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**Sidcup u3a March Newsletter**

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**Sidcup & District U3A**

St.Lawrence Church Hall where monthly meetings are held.

**March 21st will be the AGM, followed by a talk from David Leal, "Dartford & Crayford Creeks".** You are encouraged to arrive early (from 1.15) to facilitate Membership Renewals.

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Papers for the meeting are attached. (Click on the links. *If you are having difficulty accessing these, there will be copies available at the meeting.*)

**Most posts on the committee have agreed to re-stand, but there is an urgent vacancy for the Secretary.**

- [Chair's Report](#)
- [Secretary's Report](#)
- [Treasurer's Report](#)

- [Membership Secretary's Report](#)
- [Group Coordinator's Report](#)

New Members' Meeting 15th April 2pm - 3.30pm

Early Notification : There will be a tea/coffee afternoon at Queensgate for any members who have joined us in the past 6 months. It will be an opportunity to meet members of the committee and Group Leaders.

## **Groups' Round Up**



Many thanks to Val Gosden for hosting the mosaic workshop last weekend, where we made some beautiful dishes for indoor or outdoor use. Great fun.

### **JIGSAW GROUP?**

Are you interested in meeting up once/twice a month to work on a jigsaw puzzle? Meeting in members' homes, on a rota basis. Also share and exchange puzzles. Contact - Julie Flynn [flynnfamily90@hotmail.com](mailto:flynnfamily90@hotmail.com)

### **Architecture: leader Val Gosden**

'London's Palaces' was the title of our most recent viewing, and as so often happens in our viewings much history of each place was included.

### **Handcrafted Cards: leader Val Gosden**

Our recent creative sessions included 'going mad with peel-offs', each member using their imagination to create two very individual cards.

### **Family History: leader Kate Berry**

At our February meeting we discussed how to re-motivate our research. We all seem to repeat research on information we've already done, so it's important to note down what and where we have researched, then we can find the gaps needing attention.

### **Freedom Pass Explorers: leader Chris Withams**

It was a good weather day when we went to Kingston, passing through the very impressive Bentall Centre and after coffee in John Lewis, overlooking the River

Thames, we found the old part of town. It was here the first Anglo Saxon King was crowned 894-939. No doubt he arrived by river, hence "Kingston" Other interesting buildings were All Saint's Church, the Town Hall and Guildhall.

**Mono Photo Group: Leader Roy Morton**

JANUARY CATEGORIES. We held two meetings this month, a morning of close up photography taking pictures of "Toys" & "Reflections". At the end of January we displayed the results along with a selection of "Own Choice".



By Eddie Wallace. "Stones, Bristol Channel".



By Graham Wood. Monument Valley Utah.



"Father Christmas." by Barry White



"Pony" by Roy Morton

**Quilling: Leader Val Gosden**

With Easter on the horizon our group of quillers got snipping and twirling pieces of paper to produce an Easter card of a rabbit within an arch of flowers

**Ramblers 2:** - Leader Helen Salmon



**Ramblers 3: Leader Trevor Ford**

Greenwich Park & Blackheath

Another good turn out by members and the weather. Through the park past Queen Charlotte's bath and on to her Pagoda House in Blackheath. Large and impressive architecture there and in Cator Park estate. Back to Hare & Billet pond & pub for lunch.

We started our Thames Path and Parkland Walk from Tower Bridge on a bright February day. At St Saviour's Dock we crossed the stainless steel footbridge and followed the path toward the Angel pub where there are four statues that depict Dr Alfred and Ada Salter, their daughter Joyce and their cat. Known as 'Dr Salter's Daydream', Dr Salter, offered free medical services to those who could not pay. See photograph of Steve with Dr Salter! This is just a little bit of the history we came across before making our way to Southwark Park for lunch. (see website)



### **New on the [website](#) this month**

- [Freedom Pass Explorers](#) report & photos : Kingston, February
  - [MonoPhoto](#) : themes : “Toys” & “Reflections”& “Own Choice” January
  - [Ramblers 2](#) : report & photos : Thames Path to Southwark, February
  - [Ramblers 3](#) : report & photos : Greenwich & Blackheath, February
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### **Online Events**

There are lots of online events that are run by our u3a Area and which you can take part in by simply clicking this link and signing up – so why wait! [u3a - Online Learning Events](#)

### **Regional & National**

- [London Region Summer Programme](#) :  
a series of 31 guided walks and visits to museums and galleries around central London between May 21st and July 23rd. [Click here for further information](#)
  - [National Newsletter u3a Friends](#) [Click here for link](#)
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