

WEST KENT U3A STUDY DAY: MIDDLE EAST MATTERS

Programme

This Study Day brings together three speakers with an academic background who have worked in adult education and have lectured and written extensively on the Middle East.

Date Tuesday 24th October 2017

Venue St Andrew's Church, Maidstone Rd., Paddock Wood, Kent, TN12 6DZ

Time 9.15am to 3.30pm approx..

Cost £7.50 includes 3 lectures and coffee

Lunch Please bring a packed lunch
Refreshments will be available

Organiser: Adrian Twiner, Tel. 01892 459352

9.15am Registration and coffee on arrival

9.50am Welcome

10.00 – 11.10am **William Tyler:**
Ottoman Tragedy

11.10 – 11.40am Tea and Coffee Break

11.40 – 12.50pm **Jonathan Farley:**
Major and Minor Actors
on the Middle East Stage

12.50 – 2.10pm Lunch Break

2.10 – 3.20pm **Brian Beeley:**
Middle East Update

3.30pm Close

William Tyler spent his whole professional life in adult education, his last post being Principal of The City Lit in London. He has served on numerous Boards, including The Central School of Speech and Drama, and today works as a historian, lecturing widely to many clubs and societies. He is 'Scholar in Residence' at The Jewish Cultural Centre in London. William was awarded the MBE in 2009 for services to adult education.

In his talk he will maintain that the post World War One settlement of the former Ottoman territories in the Middle East by Britain and France is at the basis of many of today's problems in the region.

Jonathan Farley has worked in adult education since 1965, initially at Nottingham University and thereafter at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. For many years he was engaged in the education and staff training of serving naval officers. During this time he lectured on contemporary history and international politics, specialising in the Middle East and Africa. He has also had work published on these areas.

Jonathan's talk will focus on the parts played in the ongoing struggle for Palestine by all the states in the region, notably Israel and its immediate neighbours, and make reference to the involvement of several external powers, notably the USA and the former Soviet Union.

Brian Beeley is a university academic who became interested in the Middle East when he could not understand why Britain attacked Egypt in 1956. He has taught in universities in the USA, Iran, Scotland and latterly was a regional organiser for the Open University in south-east England. He has also been a researcher for *The Economist* and for the Turkish government. Following retirement he has acted as a consultant to the Arab Open University based in Kuwait.

In his talk Brian will maintain that outside involvement in the Middle East today contributes to regional conflicts between Sunnis and Shi'as, Saudis and Iranians, and modernisers and autocrats – in a mosaic of very different states. Why should we be concerned?

This Study Day is open to the members of any U3A in West Kent. How to Apply:

Fill in this part of the form indicating how many tickets at £7.50 per person you require.

Make your cheque payable to **TW U3A** and include a **stamped self-addressed envelope (9" x 4")** in order to receive your ticket(s) then send to:

W. Kent U3A Study Day, A. Twiner, Flat 16, Bishops Court, Bishops Down Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8XL

I/We wish to apply for 1 / 2 places for the West Kent U3A Study Day on Tuesday 24th October 2017

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