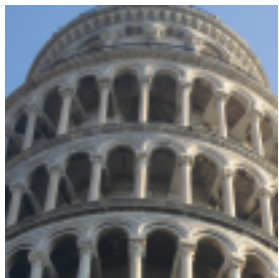


# Courses for Adults



Spring and Summer 2012



Northamptonshire

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## How to book or enrol on a course

If you would like to book a place on a course, please check arrangements with the branch contact on the telephone number given.

## Contacting us

For information about the courses please ring the local contact listed under the branch name. Our contacts are volunteers and you may not get an immediate response to your call. However, if you leave a message, the volunteer will call you back. For other information, contact WEA staff on the numbers below:

**01604 813 445** (Northamptonshire Programme Organiser)  
Email: [bchapman@wea.org.uk](mailto:bchapman@wea.org.uk)

**0115 962 8400** (WEA Regional Office, Nottingham)

## Access

Not all classes are wheelchair accessible. For details ask the branch contact or call the WEA office.

## HELP WITH YOUR LEARNING

- Help choosing a course** If you need advice, ring WEA staff on 0115 9628400 who can help you choose the right course. You can also speak to your tutor at the first class to ensure you are happy with your choice.
- Help with extra learning needs** If you have a disability, learning difficulty, health issue or other support needs, we will try to help. Ask as soon as you can so that we can make plans before you start a course.
- Accessible venues** We try to use accessible venues wherever possible but we regret that we cannot guarantee this in all cases. For details of a venue's accessibility, please call 0115 9628400.
- Help with Skills for Life** All learners are entitled to support for literacy and numeracy free of charge. Please ask a member of WEA staff if you think you will need this support on 0115 9628400.
- Help to plan your next step** If you need advice, talk to your tutor about further opportunities. For more details, please ask for our *Services for Learners* leaflet on sources of information (also at [www.wea.org.uk/courses](http://www.wea.org.uk/courses)). You can also ring *Next Step* on 0800 100 900.

## COURSE FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Financial support for course costs** Learners on eligible income-related benefits and their dependants may be entitled to a fee concession – that is, their tuition fees may be waived or reduced. Not all courses qualify for fee waiver. In addition, there are some funds available to help with course fees (for those not on income-related benefits), accreditation fees, books or equipment, and childcare. You will be asked for evidence of financial hardship, eg proof of benefit, evidence of low household income (usually below £15,276 gross a year) or difficulty in balancing income and expenditure. Help is limited to three courses a year.
- Evidence of benefit status** If you are entitled to a fee concession, please send evidence of your benefit status to the branch contact or local WEA office or bring it to the first class.

### **Multiple course fee discount**

If you are a full fee payer and attend two or more courses at the same time you will receive a 10% discount on the second or further courses. The full fee is payable for the longest course. If you wish to claim this discount you will need to book either by post or by phone.

### **Course cancellation and refunds**

You can cancel a course booking at any time. To cancel a course booking, you must inform the WEA in writing (or in person or by phone).

- A full/partial refund will be given to all learners where a course is cancelled or shortened by the WEA
  - If you cancel a course booking within seven working days of pre-booking, provided that the course has not commenced you are eligible to receive a full refund
  - If the course is scheduled to be delivered over more than three sessions, you can cancel a booking and request a full refund from the WEA if you cancel prior to the start time of the second session. There may be an administrative charge for this
- The refund of cancellations of bookings outside those conditions described above shall be considered only in exceptional circumstances.

### **Age eligibility**

Learners must be born on or before 1 August 1992 to be eligible for WEA funding.

### **The cost of your course**

The WEA receives funding from the Government to subsidise our courses, which helps us keep fees as low as possible. Without this funding, our fees would be considerably higher than those shown in the brochure. The full fee in 2011/12 would be £7 per hour, but we are able to lower this charge provided we collect the following information from you:

- **Date of birth:** All learners will be asked to provide their date of birth at the time of completing an enrolment form. If this information is not provided, the full course fee will be payable.
- **UK residency:** Learners who have not been resident in the UK/EU for the last 3 years will be required to complete a Learner Eligibility Form and provide appropriate evidence. If this information is not provided, the full course fee will be payable.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Field trips</b>	Some courses will have trips as part of the course, which may incur extra costs. We regret that if you don't go on these visits you cannot reclaim the tutorial cost.
<b>Photocopying</b>	Many tutors may make a small charge for photocopies.
<b>Learner Agreement and Learner Code of Conduct</b>	When you enrol with the WEA you will enter into a Learning Agreement with us. This is printed on your enrolment form. There is also a Learner Code of Conduct. Together, these set out the WEA's and your responsibilities for creating a positive learning environment. You can download both from our website at <b><a href="http://www.wea.org.uk/policies">www.wea.org.uk/policies</a></b> .
<b>Learner safety</b>	The WEA is committed to providing a welcoming environment where everyone is respected, valued and feels safe and secure. If you feel unsafe for any reason at all – as a result of, for example, discrimination, abuse, harassment or bullying – speak to your tutor or course organiser. If you do not feel you can talk to them you can speak to safeguarding staff (Deb Chambers and Mel Lenehan) in the WEA Regional Office (01159 628400).
<b>Equality and diversity</b>	The WEA is committed to equality and diversity in every part of the organisation. For more information on our Single Equality Scheme, visit <b><a href="http://www.wea.org.uk/equality">www.wea.org.uk/equality</a></b> .
<b>Become a WEA member</b>	Everyone who enrolls on a WEA course can become a member of the WEA. You can join your local branch, find out more about the WEA locally and nationally, get more involved in how the WEA is run and help support WEA's campaigning activities on behalf of adult learners. For information, visit <b><a href="http://www.wea.org.uk">www.wea.org.uk</a></b> .
<b>If things need to be put right</b>	If you feel there is a problem, please talk to us first so that we have a chance to put things right. Ring us on <i>0115 9628400</i> . If you're still not satisfied, ask to see our Complaints Procedure.
<b>Community courses</b>	If you are interested in holding WEA courses in your own community please contact the Northamptonshire programme organiser on <i>01604 813445</i> .

# FEES FOR COURSES

## 1. Full fee

The full fee for a course is shown after its course description.

## 2. Multiple course discount

If you are a full fee payer and attend two or more courses at the same time you will receive a 10% discount on the second or further courses. The full fee is payable for the longest course.

## 3. If you receive any of these benefits you may be entitled to a fee concession:

- Jobseeker's Allowance (income or contribution based)
- Income Support
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- Working Tax Credit, with a gross household income below £15,276 a year
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit (but not Council Tax discounts)
- Asylum seekers in receipt of a letter from Asylum Support (AS) and who have been in the UK legally for six months
- Pension Guarantee Credit only
- If you are an unwaged dependant (as defined by Job Centre Plus) of someone who receives the benefits listed you may receive a fee concession

**Please bring evidence of your benefit status when you enrol.**

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**The WEA in Northamptonshire: [www.weanorthamptonshire.org](http://www.weanorthamptonshire.org)**

*Find out about our walks programme and summer term outings on our county website. Newcomers welcome! Our brochure of classes can also be downloaded from the site.*

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## BRIGSTOCK

**Contact:** Ann Shrive

**Tel:** 01536 373216

### 1. Water, water everywhere: Fenland landscapes 1600–2000 C2328627

There is so much more to Fenland history than drainage! Meet some Fenland characters, study maps, join the riots, smell the drains and possibly get your feet wet – on a field trip, for which there may be an extra charge.

**Tutor** Liz Carter

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Brigstock Village Hall, 8 Bridge Street, Brigstock NN14 3ET

**Date** Thursday 2–3.30pm, 9 meetings + field visit from 12 January 2012

## BYFIELD

**Contact:** Rosemary Johnson

**Tel:** 01327 261327

### 2. The SMJ Railway: the line to Shakespeare land C2328628

The Stratford-upon-Avon & Midland Junction Railway was a small independent railway built originally for the transportation of iron ore. It ran a line east to west across the empty, untouched centre of England. We'll study its services, locomotives, rolling stock and personalities, illustrated with notes, artefacts and film.

**Tutor** Martin Bloxson

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Byfield Village Hall, The Green, Byfield NN11 6UT

**Date** Tuesday 7.30–9pm, 10 meetings from 17 January 2012

## CANONS ASHBY

**Contact:** Bridget Chapman

**Tel:** 01604 813445

### 3. Garden history C2328657

What influence did Renaissance gardens have in England? Why was Lancelot Brown's work so universally admired? Where did Joseph Paxton spend much of his working life? Find out while exploring the form and function of parkland and gardens from the medieval period to the 20th century. Local gardens will be examined against the wider picture to illustrate developments in design and planting.

**Tutor** Judith Hodgkinson

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** Canons Ashby House, Ashby Lodge, Canons Ashby, Daventry NN11 3SD

**Date** Thursday 10am–noon, 10 meetings from 12 January 2012

## CORBY

**Contact:** R Tindley

**Tel:** 01536 395555

### 4. Songs, satire and social commentary

**C2328629**

Musical theatre has often served as a reflection of the times and culture that shape its lyrics, melodies and plots. This course will consider, among other examples, the risqué operettas of Offenbach, the milder wit of W.S. Gilbert, the fin-de-siècle decadence of *The Merry Widow*, the controversy surrounding *Showboat*, the escapist Hollywood musicals of the 1930s, the Rodgers and Hammerstein revolution, *Hair* and the 1960s, and today's blockbusters.

**Tutor** David Price

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Meeting Room, Corby Swimming Pool, George St, Corby NN17 1QG

**Date** Tuesday 7.15–8.45pm, 10 meetings from 10 January 2012

### 5. The Tudor year through customs and traditions

**C2328696**

A look at the ritual year in Tudor times and its associated traditions and customs. We'll explore the meaning and significance of these events to the peoples of the time and examine activities that are still the basis of seasonal celebrations today. A visit to Packwood House and Baddesley Clinton on Sunday 3 June is included (there may be an extra charge for the visit).

**Tutor** Martin Sirot-Smith

**Fee** £35.20 (discounted: £31.70) or Free

**Venue** Meeting Room, Corby Swimming Pool, George St, Corby NN17 1QG

**Date** Tuesday 7.15–8.45pm, 5 meetings + field trip from 24 April 2012

## FARTHINGHOE

**Contact:** Lin Deeley

**Tel:** 01295 711938

### 6. Archaeology of the British Isles

**C2328630**

Join us for a sweeping introduction to the rich and diverse archaeology of Britain and Ireland. Learn about the sequence of peoples who settled here, from the earliest humans to the Normans, and explore the significance of some of the most intriguing and enigmatic sites, monuments and artefacts they left behind. Gain a new appreciation for the importance of archaeology in the study of human history in Britain.

**Tutor** Mark Anderson

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Farthinghoe Village Hall, Cockley Road, Farthinghoe

**Date** Friday 7.30–9pm, 10 meetings from 20 January 2012

## HELMDON

**Contact:** Richard Farquharson

**Tel:** 01295 760079

### 7. Famous gardens and gardeners

**C2328631**

People have always made gardens. This course explores in detail several significant and interesting gardens and their creators. We'll look at historical trends, budgetary constraints and changing plant styles. We will also consider contemporary developments, the use of non-plant material and the restoration of historic gardens.

**Tutor** Andrew Mikolajski

**Fee** £53.60 (discounted: £48.25) or Free

**Venue** Helmdon Reading Room, Church St, Helmdon NN13 5QJ

**Date** Tuesday 7.30–9.30pm, 8 meetings from 17 January 2012

## HIGHAM FERRERS

**Contact:** Kim Eaves

**Tel:** 01832 733565

### 8. Strong-minded women: the early suffrage movement

**C2328632**

Move over Mrs Pankhurst – there's more to this suffrage business than chaining yourself to railings! Discover some of the strong-minded women whose thoughts and actions radically changed attitudes in the 19th century.

**Tutor** Liz Carter

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Rushden Indoor Bowls Centre, 144 Northampton Rd, Rushden NN10 6AN

**Date** Tuesday 9.45–11.15am, 10 meetings from 10 January 2012

## KELMARSH HALL

**Contact:** Mrs Jo Stroud

**Tel:** 01604 843284

### 9. Comfortable life in the country house

**C2328659**

From privies to colza oil lamps, dovescotes to bell-pulls, this course will look at the way comfort was gradually achieved within country houses. Developments in heating, lighting, food production, hygiene, communications and leisure will be studied, and servants, whose job it was to carry out these labour-intensive tasks, will be considered.

**Tutor** Judith Hodgkinson

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** Kelmarsh Hall, Harborough Road, Kelmarsh, Northampton NN6 9LU

**Date** Wednesday 10am–noon, 10 meetings from 11 January 2012

## KETTERING

**Contact:** Audrey Mitchell  
**Contact:** Nelia Eaton

**Tel:** 01536 522127  
**Tel:** 01536 513471

### 10. Adventurous women

**C2328633**

What makes a woman adventurous? We investigate the life and times of a selected group of women who shook off their social chains and embraced the wider world, using their own words and comparing them with contemporary and modern views.

**Tutor** Liz Carter

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Church House, St Botolphs Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering NN15 6SR

**Date** Tuesday 2–3.30pm, 10 meetings from 10 January 2012

## WEA AT KCU LTD, KETTERING

**Contact:** KCU Ltd, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering NN16 9XW  
**Telephone:** 01536 481989

**Pre-enrolment day Monday 9 January 9.30–11.30am** at The Fuller Baptist Church, 51 Gold Street, Kettering NN16 8JB. Come along and meet the course tutor and/or course organiser informally before enrolment day so that you can discuss the courses on offer and find one that meets your needs.

**Enrolment day Wednesday 11 January 9.30–11.30am at KCU Ltd.**

Venue accessible to wheelchairs

**KCU Ltd may charge a small refundable registration fee for some courses. This will be refunded on completion of the course (minimum of 80% attendance).**

### 11. Introduction to IT

**C2328643**

Whether you are a complete novice, lacking in computer confidence or muddling through, this friendly and relaxed class is for you. The course will cover the basics of everyday computer use.

**Tutor** David Watts

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Monday 9.30–11.30am, 10 meetings from 16 January 2012

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## **WEA AT KCU LTD, KETTERING (continued)**

### **12. IT workshop**

**C2328644**

Learn new skills or improve existing IT skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Publisher and Powerpoint using the latest Office 2010 package. Work at your own pace from build-up exercises and with the guidance of an experienced tutor. The knowledge and skills gained on this course will enable you, if you wish, to progress to the ITQ award qualifications offered by KCU Ltd (an additional charge will apply).

**Tutor** David Watts

**Fee** £134 (discounted: £120.60) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Mon & Fri 12.30–2.30pm, 20 meetings from 16 January 2012

### **13. Curios and collectables**

**C2328662**

Calling all fans of *Lovejoy*, the *Antiques Roadshow* and the like. A look at the historical developments in style which influenced the form and development of all manner of items from furniture, ceramics, glass, silver, clocks, metals, works of art, textiles and an A to Z of collectables. We will also consider what to look for when buying and how antique auctions work.

**Tutor** Peter Edwards

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Tuesday 9.30–11.30am, 10 meetings from 17 January 2012

### **14. Creative writing**

**C2328663**

Do you love words and have a good imagination? Then you would enjoy doing some creative writing. With an emphasis upon sharing ideas and shaping them into texts, this course will help you think about ways to use language.

**Tutor** Hilary Lewis

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Tuesday 1–3pm, 10 meetings from 17 January 2012

### **15. Creative art workshop**

**C2328664**

Everyone can develop their natural creative ability. This course will focus on experimenting with art materials and developing a unique personal style. Starting with the basics of drawing and painting, we'll explore different techniques and ways of interpreting what we see and experience. You will then progress towards individual projects, choosing your own subjects and media and developing skills, confidence and creative imagination. All welcome, whether experienced or complete beginners.

**Tutor** Pat Taylor

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** Fuller Baptist Church, 51 Gold Street, Kettering NN16 8JB

**Date** Tuesday 12.30–2.30pm, 10 meetings from 17 January 2012

## 16. Make your experience count

C2328666

Have you been affected by unemployment or redundancy? Have you recently retired, are you a bored mum looking to return to work, or are you simply looking for a new direction in life? If so, this course is for you. Learn how to identify and value your own experience of life and the strengths and skills you have developed along the way. Explore the options open to you as you prepare to move on.

**Tutor** Karren Bennett

**Fee** £53.60 (discounted: £48.25) or Free

**Venue** Fuller Baptist Church, 51 Gold Street, Kettering NN16 8JB

**Date** Wednesday 9.30–11.30am, 8 meetings from 18 January 2012

## 17. Introduction to British Sign language

C2328667

An ideal introduction to British Sign language for those with little or no previous experience. During this informal course, you will work at your own pace to learn the necessary basic skills that will enable you to participate in a simple conversation.

**Tutor** Jill Parker

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Wednesday 9.30–11.30am, 10 meetings from 18 January 2012

## 18. IT workshop

C2328645

Learn new skills or improve existing IT skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Publisher and Powerpoint using the latest Office 2010 package. Work at your own pace from build-up exercises and with the guidance of an experienced tutor. The knowledge and skills gained on this course will enable you, if you wish, to progress to the ITQ award qualifications offered by KCU Ltd (an additional charge will apply).

**Tutor** David Watts

**Fee** £134 (discounted: £120.60) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Wed & Thurs 9.30–11.30am, 20 meetings from 18 January 2012

## 19. IT workshop

C2328646

Learn new skills or improve existing IT skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Publisher and Powerpoint using the latest Office 2010 package. Work at your own pace from build-up exercises and with the guidance of an experienced tutor. The knowledge and skills gained on this course will enable you, if you wish, to progress to the ITQ award qualifications offered by KCU Ltd (an additional charge will apply).

**Tutor** David Watts

**Fee** £134 (discounted: £120.60) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Wed & Thurs 12.30–2.30pm, 20 meetings from 18 January 2012

## **WEA AT KCU LTD, KETTERING (continued)**

### **20. Introduction to understanding children**

**C2328668**

A study of the development of children from 0–8 years. We will examine language development, learning through play, children's self-concepts, children and technology and acquiring gender identity. This course is suitable for parents/carers wishing to know more about child development and is also suitable as a starting point for those looking at childcare as a career or as a refresher for childcare students. It is possible to progress from this course to the Open University Openings Course on Understanding Children.

**Tutor** to be advised

**Fee** £33.50 (discounted: £30.15) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Thursday 9.30–11.30am, 5 sessions from 19 January 2012

### **21. Introduction to scrapbooking**

**C2328674**

Do you have shoeboxes full of old family photos or children's school reports? Would you like to record your garden throughout the seasons? Have you thought about celebrating your life so far? Why not document that special holiday, record milestones, do something with those wedding cards, transform special photos, achievement certificates and mementoes into a book to treasure or give as a gift.

**Tutor** Heather Hannant

**Fee** £40.20 (discounted: £36.20) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Thursday 12.30–2.30pm, 6 sessions from 19 January 2012

### **22. Expanding your British Sign language**

**C2328675**

If you have already learned the basics of BSL, either by completing Introduction to British Sign language at KCU or a similar course elsewhere, then this course is for you. You will build on your ability to take part in a simple signed conversation as we introduce new topics and extend your BSL vocabulary.

**Tutor** Jill Parker

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Friday 9.30–11.30am, 10 meetings from 20 January 2012

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Details of courses starting September 2012 onwards will appear in our brochure available July 2012. Ring 0115 9628416 or email [jgelsthorpe@wea.org.uk](mailto:jgelsthorpe@wea.org.uk) to be put on our brochure mailing list.

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## Summer term at KCU Ltd, Kettering

**Pre-enrolment day Monday 23 April 9.30–11.30am at The Fuller Baptist Church, Gold Street, Kettering.**

**Enrolment day Wednesday 25 April 9.30–11.30am at KCU.**

### 23. Introduction to IT

**C2328647**

Whether you are a complete novice, lacking in computer confidence or muddling through, this friendly and relaxed class is for you. The course will cover the basics of everyday computer use.

**Tutor** David Watts

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Monday 9.30–11.30am, 10 meetings from 30 April 2012

### 24. IT workshop

**C2328648**

Learn new skills or improve existing IT skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Publisher and Powerpoint using the latest Office 2010 package. Work at your own pace from build-up exercises and with the guidance of an experienced tutor. The knowledge and skills gained on this course will enable you, if you wish, to progress to the ITQ award qualifications offered by KCU Ltd (an additional charge will apply).

**Tutor** David Watts

**Fee** £134 (discounted: £120.60) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Mon & Fri 12.30–2.30pm, 20 meetings from 30 April 2012

### 25. IT workshop

**C2328649**

Learn new skills or improve existing IT skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Publisher and Powerpoint using the latest Office 2010 package. Work at your own pace from build-up exercises and with the guidance of an experienced tutor. The knowledge and skills gained on this course will enable you, if you wish, to progress to the ITQ award qualifications offered by KCU Ltd (an additional charge will apply).

**Tutor** David Watts

**Fee** £134 (discounted: £120.60) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Wed & Thurs 9.30–11.30am, 20 meetings from 2 May 2012

### 26. Introduction to British Sign language

**C2328677**

An ideal introduction to British Sign language for those with little or no previous experience. During this informal course, you will work at your own pace to learn the necessary basic skills that will enable you to participate in a simple conversation.

**Tutor** Jill Parker

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Wednesday 9.30–11.30am, 10 meetings from 2 May 2012

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## WEA AT KCU LTD, KETTERING (continued)

### 27. IT workshop

C2328650

Learn new skills or improve existing IT skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Publisher and Powerpoint using the latest Office 2010 package. Work at your own pace from build-up exercises and with the guidance of an experienced tutor. The knowledge and skills gained on this course will enable you, if you wish, to progress to the ITQ award qualifications offered by KCU Ltd (an additional charge will apply).

**Tutor** David Watts

**Fee** £134 (discounted: £120.60) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Wed & Thurs 12.30–2.30pm, 20 meetings from 2 May 2012

### 28. Introduction to understanding children

C2328678

A study of the development of children from 0–8 years. We will examine language development, learning through play, children's self-concepts, children and technology and acquiring gender identity. This course is suitable for parents/carers wishing to know more about child development and is also suitable as a starting point for those looking at childcare as a career or as a refresher for childcare students. It is possible to progress from this course to the Open University Openings Course on Understanding Children.

**Tutor** to be advised

**Fee** £33.50 (discounted: £30.15) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Thursday 9.30–11.30am, 5 sessions from 3 May 2012

### 29. Expanding your British Sign language

C2328679

If you have already learned the basics of BSL, either by completing Introduction to British Sign language at KCU or a similar course elsewhere, then this course is for you. You will build on your ability to take part in a simple signed conversation as we introduce new topics and extend your BSL vocabulary.

**Tutor** Jill Parker

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** KCU, 1 Stanier Close, Kettering

**Date** Friday 9.30–11.30am, 10 meetings from 4 May 2012

## LONG BUCKBY

**Contact:** Betty Izzard

**Tel:** 01327 842908

### 30. War and rebellion in Northamptonshire

C2328634

From the Romans to the Renaissance, Northamptonshire was one of the most important counties in England and many battles were fought within its borders. This course examines the wars and major political events that took place in the county and helped to shape England.

**Tutor** Mike Ingram

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Baptist Church School Rooms, Market Place, Long Buckby NN6 7RR

**Date** Monday 2.30–4pm, 10 meetings from 16 January 2012

## NASSINGTON

**Contact:** Sue Payne

**Tel:** 01780 782747

### 31. History of British architecture 1600–present

**C2328698**

Everywhere we look in Britain buildings are in view. Some are a delight, others can make us ill. Judge, enjoy and be amused by our rich built environment.

**Tutor** Terry Sladden

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Nassington Village Hall, Church Street, Nassington PE8 6QG

**Date** Tuesday 2–3.30pm, 10 meetings from 10 January 2012

## NETHER HEYFORD

**Contact:** E C Garrett

**Tel:** 01327 342539

### 32. The Tudor year through customs and traditions

**C2328635**

A look at the ritual year in Tudor times and its associated traditions and customs. We'll explore the meaning and significance of these events to the peoples of the time and examine activities that are still the basis of seasonal celebrations today. A visit to a typical Tudor house is included (there may be an extra charge for the visit).

**Tutor** Martin Sirot-Smith

**Fee** £35.20 (discounted: £31.70) or Free

**Venue** Bliss Charity Primary School, Middle Street, Nether Heyford NN7 3LL

**Date** Wednesday 8–9.30pm, 5 meetings + field trip from 22 February 2012

## NORTHAMPTON

**Contact:** Mrs Jo Stroud

**Tel:** 01604 843284

### 33. A lighter side

**C2328652**

Poetry can raise your spirits and help you rediscover the lighter side of life. From Chaucer onwards, poets have explored a wide range of themes through an even wider range of humorous forms. Share ideas and fun reading and discussing poems by well-known witty poets such as Wendy Cope, Liz Lochhead, Carol Ann Duffy and Dorothy Parker and revisit old favourites from John Donne to John Betjeman.

**Tutor** Hilary Lewis

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** St Matthews Parish Centre, 27A The Drive, Northampton NN1 4RY

**Date** Tuesday 10am–noon, 10 meetings from 10 January 2012

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## **NORTHAMPTON BRANCH (continued)**

### **34. Aspects of love**

**C2328653**

Love, the most powerful of emotions, has inspired many great poems. Love has many shapes and forms but is rarely straightforward. Many poets struggle with complicated feelings including desire, passion, anger, guilt, bitterness, humour and sadness. We will explore poetry's unique capacity to both express and contain the language of love.

**Tutor** Hilary Lewis

**Fee** £40.20 (discounted: £36.20) or Free

**Venue** St Matthews Parish Centre, 27A The Drive, Northampton NN1 4RY

**Date** Tuesday 10am–noon, 6 meetings from 17 April 2012

### **35. The Tudor year through customs and traditions**

**C2328636**

A look at the ritual year in Tudor times and its associated traditions and customs. We'll explore the meaning and significance of these events to the peoples of the time and examine activities that are still the basis of seasonal celebrations today. A visit to a typical Tudor house is included (there may be an extra charge for the visit).

**Tutor** Martin Sirot-Smith **Fee** £35.20 (discounted: £31.70) or Free

**Venue** Harlestone Village Institute, Upper Harlestone, Northampton NN7 4EH

**Date** Thursday 7.30–9pm, 5 meetings + field trip from 23 February 2012

### **36. A history of textiles**

**C2328702**

A lively exploration of some snippets of textile and craft history. From medieval tapestry to Japanese kimonos, wartime make do and mend to sustainable fashion, this two-day course explores a host of historical and contemporary issues in textile, fashion and craft history. **Pre-booking is essential for this course.**

**Tutor** Ruth Singer

**Fee** £33.50 (discounted: £30.15) or Free

**Venue** St Matthews Parish Centre, 27A The Drive, Northampton NN1 4RY

**Date** Friday 10am–4pm, 2 meetings 16 & 23 March 2012

## **ROTHWELL**

**Contact:** Ann Butlin

**Tel:** 01536 710822

### **37. Music in stone**

**C2328637**

Music in stone is a paraphrase of the quotation by German philosopher, Frederick von Schelling who said "Architecture in general is frozen in music". Looking at a variety of buildings over the ages in Northamptonshire an attempt will be made to see how Schelling's statement can be said to be true.

**Tutor** William Walford

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** The Lounge, Madams Gardens, Rushton Road, Rothwell NN14 6EX

**Date** Tuesday 2–3.30pm, 10 meetings from 10 January 2012

## TOWCESTER

**Contact:** David Wilcock

**Tel:** 01327 351782

### 38. The detective in fiction

**C2328638**

An in-depth look at the authors of crime novels, the detectives they create and the history of the genre. We'll compare screen versions of famous sleuths and look at their modern counterparts. There will be plenty of opportunity to discuss your favourite character.

**Tutor** Peter Leyland

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** A5 Rangers Cycling Club, 101 Watling Street, Towcester NN12 6AG

**Date** Wednesday 10.15–11.45am, 10 meetings from 11 January 2012

## WELLINGBOROUGH

**Contact:** Mary Traxton

**Tel:** 01933 224324

### 39. Wining and dining

**C2328639**

This course studies the history of food and drink in England from the later medieval period to the early 20th century, looking at changes in ingredients used and the way food was cooked and served. Paying particular attention to the largely self-sufficient country estate, we will also consider the costs involved in having the best and most elaborate food available for your guests.

**Tutor** Judith Hodgkinson

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Friends Meeting House, 29 St. Johns Street, Wellingborough NN8 4LG

**Date** Wednesday 7.30–9pm, 10 meetings from 11 January 2012

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### Could you be a volunteer in Skills for Life classes?

The WEA is seeking volunteers throughout the East Midlands Region to support courses in adult literacy, numeracy, family learning or English for speakers of other languages. We will give training and support. For information, contact Vicki Jones on 01509 262036 or [vjones@wea.org.uk](mailto:vjones@wea.org.uk)

## WELLINGBOROUGH HOMES CENTRE

**Contact:** Irene Carter

**Tel:** 01933 234455

### **Pre-booking essential**

WEA courses held at Wellingborough Homes are open to all; however, if a course is oversubscribed priority will be given to tenants of Wellingborough Homes and to residents of Wellingborough

### **40. Introduction to scrapbooking**

**C2328701**

Do you have shoeboxes full of old family photos or children's school reports? Would you like to record your garden throughout the seasons? Have you thought about celebrating your life so far? Why not document that special holiday, record milestones, do something with those wedding cards, transform special photos, achievement certificates and mementoes into a book to treasure or give as a gift.

**Tutor** Heather Hannant

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** Wellingborough Homes Centre, Thompson Court, Silver Street, Wellingborough NN8 1BQ

**Date** Wednesday 10am–noon, 10 meetings from 11 January 2012

### **41. British Sign Language**

**C2328680**

An ideal introduction to British Sign language for those with little or no previous experience. During this informal course, you will work at your own pace to learn the necessary basic skills that will enable you to participate in a simple conversation.

**Tutor** Jill Parker

**Fee** £67 (discounted: £60.30) or Free

**Venue** Wellingborough Homes Centre, Thompson Court, Silver Street, Wellingborough NN8 1BQ

**Date** Thursday 10am–noon, 10 meetings from 12 January 2012

## WESTON

**Contact:** Glyn Jones

**Tel:** 01327 261265

### **42. The English Cathedrals**

**C2328651**

There is a natural sense of awe upon entering these soaring buildings, but why were they designed, and often rebuilt, in the form that survives today? This course examines the form, purposes and meaning of the architecture and decoration of these great churches.

**Tutor** Keith Hasted

**Fee** £50.25 (discounted: £45.25) or Free

**Venue** Weston Community Project, High Street, Weston NN12 8PU

**Date** Wednesday 2–3.30pm, 10 meetings from 11 January 2012

## COULD YOU BE A TUTOR FOR THE WEA?

The WEA seeks part-time tutors for classes in Northamptonshire in the following subjects:

Local/general history; music; art appreciation; architectural studies; literature; creative writing; sciences, natural history; religious studies; anthropology; social studies; garden design/history; languages; Skills for Life & ESOL and other areas of expertise.

We are looking for enthusiastic and conscientious part-time tutors who are:

- able to relate well to adult students
- knowledgeable about their subject
- sensitive to equal opportunities issues
- well organised in administration

### **For more information and an application pack contact:**

Bridget Chapman

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## Introducing the WEA

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The WEA is committed to widening participation and to enabling people to realise their full potential through learning.



You don't need any previous knowledge or qualifications to join most of our courses - only a willingness to share with others your ideas and experience.

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