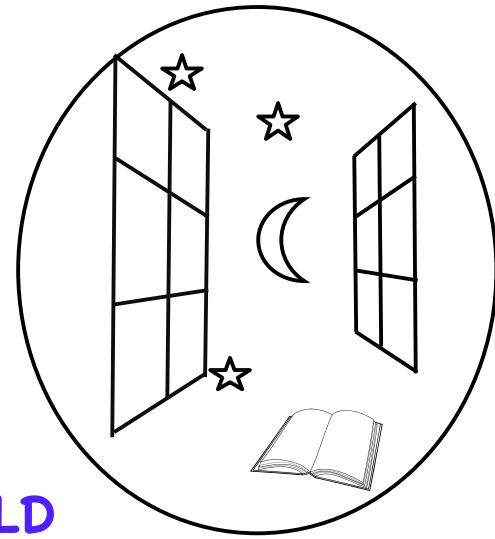
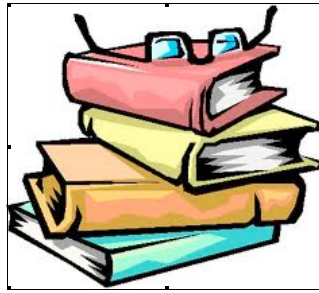




THAMES VALLEY NETWORK



STUDY DAY BOOKS – A WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Tuesday, 28th May, 10.30 am

The Emmbrook School, Emmbrook Road, Wokingham, RG41 1JP

This Study Day should appeal to all book lovers, who wish to widen their horizons, giving them an opportunity to view other cultures, other lands and other times through the eyes of different writers.

We are very fortunate that **Penny Hunter**, an engaging and experienced teacher of English Literature, has agreed to lead the day. Penny taught literature courses for the School of Continuing Education at the University of Reading, including day courses. She has also taught for the WEA. In the words of a former student "Penny wears her learning lightly, structures her classes well and encourages student participation." In Penny's opening talk, she will be considering books as a way of viewing the world, discovering new authors, and helping us to develop our critical reading skills.

The opening talk will be followed by a choice of **9 different workshops**. Students can choose to discuss a range of fiction or non-fiction, poetry or prose. All workshops will be led by a U3A member, and give participants an opportunity to meet others who share the same interests, and discuss books.

Lunch will consist of two courses, soft drinks and fruit, and will give students plenty of time to continue their discussions

The afternoon will start with a talk by Guy Pringle, editor of **New Books Magazine**. Guy is an entertaining and lively speaker, who will be telling us about how he finds authors, and some encounters he has had. He will also distribute goodie bags!

This talk will be followed by Barbara Morris of **Two Rivers Press** which is based in Reading. Barbara will be telling us of the local authors she features, and then introduce two of them:—Susan Utting, who writes poetry and will read from her work, and Martin Andrews, who writes on photography.

There will then be a **Panel** when all participants can raise points, ask questions, and share their own experiences.

Tea will be served at 4 pm.

BOOKS SWAP If any students wish to bring in books to swap, they should hand them in at registration. They will be given the same number of tickets as the number of books provided, and in the lunch or tea break, they can choose up to the same number of books from the Swap Table to take home. Any books left at the end of the day will be given to charity.

BOOKS LIST Please write on your application form the names of one or two books you have enjoyed reading in the last two years. They can be fiction or non-fiction, modern or classics. Every student at the Study Day will be given a list of these choices to take home, with an asterisk by any book chosen more than once.

PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Registration and coffee
- 10.30 Welcome and introduction - Patsy Thornton
- 10.40 "Books - a Window on the World" - Penny Hunter
- 11.30 Workshops
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 13.30 "New Books Magazine" - Guy Pringle
- 14.15 "The Two Rivers Press" - Barbara Morris, Susan Utting, Martin Andrews
- 15.15 PANEL
- 16.00 TEA



The Study Day fee is £12.50 including lunch, £9.00 without. Members of U3As not affiliated to the Thames Valley Network are welcome to attend for an extra £2, applications will be considered after 1st April 2013. The fee is payable in advance. Closing Date 21st May 2013.

More information can be obtained from: Mrs. Patsy Thornton, 6 Highway, Crowthorne, RG45 6HE. Tel: 01344 774812 email: Patsy@thorntac.co.uk

Applications should be sent to Mrs. Christine Usher, 28 Radstock Lane, Earley, Reading, RG6 5QL Tel: 0118 987 2736 email: christine.usher@talk21.com