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- ◆ Holiday in Croatia, 9-14 May 2014

*What's On?*

## Monthly Meetings

All meetings take place in the Christian Centre on the second Wednesday of each month (except August), starting at 2.30pm (2.00pm for the AGM in May). **Members' guests and other visitors are welcome for up to two meetings, after which they are invited to become members.** Admission for members and guests is free.

If you are finding it difficult to get to monthly meetings but would like to come if someone were to collect you, please ring Elizabeth Holmes (01306 884831), who will try to find a volunteer to drive you. If you drive, come to monthly meetings regularly and would like to be added to a list of drivers willing to collect members, would you kindly let Elizabeth know.

### **11 September 2013 THE PEOPLE'S VULCAN AND HOW WE WERE GOING TO DROP A NUCLEAR BOMB**

#### **Jim Barnes**

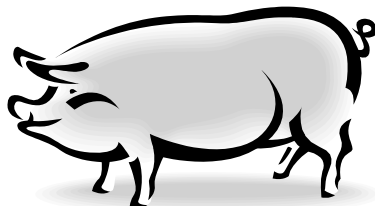
who flew on Vulcan bombers with the Dambusters Squadron during the cold war



### **9 October 2013 PIGS, POLYTUNNELS AND PICK YOUR OWN**

#### **Gordon Gillett**

of Priory Farm, South Nutfield



### **13 November 2013 LAWRENCE OF ARABIA David Williams, a member of**

several military history societies, who frequently visits battlefields around the world, speaks to regimental groups and lectures in colleges, the National Army Museum and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst



### **11 December 2013 SO, WHAT IS WRONG WITH PACKAGING (AND WHY CAN'T I BUY A CUCUMBER WITHOUT A PLASTIC WRAP?)**

**David Shires**, Editor-in-Chief of the international journal *Packaging Technology and Science* and a guest Professor at Jinan University in China



## *Study and Interest Groups*

\* = Vacancies      # = Waiting list

Members may join as many groups as they wish as long as there are vacancies. From time to time, there may be room in other groups, some of which have waiting lists. Just ring the contact number for further particulars.

Please let Pam Toler (01306 882970) or Tom Arundel (01306 885730) know if you are proposing to start a new group or have suggestions for new groups or wish to make a general enquiry.

### #Ancient Greece

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 2.00  
Ken Kelsey: (01306) 884329

### \*Art Appreciation

Last Wednesday from 2.00-4.00  
Pat Lucas: (01306) 711653

### \*Bowls

Every Friday at 2.30 until end of  
September at Pippbrook Bowling  
Club. £3 per session, but two  
tasters are free.  
David Pettman: (01306) 883043

### \*Computing

Last Thursday at 2.15  
Ken Kendall: (01737) 843130

### \*Current Issues

3rd Wednesday at 10.30  
Jim Docking: (01737) 843260

### \*Days Out

Day trips to places of interest. See  
pages viii-ix for forthcoming trips.  
(All are members of this group)  
Jean Williams: (01737) 845907  
*See back page for other members  
of the organising team.*

### #Enjoying Architecture

Last Monday at 2pm for talks,  
mornings for visits.  
Mary Cowan: (01306) 885341

### #Exercise for Health

Every Tuesday at 10.15  
Meets in the Reading Room, Institute  
Road, Westcott.  
£26 per quarter, payable in advance.  
*Short waiting list*  
Pauline Huxtable: (01737) 842449

### \*Financial Matters

Last Friday at 11.00  
Gordon Williams: (01306) 640654  
*Secretary:* Pam Farbrother:  
(01306) 886523

### \*French Conversation

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 2.30  
Audrey Mark: (01306) 742093  
Helen Kendrick: (01306) 889284

### #Genealogy Workshops

*Non-Beginners*  
1st Wednesday at 10.00  
Paddy Neville: (01306) 882657  
*Beginners*  
2nd Wednesday at 10.00  
Paddy Neville: (01306) 882657

\*German for Non-Beginners

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 2.00

Inga Avery: (01403) 210307

\*Italian Conversation

2nd and 4th Mondays at 2.30

Phillipa Holloway: (01306) 882791

#Jane Austen

2nd Tuesday 2.15

Florence Reid : (01306) 879835

*Tutor: Shirley Andrews*

#Jazz Appreciation

2nd Thursday at 2.00

John Brown: (01306) 886819

\*Keep Dancing

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 2.30

£5 each session.

Doreen Raine: (01306) 886817

\*Latin for Today

3rd Tuesday at 10.30 in Lincoln Arms, Dorking

Rosemary Harbridge: (01306)

881520

\*Luncheon Club

Last Monday at 12.00 for 12.30

except for holidays when dates may vary

30 Sep The Black Horse, Reigate (on A25 by Reigate Heath)

28 Oct The Stepping Stones, Westhumble

25 Nov The Watermill, Dorking

Dec No meeting

Zelma Mitchell: (01306) 882416

\*Mahjong

Last Wednesday at 10.30

Ann Watney: (01306) 889115

\*Metaphysical Poetry

1st & 3rd Mondays from 2.30 to

4.00

Starting 21 October. Only a small

group can be accommodated, so

please ring to reserve a place.

Bette Phillips: (01306) 887112

Music Appreciation

4th Tuesday at 8.00pm on alternate months

Charles Richardson:

(01306) 889689

#Myths

3rd Wednesday at 10.00

Jill Burberry: (01306) 880653

#Needlecraft and Stitching

1st Friday from 2.15-4.15

Anne Blanchard: (01306) 884359

\*Opera Appreciation

1st Thursday from 2.00 to 5.00

Jock Blackadder: (01306) 881118

\*Painting for Pleasure

Every Thursday from 1.30-3.30

Meets in the Christian Centre. £12 for each block of six weeks.

Elaine Major: (01306) 887273

\*Philosophy

4th Tuesday at 2.30

Marjorie Hudson: (01306) 888281

Sheila Green: (01306) 883038

\*Photography

1st Tuesday at 2.00, but this is flexible

Mike Thurner: (01306) 884831

~Pilates - 1  
Tuesdays 2.30-3.30  
Meets in the Christian Centre, Dorking.  
£18 for six weeks.  
Laura Kidd (tutor):  
*Mobile: 07977 411051*  
*~Sometimes a waiting list—please ring*

~Pilates - 2  
Tuesdays 3.45-4.45  
Meets in the Christian Centre, Dorking.  
£18 for six weeks.  
Laura Kidd (tutor):  
*Mobile: 07977 411051*  
*~Sometimes a waiting list—please ring*

~Pilates - 3  
Thursdays 10.45-11.45  
Meets in the Reading Room, Westcott.  
£18 for 6 weeks.  
Laura Kidd (tutor):  
*Mobile: 07977 411051*  
*~Sometimes a waiting list—please ring*

\*Playreading  
3rd Monday at 2.30  
Charmian Corner:  
(01306) 883374

\*Poetry Unlimited  
2nd & 4th Mondays at 2.00  
Pam Toler: (01306) 882970

#Practical Gardening  
2nd Friday at 10.00  
Joan Searle (01737 843676)

\*Reading for Pleasure  
2nd Monday at 10.00  
Joyce Kingsley-Jones:  
(01306) 885789

\*Science, Technology & Society  
2nd Monday 2.30-4.30  
Sheila Green: (01306) 883038

\*Shakespeare and his  
Contemporaries  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10.00  
Charmian Corner:  
(01306) 883374

\*Singing for Pleasure  
1st & 3rd Mondays at 10.00  
Meets in the Reading Room, Buckland.  
£12 per quarter.  
Carole Brough Fuller: (01737)  
842918  
Mary Hooper: (01737) 844406  
Conductor: Primrose Drake

\*Spanish Conversation (Intermediate)  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 2.00  
Sylvia Herbert: (01372) 372009

\*U3A Bridge Club 1 & 2  
*Group 1: Every Thursday at 2.00*  
*Group 2: Every Monday at 2.00*  
Both groups meet in the Christian Centre by St  
**Martin's Church. There is a charge of £1.50 per**  
session to cover costs; coffee/tea and biscuits  
included.  
Barbara Comber: (01306) 741756  
*Beginners given 4 hours of tuition.*  
*If you are a beginner, please ring Barbara*  
*before turning up.*

\*Walking  
2nd & 4th Fridays at 10.00  
Jane White: (01306) 888886  
Daphne Dixon: (01737) 842106

\*Wine Appreciation  
Days and times vary  
Mark Heath: (01306) 888400

## *When Do*

|           |    | 1st in month  | 2nd in month   |
|-----------|----|---|--|
| Monday    | am | Singing for Pleasure  | Reading for Pleasure<br>COMMITTEE MEETING on the<br>Monday before a Monthly<br>Meeting               |
|           | pm | Metaphysical Poetry (from<br>Oct)<br>U3A Bridge Club Group 2  | Italian Conversation<br>Poetry Unlimited<br>Science, Technology & Society<br>U3A Bridge Club Group 2 |
| Tuesday   | am | Exercise for Health<br>Shakespeare & his<br>Contemporaries  | Exercise for Health  |
|           | pm | Photography<br>Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)  | Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)<br>Jane Austen   |
| Wednesday | am | Genealogy Workshop for Non-<br>Beginners  | Genealogy Workshop for<br>Beginners  |
|           | pm | Spanish Conversation  | MONTHLY MEETING  |
| Thursday  | am | Pilates 3 (Westcott)  | Pilates 3 (Westcott)   |
|           | pm | Ancient Greece<br>French Conversation<br>German for Non-beginners<br>Opera Appreciation<br>Painting for Pleasure<br>U3A Bridge Club Group 1 | Keep Dancing<br>Jazz Appreciation<br>Painting for Pleasure<br>U3A Bridge Club Group 1                |
| Friday    | am |   | Practical Gardening<br>Walking   |
|           | pm | Bowls (to end of Sept)<br>Needlecraft & Stitching   | Bowls (to end of Sept)   |

| <i>We Meet?</i>   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 3rd in month  | 4th/last in month  | <i>Also:</i>                                   |
| Singing for Pleasure  | Enjoying Architecture (if day outing)<br>Luncheon Club (noon) (but dates vary to avoid holidays) | Wine Appreciation — <i>days and times vary</i> |
| Metaphysical Poetry (from Oct)<br>Playreading<br>U3A Bridge Club Group 2  | Enjoying Architecture<br>Italian Conversation<br>Poetry Unlimited<br>U3A Bridge Club Group 2     | Days Out (days vary — <i>see pp.viii-ix</i> )  |
| Exercise for Health<br>Latin for Today<br>Shakespeare & his Contemporaries  | Exercise for Health  | Theatre Trips — <i>see p.x</i>                 |
| Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)   | Music Appreciation (8pm)<br>Philosophy<br>Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)                                | Regional Study Days — <i>see p.xi</i>          |
| Current Issues<br>Myths   | Mahjong  |  |
| Spanish Conversation  | Art Appreciation   |  |
| Pilates 3 (Westcott)  | Pilates 3 (Westcott)   |  |
| Ancient Greece<br>French Conversation<br>German for Non-beginners<br>Painting for Pleasure<br>U3A Bridge Club Group 1 | Computing<br>Keep Dancing<br>Painting for Pleasure<br>U3A Bridge Club Group 1                    |  |
|   | Financial Matters<br>Walking   |  |
| Bowls (to end of Sept)  | Bowls (to end of Sept)   |  |

## Days Out – New Arrangements

Day excursions and other social events are organised by the Days Out Committee (see back page)



- Enquiries and bookings may be made at monthly meetings or by phone. If phoning, please ring Jean Williams (01737 845907).
- Payment must be made by cheque (not cash) with the name of the outing written on the back and made out to DORKING AND DISTRICT U3A SOCIAL EVENTS. Payment may be made either at monthly meetings or by post to arrive no later than 14 days before the outing.
- In the interests of fairness and to avoid block bookings, the committee will be pleased to accept reservations for yourself and just one other person per outing.
- Please send your cheque to Jean Williams, 77A Middle Street, Brockham, Betchworth RH3 7HL.
- It should be pointed out that in the event of a member making a cancellation, only the entrance fee can be refunded, provided this is possible.
- Refreshments are not normally included in the cost, which is based on the assumption that a minimum of 40 people will be travelling.

Unless otherwise stated the coach leaves at 9.15 from Brockham and after that at **the times and places listed below. There will be 'comfort stops' on longer trips.** Normally the return journey begins at approximately 4.00pm.

Your suggestions for future excursions would be much appreciated.

### Please note the coach departure places and times (Times in parentheses are for the September and October outings)

|      |        |   |
|------|--------|---|
| 9.15 | (8.45) | BROCKHAM: Middle Street near junction with Oakdene Road   |
| 9.25 | (8.55) | DORKING: Outside Dorking Halls (NOT Pippbrook)            |
| 9.30 |        | DORKING: Opposite old Waitrose ) (Not for the September & |
| 9.35 |        | DORKING: Opposite The Bush ) October outings)             |
| 9.40 |        | NORTH HOLMWOOD: The Cabin )                               |



**Thursday 19 September 2013  
LACOCK ABBEY AND  
VILLAGE, WILTSHIRE**

We have re-considered a visit to this National Trust house and picturesque village. Although the journey is a little longer than usual (2½ hours), we think you will agree it is worth an early start (*see panel at bottom of previous page*).

The Abbey, founded in 1232, was converted into an atmospheric country house in 1540, leaving many features, such as the cloisters, intact. It was the home of William Henry Fox Talbot, whose pioneering photographic work can be seen in the museum. You may find that you recognise the charming village, which dates from the 13th century, since it is often used in TV period dramas such as *Cranford*.  
**Cost: £15 for NT members. Non-members will be asked to pay an entrance fee at the door. Note special departure times (see opposite).**

**Monday 14 October 2013  
BLETCHLEY PARK**

***FULLY BOOKED – WAITING LIST  
ONLY***

We have all heard of Bletchley Park, the historic site of the secret code-breaking activities during the Second World War. Above all, we know something of the dramatic discovery of the solution to the Enigma Code, which was so instrumental in our winning the war.

The Days Out Committee has arranged for you to see the machines that the code-breakers used, and also to see one of the very first computers– it is huge!

There is approximately one mile to walk on the guided tour, but wheelchairs are available.

**Cost: £25, including coffee and a sandwich lunch. Note special departure times (see opposite).**

**Tuesday 26 November 2013  
THE BBC**

We have all seen the new state-of-the-art news studio on our televisions: here is the chance to see it in the flesh! The BBC now transmits their multimedia programmes from the newly redesigned and updated centre at Langham Place.

The tour promises to be both enjoyable and informative, with the opportunity to see some of the studios whilst learning about the history of the BBC. If you would like to experience what it is like to read the news and weather forecast, you can do this too (though not live!).

A fair amount of walking is involved, but there is a café on site for rest and refreshment.

The coach will take us to see the Christmas lights before we come home.  
**Cost: £25**

**Friday 17 January 2014  
THE CHEAPSIDE HOARD and  
THE MUSEUM OF LONDON**

The Cheapside Hoard is a new exhibition at the Museum of London of a priceless collection of 16th and 17th century jewels, which were found under the cellar floor of a house in Cheapside. The reason why they were hidden and never reclaimed is a mystery.

The exhibition will present fascinating insights into Elizabethan and Jacobean London.

There is a café at the museum and plenty of other displays to interest you before we head home.

**Cost: £18**

## Calendar of Events September to December

|     |    |                        |  |
|-----|----|------------------------|--|
| Sep | 11 | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> | The People's Vulcan and how we were going to drop a nuclear bomb |
|     | 19 | <i>Day Out</i>         | Lacock Abbey   |
|     | 20 | <i>Study Day</i>       | Pilgrimages  |
|     | 26 | <i>Theatre Trip</i>    | Ballet <i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i>                            |
| Oct | 9  | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> | Pigs, Polytunnels and Pick Your Own                              |
|     | 14 | <i>Day Out</i>         | Bletchley Park   |
|     | 18 | <i>Study Day</i>       | The Architecture and Townscape of Venice                         |
|     | 25 | <i>Theatre Trip</i>    | Fiddler on the Roof  |
| Nov | 13 | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> | Lawrence of Arabia   |
|     | 15 | <i>Study Day</i>       | The Future of Nuclear Energy in the UK                           |
|     | 26 | <i>Day Out</i>         | The BBC  |
| Dec | 11 | <i>Monthly Meeting</i> | So, What is Wrong with Packaging?                                |

### Theatre Trips

*Matinées at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking, organised by Bookham U3A*

To book or make enquiries, please ring Sheila Pomfret (01372 454706). Sheila may also be able to tell you about other planned trips. If you would like to be kept informed of future theatre trips, please ask Sheila to be put on her list.

Thursday 26 September: Northern Ballet in ***Midsummer Night's Dream***. All tickets have been sold, but please ring Sheila to ask if there are cancellations.

Friday 25 October: *Fiddler on the Roof*.  
Further details from Sheila.

As we go to print, there's a possibility of a group booking for a production at the National Theatre. Please ring Sheila for further information.



## *Surrey Regional Study Days September-December 2013*

Study days are held in the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon. Note that as the hall is large, there is no need to enquire about vacancies – just send the application. Each day starts at 9.30am with registration and finishes at 4.00pm. The cost including coffee/tea and biscuits is £10 (£12 non-members). Please bring a packed lunch.



Booking is necessary. Forms are available at Monthly Meetings or by phoning Julie Mellows on 01306 889404. Alternatively, you can obtain a form on the Surrey U3A Network website by clicking the study day you wish to attend. A link to this website can be found on our own website (**dorkingu3a.org.uk**) under 'Contacts'. <http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/>

The website may also list study days beyond those below.

Friday 20 September  
Pilgrimages from Medieval to Modern Times  
Catherine Ferguson, Sussex University

Friday 18 October  
The Architecture and Townscape of Venice  
Barrie Clark, Reigate & Redhill U3A

Friday 15 November  
The Future of Nuclear Energy in the UK  
Ian Funnell, John Gallop, Bill Nuttall and Jeroen Veenstra

*Holiday in Croatia, 9-14 May 2014*

*See Newsletter, pp24-25*

## *Committee*

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