



MOSELEY, KINGS HEATH & DISTRICT U3A:

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February Meeting

This month's members' meeting will be held on **Tuesday February 11** at the **All Saints Centre** at **2.00**. The speaker will be Canon Dr Terry Slater.

Terry retired as Reader in Historical Geography at the University of Birmingham three years ago and is an Honorary Lay Canon of Birmingham Cathedral. His talk will look at the development of parishes and the building of churches in the Birmingham area over the past 1400 years, examining the geography of parishes and the architecture of churches and how they are influenced by society, economy and faith. Local churches will feature prominently as examples.

Get more involved in your U3A

We would very much like to broaden the range of people involved in helping to run our local U3A. Specifically, the Executive Committee is looking to set up three working parties to help in the running and organisation of our branch and its activities.

If you have an interest and/or experience in the following areas, please tell us:

- **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES / TRIPS**
- **COMMUNICATIONS**
- **FINANCE**

If you are interested, please let Mike Clark know. You can chat to Mike at the next general meeting, phone him on 0121 689 2765 or email him: mikehclark@hotmail.co.uk

Dining Club February and March Lunches

The club will meet on Tuesday February 25th at Karibuni's, which is the restaurant in South and City College in Hall Green. Cost: £6.50 for a 3 course meal.

The March lunch will be at Byzantium, York Road, Kings Heath on Tuesday 18th March at 12:30. The cost is £15 for a full tapas meal.

If you are interested, please contact Paul Hunt on paulhunt2@btinternet.com

Website Upgrade

Our current website was provided to us by the national U3A and follows their standard format. It was really helpful in getting us up and running and an increasing number of people now contact us or get information through the website.

We have however always been aware of the limitations of the current site. John Beavan, who has donated a lot of his time to running the existing site, has volunteered to provide us with a new website. The new site will be tailored to our needs and we hope that this will be up and running in the next few months.

We thank John for the considerable time he has spent on this on behalf of all of us.

Changes to Meeting Programme

Our AGM this year will be held on May 13. We are very pleased to announce that our very own U3A Choir will perform after the AGM.

We are therefore going to rearrange the meeting on the History and Culture of Korea for later in the year.

Please note also that the August meeting has been moved back one week, to August 19.

Updated Programme of Public Meetings in 2014

Our programme of meetings for 2014, as so far booked, is as below.

Date	Time	Venue	Topic	Speaker
Tuesday February 11	2.00	All Saints Centre	Birmingham churches as reflections of society, economy and faith across 1400 years	Canon Dr Terry Slater
Tuesday March 11	2.00	All Saints Centre	Curious Clerics	Graham Sutherland
Tuesday April 8	2.00	All Saints Centre	Eurofacts and Euromyths: how EU decision making works in reality	Graham Stroud
Tuesday May 13	2.00	All Saints Centre	AGM + performance by U3A Choir	
Tuesday June 10	2.00	All Saints Centre	ENIGMA – how cracking the enemy codes led to the world's first computer	Hugh Davies
Tuesday July 8	2.00	All Saints Centre	To be arranged	
Tuesday August 19	2.00	All Saints Centre	Twenty years as an undercover officer with HM Customs	Cameron Addicott

AGM

Our AGM on May 13 will be an opportunity for members to get more involved and stand for a post on the Executive Committee or join one of our working parties.

We are always looking for people willing to get involved in helping to run the U3A and Paul Hunt has recently joined the Committee with a remit to expand the social side of our organisation.

New Interest Groups

If anyone has any ideas on new groups that we should consider starting in 2014 please contact one of the interest group co-ordinators.

We already have suggestions for two new groups: a Tablet group and a Ukulele group. If anyone is interested in leading or joining one or both of these groups, once again please contact the interest group co-ordinators.

New Members

After each monthly members' meeting, new members have the opportunity to meet with one of the Interest Group Coordinators to discuss any queries they may have.

Information from the national U3A

There are a number of national meetings, summer schools and other events on a range of topics organised by the national U3A. Information about these will be available near the entry to our monthly public meetings.

Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee meets monthly. If members would like to suggest items for discussion, please email them to mikehclark@hotmail.co.uk or post to Mike Clark, 8 Ashfield Road, Kings Heath, B14 7AS.

Website

If you are viewing this newsletter online, you can access the website directly by clicking on the following link:

<http://u3asites.org.uk/code/u3asite.php?site=553&page=1>

Alternatively, if you are viewing this on paper, you can type **Moseley U3A welcome** into Google or any other web browser and our website will be there.

Contact Information

For Interest Group enquiries, please contact one of the Interest Group Coordinators:

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For general enquiries, please contact Jude Williams, 0121 443 3645 or Mike Clark, 0121 689 2765

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