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- Feel free to copy any or all of this information in your newsletters.
- Please send items of possible interest to the editor, [Tom Holloway](#).



An offer to UK U3A members: The Gift (working title) is an inspirational new programme for BBC One that will help people express their gratitude or make amends.

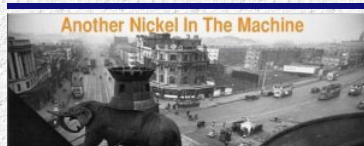
Is there someone who has changed the course of your life forever? Someone you never got the chance to thank properly? Or someone you've wronged in the past who you feel a burning need to apologise to? Do you long to talk to them but can't find the courage to do it alone? What if you've lost touch with them altogether?

Living with an unpaid debt of gratitude or a long overdue apology can be an enormous burden. The Gift is the programme that can help.

The Gift is planned for broadcast by BBC One in a primetime mid-week slot and will be presented by a well known TV personality.

For further information please contact:
 Rachel Ozers, Wall to Wall Television, 0207 424 7703
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Current Affairs Groups: The [Open Government Partnership](#) was formally launched on September 20, 2011, when the 8 founding governments (Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, Philippines, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States) endorsed an Open Government Declaration, and announced their country action plans. Since September, OGP has welcomed the commitment of 47 additional governments to join the Partnership.



History Groups: Ignore the strange title - this is a really first-rate website/blog with a huge archive of minutiae about [twentieth-century London](#). The detailed personal reminiscences on the suffragette movement in the 1920s/30s are particularly fascinating. **Highly recommended for Londoners.**



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All Groups: Since we first posted information about [UDACITY](#) in June 2012, the [free courses on offer](#) have increased in number enormously, and it now rivals COURSERA as a source of free online education, especially for computing, mathematics and design. It is managed by the above academics.

Did you ever wonder what happened to the likes of Basil



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Brush and Professor Quatermass? Well it's possible you might find the answers (and a whole lot more) at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cult/classic> Thank you Don Perham, U3A UK.

A COLD MORNING...

Wife texts husband on a cold winter's morning....

"Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back....

"Gently pour some lukewarm water over it."

Wife texts back 5 minutes later....

"Computer really screwed up now."

Courtesy of U3A Hucknell's excellent newsletter.

Music Groups - UK Home Counties: The following offer to U3A members is made by Dr. Wilf Eaton, Director of the Orchestra of St Johns.



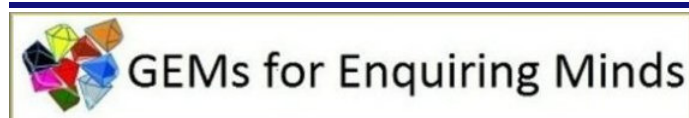
"Steven Isserlis, the UK's No. 1 Cellist, will be giving two performances with the Orchestra of St John's (OSJ) in Dorchester-upon-Thames at our annual "Music in the Abbey" festival in September. Steven is one of the very best cellists in the world and has performed with all the top international orchestras on every continent. Further information is [here>>>](#)

I thought these concerts might be of interest to your members. I would also like to tempt them to come by offering them the opportunity to buy "two tickets for the price of one" for his concerts. If they would like to take up this offer, they should phone our box office on 0845 680 1926 and give the reference "U3A".



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