



Online Talks October – December 2023 17.30-18.30 (Log on from 17.00)

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<p>October Monday 2nd 17.30-18.30 Log on from 17.00</p>	<p>Hazel Beale: The City and Slavery The presentation takes the form of a virtual walk starting at Cannon Street Station, looking at some of the sites in the City connected with the transAtlantic slave trade of the 18th century - the coffee shops where transactions took place; the banks which profited from the slave trade and loaned money paid out by the government to compensate owners when the trade was abolished in 1807; the church where John Newton preached, an ex-slave trader who became an abolitionist and wrote 'Amazing Grace'; and the 'Gilt of Cain' sculpture.</p> <p>Hazel has lived in London for the past 25 years after moving from her home town of Bath. Her hobby is guiding in London where she is a volunteer guide with the British Museum and National Trust as well as leading walks as a City of London guide and with her local U3A</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>November Monday 6th 17.30-18.30 Log on from 17.00</p>	<p>Alan Freeland: Atatürk--The Greatest Nation Builder of Modern Times As first President of Turkey 1923-28, Atatürk transformed the decaying Ottoman Empire into the modern country of Turkey. In so doing he had to win a civil war and successfully take on the might of the victorious allies in the first world war. A democrat at heart but an autocrat by pragmatism, his approach was a role model for countries seeking to overthrow imperialism and has scary echoes in today's leaders.</p> <p>He was also a world leader in enfranchisement of women and also in education. He is the only person to have a UNESCO Centenary year - Justified on the grounds that Ataturk was an eminent personality who worked for international understanding, co-operation, and peace and is as an example for future generations.</p>

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	<p>Since retirement Alan has become enthused by history and art. He is an active member of the Farnham u3a History and Art Groups and runs the Farnham u3a Medieval History Group. Alan also gives Silk Road themed tours of the British Museum and V&A.</p> <p>Register here</p>
<p>December Monday 4th 17.30-18.30 Log on from 17.00</p>	<p>Jo Livingston: Write it down!</p> <p>We enjoy reading letters and diaries from the past but someone has to write them in the first place. This talk looks at personal writing from the famous (e.g. Pepys, Jane Austen...) and not so famous (Anne Lister, George Canning and family...) and explores why they were written, whether they were intended to survive and what chance or design has allowed us or prevented us from reading them. It also looks at Mass Observation and a general encouragement to write for <u>your</u> descendants.</p> <p>Jo is a member of Bexley u3a and has given many talks about London and a variety of other subjects to most London U3As, and recently also to other groups across the UK, thanks to Zoom. In an earlier life she was a librarian and later taught basic IT skills to adults who'd missed out on it at work. She is the u3a Subject Adviser for Living History (life stories, oral histories).</p> <p>Register here</p>