing led by the U3A member who led the previous choir sessions.

Starts **10th December.**

A new weekly choir initiative, working towards a recorded song to start in January 2021.

WINTER WATCH-a photographic challenge

Members are send in pictures of winter gardens, scenes, animals etc. and the contributions will be shared via the website.

National poetry competition.

The search is on to find the best humorous poem penned by a u3a member on the theme of “hobbies or interests”. It could be about a new interest you have adopted during 2020 or a hobby you’ve been following for years. The choice is yours.

This must be a new poem and all your own work, in your own words and be no longer than 16 lines. There must be a rhyming component.

Make sure you check the rules on the u3a website before you start writing.

The deadline is 12 noon on 20th November 2020. The winners will be announced in January 2021.

Programme of free talks

Talks confirmed to date:

- Mayan civilization - 4 week course in November 2020
- How to write your living history -24th November 2020 2 pm
- Yoga -20th November 2020 10 am
- Bridge tutorials for beginners and another for improvers- 10 week courses starting 29th October 2020
- Philosophy- 4 week course from 10th November 2020
- Cryptic crosswords- 10th November 2020 2 pm
- Japan- 9th December 2020 2pm
- Go to the u3a website to book you free places.

Made it! Make it!

This group gets a Christmas update – members will be encouraged to send in pictures and explanations of how they have made decorations/items for Christmas and the festive season. Go to u3a.org.uk to upload your pictures and ideas or for some inspiration.

Poetry reading.

Encouraging members to read their poems aloud via Zoom. This will be led by Margaret Robinson a u3a member.

The first session is on **14th October at 2:30pm and it is free.** Other sessions will follow

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January 2021

A series of Winter Schools are planned for 11th Jan – end of Feb 2021.

Watch the website !