

# *INTERESTS GROUPS BOOKLET*

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# Interest Groups

## Arts And Crafts

### **Art Appreciation**

The programme is set each term and covers various aspects of the visual arts including painting, sculpture. For details of current program see Beacon Calendar for U3A Bromley.

Fortnightly, normally 1st & 3rd Wednesday on Zoom

10:30 to 11:45

zoom-online

### **Art Appreciation 2**

Currently one presentation each fortnight where we view large images of artworks and sometimes show a video. See U3A Bromley Beacon program.

Normally fortnightly, 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 2pm

14:00 to 15:30

zoom-online

### **Craft and Craic 1**

If you have a craft that's portable and would like to while away a Tuesday

morning in a convivial setting, this group is for you. Based on the 'Knitand Natter' idea, this is 'Craft and Craic' (Craic, pronounced Krak from the Irish meaning an enjoyable social activity; a good time).

Monthly on First Tuesday

10:30 to 12:30

Member Home

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Monthly on Third Monday

10:30 to 12:30

Member Home

## **Film Club**

A friendly discussion oriented group looking at some of the key concepts of analysing cinema. Ideal for those amateur film critics or anyone who simply enjoys a good movie.

Wednesdays until Spring 2022

10:00 to 11:30

Zoom-hybrid

## **Painting, Watercolour**

This group is for all abilities, and offers help and advice for all who enjoy painting, from beginners upwards.

Mondays fortnightly

10:00 to 12:00

5th Floor Bromley Central Library

## **Painting, Watercolour Club A**

These are two groups for those who enjoy painting together

Monday weekly

14:00 to 16:00

URC Beckenham

## **Painting, Watercolour Club B**

This is a group for those who enjoy painting watercolour.

Monday fortnightly

10:00

5th Floor Bromley Central Library

## **Books & Literature**

### **Books, Group B**

Contemporary fiction. To introduce modern authors whose books will provoke a good discussion.

2nd Friday monthly

10:00

Member Home

### **Books, Group C**

Usually contemporary fiction. We are a fairly informal group and there is always lively discussion. At the meeting members agree on a book for the following month and make suggestions for further reading.

3rd Thursday Monthly

14:00 to 15:30

Member Home

### **Creative Writing**

The group does not have a teacher but meets once a month share what they have written, inviting feedback and discussion. Topics to write about are chosen by the group.

Monthly Friday

10:00 to 12:00

Richmal Crompton Pub



## **Literature - Shakespeare**

This well established group reads the works of Shakespeare. You can take part in the greatest works of the English language without learning a line.

2nd & 4th Wednesday fortnightly

14:05

[Member Home](#)

## **Poetry**

A small group studying poetry of accepted merit. A new poet or theme is chosen each month.

2nd Tuesday monthly

10:00

[Member Home](#)

## **Shakespeare - Hidden Meaning**

Informal, friendly discussion of Shakespeare plays. We watch a DVD as a starting point. Occasional trips to The Globe.

Third Wednesday of each month

10:00 to 12:00

[Member Home](#)

## **Cards & Games**

### **Bridge, Improvers**

Chicago - A variety of bridge which does not require you to come with a partner. You will be made welcome at this small and friendly group.

Friday weekly

13:30 to 16:00

URC Bromley

## **Mahjong (a)**

1st Monday of the Month

14:00 to 16:00

Member Home

## **Mahjong (c)**

Two separate groups aim to teach and enjoy the game. Currently without a leader (RJ: 29/10/21)

4th Thursday

14:00

Member Home

## **Table Tennis**

Practice, no tuition. New members with experience welcome. Currently held at Holy Trinity Church, Leonard Road, SE20 7LX

Monday weekly

12:15 to 14:00

Holy Trinity Church

## **Computing**

## **Computer Group**

To promote awareness of the use of computers in the home environment, discuss general and specific hardware and software, and developments in Windows and Information Technology. Each month, we hold an Open Forum, where members can bring their problems, interests and questions. On the alternate Mondays, a formal topic is presented by the Group Leader, or another member, and the session is usually supported by a set of written Notes on the topic. Meetings at Oakley House, Bromley Common, are likely to resume later in 2022 when conditions allow, for those who wish to attend in person. Zoom hybrid meetings will be set up for those who wish to remain distant. Please refer to the detailed schedule. Until further notice all meetings will be held via Zoom.

2nd & 4th Mondays monthly

10:00 to 12:00

zoom-online

## **Computing Group - Tablets etc**

The Group operates as an informal drop-in mutual support meeting for anyone wanting to learn (more) about their tablet/phone/laptop or contemplating buying one. We meet at 10.00 in the Richmal Crompton pub opposite Bromley South station on the first and third Monday of each month (Covid restrictions permitting). The way it works: Any U3A member can attend as often or rarely as they please. There are no fees and coffee is available at a moderate cost. The success of the group depends on a few more experienced and knowledgeable members willing to come along and help. Interested?

Approximately Fortnightly - See Schedule

10:00 to 12:00

Richmal Crompton Pub

## **Food And Wine**

## **Lunch Group**

meet at various local restaurants for friendly social contact in a convivial atmosphere

Various Locations

## **Sunday Lunch Group 1**

meet at various local restaurants for friendly social contact in a convivial atmosphere.

1st Sunday monthly

12:30 to 16:00

Various Locations

## **Wine Appreciation Group**

Meeting at members houses to explore wine for enjoyment. The tastings are run according to member's wishes and are a shared exploration of themes e.g. supermarket bargains, hidden European gems, English vineyards on the up, etc.

Last Friday monthly

19:15 to 21:45

Member Home

## **Gardening**

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Various speakers and visits are arranged.

1st Wednesday monthly-not Jan, July, Aug.

14:30 to 16:00

St Marks Church Hall

## **Gardening Group - All Hands**

We are holding Zoom meetings but various outings are planned for Spring 2022.

New members are welcome even if they do not join in on Zoom as they will be sent a copy of the pictures and topics used in the Zoom meetings. All members are welcome to send in photos or queries for the group to discuss.

Alternating Zoom meetings Tues 4.30 with outings

16:30 to 17:45

Various Locations

## **Golf**

### **Golf 18 Monday**

Monday Group Leaders: change according to a schedule which is distributed to members with dates and venues. Start and end times may differ depending on the course and tees booked. We play all year round, mainly on alternate Mondays but with some extra weeks. All standards and both sexes are welcome, from club golfers to near beginners, and we have had from 6 to 12 players each week for 18 holes. Members choose weekly which courses and dates they want to play and book in when prompted. We are lucky in the number of golf courses in the Bromley area and so vary the experience by selecting from:- Addington Court, Birchwood Park, Chelsfield Lakes, Cherry Lodge, Darenth Valley, Farleigh, High Elms, Lullingstone Park, North Downs, Orpington Golf Centre (Cray Valley), Pedham Place, Selsdon Park (Hotel), & Woldingham. Other courses may feature if they have suitably cheap offers.

You do need your own clubs (and a bag), and to be able to get yourself to the course. Otherwise, the only cost is for the round, approximately £18 to £25 for 18 holes (pensioners' rates where possible). The co-ordination / admin is all done by email, so these days you only need a Smartphone or a Tablet to send/receive emails.

Mainly alternate Mondays except bank holidays

10:00 to 14:30

Various Local Golf Courses

## **Golf 18 Thursday**

Thursday Group Leaders: various according to schedule. See the schedule distributed to members for dates and venues. Start and end times may differ depending on the course and tees booked. We play all year round, weekly on 18-hole courses around the borough or just outside it. All standards and both sexes are welcome, from club golfers to near beginners, and we have had from 8 to 18 players each week. Members choose weekly from the schedule, which courses and dates they want to play. We are lucky in the number of golf courses in the Bromley area and so vary the experience by using as many as we can:- Addington Court, Birchwood Park, Chelsfield Lakes, Cherry Lodge, Darenth Valley, Farleigh, High Elms, Lullingstone Park, North Downs, Orpington Golf Centre (Cray Valley), Pedham Place, Selsdon Park (Hotel), & Woldingham. Other courses may feature if they have suitably cheap offers. You do need your own clubs (and a bag), and to be able to get yourself to the course. Otherwise, the only cost is for the round, approximately £18 to £30 for 18 holes (pensioners' rates where possible). The co-ordination / admin is all done by email, so these days you only need a Smartphone or a Tablet to send/receive emails.

Weekly on Thursdays.

10:00 to 14:30

Various Local Golf Courses

## **Golf 9 Hole**

We play every Thursday morning come rain or shine with about nine, different local courses, on our schedule. Women and men play together. All standards of play are accommodated.

Every Thursday morning

10:00

Various Local Golf Courses

## **Golf Lessons**

An opportunity to join other beginners or improvers to have group lessons with a qualified professional Golf Coach. Payment on day.

Wednesdays weekly

Chelsfield Lakes Golf Centre

## **Golf Society**

We play all the year round on both 18-hole and 9-hole courses. There are plenty of local courses to choose from and we use most of them. This Group list is used for pan-group messages to Monday & Thursday 18, and 9 hole sections so that no duplications are created.

Thursdays weekly, alternate Mondays

10:00

Various Local Golf Courses

## **Health & Fitness**

### **Keep Fit**

For ladies. A qualified instructor leads the group. Structured exercise to music. Details and venue to be confirmed.

Mondays weekly

14:00 to 15:00

Bromley Parish Church - St Peter and St Paul

### **Rambles**

Please see U3A Newsletter (Pathways)for dates and routes of walks. Walks are planned up to March 15th 2022 as follows: Jan 4th and 20th; Feb 1st and 16th; March 3rd and 15th.

TBA up to twice a month

10:00 to 15:00

Various Locations

## **History**

## **Genealogy, Intermediate**

We are a small group and meet in members houses. At meetings we discuss what we have done in the past month and offer advice and sources for further research. Some members use the Internet for research. We welcome new members.

4th Wednesday monthly

14:00

Member Home

## **Genealogy, Mixed**

A small group (max.10) We discuss what we have been doing and try to help our research by talking about the resources that are available, running online searches to find information and demonstrate the websites and software that we have access to.

Last Tuesday monthly

14:30

zoom-online

## **History - World History**

The group addresses a wide variety of historical topics by means of group member presentations and an occasional outside visiting speaker. Discussion is encouraged.

Friday fortnightly

10:15

Member Home

## **History for Pleasure**

A member delivers a paper on a topic of their choice from the period 1066 to 1914. Topics can be set in Britain or Worldwide. Each member presents a paper once a year.

4th Thursday monthly

10:00



## History Through Biography

Members choose an event or person to research and present to the group. New members welcome. Starting New Year 2022

2nd and 4th Monday each month

10:00

Bromley Parish Church - St Peter and St Paul

## Languages

### French Conversation

A small, friendly intermediate group with a French-speaking facilitator. Sessions last 2 hours.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays monthly

13:30 to 15:30

Member Home

### French conversation - advanced

A friendly, informal group of fairly fluent French speakers meets in a member's home in Bromley. Meetings last 2 hours and cover a wide variety of topics as well as general conversation. The group is currently full but contact the Group Leader for the current situation.

Monday fortnightly

14:00 to 16:00

Member Home

### French Lower Intermediate

A conversational self-help group.

Fridays weekly

10:00

Member Home

## **French Parlons Français 1**

A1-B1 French language level language activities around a discussion topic.

Meetings held via Zoom video conferencing on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month until 31/03/2022. Meetings moving to face to face from 1st April 2022, @ 11.30 in Bromley Community House café subject to COVID situation.

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month am

09:45 to 10:45

zoom-online

## **French Parlons Français 2**

B2+ French language level language activities around a discussion topic.

Meetings held via Zoom video conferencing on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month until 31/03/2022. Meetings moving to face to face from 1st April 2022, @ 11.30 in Bromley Community House café subject to the current COVID situation.

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month

11:00 to 12:00

zoom-online

## **French Self Help Intermediate**

Gain confidence in reading, conversation and discussion with the help of the journal La vie Outre Manche.

Tuesdays weekly

09:45

Member Home

## **French-Contemporary Literature**

Les reunions de lecture de littérature française contemporaine sont organisées le premier et troisième mardi matin de chaque mois à tour de rôle chez différents membres du groupe, sauf en août et pendant les vacances de Noël. Nous préférons lire des textes légers et amusants. Nous lisons en français et discutons ensuite des textes en anglais.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

10:15 to 12:15

[Member Home](#)

## **German Intermed Conversation 1**

Meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month concentrates on conversation, using current affairs and German culture, traditions and history as topics.

Meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month

14:30

## **German Intermed Conversation 2**

Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month and focusses on reading intermediate level books and aural comprehension via CDs, interspersed with basic general conversation.

Meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month

## **Italian Conversation**

Conversation on topics of general interest and Italy-related themes for those with some fluency in the language.

1st Thursday monthly

14:30

[Member Home](#)

## **Italian Conversation (Tuesday)**

This is a mixed ability group; we combine conversation, translation of news items etc., and sometimes prepare a brief talk on a topic of interest.

Tuesday weekly

14:30

[Member Home](#)

## **Spanish Advanced**

The standard needed is good conversational Spanish on a range of topics - some of the group are fluent, and others are competent.

1st and 3rd Thursday each month

14:00 to 16:00

[Member Home](#)

## **Spanish Intermediate**

Suitable for those who have studied Spanish for about 3 years or have equivalent knowledge of the language. Conversation and discussion in Spanish. Listening comprehension. Reading and some grammar.

Wednesday weekly

10:00 to 12:00

[Member Home](#)

## **Maths, Science & Technology**

### **Mathematics**

Members follow up mathematical ideas with an open ended approach and informal discussion (not too serious) Extensive mathematical knowledge not required.

1st & 3rd Thursday fortnightly

14:30 to 16:30

[Member Home](#)

## **Science and Technology**

We are a group of people who share an interest in this subject but with widely varying levels of knowledge and experience. Topics are chosen by the group in advance to give time to read up on them and one member introduces the session.

3rd Thursday

00:14 to 16:00

5th Floor Bromley Central Library

## **Music And Dance**

### **Classical Guitar**

Come and join our established Guitar group of intermediate and advanced players. You will need to read basic Guitar music notation.

2nd and 4th Wednesday

14:00 to 16:30

URC Beckenham

### **Dancing - Int Folk Dancing**

International Folk dancing is taught and practised to authentic music. (Please wear soft-soled shoes). There is a small fee.

1st and 3rd THURSDAY

14:00

St Marks Church Hall

### **Music Appreciation, Classical**

This group enjoys a wide variety of classical music. Members take turns to research and present music on CDs to the rest of the group.

2nd Wednesday monthly

14:00

Member Home

## **Music, 60s music, Jazz**

A roomful of Avids (BBC Radio 2s Sounds of the Sixties) assemble monthly to share/celebrate/educate/bop/discover each others musical favourites, ranging from Twist And Shout to Petite Fleur. Crock 'n roll?

Last Friday monthly

14:00 to 16:00

Member Home

## **Singing - Memory Singers**

Our focus is to help people with dementia and to support their carers, who accompany them. Members are welcome to join as helpers, chatting to people with dementia and their carers, distributing and collecting the song sheets, helping with refreshments etc.

Wednesdays, Weekly

14:00 to 15:30

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## **Singing for fun**

An opportunity for all singers (whatever their ability) to sing a range of well-known light-hearted songs. New members welcome.

Thursdays fortnightly

14:00 to 16:00

URC Bromley

## **Open Groups**

### **General Meetings**

GENERAL MEETINGS: These are meetings to which any U3A Bromley member is welcome. There is always a speaker. They are held at the United Reformed Church, Widmore Road, Bromley at 10.30 am on the third Tuesday each month.

2nd April 2022 then every third Tuesday

00:10 to 00:12

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## **Local Visits**

This informal, rather ad hoc group enjoys an outing most months of the year.

The majority in London but some in Bromley. Members of the group are informed of future planned outings by email.

Ad hoc

## **Outings By Public Transport**

Outings planned in January, March and May 2022. For full details see the U3A Bromley newsletter.

Bi-monthly

## **Theatre Group**

Monthly meetings have speakers covering all aspects of theatre and entertainment. Most meetings now at Bromley Little Theatre North Street Bromley BR1 1SB. Check before attending if new member. Outings and theatre visits also arranged, for details check U3A Bromley newsletter.

2nd Thursday monthly

14:15 to 15:45

Various Locations

## **Philosophy & Psychology**

## **Philosophy**

The group continues to study the development of philosophical thought from pre Socratic times to the present day. We are using a new series of half-hour lectures on DVDs in 'The Great Courses' series. The designated leader, having previously viewed the DVD and the transcript, prepares an introduction, setting out some of the main concepts covered in the DVD lecture. This takes us about an hour when we break for refreshments. In the second half the leader will have identified some questions to focus our general discussion on the issues raised earlier.

Mondays

10:00 to 12:00

Small Hall Bromley Central Library

## **Psychology**

Watching other peoples behaviour and trying to fathom out why they act the way they do and what is going on in their minds is a universal human activity.

Psychologists try to understand human behaviour and formulate theories to explain the reasons behind it by approaching the study in a systematic and objective way.

Monday afternoon fortnightly- usually 2nd and 4th

14:00 to 16:00

Bromley Parish Church - St Peter and St Paul

## **Wider Horizons**

## **Photography**



## **Camera Club**

To promote the use of cameras together with the use of photographic manipulation software such as Adobe Photoshop, Photoshop Elements and similar products. Currently we are holding meetings via video conferencing using Zoom. From September to June we meet 1st & 3rd Mondays. We meet online to discuss members' images via Zoom every other Tuesday (ie 2nd & 4th Tuesdays).

1st & 3rd Mondays monthly

10:00 to 12:00

zoom-online

## **Social Studies**

### **Social Studies**

What makes our society tick in the way that it does? How could it tick better? We have three terms of 6 sessions each, generally at fortnightly intervals.

Fridays fortnightly

10:00 to 12:00

Bromley Parish Church - St Peter and St Paul

## **Theatre**

### **Play Reading Group 1**

The group meets in private houses to read plays, sight unseen. Members take turns to select and cast the plays.

3rd Thursday monthly

14:00

Member Home

## **Play Reading Group 2**

The group meets in private houses to read plays, sight unseen. Members take turns to select and cast the plays.

2nd & 4th Saturday in the month

14:00

zoom-online

