

Richmond



University of the Third Age

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PROSPECTUS: 2011 - 2012

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. This will change to the last **Wednesday** of the month from April 2012 onwards. There is usually a speaker on a topic of broad interest. Details of U3A groups and other activities and national U3A events are displayed on the notice board. A small entrance charge includes tea and biscuits. York House is on bus routes 33, 68, 70, H22 and 490 (Lebanon Court bus stop). There is limited paid car parking for a maximum of two 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. Because most groups meet in private homes group sizes are limited. When a group is full

the leader will maintain a waiting list. Where sufficient demand exists we will try to start an additional group, but if not possible we cannot say 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 meetings, 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, **Elaina Gardiner**, on **8977 1720**, who will offer support and advice.

To join a Group please contact the Group Leader

ART

COMPUTER ART Leader **Don Pavey Sheen** 8878 1075
By Arrangement

Hosted and instructed by a Master in Art and Design in his own micro-academy studio, students are taught to express themselves in drawing and the use of colour on computer screen. 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. and 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. 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

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For Group information please contact:

Elaina Gardiner 8977 1720

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FRENCH WORKSHOP Leader **Connaire Kensit** 8788 8647
1st & 3rd Wednesday 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Venue by
arrangement.

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

GERMAN CONVERSATION Leader **Helen Barron** 8892 9044
1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2.30 p.m
Twickenham

The group participates in general conversation. We also read and translate some German authors. Contact leader for details. Starts 21st September.

GERMAN—INTERMEDIATE Leader **Elke Nauke**
1st and 3rd Thursdays 10.30 to 12 Ham 8546 0412

This class is for those who have some knowledge of spoken and written German.

GERMAN LITERATURE AND POETRY

Leader **Bill Glen-Doepel** 8847 0117
2nd and 4th Wednesdays 2.20 p.m. Twickenham

The group reads and discusses shorter works of prose and poetry. A reading knowledge of German is required. Starts September.

ITALIAN IMPROVERS GROUP Leader **Ludovico Crescenzi**
Fortnightly Wednesday 2 pm Kew 8891 5727

Grammar improvement with emphasis on reading, translation and conversation.

TALKING ITALIAN Leader **Rosie Francis** 8758 9217
1st and 3rd Wednesdays 10.30 to 12 Twickenham

Friendly and informal group for Italophiles who wish to practise speaking Italian. Beginners welcome. Group meets at Italian Café in East Twickenham. Contact leader for details.

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WRITING

CREATIVE WRITING **Jenny King** **8892 9601**
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2.15 p.m. **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 **Leader Jane Mears**
3rd Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon **Richmond** **8848 0528**
Your story is unique. Learn how to write your life story in ten easy steps and leave something for posterity.

HALF DAY WORKSHOP

Gill Zettle, an experienced professional is offering a half day informal workshop on Autism, which will give an overview of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), some support structures and an opportunity to share experiences and ideas. If interested please contact Gill on **8255 3887** Date and venue to be arranged.

PLEASE NOTE

These details are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of going to press. Any changes during the year will be reflected on our website.and in our newsletter.

ITALIAN WORKSHOP **Leader George Woodcock**
Fortnightly **Venues to be arranged** **8894 7705**
Group 1 (advanced) Thursdays 11.00 am
Group 2 (intermediate) Fridays 11.00 am

PORTUGUESE **Leader Helena Lourenco** **8332 1217**
Weekly Fridays: Beginners 2.00 to 3.15 p.m. **Richmond**
Intermediate (conversation) 3.30 to 4.45 p.m.
Starts 9th September

SPANISH CONVERSATION FOR BEGINNERS
Leader Gabriela Cattani **8755 2231**
Weekly Thursdays 10-11 am **Twickenham**
An introductory class aimed at basic communication skills and hopefully inspiring a passion for the Spanish language.

SPANISH CONVERSATION INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
Leader Gabriela Cattani **8755 2231**
Every Thursday 1.30-2.30 pm **Twickenham**
An hour of conversation and fun at intermediate level.

SPANISH CONVERSATION **Leader Michael Leatherdale**
Wednesdays 11 am **Twickenham** **8538 9624**
Group members are close to fluent in Spanish and practise conversation. Not suitable for beginners.

LITERATURE, DRAMA AND PHILOSOPHY

GOETHE'S FAUST **Leader Elke Nauke** **8546 0412**
2nd and 4th Thursday 10.30 to noon **Ham**
We will read (in English) Goethe's Tragedy Faust Part 1, explain and discuss, using the Penguin classics translation (available at Waterstone's). Starts 8th September.

MATHEMATICAL TOPICS **Leader Andrew Holt**
Fortnightly Fridays 2.30 p.m. **Teddington** **8977 7465**
The group covers topics beyond A level. Recent talks have included cryptography, numerical methods, climate change models, relativity. There is a practical statistics stream and also some active problem solving with a more recreational aspect. Starts 23rd September.

SOCIAL & HISTORICAL

BRITISH AND EUROPEAN HISTORY: FROM PLANTAGANET TO STUART TIMES **Leader David Allan**
Fortnightly Tuesdays at 2.00 p.m. **Twickenham** **8892 6568**
The major political, economic and cultural developments seen in insular and continental perspectives. Contact Leader for venue details.

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW PROBLEMS AND CASES **Leader Stephen Jakobi**
2nd Thursday 2 p.m. **Ham** **07885 246508**
Starts 13th October

CURRENT AFFAIRS **Leader Peter Miles** **8876 3637**
Monthly 2nd Monday, 2.00 p.m. **Richmond**
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.

EXPLORING THE ORIENT **Leader Frederick Tampoe**
First Friday monthly 2.00 p.m. **Richmond** **8487 8873**
The group will explore the culture, flora, fauna, food, history, archaeology, music and dance of the orient.

READING SHAKESPEARE **Leader Jenifer Wyatt 8977 5072**
Fortnightly Tuesdays 2 pm **Trowlock Island, Teddington**
After an introduction to each play we read it, taking parts in turn and stopping for explanations and discussions. DVDs of plays can be borrowed to view at home and group theatre bookings arranged. Starts Tuesday 6th September

SHAKESPEARE **Leader: Jill Line** **8876 8979**
Fortnightly Tuesday, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon **Sheen**
The aim of this group is to enjoy reading Shakespeare's plays and poems and to discover more about their language, their performance and the philosophy that lies behind them. Starts 20th September reading "The Tempest".

POETRY APPRECIATION **Leader Gillian Webb**
Fortnightly Mondays 2.30 p.m. **Teddington** **8977 7983**
The group selects and reads poems from a wide range of subjects and poets, ancient and modern.

SPIRITUAL THINKERS OF THE WORLD
Contact Rosemary Monk **8748 3218**
Thursdays p.m. by arrangement **Barnes**
We will aim to explore some of the avenues to truth with the aid of other philosophies and religions as well as our own traditions, and discuss recordings of such people as Z'ev Ben Shimon Halevi (Warren Kenton), Phiroz Mehta, Bede Griffiths, Krishnamurti, and others.

THEATRE NOW **Facilitator Gail Rooke** **8892 1087**
For all of you with an active interest in exploring theatre—we will be looking at new plays, new productions, in new or unfamiliar venues. The decisions on what we see will be based on your suggestions. There will be an opportunity for post-show discussions either on the day or at a follow-up coffee meeting in St Margarets

THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS **Leader David Jervis**
Fortnightly Tuesdays 10.30 a.m. **8892 9825**

ETNA, 13 Rosslyn Road, East Twickenham

In the first half of the meeting members usually consider a philosophical subject, and in the second half express their views on the pros and cons of a subject of general interest. Starts 20th September.

MUSIC

LIVES OF COMPOSERS WITH MUSICAL ILLUSTRATIONS **Leader Hazel Watson** **8892 1543**
Fortnightly Monday 10.00 a.m. **ETNA, East Twickenham**

DANCE, MATINEE GROUP **Contact Avril Cutting**
8894 6982

To attend matinee performances of mainly musicals and ballet. In 2010-11 we saw Sister Act, Carlos Acosta, Monte Carlo Ballet, Evita, Singing in the Rain, Les Miserables, Company and End of the Rainbow.

JAZZ HISTORY AND APPRECIATION **Leader Pat Baxell**
Monthly 1st Monday 10.00 a.m. -12.00 noon **Sheen 8878 3150**

An opportunity to share an appreciation of jazz with a consideration of its historical and cultural background. Discussions plus records, tapes and CDs. Starts 5th September

SINGING FOR PLEASURE **Leader Ava June** **8898 2520**
1st & 3rd Thursdays 2.15 p.m. **Kew**

This group sings for pleasure under the guidance of an experienced opera singer. Starting with breathing exercises we enjoy all music from light classics to folk songs, ballads to songs from the shows and more

VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST **Contact Jane Wardle**
8994 8231

Guided tours lasting 1 to 2 hours monthly (except August and December) on varying days of the week. Details published in the Newsletter and displayed on Notice Board at monthly meetings. Costs kept to minimum but admissions and guide fees have risen, less than £10 not always possible. Freedom pass routes suggested but members are responsible for their own travel arrangements.

WORKSHOP **Elke Nauke** **8546 0412**
Thursday 24th November 2pm **Ham**
Making decorations for Christmas—one meeting only.

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL

FIRST STEPS WITH A PC **Leader Jim Davidson**
8994 1650

Learn Microsoft Windows (7, XP or Vista) at home on your own computer. Three by three hour sessions to introduce basic use of a computer. Very relaxed; no pressure or stress. More advanced topics can be covered if required: Microsoft Word, Excel or Power Point and email problems. Call Jim to arrange times and place.

HELP WITH COMPUTER **Contact Patricia Abrahamsen**
8894 7466

Help to improve your computer skills, e.g. organising folders; sending and saving attachments, effective internet searches; Word and Excel. Also help with basic start up. Individual arrangements.

TOMORROW'S WORLD **Leader Frederick Tampoe**
4th Monday ETNA Centre, Twickenham **8487 8873**

The accelerating pace of change in technology is changing our world fast. The group discusses various aspects of this. IT, medical advance and nanotechnology have been recent topics.

BRIDGE 3 **Leader Patricia Gallagher** **8744 1851**
Wednesday 2 p.m. Fortnightly **St Margarets**
Intermediate level. Commencing September through to May.

CHESS FOR EVERYBODY **Leader Roger Scowen**
2nd and 4th Mondays 2 p.m. **Hampton** **8979 7429**
We will play casual games and also, more socially, discuss and try to understand classic and contemporary master games, openings, studies and problems.

COOKERY—SOUTH EAST ASIAN **Leader Kate Noonan**
Monthly Wednesday 11 am **Teddington** **8977 2837**
Members will learn to prepare dishes that make up a complete meal, and then sit together and eat their home-cooked lunch. Cost will be approximately £10 per session.

FILM GROUP **Leader Judy Craik** **8892 1410**
Monthly
Members meet one afternoon a month, usually at Watermans Arts Centre in Brentford. We view a current release and discuss it afterwards in the café.

FOLK DANCING **Leader Chris Kenny** **8892 1318**
Fortnightly Fridays 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. Congregational Church Hall, The Vineyard, Richmond.
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 2nd September.

MERENGUE **Leader May Ramjaun** **07506 227 807**
Alternate Tuesdays **Twickenham**
Movement to uplifting Latin American dance music. Come along and enjoy yourself. Put in as much or as little effort as you are able. Starts 6th September.

JEWELLERY MAKING **Leader Neide Stainforth** **8977 7111**
Day and time to be arranged
A self-help group where members will learn together how to make costume jewellery, plus learn about colour wheel and perhaps how to photograph the finished work. Do you have any skills to share in this area—or are you interested in working together to gain them?

PETANQUE **Leader Len Griffiths** **8878 6865**
Alternate Fridays 2.30 p.m. **Palewell Common**
Why not give petanque (or French boules) a try? Invitations to other get togethers and friendly petanque matches on occasional week-ends also freely available. Basic tuition and explanation of the simple rules will be given to all new players. All necessary equipment – boules, jacks etc. - is provided free of charge.

PUB LUNCHESES **Contact Pat Baxell** **8878 3150**
3rd Wednesday, 12 noon **or Linda Gadd** **8977 1839**
Venues announced at the Monthly Meeting at Clarendon Hall and on the Richmond U3A web site. Everyone welcome. No need to book.

RAMBLING **Leader Ann Faulkner** **8755 4169**
Monthly 2nd Thursday
Walks consist of six to seven miles with a break for refreshments. Contact leader for details.

SCRABBLE 1 **Leader Maggie Novakovic** **8940 1021**
2nd and 4th Thursdays **Kew**
Enthusiastic scrabble group enjoy playing, but not competitively.

SCRABBLE 2 **Leader Jenny Mason** **8898 8126**
Fortnightly Wednesdays at 2 p.m. **Twickenham**
Whether you are new to Scrabble or an old hand, everyone is most welcome to play in a sociable, non-competitive group.