

The Ancient History group

The Ancient History group started over ten years ago by three U3A members having an impromptu chat at the library. They were discussing ancient civilisations and decided to form a group. I took over the Convenor's role from Ron James in 2009. We meet the fourth Tuesday of the month. It used to be held in members' homes but as the group got larger we now meet mostly at The Peninsula Club. Our chosen subjects cover a certain historical era and geographical location, often enough the subject extends to more than a single meeting. On occasion we view DVDs of historical TV programmes when they are relevant to the subject, followed by discussion. These are mainly from BBC or National Geographic. We've gone from 70,000 BC, including "Out of Africa" up to the pre-Columbian era in the Americas. This included Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, Japan, Indus Valley, Phoenicians, Mayans, Incas, Greece and Rome. We've looked at the arts in these ancient places, the role of women, the development of language and the rise of agriculture and the development of city states. The group has always enjoyed light-hearted discussions without taking it too seriously and with much diversity.

New members are welcome to join us.

Ayad Hussona.....Convenor.