

## 2023 Newsletter

**Membership Renewals** E-mails (letters) with all the information you need to renew your Ware u3a membership for 2024 will be sent out soon. As previously, we encourage payment by bank transfer, but you can of course still pay by cheque, cash or credit/debit card.

In December, January and February, doors for the monthly meetings will open at 1.00pm to allow extra time for renewal.

**Bletchley Park** Following an excellent talk on this subject in November, Wendy has kindly organised a visit to Bletchley Park on Thursday 16th May. Price is £52.50pp, including a guided tour and tea/coffee. Depart Amwell 9.30am, Priory bus stop 9.35, Fire station 9.37, Kingshill 9.39 and Wodson 9.40. Members can pre-book now, with payment in the New Year. Contact Pauline on [chair@wareu3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@wareu3a.co.uk) if interested

Do you use **Facebook**? Have you thought about joining the Ware u3a Members' Group page? You can use it to share information and pictures about the groups you are involved in, with other members on the Group page. All posts are only available to members of the Group page, ie members of Ware u3a.



**Croquet** are looking for more members for their group, which plays from April to October on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Although the season is now closed, there is an opportunity for members new to the game to learn how to play on a bowls green during the closed season. If you are interested, please contact Pauline on [chair@wareu3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@wareu3a.co.uk)



**Play Reading 2** would welcome a few more members. They meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 2-4pm, enjoying plays from comedy to tragedy and mystery. If interested contact Pauline on [chair@wareu3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@wareu3a.co.uk)



We are going to try restarting the **Pub lunch/Quiz** group. The venue will be the Old Bull's Head in Baldock Street (please note the toilets are upstairs) with parking at the pub and in a nearby car park. The group will start in



January on the 2nd Friday of the month from 12-2pm .

If interested please contact Pauline on [chair@wareu3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@wareu3a.co.uk)



**Book Group 5** is looking for a couple of extra members. This is a great way of extending the range of books you read. This group meets at the Waterside Inn on the morning of the last Thursday of the month. To join please contact Pauline on [chair@wareu3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@wareu3a.co.uk)

We are trying to start a new **Exploring London** group, as Group 2 has closed down and the other Exploring London groups are full. If you are a member of the former Exploring London Group 2 and would like to continue or if you just fancy joining an Exploring London Group please get in touch with Pauline on [chair@wareu3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@wareu3a.co.uk)



Would you like to join a new group on the very hot topic of **Climate Change**. If there is sufficient interest, it will take place on the 3rd Friday afternoon of the month, starting in January. The first session will be on the impact of food and the resources it consumes, followed by the effects from

fashion in February. Visits appropriate to the monthly theme will be planned arising from the discussions. If interested, please contact Pauline on [chair@wareu3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@wareu3a.co.uk)

**Tai Chi 2** would welcome a few more participants. They meet on Mondays 12.30-1.30pm at Wodson Park. This is a wonderful form of exercise to calm the mind and improve balance. These are just a few of its benefits. Contact Pauline on [chair@wareu3a.co.uk](mailto:chair@wareu3a.co.uk) if you would like to join in.



## Concert



Concert on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at the Royal Festival Hall at 7:30pm  
Come and enjoy the London Philharmonic Orchestra with Conductor Ryan Bancroft and Soloist Inon Barnatan.

Programme: Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1

Berlioz Symphonie fantastique

Cost: £50 includes, ticket, coach and gratuity

Concert on Friday 16th February 2024 at the Royal Festival Hall at 7:30pm  
Come and enjoy the London Philharmonic Orchestra with Conductor Gustavo Gimeno and Soloist Javier Perianes.

Programme: Stravinsky Scherzo fantastique

Francisco Coll Ciudad sin Sueño (Fantasia for piano and orchestra)  
(world premiere)\*

de Falla Nights in the Gardens of Spain

Stravinsky The Firebird Suite (1919 version)

Cost: £50 includes, ticket, coach and gratuity)

Concert on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at the Royal Festival Hall at 7:30pm  
Come and enjoy the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with Conductor Vasily Petrenko and Soloist Yunchan Lim.

Programme: Ethel Smyth The Wreckers: Overture

Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No.3

Elgar Symphony No.2

Cost: £45 includes, ticket, coach and gratuity

Notification of the numbers for this concert is required by 20th February

Concert on Friday 12th April 2024 at the Royal Festival Hall at 7:30pm  
Come and enjoy the London Philharmonic Orchestra with Conductor Edward Gardner and Soloist Nicolas Altstaedt.

Programme: Dvořák Cello Concerto

Holst The Planets

Cost: £50 includes, ticket, coach and gratuity

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Please note that seats can only be confirmed upon receipt of payment.