



Shared Learning Project – Life in 17th century Charterhouse

'I expect as much happiness in it as a thankful poor man can wish' - Captain Edward Swann on being admitted as a Brother of the Charterhouse in 1664.

This project will search for further fascinating detail about life in the Charterhouse during the second half of the 17th century. We know who the governors and officers were, and about the major events but much about the daily life remains hidden in the archive. What did the pensioners and scholars eat every day? Who were the nurses and servants? Who looked after the gardens?

Participants will investigate the subject using primary sources, including the archive material held at London Metropolitan Archives and the Charterhouse itself. The project is designed to feed into the Charterhouse's Great Chamber project which will see this important room completely refurbished and rehung with portraits of the Hospital's governors during the Restoration period. It is hoped that findings from this U3A project will feed into the new scheme. The data collected will be inputted into a spreadsheet via an online form so basic competency in the use of PCs and the internet is essential.

This project is targeted at Islington U3A members who will be collaborating with Brothers of Charterhouse and museum volunteers. Project members will meet bi-weekly on Thursdays from 14:00—16:00 at the Charterhouse, beginning Thursday 4 October 2018. Findings will be showcased to a small invited audience in January 2019.

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Completed Application forms should be emailed to Jo by Thursday 20th September 2018