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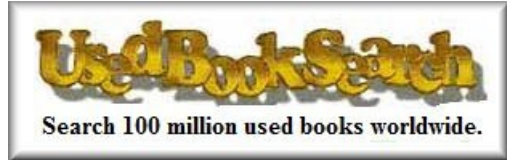
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Music Groups: YOUTUBE has always been a useful source of ten-minute music video clips, and they are easily downloaded to a desktop or laptop with '[Replay Media Catcher](#)'; but increasingly, whole programmes of music are becoming available. Here's one especially attractive session -- Evgeny Kissin playing a [one-and-a-half hour programme of Schubert, Bach and Liszt](#)

It's possible that the wonderful growth of 'Flashmob Music' has not reached every U3A Music Group. Perhaps tell them about the following examples...

- [L'Arlesienne de Bizet](#) - at Paris North Metro Station
- [Morning from Peer Gynt Suite](#) - Copenhagen Metro Train
- [Hallelujah Chorus](#) - in a UK Food Court/Restaurant
- [Ravel's Bolero](#) at Copenhagen Central Railway Station

Elsie Mutton, President of the [U3A Network of Victoria](#), Australia, paid a visit to Hyderabad after attending the [U3A International conference at Pune](#), India. With Victoria Network Secretary Susan Webster, she took time to visit the [MS Foundation School](#) run by Tom Holloway to talk to the children and distribute presents. As you can see, her visit was a notable success.

She now returns to continue organising the next U3A International conference scheduled to take place in Melbourne in October 2013.



UK members: [uSwitch](#) is a free, impartial online and telephone comparison and switching service that helps you to compare prices on a range of products and services. We can help you save money on gas and electricity, heating cover, home phone, communications, insurance and personal finance products.

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Collective Switching: In Belgium similar services have led to dramatic savings by groups of consumers. See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-20074216>

Philosophy Groups: The Institute of Ideas' mission is to expand the boundaries of public debate by organising conferences and discussions, and publishing written exchanges on its website - <http://www.instituteofideas.com>. It is committed to:

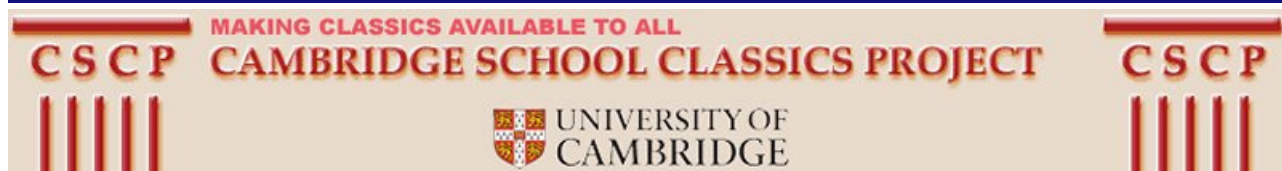


- Enlightenment values: scientific and social experimentation, intellectual ambition and curiosity
- Embracing change and making history.
- Art for art's sake, knowledge for its own sake and education as an end in itself
- Freedom. To think, to act, to say what needs saying - even if it offends others
- Challenging irrational social panics
- Open and robust debate in which ideas can be interrogated, argued for and fought over
- Civil liberties with no ifs or buts



Full member meetings: In 2006, newspapers around the United States began to publicize an unnerving phenomenon. Honeybees were mysteriously disappearing from beehives all around the nation. Dave Hackenburg, a beekeeper, reported that bees were simply vanishing from his hives. Beekeepers and commercial beekeeping enterprises around the country reported losses of 30% with some beekeepers reporting losses up to 90% of all of their colonies.

[Queen of the Sun](#) follows colorful, alternative and inspiring beekeepers from all around the globe as they keep bees in natural and holistic ways. A 50-minute video is available for [download on YOUTUBE](#).



Language Groups: Learning Latin is once again seen as a sound basis for understanding of most European languages. [The Cambridge School Classics Project](#), is the home of the world-renowned Cambridge Latin Course, hundreds of free teaching and learning resources, teacher support for Latin in UK schools, Latin online activities, myths and performance storytelling, the Electronic Pocket Oxford Latin Dictionary, and much more!

As an additional resource you might also watch some of the YOUTUBE videos available at the series '[Learning Latin with Virgil](#)'.



Sci/Tech Groups: Technology Review has relaunched itself as [MIT Technology Review](#), taking one more step toward a digital-first transformation worthy of its cutting-edge namesake.

The publication, owned by the prestigious university, recently unveiled a new website and logo. The first rebooted print issue will be released November 6, but membership options and a new HTML5 mobile platform are still to come.

Their claim... *"Every day, we provide an intelligent, lucid, and authoritative filter for the overwhelming flood of information about technology. We do this with serious journalism, written in clear, simple language, by a knowledgeable editorial staff, governed by a policy of accuracy and independence."*

We do this in features, news analysis, business reports, photo essays, reviews, and interactive digital experiences that invite our readers to probe deeper, examine data, get to know experts and their opinions—to see, explore, and understand new technologies and their impact."



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