

Richmond



University of the Third Age

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PROSPECTUS: 2009 – 2010

MONTHLY MEETING

A Meeting open to all members and to guests is held on the last Tuesday of each month (variable in December) at 2.30 p.m. in the Clarendon Hall, York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham. There is usually a speaker on a topic of broad interest, but sometimes we hold other events. Details of our groups, national U3A events and other activities of interest to members are displayed on the notice board. A small entrance charge includes tea and biscuits. York House is on bus routes 33, 68, 70, 490 and H22. There is limited car parking on site for a fee, maximum stay 2 hours. For details of speakers and events, see your Newsletter and the Web Page.

GROUPS

When you wish to join a group, you should in the first instance contact the relevant group leader whose name and telephone number are shown in the Prospectus. They will be able to tell you whether there are vacancies, where and when the group meets, and at what level it operates. To avoid disappointment, prospective members may also wish to contact the appropriate group leader before deciding whether they wish to join Richmond U3A.

Most groups meet in private homes which limits their size. When a group is full the leader will maintain a waiting list. If you are told there is a waiting list please inform Marett Crescenzi on 8891 5727 and, where sufficient demand exists, we will try to start an additional group, but if this is not possible we cannot specify how long it may be before a vacancy occurs.

Information about new groups starting during the year is given at monthly meetings, displayed on the noticeboard at these events, and advertised in the Richmond U3A newsletter which is published three times a year.

Members wishing to set up a new group should contact the Group Co-ordinator, Leah Levin, on 8940 8301 who will offer support and advice.

To join a Group please contact the Group Leader

ART & DRAWING

COMPUTER ART

Leader Don Pavey (8878 1075) Sheen

By arrangement

Hosted and instructed by a Master in Art and Design in his own micro-academy studio, students learn to express themselves in drawing and the use of colour on Computer. Minimal drawing skills can be boosted a hundredfold by the computer. *A small charge is made to defray the cost of materials.*

LEARN TO DRAW

Leader Libby Jones (8408 0212)

Fortnightly Fridays 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. & 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Starts 2nd October.

St. Margarets

Morning Class: discover how to see like an artist and learn to draw using the right side of your brain. Suitable for complete beginners and those who want to improve. You will progress from simple line drawing to self portraits and tonal drawings.

Afternoon Class: for more experienced artists. There will be an exploration of various media i.e. pen and ink, charcoal, water colour, pastels, etc. and of drawing methods and styles. Subjects will include still life, landscape, life, etc. Weather permitting there will be excursions to local sites.

TECHNIQUES IN OIL PAINTING

Leader Gathorne Butler (8948 0789) Alternate fortnightly

Groups. Group 1: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10.00 a.m. Group 2: 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10.00 a.m.

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Instruction and practice in basic skills. You will need to buy some materials, though costs can be reduced by sharing. Starts with Group 1 on Thursday, 17th September.

INTRODUCTION TO ITALIAN RENAISSANCE PAINTING, SCULPTURE AND ARCHITECTURE

Leader John Moses, Kew

The course will mainly concentrate on the cities of Florence, Rome and Venice. We will consider how the Italian Renaissance started in Florence, spread to Rome and reached its final flowering in Venice and its influence on artistic development across Europe. To join please write to me at 57 Priory Road, Richmond, TW9 3DQ. The course begins in mid/late January 2010.

LANGUAGE

BASIC FRENCH CONVERSATION – 2nd Year **Leader Ingrid Reynolds (8940 8722)**

Weekly Tuesdays 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.

Venue: Meadows Hall, Richmond

Group will learn how to get along in French in everyday practical situations.

FRENCH FOR LUNCH

Leader Sophie Poulain-Thorne (8948 0035)

Members meet in local restaurants monthly, on a Thursday, and discuss French current affairs etc. over a lazy lunch. Interested parties should allow approximately £15 for the meal. Contact leader for details.

FRENCH PLAYS AND POEMS

Leader Suzanne Bezkorvany (8876 8603)

2nd and 4th Mondays 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Sheen.

Poetry and biographies of French poets and plays are read and discussed. Starts 21st September.

FRENCH WORKSHOP
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10.30 to 12.30

Leader Connor Kensit (8788 8647)
Venue by arrangement

Small, friendly, enthusiastic intermediate group improving French language skills by reading, discussion, grammar revision and conversation. Pronunciation a speciality.

GERMAN CONVERSATION
1st and 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.

Leader Helen Barron, (8892 9044)
Twickenham

The group participates in general conversation, and studies German authors.

GERMAN FOR THE BEWILDERED
1st and 3rd Thursdays 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Leader Elke Nauke (8546 0412)
Ham . Starts 3rd September.

ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS – 2nd year
Weekly Mondays 10.30 to 12.30 14th September Chiswick

Leader John O'Brien (8746 2157)

Continuation of a course started last year.

ITALIAN WORKSHOP
Venues to be arranged

Leader George Woodcock (8894 7705)

Group 1 (advanced) starts Thursday 17th September 11.00 a.m.
Group 2 (intermediate) starts Friday 18th September 11.00 a.m.

PORTUGUESE
Weekly Mondays: Beginners 2.00 to 3.15 p.m.
Intermediate (conversation) 3.30 to 4.45 p.m.

Leader Helena Lourenco (8332 1217)
Richmond
Starts 14th September.

LITERATURE, DRAMA AND PHILOSOPHY

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB
Monthly last Wednesday 10.30 to 12.30

Leader Sue Laughton (8948 0231)
Kew

Members choose acknowledged classics to read and discuss. Books should have been written over 75 years ago at least and be in English or translated into English.

DANTE'S INFERNO
Group 1 Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. in Teddington.
Group 2 Tuesdays at 10.30 a.m. in East Twickenham.

Leader David Jervis (8892 9825)
Starts 23rd September.

Fortnightly:

Starts 29th September.

Both groups will read Dante's Inferno aloud in English and explain and discuss it.

LITERATURE.
1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10.15 a.m.

Contact Rita Burt (8892 6479)
Twickenham

Novels, short stories and plays, chosen by the members, will be read and discussed.

LITERATURE - DISCUSSING AND ENJOYING NOVELS

Fortnightly, Thursdays, 2.00 p.m Starts 10th September

Leader Jackie Latham, (8940 9428)
Ham Common

We read and discuss a wide range of novels chosen by the group.

MODERN DRAMA
Fortnightly Fridays, 2.00 p.m.

Leader Len Tysall (8940 3802)
Kew

Modern plays read with some reference to their social/political background.

"PERHAPS PHILOSOPHY... "

Thursdays p.m. by arrangement

Contact Rosemary Monk (8748 3218)

Barnes

We'll explore avenues to truth with the aid of other philosophies and religions as well as our own traditions, and listen to/discuss recordings of such people as Z'ev ben Shimon Halevi, Phiroz Mehta, Bede Griffiths, Krishnamurti, Ven. Sochu and others.

POETRY APPRECIATION

Fortnightly Mondays 2.30 p.m.

Leader Gillian Webb, (8977 7983)

Teddington

The group selects and reads poems from a wide range of subjects and poets, ancient and modern.

SHAKESPEARE FOR PLEASURE

Fortnightly Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.

Contact Edward Darby (8892 5374) East

Twickenham

The group meets in a relaxed atmosphere to read and discuss the works of the world's greatest dramatist. The emphasis of the class is on the fact that the plays were written to be performed and enjoyed. Starts 16th September.

SHAKESPEARE

Fortnightly Tuesday, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon

Leader Jill Line (8876 8979)

Sheen

We aim to enjoy reading Shakespeare's plays and poems and to discover more about their language, performance and the philosophy behind them.

THEATRE NOW**Facilitator Gail Rooke (8892 1087)**

New plays, new productions, new venues - We aim to see three or four plays each season and to follow each theatre visit with a discussion group.

THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS

Fortnightly Tuesday 10.30 a.m. ETNA, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham

Leader David Jervis (8892 9825)

In the first half of the meeting members usually hear about and discuss one of the great philosophers or a philosophical subject, and in the second half express their views on the pros and cons of a subject of general interest. Starts 22nd September.

MUSIC**DANCE, MATINEE GROUP****Contact Avril Cutting (8894 6982)**

To attend matinee performances of mainly musicals and ballet. To date we have seen *Carousel* and *Shall We Dance*. Autumn outings to include *Dorian Gray* and *Annie Get Your Gun*.

ASPECTS OF LISTENING TO MUSICFortnightly Monday 10.00 a.m. ETNA, 13 Rosslyn Road, East Twickenham.
Starts 7th September**Leader Pam Larkin (8898 0784)**

There are many ways of listening to music, perhaps there are more.

EXPLORING CHAMBER MUSIC

1st and 3rd Mondays 2.00 p.m.

Leader Suzanne Bezkorvany (8876 8603)

Sheen Sheen

Listening to and discussing many aspects of chamber music and small ensembles. Starts 14th September

JAZZ HISTORY AND APPRECIATION

Monthly 1st Monday 10.00 -12.00
Starts 7th September

Leader Pat Baxell, (8878 3150)

Sheen

An opportunity to share an appreciation of jazz with a consideration of its historical and cultural background. Discussions plus records, tapes and CDs.

LEARN TO SING

1st & 3rd Thursdays 2.15 p.m.

Leader Ava June (8898 2520)

Kew

Ava June has a known reputation as an opera singer. Ring her for details.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Friday 10.00 a.m. By Arrangement.

Leader Isobel Moses (8940 6150)

Kew

Listening to, and discussion of, operas, based around visits to English National Opera, to aid better appreciation and more enjoyment. Occasional concert visits also.

RECREATIONAL**BIRD WATCHING, ETC, WALKS**

Fortnightly Sunday

First meeting in Bushy Park on Sunday 27th Sept. Meet by the kiosk in the car park by the Round Pond. List of future venues will be available.

Leader David Knight (8898 2961)

BRIDGE

Social Bridge for improvers. Two separate groups meet alternate Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Leader Imelda Broughton (8876 2151)

**CYCLING
(8898 3046)**

Phone **Peter Joyes** to arrange an outing

DECOUPAGE

Kew

Contact Johanna Harrison (8994 7430)

The art of decorating objects with paper cut-outs, then varnishing so that they look inlaid. Can transform furniture, screens, boxes, bowls, trays, etc. Inexpensive and fun to do. Begins in September.

FOLK DANCING

Fortnightly Fridays 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Congregational Church Hall, The Vineyard, Richmond.

Leader: Pat Havron (8892 9637)

Good gentle exercise for mind and body with a patient caller who helps us learn dances suitable for beginners and our age group. You are welcome to come and have a look before you decide. Starts 4th September

PUB LUNCHESES

3rd Wednesday, 12 noon onwards

**Leaders Anne Marshall (8549 1102)
and Pat Baxell (8878 3150)**

Venues announced at the Monthly Meeting at Clarendon Hall and on the Richmond U3A website. Everyone welcome.

RAMBLINGMonthly 2nd Thursday**Leader Marian Nicholas (8979 5463)**

Walks consist of six to seven miles with a break for refreshments.

SOCIAL CHESS2nd and 4th Mondays 2 p.m.**Leader Roger Scowen (8979 7429)**

Hampton

We will play casual games and also, more socially, discuss and try to understand classic and contemporary master games, openings, studies and problems

TABLE TENNIS1st and 3rd Mondays at 2.45 – 4.45 p.m.**Contact Susan Wyatt (8891 2292)**

Methodist Church Hall, Twickenham

Fun, exercise and good practice for hand/eye co-ordination. But, most of all, fun. People of any or no experience welcome. Contribution of £1.50 per session.

TAI CHI Second Term

Alternate Tuesdays 11.15 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

Leader: Pat Francis (8892 4978)

Methodist Church Hall, Twickenham

Stretches the mind as well as the body. Starts Tuesday, 8th September.**VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST****Contact Jane Wardle (8994 8231)**

Two or three guided tours lasting 1 to 2 hours planned for each quarter. Details will be published in the U3A Newsletter and displayed on Monthly Meetings' Notice Board. Costs in the range £5 to £10 to be prepaid and members make their own travel arrangements.

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL**FIRST STEPS WITH A PC****Leader Jim Davidson (8994 1650)**

Learn Microsoft Windows (XP or Vista) at home on your own computer. Three by three hour sessions to introduce basic use of a computer. Not more than two people per session. Very relaxed, no pressure or stress. Call Jim to arrange time and place.

GET TO GRIPS WITH OPERATING THE COMPUTER (ON AND OFF LINE)

Fortnightly Weds. 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

Leader David Hanley (8898 1091)

Whitton

Explains essential concepts and demonstrates how to access the range of facilities and functions of the Operating System and Applications, using the Windows and icons. Contact David to discuss details.

MATHEMATICAL TOPICSFortnightly Fridays 2.30 p.m. Starting 11th September**Leader Andrew Holt (8977 7465)**

Teddington

The group covers topics beyond A level. Recent talks have included matrices, population models, group topology, relativity. There is a practical statistics stream and also some active problem solving with a more recreational aspect.

SOCIAL & HISTORICAL**BRITISH AND EUROPEAN HISTORY: FROM PLANTAGANET TO STUART TIMES**

Fortnightly Tuesdays at 2.00 p.m.

Leader: David Allan (8892 6568)

Twickenham

The major political, economic and cultural developments seen in insular and continental perspectives. Contact leader for venue details. Starts 22nd September.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Monthly 2nd Monday, 2.00 p.m.

Leader Peter Miles (8876 3637)

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A discussion group, with members encouraged to lead on prepared subjects, or guest speakers by invitation. Topics range widely across current affairs and will include human rights issues.

SPANISH CIVIL WAR

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2.30 p.m. September to Christmas Starts Thursday 17th September. Richmond

Leader Joy Butler (8948 0789)

FROM CZAR TO LENIN

2nd and 4th Thursdays September to Christmas. Starts 24th September Richmond

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HITLER – FROM CORPORAL TO CHANCELLOR

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. Starts 7th January 2010

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STALIN

2nd and 4th Thursdays. Starts 14th January, 2010

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LOCAL HISTORY

1st Tuesday, 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. East Sheen.

**Leaders Anne Marshall (8549 1102)
and Mike Smith.**

A borough wide look at people and places that make up our rich history. Phone Anne for details. Starts Tuesday 1st September

MONEY MATTERS

Monthly Thursdays from 10.30 to 12 noon

Leader Valerie McGregor

(8783 1149)

Hampton Hill

Group to meet monthly to discuss financial topics. These might include savings, investments in the stock market, taxes and how the economic situation affects our financial decisions. Starts Thursday, 17th September.

THE HISTORY BEHIND THE HEADLINES

1st and 3rd Monday 2.00 p.m.

Leader Len Tysall (8940 3802)

Kew

A lively discussion group looking at some pieces of history – antecedents of current news headlines. We may not have solutions to today's problems, but at least we should be able to better judge our politicians' efforts to learn from the past.

WRITING**CREATIVE WRITING**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2.15 p.m.

Jenny King (8892 9601)

East Twickenham

Lately, quite adventurous, we've 'Hunted for Unicorns' and 'A Pot of Gold', produced strange 'Great Aunts', and nostalgic memories of 'Shepherds Bush'. 'Judgement Day' proved too much, so we are trying "Hell and High Water".

HOW TO WRITE YOUR LIFE STORY

Monthly 3rd Tuesday 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Leader Jane Mears (8848 0528)

Kew

Your story is unique. Learn how to put your story on paper in ten easy steps and leave something for posterity.

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PORTUGUESE	8332 1217
PUB LUNCHESES	8549 1102 or 8878 3150
RAMBLING (6 miles plus)	8979 5463
SHAKESPEARE	8876 8979
SHAKESPEARE FOR PLEASURE	8892 5374
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**For membership information and waiting lists please contact Murette Crescenzi
(8891 5727)**

For Group information contact Leah Levin (8940 8301)

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