

## Ealing U3A Spring Term 2024 – Programme of Thursday talks & events

*NB – all talks run as ‘hybrid’ talks with some members in Ealing Green Church whilst other members watch at home on Zoom. All speakers will be present in Ealing Green Church.*

<b>DATES</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PRECIS OF TALK</b>
11 Apr 2024	* <b>Robert Seatter</b> , a poet, performer, writer and broadcaster who has published six poetry collections. He is currently Head of BBC History, based in Broadcasting House	<b>The House of Everything</b>	What do houses mean to us? How do they make material our elusive dreams and imaginings? This is the overarching theme of this talk, explored through the story of the life and works of Sir John Soane, the tragic and flawed figure behind Sir John Soane’s Museum in central London, and our own Pitzhanger Manor in Ealing.
18 Apr 2024	-	<b>Ealing U3A Coffee Morning</b>	In five venues around Ealing - check locations and times
25 Apr 2024	* <b>Professor Dame Elizabeth Anionwu OM DBE FRCN</b> , an Emeritus Professor of Nursing at the University of West London who carried the Sovereign’s Orb in the Royal Procession of King Charles III	<b>From Care to Coronation: an audience with Dame Elizabeth Anionwu</b>	A short introduction about her life, then by a Q & A with the audience. Her parents met towards the end of World War II whilst students, but they never married. Her mother, of Irish heritage, was born in England; her father was Nigerian, and Elizabeth was 25 before finding him. Until age 9 she lived in a Catholic Children’s Home in Birmingham, followed by 2 years with her mother and a physically abusive stepfather. She was rescued by her maternal grandparents and lived with them until age 16. Elizabeth qualified as a nurse and health visitor then become the 1 <sup>st</sup> UK sickle cell nurse counsellor in 1979.
2 May 2024	<b>Simone Higgins (aka Simone Adams)</b> who was a government lawyer and law lecturer for 25 years. She regularly gives talks on Black British history	<b>Fighting for the Mother Country</b>	A talk about the soldiers, sailors and others with black and brown heritage who supported and contributed to the British War effort during World War I and II. Simone has also written and narrated the 8-episode podcast ‘From the Romans to Windrush,’ which can be accessed through Morley Radio.
9 May 2024	<b>Monica Macias</b> , who has lived in several countries around the world and now resides in south London. She has written a memoir which is a collection of stories from her life growing up in North Korea	<b>Seeing the world through different eyes</b>	Monica will share stories about her extraordinary upbringing in North Korea under the guardianship of President Kim Il Sung. In 1979, aged only seven, she was sent from West Africa to the unfamiliar surroundings of North Korea by her father, the President of Equatorial Guinea, to be educated under his ally, Kim Il Sung. In adulthood, she went in search of her roots. Spending time in Madrid, Malabo, New York, Seoul and finally London, her astonishing and unique story challenges us to see the world through different eyes.
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23 May 2024	<b>Joanna Dudzinska</b> , a Polish educationalist, English as a foreign language teacher and tour guide turned urban explorer. Joanna comes from Poland and has an MA in Educational Studies (1989) and a BA in Teaching EFL (1994). She holds a CELTA certificate from UWL.	<b>Out and about in Perivale, the Sweetest Vale of Middlesex</b>	The talk covers the history and present day of Perivale and is based on my research undertaken for the Talking and Exploring walks of the area which included visits to Perivale and meeting local people as well as online and traditional research. In line with the spirit of how my walks are conducted the emphasis will be on providing a stimulus for those listening to later engage with their own thoughts, observations and memories and maybe questions as well.
30 May 2024	-	<b>Interest Groups Showcase</b>	Many Interest Group leaders will be available to discuss/describe their particular groups and all members can come along to learn about the activities available. There will, most certainly, be a couple of displays from some of the groups and refreshments will be served in the Back Hall during the morning
6 June 2024	<b>Jill Stern</b> who has been both a teacher and a health authority chairman here in West London. She is above all a historian with a doctorate from University College London in the history of the Netherlands in the 17 <sup>th</sup> century	<b>The End of Roman Britain: A Mystery</b>	The Roman occupation of Britain ended in 410 but for at least half a century before that there were signs that things were going wrong. We will examine the evidence from both archaeology and written sources to uncover the secrets of this lesser-known period in our history. <u>Disclaimer:</u> Even the experts are divided.
13 June 2024	<b>Craig Kao</b> , who is originally from Taiwan and in 2018 gained the Blue Badge Tourist Guide Qualification and likes to explore the history of South East Asian people's stories in London	<b>The Secret history of London's Chinatown</b>	Chinatown in London is a historic and culturally rich enclave that has evolved from its 19th-century origins in Limehouse to its current location in Soho. The many hidden stories make the area worthwhile to explore both for its history and some of the incredible people who once lived on this street. The talk serves as a bridge between East and West, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the diverse and rich tapestry of Chinese culture within the heart of London.
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27 June 2024	<b>Sonia Case</b> who was born in the 1950s, the youngest daughter of German/Austrian refugees who arrived in England shortly before the outbreak of war. She developed an early love of theatre, and a long teaching career allowed her to share a love of literature, theatre and the rich world of the imagination	<b><i>Burying the Ghosts: one 'lucky' woman's story of escape from Nazi Germany</i></b>	A talk on the insidious process of changing hearts and minds - from humanity to inhumanity. The talk follows the experience of the author's mother who was 14 when Hitler's Nazi government came to power in her hometown of Saarbrücken in Germany. It shows how it was necessary to alter attitudes amongst children and adults through propaganda and education prior to introducing the anti-semitic legislation that denied the Jewish population their human rights. The talk demonstrates the process of 'othering', with those attitudes even expressed in the UK.
4 July 2024	<b>Simon Keable-Elliott</b> , who was educated at Sherborne School and Durham University. He trained as a teacher and spent 25 years as Head of Politics and Director of MUN at a secondary school in Croydon. He now works as a writer and speaker, publishing his first book <i>Utterly Immoral</i> last year	<b>Utterly Immoral - Robert Keable, WW1 chaplain?</b>	This talk discusses his grandfather Robert Keable's time as a chaplain during the First World War and the events that led him to write his notorious novel 'Simon Called Peter'. Simon looks at the critical reception to the novel, the attempts to ban it and the book's great success. The author's life was truly extraordinary, as a child he was an evangelical preacher then won a scholarship to Cambridge, became a priest, worked in Zanzibar and Basutoland as a missionary and gained a reputation as a writer of devotional books. His life was changed by the war. Afterwards he left the church and later lived in Tahiti. He continued to write and remained an international celebrity throughout the 1920s.
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18 July 2024 (End of term)	<b>Lady Lorraine Neale</b> , who has over 60 years experience working in the Fashion Buying Business both here in the UK and the USA. Working for several iconic companies including Harrods, Peter Robinson, Biba of course and Chelsea Girl /River island.	<b>Is Biba Style Timeless &amp; Ageless? - 'The Biba Story'</b>	With the major exhibition on 'The Biba Story' now running at The Fashion & Textile Museum until September hear the inside story from Lorraine Neale who was privileged to have worked with Barbara Hulanicki OBE between 1970 until it closed in 1975 as Merchandise Controller for all Womenswear & Production Manager for all UK made clothes and is still very close to Barbara. Lorraine will bring along a few of her Biba Clothes!

\* These speakers have all given talks at Ealing U3A previously

**The Summer Season of talks 2024 start on Thursday 1 August**