UK CONNEXION

A social club for mature singles

All welcome - single, divorced, widowed

WHEREVER BORN

Autumn 2026

UK QUARTERLY

Four copies delivered for only $20. Use application form if enclosed or download one from our website **www.ukconnexion.net**

SOCIAL EVENTS ORGANIZED BY VOLUNTEERS

UK Connexion membership is FREE with a $5 levy charged at each event

To join the UK CONNEXION there are two important requirements:

1. That you are single and unattached
2. That you provide your HOME telephone number and address

(Except for communications with you about UK CONNEXION activities your personal information will not be divulged or used without your permission.)

Note: We welcome all who are single and unattached, **WHEREVER BORN**

For more information and an application form contact

www.ukconnexion.net **Hot Line 24/7: 416-201-0363**

Attention!

If you are planning to visit or pass through the UK and have dual Canada/UK citizenship, please check the new regulations first as you will be denied entry without a valid UK passport!

President Vanessa's message. . .

Thanks go to Christine and all the hosts who have together organized these super events. Enjoy lots of UK Connexion offerings this fall, and have a great Christmas!

A message from Events Director Christine . . .

A big thank-you to our loyal hosts who have once again come up with a wide array of events for members to enjoy in the fall: **Marilyn, Mary, Ron, Tony, Dave, Rosemary, Jo-ann, Peter, Kay, Oli, Jana, and Christine.** We can look forward to some rock 'n roll and jazz afternoons, posh lunches, dinners uptown and downtown, pub evenings, golf, lunch by the lakeside in Port Credit, fish 'n chips at the Port Credit Legion, Hungarian, Greek, Indian, Japanese and Italian cuisine, and interesting walks around Toronto landmarks followed by lunch.

As you know, a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes: Thank-you to Vanessa, to Bruce, and to Ron - we wouldn't have a club without your guidance. And to John, our founder, who we hope will be able to get out to enjoy some of the fall's events. And thank-you to Susan who filled in as host over the summer, and to those members who get out and support the club.

WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

The UK CONNEXION is a non-profit social group formed in 1987 for unattached singles who were born in the UK and for other singles who enjoy socializing with British people.

Modus Operandi: We offer a variety of events organized by our members. Essentially, we are a 'do-it-yourself' group, relying on members to think of and organize the events. We hope that each member will "do his/her bit" by organizing an event. However, do not be deterred if organizing is not your "cup-of-tea". You won't be pressured. You and your single friends are welcome to join us in any case.

Hot-Line 416-201-0363: Please encourage singles that you meet to call the hotline to learn how to obtain a free copy of our newsletter containing a list of UKC events. Prospective members may call the recording any time day or night.

Email: Sometimes event details change. Members are strongly urged to provide an email address so they can receive the LATEST NEWS and be notified of any changes.

Membership Fee: There is none! However, to cover our administrative costs: telephone, website, office supplies, postage, etc., we charge a levy of $3 for each event attended (new rate starting January 2026)

Newsletter: The UK QUARTERLY, published every three months containing details of events, is still available for only $20 per year. That's four issues mailed to you by Canada Post.

How to Join: Complete and mail the application form, if one is enclosed, to our Membership Director Bruce. OR, you can visit our website at www.ukconnexion.net and sign up online. Still undecided? Then call: Ian 647-636-2767 or Mary 416-485-4853.

STEERING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS		**PHONE**	**EMAIL**
President/Newsletter	Vanessa Jones	416-465-7532	van.jones@yahoo.ca
Treasurer	Ron Koehli	289-981-3184	rkoehli@bell.net
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PHONE GREETERS

Nancy Perrin, Rosemary Preskett, Christine Quinn, Bonita Stillie, Cheri Wilhelm

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

THIS QUARTER WE WARMLY WELCOME NEW MEMBERS John Munton-Davies and Irwin Curtis Baker. We now have 458 members, of whom 29% are male.

BUSINESS CARDS: If you would like some business cards and application forms to give to single friends, please request them from van.jones@yahoo.ca or by calling our hotline 416-201-0363. Please encourage unattached mature singles that you meet to join.

ADVERTISING: The Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners gives us a quarter-page ad on the back cover of their JUSTICE magazine in exchange for a link on our website to their news plus an ad in this newsletter.

POTENTIAL MEMBERS: We have two very proficient PHONE INQUIRY DIRECTORS who warmly welcome potential members: Ian at 647-636-2767 and Mary at 416-485-4853. They will explain our modus operandi and send for a free copy of the UK QUARTERLY.

PRIVACY: Your personal data is held in the strictest confidence. We do not share, rent or sell information about our members to anyone. Except for the purpose of communicating with you about UK Connexion activities, no one will receive any personal information about you, including your email address, without your permission. If you change any data, please let us know.

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

For the period June 16, 2026 – September 15, 2026

			EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES
REVENUE	Event levies	$ 458.00	
	Newsletter Subscriptions	60.00	
	Donations	65.00	583.00
EXPENSES	Newsletter	105.08	
	Website & Mailchimp expense	314.45	
	General	6.50	426.03
			156.97

BALANCE SHEET

as at Sep 15, 2026

ASSETS		
	Cash in Bank	$5,100.96
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
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Ronald Koehli, CPA

UK QUARTERLY

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

With this newsletter, some of you received a yellow reminder that your subscription to the UK QUARTERLY has expired. To ensure that you receive our next issue, you will need to send a new cheque or e-transfer for $20 (4 issues) to our Treasurer. Even if you did not receive the yellow slip and you think you are near the end of your term, why not renew now? Your expiry date, whatever it is, will be extended for a year. Forms are also available on the website - NEW SUBSCRIBERS WELCOME!

HOW TO ORGANIZE A UKC EVENT

If you've been to a few events, have met other members and some of our officers, and are considering the idea of hosting an *event, don t be scared, it's not complicated! It's simple, and it works! Just drop a line to Christine Quinn at christineukc23@gmail.com or 416-487-9869 to receive a full list of instructions regarding the steps involved. The event should encourage a gathering of members for at least a 2-3 hour time period. Please remember that we are a non-profit organization; the event is not to be for personal commercial gain, rather a way to meet new friends and remain socially active.*

UKC FALL EVENTS 2026

You and your single friends are invited to the UKC events below.
The maximum number of attendees is at the discretion of the volunteer host.
When reserving for these events, give your first and last names plus home phone number.
Your home phone number is important - even if you reserve by email. The host may need to call you about a last-minute change.
There is a $3 levy per person per event to be paid on arrival. YOUR GUESTS and FIRST TIMERS INCLUDED.
(New rate starting January 2026)
If you have ANY virus symptoms, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND.

Events marked with this symbol are wheelchair accessible.
If you will be using a wheelchair at an event, please inform the host on registration.
Please contact the host if you require information on car/TTC access to the venue, and to reserve

A note to hosts: we ask each host to check their event either on the website or in the newsletter to ensure it is correct. If it is not, then please be in touch with christineukc23@gmail.com. Thanks.

Oct 4 Sun 3 - 6 p.m. *LIVERPOOL SESSIONS* AT THE SMOKESHOW, Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton
The group is called Liverpool Sessions and they play strictly Beatles music and talk about the history. Join Marilyn to listen, sing-along and/or dance to this novel group. The Smokeshow, located just south of Eglinton at 744 Mt. Pleasant Rd, has a varied menu with interesting new specials. Plus there is lots of room to dance. There is a $20 cover charge plus the levy. Please reserve no later than Fri am prior. Contact marilyn.goodman45@yahoo.com

Oct 4 Sun 6 p.m. DINNER AT THE GRANITE BREWERY, Mt Pleasant & Eglinton
Come and join Ron at the Granite Brewery, 245 Eglinton E for mingling, drinks and dinner. Good selection of craft beers and pub type food in this long-established neighborhood restaurant. Free underground parking. The event is open to 12 members. To reserve, contact Ron at: rkoehli@bell.net or 289-981-3184.

Oct 6 Tue 7 p.m. DINNER AT SHER-E-PUNJAB INDIAN RESTAURANT, 351 Danforth Ave (Nr. Chester subway)
Tony invites you to enjoy an excellent Indian dinner at a reasonable cost at the Sher-E-Punjab. This spotless restaurant features a wide variety of Indian dishes at reasonable prices. Please register by 5 p.m., the day of the event. Contact Tony at tonyasrilen@yahoo.com or 416-693-8639.

Oct 8 Thu 1.00 p.m. THURSDAY AFTERNOON LUNCH AT THE PICKLE BARREL
Mary and Marilyn invite you to join them for lunch at The Pickle Barrel, top floor of the Yonge-Eglinton Centre (N.W. corner). This popular restaurant has an extensive and reasonably-priced menu with a wide variety of food, beer and wine on offer. There are some great desserts too. Please contact Mary at mvigrow@rogers.com 416-485-4853 OR, Marilyn at marilyn.goodman45@yahoo.com

Oct 13 Tue 11 a.m. EXPLORE THE NECROPOLIS CEMETERY
Join Dave to explore where many famous Toronto and Ontario people are buried. Afterwards we will walk down the street to the Irish Stout pub for lunch. Contact Dave at dturtoc551@gmail.com

Oct 13 Tue 6 p.m. DINNER AT THE BUDAPEST RESTAURANT, 2183 Danforth Ave.
Join Rosemary to enjoy a traditional Hungarian restaurant serving stews, cabbage-rolls, schnitzel, dumplings, and more. Event is open to 12 members. Contact Rosemary at rosemary2k14@gmail.com or 416-423-1753.

Oct 17 Sat 12 noon GOLF FUN Day Eglinton/Jane
Join Jo-ann at the Scarlett Woods golf course for 18 holes of golf. COST: green fees $41.86 for seniors and $56.95 for adults, plus the UKC $3 levy. Rentals are available: Clubs $25 with pull cart included, pull cart only $7, power carts $25/person. There will be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. IMPORTANT: To reserve contact Jo-ann at 416-707-7758 or jdathome@sympatico.ca by 6 p.m. Saturday prior.

Oct 17 Sat 3:30 p.m. DIXIELAND JAZZ AT GROSSMAN'S TAVERN, 377 Spadina
Join Peter for an afternoon of Dixieland Jazz, 3:30pm to 6:30pm, by the Happy Pals, along with beer or wine refreshments and a chance to get up and dance along to the music if you wish. UKC limit of 10 people. Coming early is advised as it gets pretty busy once the music starts. Our group will probably leave around 6:15pm to go for dinner at **the Sin and Redemption Pub, 136 McCaul Street** (optional). Grossman's is located at the Nassau Street stop of the TTC Spadina Street Car. Parking is available at the rear of Grossmans, on Cecil Street. Contact Peter Warth at pwarth.es@gmail.com or 647-222-1502.

Oct 18 Sun 6:30 p.m. DINNER AT THE HOT HOUSE RESTAURANT, 35 Church St.
Ron invites you to enjoy dinner at one of the busiest restaurants in Toronto (corner of Church & Front), and the reason is clear – great food. It offers an eclectic menu to suit all tastes, including an extensive vegetarian selection. It has an extensive selection of wines from around the world as well as cocktails, and a selection of offerings from Canadian microbreweries. Contact Ron Koehli by the day before at rkoehli@bell.net or 289-981-3184.

Oct 23 Fri 4 p.m. SUPPER AT THE PORT CREDIT LEGION
Join Oli for "*Fish and Chips Friday*s" at the *Port Credit Legion*. **October 22nd is the deadline to reserve a spot.** Call Oli at 905 271 8799 if attending.

Oct 25 Sun 3 p.m. A ROCK & ROLL FEAST AT THE SMOKESHOW! Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton
Join Marilyn at the Smokeshow, 744 Mt. Pleasant Rd. just south of Eglinton to enjoy this fantastic group. ***The British Invasion*** is a 4-piece band specializing in Covers of the famous British bands of that era including The Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Who, Moody Blues, Animals and many more. Come out and join us dancing up a storm. There is a $20 cover charge plus the levy. Please reserve no later than Fri am prior. Contact marilyn.goodman45@yahoo.com Editor's Suggestion: Book early!

Oct 27 Tue 6 p.m. DINNER AT SOULAS, 500A Danforth Ave.
Join Rosemary and enjoy dinner at Soulas, a family-owned restaurant located 2-1/2 blocks from Chester station and offering a wide selection of Greek cuisine. Their complete menu is available on Google. Their prices are reasonable and the ambience pleasant. Contact at rosemary2k14@gmail.com or 416-423-1753.

Oct 30 Fri 6:30 p.m. DRINKS & DINNER AT THE BULL & FIRKIN, Yonge/Davisville
Join Christine for Friday night out at The Bull & Firkin, 1835 Yonge St. Great pub grub and a good choice of beer and wine with specials on both food and drink each day. Prices are reasonable. Limited to 9 members. Please contact by Wed prior at christineukc23@gmail.com or 416-487-9869

Nov 1 Sun 3 – 6 p.m. DANNY MARKS AT THE SMOKESHOW, Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton
Come and see DANNY MARKS at Smokeshow, 744 Mt. Pleasant Rd. just south of Eglinton.
Join Marilyn to listen, sing-along and/or dance to Danny Marks, singer and musician (founding member of the group Edward Bear). The Smokeshow has a varied menu with interesting new specials. Plus there is lots of room to dance. There is a $20 cover charge plus the levy. Please reserve no later than Fri am prior. Contact marilyn.goodman45@yahoo.com

Nov 1 Sun 6 p.m. DINNER AT THE GRANITE BREWERY, Mt Pleasant & Eglinton
See Oct 4.

Nov 3 Tue 7 p.m. JAPANESE DINNER, Danforth/Carlaw)
Join Tony at the Katsu Sushi Japanese Restaurant, 572 Danforth Ave at Carlaw (near Pape subway). It has a wide menu of Japanese specialties. Set course and combo dinners from $15.99. Register by 5 p.m., the day of the event. Please contact Tony at 416-693-8639 or tonyasrilen@yahoo.com

Nov 8 Sun 6:30 p.m. DINNER AT THE HOT HOUSE RESTAURANT, 35 Church St.
See Oct 18.

Nov 10 Tue 6 p.m. DINNER AT THE BUDAPEST RESTAURANT, 2183 Danforth Ave.
See Oct 13.

Nov 12 Thu 1.00 p.m. THURSDAY AFTERNOON LUNCH AT THE PICKLE BARREL
See Oct 8.

Nov 14 Sat 3:30 p.m. DIXIELAND JAZZ AT GROSSMAN'S TAVERN, 377 Spadina
See Oct 17

Nov 15 Sun 3 – 6 p.m. YORK JAZZ ENSEMBLE AT THE SMOKESHOW, Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton
Join Marilyn to listen and/or dance to this legendary jazz group. The Smokeshow, located at 744 Mt. Pleasant Road, has a varied menu with interesting new specials. Plus there is lots of room to dance. There is a $15 cover charge plus the levy. Please reserve no later than Fri am prior. Contact marilyn.goodman45@yahoo.com

Nov 17 Tue 10:30 a.m. WALK THE BELTLINE!
Join Dave at Caledonia Station at 10.30a.m. and take a walk along the Beltline to Yonge Street and have lunch and a jar at the Bull and Firkin. Contact Dave at dturtoc551@gmail .com

Nov 20 Fri 1 p.m. LUNCH AT VIBO, 2995 Bloor St. W
Join Jana for lunch at this popular Italian restaurant located near Royal York subway. Please call Jana 2 days ahead to register. Reservations are needed and the number to call is 416 8331255

Nov 24 Tue 6 p.m. DINNER AT SOULAS, 500A Danforth Ave.
See Oct 27.

Nov 27 Fri 6:30 p.m. DRINKS & DINNER AT THE BULL & FIRKIN, Yonge/Davisville
See Oct 30.

Dec 4 Fri 1 p.m. LUNCH AT SNUG HARBOUR, PORT CREDIT
Join Oli for lunch at *Snug Harbor* on the lakeside. *Snug Harbo*r is a popular lake side venue in Port Credit and reservations are required. Please call Oli at 905 271 8799 by 2nd December.

Dec 6 Sun 3 – 6 p.m. DANNY MARKS AT THE SMOKESHOW, Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton
See Nov 1.

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Dec 15 - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you are not yet on the mailing list for the UK QUARTERLY, please send your cheque for the $20 subscription for four issues (Winter 2027-Fall 2027). Use the yellow application form or download a form from **www.ukconnexion.net**.

This is also the last day to let the Events Director know what events you would like to organize in Jan, Feb, Mar: Christine Quinn christineukc23@gmail.com

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See Oct 30.

Dec 20 Sun 3 – 6 p.m. **YORK JAZZ ENSEMBLE AT THE SMOKESHOW, Mt. Pleasant & Eglinton**
See Nov 15.

Dec 22 Tue 6 p.m. DINNER AT SOULAS, 500A Danforth Ave.
See Oct 27.

Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners

416-253-6402
www.britishpensions.com

Have you worked in the UK? If you have, you are probably eligible for a British State Pension (equivalent of CPP). The state pension was drastically changed for those reaching pension age after 5th April 2016. The full "single tier pension" will provide a weekly pension of £168 (at 2019/20 rates). There will not be a spousal benefit. Are you aware this pension will be frozen? Four per cent of UK pensioners, the majority in the Commonwealth, do not receive cost of living increases - their pension remains fixed for life, whereas residents of the USA, European Union and many other countries receive annual increases. This is discrimination on a scale not often seen.

When you become a member, CABP can assist you with improving and claiming your pension, but its main reason for existence is to end the discrimination noted above. The goal is to get annual cost of living increases for British pensioners resident in Canada or wherever they choose to live.

CABP is a member of the International Consortium of British Pensioners (ICBP) along with another group in Australia. Please check out their website at https://bpia.org.au/
If you would like to join CABP online you may do so at:
https://www.britishpensions.com/join-now

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