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- ◆ Day Trips to the Cheapside Hoard and the Museum of London, the National Theatre (guided tour backstage), Cambridge, and Hughenden Manor
- ◆ Theatre Trips to Woking (organised by Bookham U3A) to see the ballet *Swan Lake*
- ◆ Holiday in Croatia, 2-9 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 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



8 January 2014 MISTRESSES, SCOUNDRELS AND PRINCESSES: SECRET STORIES OF KENSINGTON PALACE

Nigel Arch, LVO

Former Director of State Apartments at Kensington Palace and now Chairman of the Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre



12 February 2014 THE MEASUREMENT OF COLOUR

Andrew Hanson Senior Research Scientist, National Physical Laboratory

Colour informs, influences consumer choices, warns us, comforts us. To use it in manufacturing processes from pills to paints, we need to measure it. But how do we ascribe numbers to a human perception so incredibly versatile and variable? There is a lot more to colour than meets the eye, and this demonstration talk will contain surprises.

12 March 2014 A VIEW INSIDE OUR MAGISTRATES' COURTS

Hilary Parker, who has been a magistrate for 10 years



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 from next spring at Bowling Club. £3 per session, but two tasters are free.
David Pettman: (01306) 883043

(The Computing Group has now closed.)

*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 2.00 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

Dec No meeting

27 Jan The Pilgrim , nr Dorking West
Station

24 Feb The Stepping Stones, West
Humble

31 Mar The Watermill, Dorking

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

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

*Photography

1st Tuesday at 2.00, but this is
flexible

Mike Thurner: (01306) 884831

~Pilates - 1

Every Tuesday 2.30-3.30

~Pilates - 2

Every Tuesday 3.45-4.45

Both above groups meet in the Christian Centre, by St Martin's Church, Dorking.

~Sometimes a waiting list– please ring

*Pilates - 3

Every Thursday 10.45-11.45 in the Reading Room, Westcott (free parking)

Tutor: Laura Kidd (tutor, to whom all enquiries should be made) Mobile: 07977 411051

Overall Group Leader: Mary Rowlatt: 01306 883372

Revised fee arrangements for each group: £4.50 per session paid by cheque at the start of each block of 6 - 8 weeks (the number depending on holiday periods); no refunds.

*Playreading

3rd Monday at 2.30

Charmian Corner: (01306) 883374

*Poetry Unlimited

2nd & 4th Mondays at 2.00

Pam Toler: (01306) 882970

*Portfolio Management – proposed new group

Please see Newsletter p5

#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, payable in advance.

Carole Brough Fuller: (01737)

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

<i>We Meet?</i>		
3rd in month	4th/last in month	<i>Also:</i>
Singing for Pleasure	Enjoying Architecture (if day outing) Luncheon Club (noon) (but dates vary to avoid holidays)	Wine Appreciation — <i>days and times vary</i>
Metaphysical Poetry (from Oct) Playreading U3A Bridge Club Group 2	Enjoying Architecture Italian Conversation Poetry Unlimited U3A Bridge Club Group 2	Portfolio Management (proposed). <i>Details to be decided.</i>
Exercise for Health Latin for Today Shakespeare & his Contemporaries	Exercise for Health	Days Out (days vary — <i>see pp.viii-ix</i>)
Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Music Appreciation (8pm) Philosophy Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Theatre Trips — <i>see p.x</i>
Current Issues Myths	Mahjong	Regional Study Days — <i>see p.xi</i>
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	Financial Matters Walking	
Bowls (from spring)	Bowls (from spring)	

Days Out – 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 Cambridge outing only,
when there are just two pick-up points*

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| 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) |
| 9.35 | | DORKING: Opposite The Bush) (Not for the March trip) |
| 9.40 | | NORTH HOLMWOOD: The Cabin) |

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

Thursday 13 February 2014
BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE
NATIONAL THEATRE

This should prove a fascinating experience. As well as rehearsal rooms on site, the National Theatre makes all its own props and costumes backstage, and our tour will include visits to these workshops. As every guided tour is different depending on what rehearsals are in progress at the time of our visit, it is difficult to predict the exact content **of our tour – but it will be interesting!** The tour lasts 90 minutes. Café on site for coffees and lunch. Afternoon free for other attractions on the South Bank, e.g. Tate Modern, Hayward Gallery *Cost: £18*

Tuesday 18 March 2014
CAMBRIDGE

The colleges, with their beautiful mellow **buildings, art galleries and museums** – notably the Fitzwilliam, which covers world **history from 25,000BC to the present day** – all these are to be seen and enjoyed in Cambridge. (But keep your wits about you when you saunter across the road as students weave in and out of traffic and pedestrians alike at top speed on their ramshackle bicycles!) We have booked a guided general walking tour lasting **90 minutes that takes in King's College**, after which you will be free to enjoy the city's other museums and have lunch or take sandwiches. Please note early start with only two pick-up points (see panel opposite).

Cost: £25



Monday 28 April 2014
HUGHENDEN MANOR

This was the Buckinghamshire home of **Benjamin Disraeli, Queen Victoria's favourite** prime minister. The rooms are filled with his books, paintings and furniture. There are many mementoes, including some donated by Queen Victoria. Quite by accident, it came to light that Hughenden had been the **mapmakers' secret HQ during WWII**. The house is set on a steep hill, but it is worth the climb to be able to go round this atmospheric and historic building. After lunch we will make a short journey to a garden centre close to the notorious Hellfire Caves. You will then be free to wander around the garden centre or go into the caves. The cost of the trip does not include entrance to the caves. Please note the ground underfoot may be a little damp and uneven and sturdy shoes should be worn.

Cost: £13 (+ £7.40, collected on the coach, for non-NT members – correct money, please)

Calendar of Events December 2013 to March 2014

Dec	11	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	So, What is Wrong with Packaging?
Jan	8	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Mistresses, Scoundrels and Princesses: Secret Stories of Kensington Palace
	17	<i>Day Out</i>	The Cheapside Hoard and Museum of London
Feb	12	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	The Measurement of Colour
	13	<i>Day Out</i>	Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre
	21	<i>Study Day</i>	Does the European Union have a Future?
Mar	12	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	A View Inside our Magistrates' Courts
	18	<i>Day Out</i>	Cambridge
	20	<i>Theatre Trip</i>	Swan Lake
	21	<i>Study Day</i>	Music of the People - The Folk Music of England

Theatre Trips

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

Thursday 20 March 2014
SWAN LAKE

Matthew Bourne's production

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.

*Holiday in Croatia, 2-9 May 2014
See Newsletter, p18*

*South-East Surrey Summer School, 24-27 June 2014
University of Chichester*

Details of courses for this conference (and also national conferences) will be published early in the New Year before the March Newsletter. To be sure of a place with your choice course, please ask Julie Mellows (01306 889404) to keep you informed, or look on the Surrey U3A Network website.

Surrey Regional Study Days February to June 2014

Study days are held on Fridays in the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon. Since 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', or Google 'Surrey U3A Network' and click on 'Events'.** The website may also list study days beyond those below.

Booking now open:

21 February 2014: Does the European Union have a Future?
Dr Simon Usherwood, University of Surrey

21 March 2014: Music of the People - The Folk Music of England
Mike Head, Elmbridge U3A & Steve Roud, English Folk Dance & Song Society

11 April 2014: Astronomy topic
details to be announced (see website)

Booking from 1 February:

16 May 2014: The Holy Roman Empire: Power, Politics and the
Papacy
Canon Dr Anne Davison

20 June 2014: Victorian Novels of Town & Country
Speakers to be announced

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