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Week 1

Monday 3 August	**10.15**	**Mary Rossiter 1/2. Medical Humour**: Many a true word spoken in jest.
	11.30	**Gaye Illsley. Lasting Power of Attorney**. What it is, what it will and won't do for you. Plus recent changes in the registration process
Tuesday 4 August	**10.15**	**Ken Baldry 1/3 The Roaring Twenties**
	11.30	**Robert Coleman. The Life of Charlie Chaplin**. From rags to riches and the bright lights of Hollywood. In the 1920s and 30s, he was one of the most famous people in the world.
	14.30	**WALK: Doctors, Trams and Fairs.** The History of Pond Street and South End Green. To book email Averil Nottage and meet outside St Stephen's Church, corner Rosslyn Hill and Pond Street.
Wednesday 5 August	**10.15**	**Andy Moss 1/3. Parachute: Fear of Flying or Falling?**
	11.30	**Stephen Barry 1/2. London through Artists' Eyes**
	14.30	**WALK: Doctors, Trams and Fairs (**rpt) The History of Pond Street and South End Green. To book email Averil Nottage and meet outside St Stephen's Church, corner Rosslyn Hill and Pond Street.
Thursday 6 August	**10.15**	**Andy Williamson. The History of Brown's Hotel Mayfair**. A history of rulers, writers and rascals. Behind discreet doors meet Kipling at work, Mark Twain at ease, monarchs in exile, Gandhi taking tea. A lively glimpse into two centuries of London life. The illustrated pocket history of Brown's Hotel will be available to buy at £6.50
	11.30	**Rose Andresier. The Classical Guitar**. An illustrated talk and recital
Friday 7 August	**10.15**	**Shafeeq Siddiqui. How My U3A Presentation was changed by AI**
	11.30	**The Ralph Blumenau tapes. The Dreyfus Affair.** An opportunity to hear this iconic U3A lecturer, with his slides and notes

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Monday 10 August	**10.15**	**Mary Rossiter 2/2. Surprising (or Secret) London**
	11.30	**Simon Evers. Thomas Gainsborough and Joshua Reynolds.** The lives & times of the two best known British painters of the 18th century.
Tuesday 11 August	**10.15**	**Simon Keable-Elliott. Utterly Immoral: Robert Keable and his Scandalous Novel.** The story of his grandfather serving as a chaplain during WW1, writing a scandalous bestseller mentioned in *The Great Gatsby* and running away to live in Tahiti.
	11.30	**Yvonne Dove. The Skagen Artists' Colony:** Where Anna and Michael Ancher and Marie and P.S. Kroyer, Denmark's greatest Impressionist painters, worked.
Wednesday 12 August	**10.15**	**Andy Moss 2/3. Smoke Gets in your Eyes: Airplane Safety**
	11.30	**Catherine Osborn 1/2. Writing your Biography**. What qualities are needed to make it a good read and how do you find a publisher?
	15.00	**STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA Singing along with Stanley Volk**
Thursday 13 August	**10.15**	**Tina Naples. The Legend of Robin Hood**. One of the most-loved English folk heroes. But how much of what we (think we) know is true and how much is just myth?
	11.30	**Catherine Osborn 2/2. History of Eugenics**. How the theory started in England and ended in Nazi Germany
Friday 14 August	**10.15**	**The Ralph Blumenau tapes: The Dreyfus Affair 2**. The second Part of Ralph's Jewish History talk.
	11.30	**Amrita Narain. Cook Indiaah: Eating Healthy Indian food**

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Monday 17 August	**10.15**	**Andrew Sheldon 1/2 Digital Forensics Casebook**. Tales from 30 years' investigating crimes, giving insight into the sometimes challenging, unpredictable and rewarding world of the digital forensic investigator
	11.30	**Franca Cerudi. Abbeys in the Milan Countryside**. Ancient abbeys surround Milan and were foundational in developing the regional agricultural landscape. Cycling and walking paths connect many and form 'La Strada delle Abbazie'
Tuesday 18 August	**10.15**	**Harriet Smith. Elderly Cognitive Hearing**. Harriet runs the Speech and Hearing Project at UCL, focusing on communication as we get older when we often struggle to hear in a crowded environment. Research volunteers needed!
	11.30	**Mickey Yudkin 1/2 Forgiveness, is it always possible?**
	15.00	**Recorder Group CONCERT** followed by **STRAWBERRY TEA**
Wednesday 19 August	**10.15**	**Andy Moss 3/3. Movies from Above**: Movie clips to sooth your worries and take away your cares
	11.30	**Stephen Barry 2/2. Redevelopment of Old Oak Common**. A vast interchange station being built for HS2 and other train routes
	14.30	**WALK. Doctors, Trams and Fairs** (repeat): The History of Pond Street and South End Green. To book email Averil Nottage and meet outside St Stephen's Church, corner Rosslyn Hill and Pond Street.
Thursday 20 August	**10.15**	**Daniel Snowman. Verdi and Victoria**: National Icons. Queen Victoria & Giuseppe Verdi died within a week of each other in 1901: They shared common interests, Victoria loved music and opera and Verdi cared deeply about politics
	11.30	**Constantine Baxter 1/2. Relevance of Metaphysical Poetry today**. An exploration of profound human experiences within poetry
Friday 21 August	**10.15**	**Ian Hawker. Artificial Intelligence Everywhere!** AI is used in medical diagnostics and image recognition. Ian discusses the benefits and risks, and the impact on jobs and society in general
	11.30	**Constantine Baxter 2/2. Relevance of Romantic Poetry today**

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Week 4

Monday 24 August	**10.15**	**Andrew Sheldon 2/2. Mobile phone forensics**: The Evidence in your Pockets. This talk reveals just how much your mobile phone knows about you
	11.30	**Marian Werner. Karel from the Other World**. Out of Worldly personal experiences
Tuesday 25 August	**10.15**	**Chris Grant BT/AbilityNet: Landlines are going digital** – don't get left behind. Important facts you need to know
	11.30	**Mickey Yudkin 2/2. Function of Gratitude and Kindness in Unpredictable Times**
Wednesday 26 August	**10.15**	**William Mach. Fleet Street Journalist 1987-1993 and Whitehall Press Officer**
	11.30	**Helen Dymond. The Private Life of Mr Handel**. Helen's book 'Finding Handel' was first published in 2021 to great acclaim and republished last year. Signed copies will be available to buy (£10)
Thursday 27 August	**10.15**	**Sarah Hughes. Tales from the audition room**. Life as a casting director with a frank and funny behind-the-scenes look at how productions come to life by casting the right (and potentially the wrong) actors
	11.30	**Woody Haut. Hardboiled Writers, Film Noir and Hollywood**
Friday 28 August	**10.15**	**Sue Kwok. The History of Airline Cabin Crew**
	11.30	**CHAT over Tea, Coffee and Cakes**
	12.30-13.30	**Ruth Brooks: Exploring Experiences of the Third Age**

Continuing Classes July 28 till September 11:

Mah Jong Mondays 10.30-12.50 in rooms 1.30 &1.33
Recorder Group in 1.29 Tuesdays 10 – 11.30
Country Dancing in Room 2.21 Tuesday 4th and 25th August from 12.40
Classical Guitar in room 2.26 Tuesday 12.50 – 15.00 28 July, 11&25 Aug. 8 Sept
Bridge on Zoom Wednesdays 10.00, and Fridays 10.30 – 12.30
Mah Jong in Room 1.24 Wednesdays 10.30 – 13.00
Films* with Wally: Wednesday 19 & 26 August, 2 & 9 September in room 1.22 at 14.00
Bridge in 1.24 with Naomi Stuart. Wednesdays at 13.00
Literature: Modern and Contemporary on Zoom Wednesday 5, 12, 19 &26 August
Chamber Music Workshop (various rooms) Thursdays 18.30 – 21.00
Art Class in 1.29 Fridays 10 – 12.00

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***Films with Wally**
Wednesday 2 September August at 2.00pm in Room 1.22
TALK TO HER

Running time: 112 minutes

In this masterful, compassionate work which ends in the theatre where the film began, TALK TO HER tells in flashback the story of four characters whose lives become entwined.