

Ealing U3A Winter 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.

DATES	SPEAKER	TITLE	PRECIS OF TALK
11 Jan 2024	Mike Perry* is a teacher by background but moved to Wales in early 1970s to try farming. After five years running a dairy farm, changed career again to antiques dealing. Moved to West London in March 2021 and joined Ealing U3A.	A Taste of Florence	A brief history of Florence illustrated by verbal stories about major events, illustrated by 30+ photos, including stories from modern times, and covering aspects of the city that make such a mecca for tourism.
18 Jan 2024	-	Ealing U3A Coffee Morning	In five venues around Ealing - check locations and times
25 Jan 2024	Dayna Miller , University Archivist at Kingston University. Dayna began assisting in the Archive in 2009 and her work has focused on creating the Archive’s digital collection of photographs and listing and cataloguing its theatre programme collections.	Shared Learning, Theatre Programmes from Kingston University Archives	The talk will reflect on the Archive’s recent Shared Learning Projects with U3A which focused on our Cary Ellison Theatre Programme Collection. The talk will also introduce the Archive’s other collections and consider possibilities for future shared learning opportunities
1 Feb 2024	Duncan McNair , a practising lawyer in London, an author, and founder and CEO of ‘Save the Asian Elephants’. He devised and pioneered the Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Act through Parliament. He was named ‘UK Animal Hero of the Year’ in 2018	Save the Asian Elephants – a charity’s dramatic journey to helping all animals abused in global tourism	The talk describes the foundation of ‘Save the Asian Elephants’, how it has grown to tens of millions of supporters, exerted pressure on unscrupulous exploiters of tourist animals and devised and driven into law landmark measures to protect all species from tourism abuse
8 Feb 2024	David Blackwell , who is a local historian, specialising in Hanwell’s history, which he has been researching since 1997. He grew up in Hanwell in the 1950s and 60s, where his family ran one of the dairies serving the community	Hanwell - from Village to London Suburb	A concise illustrated account of the known history of Hanwell from its very beginnings, compiled from original sources
15 Feb 2024	-	Ealing U3A Coffee Morning	In five venues around Ealing - check locations and times

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22 Feb 2024	Joanna Dudzinska , 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.	Out and about in Perivale, the Sweetest Vale of Middlesex	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.
29 Feb 2024	Michael Peacock – National Service in the RAF was followed by a career in the Civil Service. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport.	From London’s Transport to London Transport	London Transport was 90 years old in 2023. This talk will look at passenger, road and rail transport before London Transport was formed, and its development as a unified body afterwards.
7 Mar 2024	Carl Woodall OBE - Director of Facilities of the House of Lords until 2023, with responsibility for the House of Lords’ estates projects, buildings maintenance, cleaning services, reception services, and catering services.	The Work of Today’s House of Lords	This talk will give a brief history of the House of Lords running up to Tony Blair’s radical reform of the membership of the House in 1999. The principal substance of the talk will be a description of the current work of the House of Lords Chamber and House of Lords Committees. Some personal anecdotes will be interwoven with the slides.
14 Mar 2024	-	Ealing U3A Coffee Morning	In five venues around Ealing - check locations and times
21 Mar 2024 (End of term)	AGM followed by talk by Lee Horwich , long time Ealing resident, formerly a Project Manager for offshore platform design, became intrigued by beekeeping when abroad. Now an active member of the Ealing Beekeepers Association.	Ealing U3A AGM then a talk The Asian Hornet and its threat	The Ealing U3A AGM including the Annual Report and Treasurer's report for 2023 plus the election of the Ealing U3A Committee for the next year. This will be followed by a short talk on the history of the Asian Hornet’s first introduction to Europe - what it is and what it looks like; the consequences of its introduction and spread through Europe and, in particular, the UK and what can be done to limit its impact.

* These speakers have all given talks at Ealing U3A previously

Spring term talks 2024 start on Thursday 11 April