



# Bromley Interest Groups

**This publication intended as a guideline to the Interest Groups that are currently active during Lockdown and are able to accept new members by using Zoom and other internet technologies.**

## ART APPRECIATION

(2 groups—Tues and Weds)

35–50 “slides” are sent in advance for viewing at home. Members load this material on to a PC or tablet for easy viewing of the paintings.

1st and 3rd TUESDAY Zoom meeting from 13:45.

1st and 3rd WEDNESDAY Zoom meeting from 10:15

## CAMERA CLUB

Club Meetings: Presentations/Demonstrations/Discussions by members of the Club about aspects of photography. The aim of these meetings is to share knowledge and experience.

1st and 3rd MONDAY Zoom meeting from 10:00–12:00

Theme Meetings: Members submit photographs on a specified theme before Tuesday meetings where we view and discuss them. The aim of these meetings is to develop skills in evaluating photographs that will help us to improve the quality of the photographs we take.

2nd and 4th TUESDAY Zoom meeting 10:30–12:00

## CLASSICAL GUITAR

We are the u3a Bromley Guitar Group. We play Baroque Classical Folk Blues Ragtime and Pop. Members must be able to read music notation. We play two sets of 40mins with a break in between.

2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY Zoom meeting from 14:30

## COMPUTER CLUB

Online Zoom discussions about all things relating to Windows computers, and occasionally diversions on Linux. Discussions alternate with a specific topic, for example one such coming up soon is on Specifying a new PC/Laptop.

For the best experience a Windows computer with a webcam and microphone is required.

2nd and 4th MONDAY Zoom meetings 10:00–12:00

## CREATIVE WRITING

Check with Group Leader for availability

Meetings are by email and/or phone.

Any work produced is shared with other members and the group leader provides stimulus material and feedback on any writings produced.

## French: PARLONS FRANÇAIS 1 and 2

Check with Group Leader for availability

This group is for those interested in using, developing and practicing their French language with a native French speaker. People from A1 to C2 levels are invited to attend and speak French through various language communication activities.

2nd and 4th THURSDAY Zoom meetings 10:00--12:15

## French SELF-HELP INTERMEDIATE

Check with Group Leader for availability

Keep up to date with French life and culture. Gain confidence in reading, conversation and discussion with the help of the journal "La vie Outre Manche"

TUESDAY W Zoom meeting from 09:45

## French: VIVE LES LIVRES

Check with Group Leader for availability

The group's aim is to read and discuss a wide selection of French literature. Members must have the ability to read and understand French although discussion is mainly in English.

2nd MONDAY Zoom meeting 14:00--16:00

## Gardening: 'ALL HANDS' GARDENING GROUP

Members email photos and discussion questions to the group leader and share their passion for gardening. These photos and topics are shared with the group and provoke lively discussions. A review of the discussion with photos is emailed out to all group members so that those not able to attend via Zoom are still included.

In normal times, the group would visit gardens and sites of gardening interest monthly, swap plants, hold a plant sale and meet in a local allotment building in the winter months.

TUESDAY W Zoom meeting 16:00

## German: INTERMEDIATE/CONVERSATION

Limited space online (Group 1); Waiting list (Group 2). Check with Group Leader

**Group 1** For competent German speakers. One member gives a 5-minute presentation on a pre-arranged topic followed by member comments/discussion. Then members randomly recount individual news followed by comments/questions/discussion

**Group 2** For intermediate German speakers. Apart from German short stories and news items sent as attachments all Email correspondence is in English and oral communication is a mixture German/ English. On a one-to-one basis each member and the group leader exchange 'news' and briefly talk about the attachments

As there is no tuition members self-help through standard textbooks and other references.

**Group 1:** 1st and 3rd TUESDAY Meetings by Google Meet and email 14:00- 16:00

**Group 2:** 2nd and 4th TUESDAY Meetings by Google Meet and email 14:00-16:00

## **LEARNING TO BE RETIRED (online course)**

This online course via Zoom is aimed at those who are finding retirement a challenge. It will be advertised online and in the Newsletter.

## **Music Appreciation: CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Weekly distribution of bulletin via email. Includes two broadcast concerts for the coming week plus members' comments from previous week.

WEEKLY by radio and email

## **Music Appreciation 60s MUSIC/JAZZ**

Playing members' selected music from YouTube + Amazon Prime

Last FRIDAY Monthly pm Meetings by Zoom

## **PHILOSOPHY**

From January 2020 we embarked on a chronological survey of Western philosophy, using DVD lectures by teachers of philosophy. Members also provide occasional talks.

1st and 3rd MONDAY Zoom meetings 10:00

## **THE PLAYS OF SHAKESPEARE**

We read a Shakespeare play, each reading a part (from a word to several pages according to the role) in turn.

2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY Zoom meetings 15:00–16:00

## **POETRY**

The group studies poetry and the group leader will contact the group by email to advise the month's topic. The group submits their poetry choices and these are distributed by email on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

2nd TUESDAY Monthly 10:00 by email

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

New members welcome to join Zoom meetings

The BPS research material is forwarded by email to members with comments and questions which often form the basis for email discussion. Zooms so far have consisted of a presentation followed by group discussion and often a short video.

2nd and 4th MONDAY Zoom meetings 14:00–16:00 Emails once a week

## **SINGING – MEMORY SINGERS**

This group supports people with dementia and their carers with weekly Zoom singalongs. Contact the group leader to be sent the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY Weekly Zoom meetings 14:00–15:00

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

We are a group of people who share an interest in this subject but with widely varying levels of knowledge and experience. Topics are chosen by the group in advance to give time to read up on them and one member introduces the session, usually taking the form of a PowerPoint presentation, sharing the screen in Zoom, frequently with periodic breaks for questions and discussion. One regular member joins us from Australia.

Although offers to introduce a topic are always welcome, no one is obliged to speak if they prefer not to.

3rd THURSDAY Monthly Zoom meetings 14:30

## SOCIAL STUDIES

We are continuing to function every second Friday by way of Zoom meetings to discuss a paper prepared by a group member and circulated in advance by me to all members. There is email exchanges between members in the fortnight between meetings.

2nd FRIDAY Monthly Zoom meetings 10:00

## Spanish: INTERMEDIATE GROUP

Using the textbook Spanish Reading and Comprehension published by McGraw Hill Education.

WEDNESDAY Weekly by email

## THEATRE GROUP

Contact the Group Leader if you would like to receive emails or join the WhatsApp group

The Theatre group now meets online using Zoom with monthly meetings. We have speakers or performances covering all aspects of professional and amateur entertainment.

2nd THURSDAY Monthly Zoom meetings 14:00

One of u3a Bromley's members is happy to help new members use Zoom if they are not familiar with it.



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