

Day and Evening Courses in Maidenhead and Online

January Term 2023

Study day: Struggles for Freedom: African American History from 17th to 20th Century

Architecture of UK Ports and Capitals

Introduction to Industrial Revolution

Magic in Folk and Fairy Tales

Origins of Christianity

Royal Burials in Ancient Egypt

About the WEA

Founded in 1903, the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) is the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education. The WEA way is friendly, accessible education on your doorstep. You do not need any previous knowledge or qualifications to join most of our courses, only a willingness to share with others your curiosity, ideas and experience. The WEA brings adult learning within reach, providing high quality, student-centred and tutor-led education for adults from all walks of life.

Students are encouraged to become WEA members and support its efforts to advance the cause of adult education in the United Kingdom. Benefits of membership include priority booking for courses. Visit <https://www.wea.org.uk/get-involved/membership> to become a member.

Help from the WEA

The WEA is committed to equality, diversity and inclusive learning. For help with choosing a course, support for a physical or learning difficulty or information about fee remission or financial support, please telephone 0300 303 3464 or email studentsupport@wea.org.uk. The WEA has achieved the Matrix quality standard for information and advice services.

WEA Maidenhead Branch

Classes are organised by the WEA Maidenhead Branch committee, which is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). WEA Members and all current students are entitled, and very welcome, to attend and vote at the AGM.

Current committee officers are:

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DAYTIME COURSES IN MAIDENHEAD / ONLINE SPRING 2023

★ **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION**

Richard Marks

The Industrial Revolution is an important period in British history but is not well understood. The course will look at how industrialisation differed across the country, how new technologies were developed and used, and the social impact of industrialisation in Britain. We will discover what the industrial revolution meant to the working and middle classes in the 18th and 19th centuries. We will examine why the Industrial Revolution occurred in Britain and not somewhere else, and how it changed the British landscape. We will look at the common perceptions of the Industrial Revolution and examine if the image of 'Dark Satanic Mills' referred to by William Blake was actually how Britain looked, or was there more to it than that? Did the agricultural workers truly all flood into the cities to work in the factories and were the workers always exploited by mill owners? Find out the answers to these questions and more in this course.

N.B. Miss 16 January. Last meeting 27 February. Course Reference Number C2424255

6 meetings on Mondays, starting 9 January

Fee: £60.00

Venue: Methodist Church, Allenby Road, SL6 5BQ.

Time: 14:00 to 16:00

★ **MAGIC AND METAMORPHOSIS IN FOLK AND FAIRY TALES**

Karen Usher

This course will examine the power of magic and metamorphosis in folk and fairy tales in the British Isles and around the world, particularly the fluid boundaries between people and animals, the magical and the real. We will evaluate the power of storytelling to explore our own and diverse cultures and our relationship with the natural world.

N.B. Last meeting 20 March. This will be an online Zoom course. Course Reference Number C2424271

8 meetings on Mondays, starting 23 January

Fee: £40.80

Venue: Online

Time: 12:00 to 13:30

DAYTIME COURSES IN MAIDENHEAD / ONLINE SPRING 2023

★ **ROYAL BURIALS IN ANCIENT EGYPT**

John Billman

The burials of pharaohs and their families evolved over three millennia. The first burials were lavish and included members of the pharaoh's entourage to serve them in the afterlife. Later, Old Kingdom pyramids at sites such as Saqqara and Giza physically demonstrate the importance of the royal tomb and the centralised nature of government. The first royal mortuary complex of the Middle Kingdom is the Theban tomb-temple of Mentuhotep II but pyramid building returns in the 12th Dynasty. By the early New Kingdom, the Valley of the Kings in Thebes is the standard royal burial ground, where tombs have specific royal texts to ensure the king will, like the sun, be reborn after a successful journey through the night sky. Using a wide range of evidence, we will examine the features and development of these ancient Egyptian royal burials, which provide a fascinating insight into the leaders of ancient Egypt.

N.B. Last meeting 29 March. Course Reference Number C2424272

8 meetings on Wednesdays, starting 1 February

Fee: £80

Venue: Methodist Church, Allenby Road, SL6 5BQ.

Time: 10:30 to 12:30

★ **ARCHITECTURE OF GREAT CITIES OF THE UK: PORTS AND CAPITALS**

Keith Hasted

We will examine the architecture of the great cities of the United Kingdom - from medieval times to the confident creation of public buildings in the 18th and 19th centuries - and through to the inventive modern work of more recent times. This will show how the face of the nation has changed through the years. We will focus in this course on Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast, with their devolved administrations, and Bristol, Glasgow and Liverpool, as great port connections with the wider world.

N.B. Last meeting 9 February. This will be an online zoom course. Course Reference Number C2424253

6 meetings on Thursdays, starting 5 January

Fee: £30.60

Venue: Online.

Time: 10:00 to 11:30

ONLINE EVENING COURSE 2023

★ **FROM OBSCURITY TO EMPIRE: THE ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY**

Symon Hill

A look at the early days of Christianity. What can we know about Jesus as a historical figure? Can we read early Christian writings as historians or will we always be influenced by our attitudes to faith? How did Christianity rise from obscure origins to become a religion of empire?

N.B. Last meeting 27 February. This will be an online zoom course. Course Reference Number C2424266

6 meetings on Mondays, starting 16 January

Fee: £40.80

Venue: Online.

Time: 19:00 to 21:00

ODUCE-WEA JANUARY STUDY DAY 2023

◆ STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM: AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY FROM THE 17th TO 20th CENTURY

Ruth Percy

Having become essential to the Southern economy by the late 17th century, it was not until the passing of the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution in 1865 that slavery was formally abolished. Despite moments of promise, African Americans were still not considered equal citizens. It was not until the post-war years that the civil rights movement finally challenged the legal foundations of Jim Crow segregation. This study day examines African Americans' experiences, both as enslaved and freed peoples, as they struggled for freedom and equality.

1. Slavery in North America

Examines slavery in North America from the arrival of the first African slaves in 1619. We will consider the nature of the slave economy and enslaved people's experiences within it.

2. Spirituals, sabotage and slowing down: Resisting slavery

We will look at the variety of ways in which enslaved people resisted the dehumanising nature of slavery, both through small acts of agency and through larger examples of resisting or escaping from the system.

3. Emancipation and Jim Crow: Why the end of the Civil War did not bring freedom

Asks why the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 that abolished slavery did not bring freedom to African Americans. Moving into the late nineteenth century, we will examine the introduction of Jim Crow legislation that restricted African Americans' rights.

4. Civil Rights: Struggles for freedom and equality a century after the Civil War

We will consider a range of different approaches to the campaigns in the post-World War II years and the Civil Rights Movements, including those led by Martin Luther King Jr, Malcom X, and Stokely Carmichael.

Monday 16 January 2023, 10:15 to 16:00

Fee: £40 (in person)

Live streaming direct from Norden Farm

Fee: £40 (per household)

Venue: Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Altwood Road, SL6 4PF.

N.B. Fee for attendance includes tea and coffee. See pages 12/13 for arrangements for enrolment in person, lunch and live streaming.

Ruth Percy is a historian of modern Britain and the United States at St Hilda's College, University of Oxford. Her research interests include women, class, gender and cities.

Booking Information

For further information, WEA booking problems or OUDCE Study Day enrolment please contact:

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Email: weamhead@gmail.com or Telephone: 01628 563676.**

WEA courses marked ★: Please note that WEA does not allow local branches to reserve places on any courses, nor can we accept payment by cheque. **Early enrolment is advised as popular classes fill quickly.** See below for procedure:

- To find Jan term 2023 WEA Maidenhead courses online, visit the WEA website www.wea.org.uk, put Maidenhead as your town and click *search* or click on *I know the course reference number or branch name* and enter Maidenhead and click on *search*. The system will display all our January term courses that are available for booking at that time. If you want to enrol by phone you will need the course reference number.
- Students can enrol online for available courses at www.wea.org.uk or by phoning 0300 303 3464. Lines are open 9:00 to 17:00 weekdays. Payment is by credit or debit card only.
- You should receive two confirmation emails, one from Worldpay for payment and the other from WEA for course confirmation. Please query with WEA if you do not get both emails as there may be a problem with the booking.
- If you share an email address and both of you want to join the same course, you can only enrol by phone.
- If a course appears to be full, please consider putting your name on the waiting list and you will be notified when more places become available.

WEA Refunds and Course Cancellations

Fees will be refunded for courses that are cancelled, curtailed or undersubscribed. If you have paid for a course and your circumstances change so that you want to withdraw before it starts, phone WEA to request a full refund.

Concessionary Fees

WEA courses marked ★ are subsidised by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and are free for those receiving Jobseeker's Allowance and some income-related benefits.

Half Term -Week beginning 13 February 2023

Assistance Needed for Face to Face courses

We would appreciate students' help with putting chairs out and away and setting up and putting away equipment where necessary.

Refreshments

Please bring your own food and drink, if required, for consumption at the break midway through each Maidenhead class.

OULDCE (Oxford University Department for Continuing Education) Study Days marked \diamond : Please contact Steph to check course availability if you wish to attend a study day at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts. If places are available, please complete the application form and indicate how you prefer to be contacted. We need your phone number or email address in case of a problem with the course.

- Please complete a separate application form for each place and email to Steph Diggon at weamhead@gmail.com or post to the address on page 4, paying either by bank transfer to Workers' Educational Association Maidenhead sort code 60-30-06 account number 26604507 with your own name as reference or by cheque payable to WEA Maidenhead Branch.
- If a study day is cancelled a full refund will be given. Contact Steph if you wish to cancel.
- Concessions may be available at the discretion of the branch. Please apply to Steph Diggon in confidence.

Live Streaming from Norden Farm

Please contact Steph for more information if you would prefer to live stream.

Study Day Lunch

Lunch can be pre-ordered on the day from the café-bar. Please note that consumption of your own food and drink is not permitted on the premises at Norden Farm.

APPLICATION FORM FOR WEA/OULDCE STUDY DAY

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____ email _____

African-American history - Number of places _____ Fee ____

I agree to WEA Maidenhead Branch holding the above information for the WEA/OULDCE study days ()

Please keep me informed about upcoming WEA/OULDCE courses ()

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