



# Dorking & District University of the Third Age

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- ◆ Monthly Talks on **magistrates' courts**, songs of Flanders and Swan, modern day smuggling and the *Titanic*
- ◆ Listings of Study and Interest Groups
- ◆ Study Days on folk music, astronomy, the Holy Roman Empire, and Victorian novels
- ◆ Day Trips to Cambridge, Hughenden Manor, White Mill & Salutation Gardens and **Buckler's Hard**
- ◆ Theatre Trips to Woking (organised by Bookham U3A) to see the ballet *Swan Lake* and *Dance 'Til Dawn*
- ◆ Proposed Holiday in Scotland in early October

# 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.

### **12 March 2014** **A VIEW INSIDE OUR** **MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

**Hilary Parker**, who has been a magistrate for 10 years



### **9 April 2014** **SONGS OF FLANDERS AND** **SWANN**

**Stanley Griffiths and David Lane**



### **14 May 2014** **2.00pm AGM** **2.30pm: MODERN DAY** **SMUGGLING**

**Derrick Fulford, JP**

Retired management  
consultant and former  
customs officer



### **11 June 2014** **THE TITANIC**

**Rob Goldsmith**

Winner of the History Channel  
competition to dive to the wreck for a  
TV documentary



## 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 and 3rd Thursdays 2.00-4.00

Ken Kelsey: 01306 884329

### \*Art Appreciation

4th Wednesday 2.00-4.00

Pat Lucas: 01306 711653

### \*Bowls

*Outdoors:* Every Friday from 25 April to end of September (weather dependent) 2.30-4.30 at Pippbrook Bowling Club: £3 per session, but two tasters are free.

David Pettman: 01306 883043

*Indoors:* Fortnightly through the winter 2.30-4.30 at Horsham Indoor Bowls Centre, Broadbridge Heath. £5 per session.

Ann Watney: 01306 889115

### \*Current Issues

3rd Wednesday 10.30-12.00

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

### #Enjoying Architecture

Last Monday 2.00-3.00 for talks, mornings for visits.

Mary Cowan: 01306 885341

### #Exercise for Health

Every Tuesday at 10.15-11.15

Meets in the Reading Room, Westcott.

£26 per quarter, payable in advance.

*Short waiting list*

Pauline Huxtable: 01737 842449

### \*Financial Matters

Last Friday at 11.00-12.30

Gordon Williams: 01306 640654

*Secretary:* Pam Farbrother:

01306 886523

### \*French Conversation

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2.30-4.00

Audrey Mark: 01306 742093

Helen Kendrick: 01306 889284

### #Genealogy Workshops

*Non-Beginners*

1st Wednesday 10.00-12.00

Paddy Neville: 01306 882657

*Beginners*

2nd Wednesday 10.00-12.00

Paddy Neville: 01306 882657

\*German for Non-Beginners  
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2.00-4.00  
Inga Avery: 01403 210307

\*Italian Conversation  
2nd and 4th Mondays 2.30-4.00  
Phillipa Holloway: 01306 882791

#Jane Austen  
2nd Tuesday 2.15-4.00  
Florence Reid: 01306 879835  
*Tutor:* Shirley Andrews

\*Jazz Appreciation  
2nd Thursday 2.00-4.00  
John Brown: 01306 886819

\*Keep Dancing  
2nd and 4th Thursdays 2.30-3.30  
£5 each session.  
Doreen Raine: 01306 886817

\*Latin for Today  
3rd Tuesday 10.30-12.00 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  
31 Mar The Watermill, Dorking  
28 Apr Denbies  
19 May Stepping Stones,  
Westhumble  
30 June The Black Horse,  
Reigate  
Zelma Mitchell: 01306 882416

\*Mahjong  
Last Wednesday at 10.30-12.15  
Ann Watney: 01306 889115

#Metaphysical Poetry  
1st and 3rd Mondays 2.30 to 4.00  
Bette Phillips: 01306 887112

Music Appreciation  
This group is being re-formed.  
Please see *Newsletter* p5.

\*Myths  
3rd Wednesday 10.00-12.00  
Jill Burberry: 01306 880653

\*Needlecraft and Stitching  
1st and 3rd Fridays 2.15-4.30  
Anne Blanchard: 01306 884359

\*Opera Appreciation  
1st Thursday 2.00 to 5.00  
Jock Blackadder: 01306 881118

\*Painting for Pleasure  
Every Thursday 1.30-3.30  
Meets in the Christian Centre. £12  
for each block of six weeks.  
Elaine Major: 01306 887273

#Philosophy  
4th Tuesday 2.30-4.00  
Marjorie Hudson: 01306 888281

\*Photography  
1st Tuesday 2.00-4.30  
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 Rowlett:  
01306 883372

*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 2.00-4.30/5.00  
Charmian Corner: 01306 883374

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

\*Portfolio Management  
1.30 on dates agreed at each meeting  
Peter Lambeth: 01306 730494

#Practical Gardening  
2nd Friday at 10.00-12.00  
Joan Searle: 01737 843676

\*Reading for Pleasure  
2nd Monday 10.15-11.45  
Joyce Kingsley-Jones: 01306 885789

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

\*Shakespeare and his Contemporaries  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 10.00-12.30/1.00  
Charmian Corner: 01306 883374

\*Singing for Pleasure  
1st and 3rd Mondays 10.00-12.00  
Reading Room, Buckland.  
£12 per quarter, payable in advance.  
Carole Brough Fuller: 01737 842918  
Mary Hooper: 01737 844406  
*Conductor:* Primrose Drake

### **PROPOSED NEW GROUP**

Singles Club – *See Newsletter, p4*

\*Spanish Conversation (Intermediate)  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2.00-3.30  
Sylvia Herbert: 01372 372009

\*U3A Bridge Club  
Every Thursday at 2.00-4.30 in the  
**Christian Centre by St Martin's Church.**  
There is a charge of £1.50 per session;  
coffee/tea and biscuits included.  
Barbara Comber: 01306 741756  
*Beginners are given four hours of  
tuition. If you are a beginner, please  
ring Barbara before turning up.*

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

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

**POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS in archaeology, creative writing, history, line  
dancing and quilting. Please see *Newsletter* p4.**

<i>When Do</i>				
		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	Italian Conversation Poetry Unlimited Science, Technology & Society	
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	Keep Dancing Jazz Appreciation Painting for Pleasure U3A Bridge Club	
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>  Wine Appreciation — <i>days and times vary</i>  Portfolio Management (proposed). <i>Days agreed at each meeting.</i>  Days Out (days vary — see pp.viii-ix)  Theatre Trips — see p.x  Regional Study Days — see p.xi
Singing for Pleasure	Enjoying Architecture (if day outing) Luncheon Club (noon) (but dates vary to avoid holidays)	
Metaphysical Poetry Playreading	Enjoying Architecture Italian Conversation Poetry Unlimited	
Exercise for Health Latin for Today Shakespeare & his Contemporaries	Exercise for Health	
Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Music Appreciation (8pm) Philosophy Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	
Current Issues Myths	Mahjong	
Spanish Conversation	Art Appreciation	
Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	
Ancient Greece French Conversation German for Non-beginners Painting for Pleasure U3A Bridge Club	Keep Dancing Painting for Pleasure U3A Bridge Club	
	Financial Matters Walking	
Bowls (from spring)	Bowls (from spring)	

## Days Out

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.

In the trip details opposite, we give the names of the leaders and their mobile numbers. Please note that these numbers should only be used on the day of the outing.

Your suggestions for future excursions would be much appreciated.

### Please note the coach departure places and times

*Times in parentheses are for the Cambridge, Romney Marsh and White Mill outings, 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                          |
| 9.30 |        | DORKING: Opposite old Waitrose ) For the Hughenden      |
| 9.35 |        | DORKING: Opposite The Bush ) <b>Manor and Buckler's</b> |
| 9.40 |        | NORTH HOLMWOOD: The Cabin ) Hard trips.                 |



Tuesday 18 March 2014: CAMBRIDGE

Waiting list. Please note early start with only two pick-up points (see panel opposite).

*Cost:* £25

*Leaders:* Judy Peace (07889 522908) and Judith Kingsley (07415 936999)

Tuesday 13 May 2014: MORE HISTORIC CHURCHES OF ROMNEY MARSH

By popular request, we have arranged a visit to see a further selection of these little medieval churches. Each idyllic church is unique, and our guide is an enthusiastic and informative member of the trust set up to preserve them. Stout shoes are recommended as there is a little country walking and maybe a few steps to negotiate.

A delicious tea is provided by the local WI and the cost is included, but for lunch you could bring a picnic or order and pay **separately for a pub's ploughman's**. Please note the early start so we can fit in as many churches as possible (see panel opposite).

*Cost:* £45

*Leaders:* Jean Williams (07770 874762) and Sue Grant (07881 911796)

Wednesday 16 July 2014

### **BUCKLER'S HARD, HAMPSHIRE**

Situated on the banks of the River Beaulieu, **Buckler's Hard is now a peaceful hamlet** where private sailing boats lie at anchor.

However, in the 18th century it was a busy and important shipbuilding centre. There is a small maritime museum and reconstructed 18th-century cottage interiors, including a **shipwright's cottage, in the village street**.

There are pleasant woodland walks and, to complete the day, a short river cruise with commentary. Café and restaurant.

*Cost:* £28

*Leaders:* Judy Peace (07889 522908) and Sue Grant (07881 911796)

Monday 28 April 2014  
HUGHENDEN MANOR

This was the Buckinghamshire home of Benjamin Disraeli. The rooms are filled with his books, paintings and furniture.

**Hughenden was the mapmakers' secret HQ** during WW2. 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 to go into the caves (extra cost; wear sturdy shoes).

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

*Leaders:* Jean Williams (07770 874762) and Sue Grant (07881 911796)

Tuesday 17 June 2014: WHITE MILL AND SALUTATION GARDENS, SANDWICH

The White Mill Heritage Centre is a fully restored and functioning smock windmill built in 1760 for **grinding** corn. We will have coffee there and look around before going on to the Salutation Gardens.

The 3½ acres of gardens were designed by Lutyens in 1911, and Jekyll is said to have overseen the planting — so we are in for a treat. The locals call them the secret gardens because they have only recently been reclaimed from their semi-wild state. The gardens should be at their best at this time of year and, weather permitting, you could sit outside admiring the view while you have lunch.

A short walk will take you into Sandwich, where you can have a meal if you prefer.

We will not want to be rushed, so we must make an early start again with just two pick-up points (see panel opposite).

*Cost:* £24

*Leaders:* Jean Williams (07770 874762) and Sue Grant (07881 911796)

## *Calendar of Events March to June 2014*

Mar	12	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	<b>A View Inside our Magistrates' Courts</b>
	18	<i>Day Out</i>	Cambridge
	20	<i>Theatre Trip</i>	<i>Swan Lake</i>
	21	<i>Study Day</i>	Music of the People – The Folk Music of England
Apr	9	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Songs of Flanders and Swann
	11	<i>Study Day</i>	Astronomy
	28	<i>Day Out</i>	Hughenden Manor
May	13	<i>Day Out</i>	Romney Marsh churches
	14	<i>AGM &amp; Monthly Meeting</i>	Modern Day Smuggling
	14	<i>Theatre Trip</i>	<b><i>Dance 'Til Dawn</i></b>
	16	<i>Study Day</i>	The Holy Roman Empire
Jun	11	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	The <i>Titanic</i>
	17	<i>Day Out</i>	White Mill and Salutation Gardens
	20	<i>Study Day</i>	Victorian Novels
	24-27	<i>Summer School</i>	At University of Chichester

### *Theatre Trips*

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

Thursday 20 March 2014: SWAN LAKE

**Matthew Bourne's production**

**Wednesday 14 May 2014: DANCE 'TIL DAWN**

*Strictly Come Dancing* favourites Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace

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.

## *Surrey Regional Study Days March 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 just £8. 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 going to 'Events' and then clicking the study day you wish to attend.** A link to this website can be found **on our own website ([dorkingu3a.org.uk](http://dorkingu3a.org.uk)) under 'Contacts', or Google 'Surrey U3A Network' and click on 'Events'.** The website also lists study days beyond those below.

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, Big and Small

Peter Attree

16 May 2014

The Holy Roman Empire: Power, Politics and the Papacy

Canon Dr Anne Davison

20 June 2014

Victorian Novels of Town & Country

Dr Julia Courtney

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

*Course choices:* Basics of Life Drawing – Women, Art & Society – Houses & Gardens of West Sussex – Psychology of Interpersonal Behaviour – Development of Jazz – Singing for Pleasure – Ways with Words – The Wool Industry – Joy of Mathematics – Playreading for Pleasure – Memory – WW1 Memorial Design

Application forms and further details are obtainable from Julie Mellows (01306 889404) or download from the Surrey U3A Network website.

## *Committee*

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