

Harpenden Learning for Leisure

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Course Programme 2020-21

**Fees for each 20 hour course £80
for each 15 hour course £60**

Make your cheque out to HLfL. Send to R W Spence, 16 Greenacres, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4NA. Give your address, phone number & email, and list the course(s) applied for. (SAE for receipt)

All courses are in the Function Room of the Plough & Harrow pub, opposite the Harpenden Trust Centre. 3 hours free parking in the Co-op store nearby.

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Mondays 10am-12 (autumn term)

The British Raj in India 1857-1947

Tutor: Greg Davey

10 x 2-hour sessions from 14/9/20 (£80)

We will cover the period from the Indian Mutiny in 1857 to Independence in 1947. We will look at the causes of rebellion and the way in which government was reformed after it as direct rule was imposed, the growth of nationalism, political conflict with the British Raj, India's contribution to the two World Wars, the experience of mixed race Anglo Indians, the development of the railway, the telegraph, and education.

Mondays 10.30am-12 (spring term)

Colonial North America

Tutor: Greg Davey

10 x 1½-hour sessions from 11/1/21 (£60)

We will cover the first European interactions with the Americas before moving on to examine British settlement. We will look at the different experiences of the colonies, the range of political, social and economic structures which emerged, the war against the various native people of the area, the Seven Years War, the American War of Independence, splits in American society, and the early influence of the American colonies on the development of Canada and India.

Tuesdays 10.30am-12 (autumn term)

Philosophy of Religion: Is There a God?

Tutor: Laurie Gibson

10 x 1½-hour sessions from 15/9/20 (£60)

Perhaps one of the most important questions there is, which we all have to answer. We look at what philosophers, ancient and modern, have had to say and study both sides. No attempt is made to provide the answer; the decision is yours. It will be interactive with discussion. Hopefully informative, provoking and fun!

Tuesdays 2pm-3.30 (autumn & spring)

Current Affairs/Talking Politics

Tutor: Virginia Brisco

1). 10 x 1½-hr sessions from 15/9/20 (£60)

2). 10 x 1½-hr sessions from 12/1/21 (£60)

This is a lively discussion group about issues of the day nationally and internationally, led by an experienced tutor. Participants hold varying views and are encouraged to put them forward (although many keep silent).

Wednesdays 2pm-4 (autumn & spring)

The English Renaissance: 1500-1700

Tutor: Madeline Edmead

1). 10 x 2-hour sessions from 16/9/20 (£80)

2). 10 x 2-hour sessions from 13/1/21 (£80)

English art and architecture was transformed in the 16th century by new influences. Holbein painted royalty, the new rich built houses on an a grand scale, and the portrait miniature evolved. By the end of the century 'magnificence' was the watchword. After 1600 emerged van Dyck and Inigo Jones plus a host of lesser knowns. After the Civil War came some great artists and lesser-known by-ways of English art.

Thursdays 2pm-4 (autumn & spring)

Literature: Nobel Prize Winners

Tutor: Michael King

1). 10 x 2-hour sessions from 24/9/20 (£80)
2). 10 x 2-hour sessions from 14/1/21 (£80)

Since its inception in 1901, the prize has been awarded to some of the greatest novelists, poets and playwrights worldwide, as well as to a few surprising ones. We will consider a range of prize winners, from Kipling* to more recent recipients, including Lewis, Camus, Russell*, Churchill*, Marquez, Singer, Morrison, Pinter*, Heaney, and Gordimer. **works provided by tutor*