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**Sidcup & District U3A**

**Sidcup Sports Ground**, where we shall be holding our Christmas Celebration (*though not outside!*) on **Thursday, 21st December** . Free raffle, drink and a nibble, all inclusive! We shall be entertained by Martin & the Kentones, an acapela singing group.

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Next year we shall be back again at St.Lawrence's . For list of talks [click](#)

**Upcoming event : Maths Group at Queensgate (see below) 11th December.**

**Group News** (summaries, for fuller details, see the website)

- Maths Looking at Maths around us

Next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 11 a.m. the library All are welcome. Postponed from November



There has been a request for a look at Black holes. This is more physics than mathematics but will lead us to Planetary orbits and the Sections of the Cone.

**Amblers:** Leader John Baker

We walked from Liverpool Street Station to Petticoat Lane, we saw cheap dresses and exotic jewellery etc., then went into a cafe. After this we visited the very impressive Spitalfields Market. We walked on past the imposing 'Christ Church' to reach Brick Lane with its many Indian restaurants. Finally, we saw lots of wall art and listened to a busker playing the bagpipes.

*Amblers now rests until March (with walks information issued in February).*

**Book Group:** Leader Kate Berry

June chose *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards for our November book.

Beginning in 1960's America, Dr Henry tells his wife their twin daughter was stillborn, hoping to protect her from knowing she had Downs Syndrome. Grief and loss tear the family apart, whilst the daughter and her "family" fight for her acceptance in society. Plenty to discuss, but mixed views from the group - 3/10 to 8/10.

**Family History:** Leader Kate Berry

Old Family Photos was our November topic.

We brought (copies!) of our oldest photos along, to share with the group. We had wedding photos, WW1 soldiers, munitions workers, and a newspaper cutting of a family policeman hero. My oldest photo is of my Grandma, age 2 in 1894.

All special memories, which need labelling and careful keeping for future generations.

**Maths Group:** Leader Margaret Turner

At the request of one of our members we will visit the NASA website and others to learn something about Black holes. This is Physics rather than mathematics but will lead to discussion about planetary orbits and a group of curves known as the conic sections. These have important applications in everyday life.

**Mono Photo Group:** Leader Roy Morton

November subjects were "Weather", "Junk" & "Moon" "Own Choice"



After the rain. Greenwich Park ©Eddie Wallace.



**RAMBLERS 2** – London Pavement Walk 28 November 2023 – Leader Helen Salmon

After all the rain we had in the previous days it was good we had a London pavement walk planned. We started at the Victoria Embankment Gardens, walked over Waterloo Bridge and along Jubilee Walkway. Although it was chilly the sun was shining for us. We continued on until reaching the Tate Modern and then crossed over the Millennium Bridge with St Paul's Cathedral in the distance.



**Ramblers 3:** Lea Navigation Leader Trevor Ford

Some overlap with last month's walk, retracing steps along the canal, but extending to 3 Mills Island, where MasterChef is filmed.



## New on the Website this month :-

- Events : photo of November talk on "History of Christmas"
- Local History : report & photos : Camden Place, November
- Maths : poster for December meeting
- Ramblers 2 : report & photos : London Pavements, November
- Ramblers 3 : report & photos Lea Valley, November

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## Vacancies

- Classical Music

## National & Regional News

- London Region Update [click](#)
- London Region online Talk Programme (January-March 2024) [click](#)
- National Bitesize Newsletter [click](#)



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