



Network News Jan 2020

The Newsletter for U3As in the South East Greater London U3A Network

Bexley, Croydon, Dulwich & District, Norwood, Orpington, Sidcup & South East London

Welcome

to the first Newsletter of the New Year, we hope you find it useful and informative. If you are a member of the Network, please pass it on to the members of your U3A. If your U3A is not currently a member of the Network, you could join for £10 a year and receive early information about events and help support us. Information about membership is available from u3aselnews@gmail.com

Running our Network.

As you know we run the network with a small team – just one person from each U3A. Currently we are down to 6 people as Orpington has been unable to find a delegate. We hope they will find someone soon.

We would like to have a couple more people who could contribute ideas and perhaps help in other ways. If you are interested in helping, please email Trevor, our secretary, (trevorford435@gmail.com) who can arrange for you to come along to see what we do at the meetings. Even if you don't want to join us you are more than welcome to attend any of our team meetings to see what we do and to contribute to the discussions.

Network fees It is at this time of the year that we ask Network U3As to make a small contribution to our funds so we will shortly be invoicing the seven U3As for the sum of £10 for your 2020 subscription.

Our Study day / conference this year will be on Climate Change

We would be interested to hear from anyone with ideas relating to speakers or from anyone who feels that they would like to join our planning team. The initial meeting will be on the morning of 28th February at the South London Theatre. We are aiming to hold the conference during October or November. If you want to help or have any ideas just send an email to u3aselnews@gmail.com

Advance Notice London Region Summer School

21st, 22nd and 23rd July 2020

This looks like another great event in the Summer, the theme this year is the Twenties a dynamic decade. [Here is a flyer with the information](#)

Or go to: [/u3asites.org.uk/files/l/london-region/docs/ss2020flyerdraft4c.pdf](https://u3asites.org.uk/files/l/london-region/docs/ss2020flyerdraft4c.pdf)

Summer School Fact



The Summer school is held right next to St Bride's Church, Fleet Street. The steeple, pictured on the left, is said to be the inspiration for tiered wedding cakes. Have a look when you are at the Summer School and see if you think it possible!



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Walk Leaders wanted for the Summer School:

A message from Catherine Ware the Summer School Organiser :

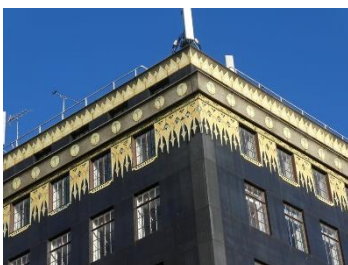
We usually offer 6 guided walks during the 3 days of the London Region Summer School – two 2hr walks per day (morning and afternoon) -- within easy reach of the St. Bride Foundation (on foot or by public transport), and free of charge.

This year the planning committee is struggling to find enough walk leaders, and I wonder whether you can help.

The suggested general theme this year is ‘The Twenties’ (either the 1920s or the 2020s) but we would be happy to consider other recommended topics

A walk could also include leading a group visit to a museum, gallery or similar if the admission and tour are free. We need to complete preparation of the programme within the next week or so, and I would be very grateful for any help as soon as possible.

If you can help please contact Catherine Ware Chair - London Region of U3As at thewares@thewares.plus.com



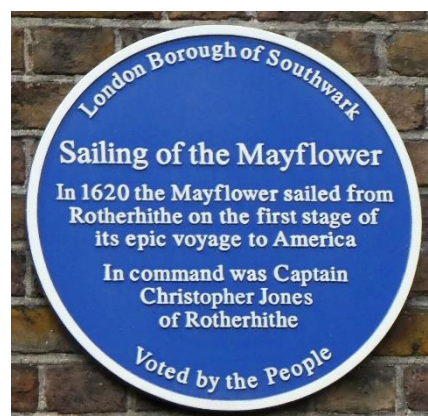
One of the walks at the Summer School will be led by Roger and Sue Mead who are leading a walk on Art Deco Architecture which should appeal to those interested in architecture or photography. This is the Palladium Building near Oxford Circus.

U3A Day 3rd June 2020

What is your U3A doing for U3A day? It is not appropriate for the Network to arrange events, but we wonder if any of our U3As need any advice or assistance or would merely like to share their ideas with the neighbouring U3As. We could issue a special edition of Network News or perhaps arrange a coffee morning for organisers to swap ideas or just to act as a sounding board. If you would like to share ideas or meet up email u3aselnews@gmail.com Don't forget to apply for the £100 grant that is available to your U3A from the Third Age Trust, see latest National Office Newsletter

[See this page](#) for more information (TAT website) Sign up for the [U3A Day Facebook page here](#)

400th Anniversary of the Mayflower



The Mayflower was crewed by sailors from Southwark and sailed from Rotherhithe so we think it might be appropriate to celebrate in some way. If you have a group that is interested or perhaps thinking about marking this occasion,



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please get in touch. If you think it would be a good idea to run a Network Event, then it would help if you could let us know. It is anticipated that this would be an event for Network members only.

Make do and Maintain at the Prince Philip Maritime Collection Centre.

This information from the Maritime Museum might be of interest to anyone involved in restoration or conservation even if it is just for their own personal collection.

“Ever wondered how to keep your silver shining or how to mount a picture? Join us as we build a community of makers and menders. This is a club for old and young to share current skills and discover new ones. This Monthly club will be led by one of our experts each month, show casing a specific skill or technique which can be used to look after your own objects at home.

Participants will also get to meet like-minded peers, work on exciting team and individual projects, and learn new skills from each other.

The Monthly club will consist of 90 minutes of activities and demonstrations. Our knowledgeable and friendly mentors will support you whilst you try out different tasks and projects. “

Third Saturday of every month at 10.30am
Location: Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre, Kidbrooke. Bookings need to be made by phone: Tel: +44 (0)20 8312 660 [full details are here](#) or on the Maritime Museum website

Do you have U3A members who would enjoy helping to judge the BBC 500 words competition?

The BBC are looking for volunteer teachers and librarians (retired and in training too!) to help judge this year's amazing stories! Judges need to be able to “assess the written work of children aged 13 and under”

If you would like to be a judge [full details are here](#)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3DMtBQQqfDZQGYWZb79wsvN/become-a-judge>

Cheque Writing and Official Document signing in 2020

David Apps from Croydon U3A offers this advice:

Now we are in the year of 2020 it is important to write the full year numbers on any cheque or official document. Just writing 20 as the year could lead to someone adding two numbers to change the date. For example, if you dated a cheque ahead of time such as 29/08/20 expecting it to be cashed at the end of August, someone could just add 19 so the date reads 29/08/2019 and cash it immediately. So to be safe always put the full 2020 date on any document.

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“It will explore how the movement of people to and from the UK has made us who we are”.

Curators want to hear from you. They are looking for local stories to feature in their exhibitions, Email them or share your stories on social media using

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www.migrationmuseum.org

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Location Crossness Engines Trust, Crossness S.T.W., Belvedere Road, Abbey Wood, SE2 9AQ

Stephen will be talking about his new book An Underground Guide to Sewers. Lose yourself in the vast sewer networks that lie beneath the world’s great cities – past and present.

This is a ticket-only event and tickets and more information are available via Eventbrite : <http://bit.ly/SHbookCET> [link to Eventbrite ticket page] at £5.00 each.

SERIAC 2020

This is an Industrial Archaeology conference at Goldsmiths on Saturday May 2nd . Seven sessions including: 200 years of the Regent Canal, Greenwich and other Timeballs, Bazalgette’s Victoria Embankment . £14 without lunch.

Full details on the events page at <https://kentarchaeology.org.uk>

Our Network website is at

<http://u3asites.org.uk/glondonsenetwork/home>



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It’s Library Day - in Australia



A friend of ours who moved from Lewisham to Australia and who is now a University Librarian sent us this quote which I think is worth sharing *“Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries”*

From Crossness Engines Trust.

Those U3A members who attended Down the Drain may be interested in this seminar from the Crossness Engine Trust

Crossness presents “The Great Stink of London” with Stephen Halliday

Date: Saturday, 22nd February from 2.30pm

Contribute and stay in touch

Please send suggestions for Network News to the editor. Email U3Aglsenetwork@gmail.com