



North London University of the Third Age Information update for members without email - October 2015

This update provides information on group and other activities for North London U3A members who do not have access to a computer.

Extra members please

The **Chess Group** is looking for new members - both new and experienced players are welcome. The group meets at the Blue Beetle hall in Finchley. Contact Ramesh on 8440 0461.

The **Contemporary Novelists Book Group**, which meets in Fortis Green Road on one Monday morning a month, is planning to add an extra group. Contact Hilda Wilson on 8442 0567.

The **Mah Jong Group** is looking for new members. Mah Jong is very similar to rummy, great fun and easy to learn. Beginners especially welcome. We are a group of five and need three more to make up two games. We meet on alternate Mondays in Highgate, off Hornsey Lane near the Archway bridge, from 14.00 - 16.00. Parking is available and the venue is convenient for buses and tube. Do come and join us. Contact Jenny Wright on 7272 2971.

French tutors or coordinators needed

We are **urgently** looking for tutors/coordinators to take an **Advanced French Conversation Group** and an **Everyday French Conversation Group**. If you could help with either of these groups, please contact Candiss Waldram on 8883 1395.

Proposed new groups

Would you like to learn Esperanto – the world's easiest language? Esperanto is an international language created towards the end of the 19th century and is still very much alive almost 130 years later. It was created as a neutral language, not linked to any one country, so that people everywhere could communicate on a basis of equality. **Anna** has been working in Esperanto for almost 40 years. If you would be interested in learning this language, please contact Candiss Waldram on 8883 1395.

Adventure travel planning group

The idea is to meet together and establish, by group discussion, what participants want from the group; what previous experience they have had of travel and of adventures nearer to home. From there we would discuss various methods to ensure a successful trip. Information will be provided and also details of where to find further information. Together we would develop plans for our new travels so that, by the end, each member would have a clear travel plan. If you are interested, please contact Candiss Waldram on 8883 1395.

Proposed new U3A in Mill Hill

Maybe you'd like to let your friends in and around Mill Hill know about this.

Launch meeting - Thursday 12 November at 10.30. Venue is Hartley Hall, Flower Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 2JA. Just come along and find out more!

Away days

(Organised by Jim Sweeney, John Hajdu and Sue Teller)

Friday 27 November - BATTERSEA DOGS AND CATS HOME

4 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4AA

Tel: 0843 509 4444

Established in 1860, Battersea Dogs and Cats Home's declared aim is never to turn away a dog or cat in need of help, caring for them until their owners or new homes can be found. They also champion the cause of vulnerable dogs and cats, and work towards creating lasting changes for animals in our society. We have arranged for a talk and guided tour which will include the kennels and catteries, where animals available for rehoming can be seen.

TIMES: 10.50 at the entrance or 10.30 in the onsite café for 11.00 start. The talk and tour will last 60 - 90 minutes.

TRAVEL: Easiest route is to take the tube to Victoria and change to overground railway to Battersea Park Station (one stop). Then take short slip road to main Battersea Park Road, turn left and walk along main road towards rail bridge. The home is about a five minute walk on the left.

COST: £5, payable in advance.

BOOKING: (Essential.) Please return adjacent booking form or written application with requested details and remember to include your cheque.

Friday 15 January 2016 – GILLRAY'S GHOST

The Cartoon Museum, 35 Little Russell Street, London WC1A 2HH

Tel: 0207 580 8155

On the 200th anniversary of James Gillray's death the small but excellent Cartoon Museum is running a special exhibition entitled "Gillray's Ghost: James Gillray and his influence on political cartoons". As a follow up to our November monthly meeting on Gillray, which likens him, at his peak, to Hogarth, and describes his subsequent descent into insanity, we have arranged a visit to see many of his works and trace his influence on later satirists. There will be a very short introduction, along with tea, coffee and biscuits, after which we can view the exhibition and the rest of the museum at our leisure.

TIMES: 10.50 for 11.00 start. Meet just inside the museum entrance. There is a disabled toilet plus two handrails on the 17-step staircase to the first floor, but no lift.

TRAVEL: The museum is close to the main entrance of the British Museum, on the opposite side of Little Russell Street. It lies between Museum Street and Coptic Street and is about a five minute walk from Tottenham Court Road or Holborn tube stations, or the many buses on Gower Street and New Oxford Street.

COST: £6.50 including tea or coffee and biscuits, payable in advance.

BOOKING: (Essential.) Please use adjacent booking form or send written application with requested details and your cheque.

Away days booking form

Name(s): _____

Block letters please. No more than two application names per form.

Membership number(s): _____

Phone number: _____

Date	Name of visit

- Cheques payable to **North London U3A**
- Send the booking form and cheque to Sue Teller, 27 Midholm, London NW11 6LL. A separate booking form and cheque is required for each visit.
- You will be notified by phone if you have a place (or not) on the visit and your cheque will be banked or destroyed accordingly.
- If you are unable to attend the visit, please phone Sue Teller on 8381 4480 so that your place can be offered to another member. For last minute cancellations, please phone her mobile 07748 478428.

Monthly meeting reminder – Monday 9 November

10.15 at St Paul's church, Long Lane (junction with Dukes Avenue) Finchley N3 2PU

“Satirist to Insanity: celebrating the life and work of caricaturist James Gillray”

See September Northern Line for details.

Festive lunch – Monday 7 December

The Festive Lunch will also take place at St Paul's church in Finchley. This is a ticket only event and details can be obtained from Frank and Diane Kelsall on 8346 5139. As places are limited, please apply as soon as you receive your email or postal invitation.

AGM minutes

If you would like a copy of minutes of the AGM, held on 13 July, please contact the minutes secretary Ann Dugdale on 8346 7194.