

Craven U3A

Autumn Study Days

6th October to 24th November 2020



Morning sessions: Tuesday 10am to 12pm: Afternoon sessions: Thursday 2pm to 4pm

All presentations will be held on Zoom

With 13 presentations on diverse subjects, there will be something for everyone. The programme below gives details of all the sessions (Zoom meetings). You can register for as many sessions as you wish. The sessions are limited to 100 members and will follow a standard format of 40 minutes, 20-minute break and final 40 minutes. The invitation to every Zoom meeting you register for will be sent to you the day before the presentation. This will be sent by email and will include the Zoom meeting ID and passcode, which you will need to sign onto Zoom.

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Ref	Time	Date	Presenter	Title	Summary
AA1	10am	6 th October	Rick Battarbee	Are our rivers fit to swim in?	I will talk about the idea of “sustainable water” and describe work being done by the Addingham 4Becks Project and the Ilkley Clean River Group to identify pollution sources and improve water quality in the River Wharfe and its tributaries.
AA2	2pm	8 th October	Richard Woolf	The Spanish flu – Could it happen again?	Starting in 1918 the “Spanish Flu” killed at least 50 million people worldwide in three years. This talk discusses the causes, spread and social impact of the deadliest disease outbreak the world has seen, and its potential for today.
AB1	10am	13 th October	Graham Nolan	Memorialisation: An Ancient Tradition	The talk will trace the development of the memorial tradition through the ages, referring to both military and civilian memorials from around the world, and will reflect on their enduring relevance today.
AB2	2pm	15 th October	John Leech	Safe flying: The human in the machine	Over the last 50 years of flying, engineers have improved aircraft beyond recognition, but the design of the pilots has been unchanged for millennia. In this talk the human factors of safe flying are outlined and illustrated with videos.
AC1	10am	20 th October	Maurice White	Watching bumblebees	Bumblebees are a key indicator of the health of the environment and a pleasure to watch. Learn about the variety, behaviour and science of these charming and useful summer insects.
AC2	2pm	22 nd October	Andy Botherway	Brunelleschi and the dome of Santa Maria del Fiore – Florentine genius	Florence in the 13th century was a growing city and wanted a cathedral to match. Building took 60 years, but for the next 60 it was domeless. A Florentine goldsmith achieved it and only recently have his secrets been revealed.

**Half Term
26th Oct. to 1st Nov.**

AD1	10am	3 rd November	Syd Matthews	The US presidential election	The election of a US President is a process which reveals many of the ideas that preoccupied the founding fathers. By studying this we not only find out about the constitution but also the political culture of the USA.
AD2	2pm	5 th November	Gareth Davis	Mississippi blues	An illustrated talk on how this river and its tributaries have been developed into one of the largest commercial waterway systems in the world. Blues by inference only, from St. Louis to Basin Street via Memphis and Nashville. No live music.
AE1	10am	10 th November	David Hawkins	Beauty, art, science and evolution.	'The peacock's tail', said Charles Darwin, 'makes me sick'. An examination into the origins of beauty, and the challenge it presented to Darwin. We shall explore the interplay between beauty, art and culture in the evolution of animals and humans.
AE2	2pm	12 th November	Catherine Owens	Fake news	We delve into the history of fake news, explore its contemporary relationship with democracy, social media and the cult of celebrity. Improve your fake news spotting skills by analysing real and fake news stories in this interactive session.
AF1	10am	17 th November	Nigel Holden	The Soviet gulag 1917-1986	Some 28 million Russians and others – all 'enemies of the people' -passed through the Gulag. At the very least 10% never survived. What gave rise to such mass cruelty? What sustained it? How can we make sense of it?
AF2	2pm	19 th November	Margaret Goode	The two female surrealists, Dorothea Tanning and Leonora Carrington.	These two women were overshadowed by their male contemporaries such as Dalí and Magritte, but they now are finally recognised with Tanning having had a 2019 Retrospective at Tate Modern. Their lives as well as their work will be examined.
AG1	10am	24 th November	Rod Hine	My favourite dishes – a new project in radio astronomy	We will examine the history and science of radio astronomy and see how it has provided vital clues to the origin of our Universe. We will also discover how redundant satellite dishes are being brought back into use as radio telescopes in developing countries.

Craven U3a members - Procedure for joining the Autumn Study Days

The preferred methods for joining a group is the online procedure outlined below:

Note: you will need you U3A number detailed on your membership card.

1. Open the Craven U3A website by using your search engine and putting in <https://cravenu3a.org/>
2. Choose the Beacon database on the home screen and **click** on Beacon Links and scroll down to Membership Portal.
3. **Log in** with your membership details.
4. **Click** on Craven U3A Groups (it takes a few seconds).
5. Scroll down to the Group you wish to join e.g. AA1 Environment. **Click** on that Group.
6. **Click** on Join Group (shown in yellow at the top of the box). A drop-down box will appear asking you to Cancel or Confirm. **Click** on **Confirm** (will refresh and return to full listing of Craven U3A Groups). Scroll down to group, where **Member** should appear. This confirms that you are a member of the group.
7. If you decide to leave a group later, repeat steps 1 to 7 and click on Leave Group (shown in yellow at the top of the box).

Craven U3A members only - If you cannot join as above, you can join in one of the following ways:

- a) email to summer@cravenu3a.org.uk or membership@cravenu3a.org.uk
- b) By letter to Mick Richings, 7 School House Fold, Riddlesden, Keighley. BD20 5PF

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