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- Monthly Talks on oil resources and fracking, convict ancestors, London 1900-14 and monastic life
- Listings of Study and Interest Groups, including new groups on hand bell ringing, Robert Browning and Upwords, plus proposed groups on history, line dancing and quilting
- Study Days on the psychology of everyday life, genealogy, poetry and music
- National U3A events on singing, science, literature and opera production
- Day Trips to Ightham Mote, the Royal Hospital Chelsea and Winchester
- Theatre Trips to Woking (organised by Bookham U3A) to see The Great Gatsby (ballet), To Kill a Mockingbird (drama), and Calamity Jane (musical)



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.

If you have suggestions regarding topics and/or speakers for monthly meetings, please get in touch with Jenny Ford (01306 882534).

10 September 2014 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE OIL RUNS OUT? Professor Chris Rhodes

Director of Fresh-lands Environmental Actions and author of numerous scientific articles. The talk will include a

discussion on fracking.



8 October 2014 A JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF CONVICT ANCESTORS Judy Davies

Judy is an experienced public speaker with a range of talks. This one is about her own personal quest for her ancestors.



12 November 2014 LONDON, 1900-14 Michael Gilbert

Historian and archivist



10 December 2014 A MONASTIC LIFE Philip Johnson

Former Benedictine monk at Ampleforth Abbey. After leaving the order, Philip taught history and classics and then

worked for 17 years at Hampton Court Palace as head warder and visitor services manager.



Study and Interest Groups

* = Vacancies

= Waiting list

(*) Sometimes a 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 or email beforehand for further particulars.

In the listings, email addresses are now given where the group leader has requested it. Please let Pam Toler (01306 882970) or Lionel Cartlidge (01306 898491) know if you are proposing to start a new group or have suggestions for new groups or wish to make a general enquiry.

*Art Appreciation 4th Wednesday 2.00-4.00 Pat Lucas: 01306 711653 patalucas1976@yahoo.co.uk

Rowls

*Summer group: Every Friday from April until 19 September (weather dependent) 2.30-4.30 at Pippbrook Bowling Club: £3 per session but two tasters are free.

David Pettman: 01306 883043

david@pettman.co.uk

*Winter group: Fortnightly from Friday 26 September 2.15-4.30 at Horsham Indoor Bowls Centre, Broadbridge Heath. £5 per session. Ann Watney 01306 889115 ann.watney@btinternet.com

Classical Music Appreciation 1st Friday 2.00-4.00 Mike Stewart: 01306 884153 mikestewart999@btinternet.com

*Current Issues 3rd Wednesday 10.30-12.00 Jim Docking: 01737 843260 annejim@docking.eclipse.co.uk

*DIY Dressmaking 1st and 3rd Fridays 2.15-4.30 Anne Blanchard: 01306 884359 bablanch@ntlworld.com

NEW GROUP

*Dorking U3A Bells Every Friday 10.30-12.30 from 3 October in Lincoln Arms, Dorking. See Newsletter p7 Florence Reid: 01306 879835

#Enjoying Architecture Last Monday 2.00-3.00 for talks, mornings for visits. Mary Cowan: 01306 885341

#Exercise for Health Every Tuesday 10.15-11.15 in the Reading Room, Westcott. £26 per quarter, payable in advance. Pauline Huxtable: 01737 842449

*Financial Matters Last Friday 11.00-12.30 Gordon Williams: 01306 640654 Secretary: Pam Farbrother: 01306 886523 pam.farbrother@talktalk.net

*French Conversation 1st and 3rd Thursdays 2.30-4.00 Audrey Mark: 01306 742093 Helen Kendrick: 01306 889284

#Gardening

2nd Friday 10.00-12.00 Joan Searle: 01737 843676

Genealogy Workshops

#Group 1: Beginners

2nd Wednesday 10.00-12.00 Paddy Neville: 01306 882657

*Group 2: Non-Beginners 1st 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

PROPOSED GROUP

History

See Newsletter p8

*Italian Conversation 2nd and 4th Mondays 2.15-4.00 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 Dates and times vary f5 each session.

Doreen Raine: 01306 886817

*Latin for Today

3rd Tuesday 10.30-12.00 in Lincoln

Arms, Dorking

Rosemary Harbridge: 01306 881520

PROPOSED GROUP

Line Dancing See Newsletter p8

*Luncheon Club

Last Monday 12.00 for 12.30 except for holidays when dates may vary

29 Sep The Plough, Leigh

27 Oct The Watermill, Dorking 24 Nov The Black Horse, Reigate

No meeting

Zelma Mitchell: 01306 882416

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*Mahjong

2nd and 4th Wednesday 10.30-12.15

Ann Watney: 01306 889115 ann.watney@btinternet.com

*Myths

3rd Wednesday 10.00-12.00 Jill Burberry: 01306 880653

jburberry@talktalk.net

*Opera Appreciation

Under review. See Newsletter p00

*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

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*Photography 1st Tuesday 2.00-4.30

Mike Thurner: 01306 884831

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(*) 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.

*Pilates - 3

Every Thursday 10.45-11.45 in the Reading Room, Westcott (free parking) ~Sometimes a waiting list - please ring

Overall group leader: Mary Rowlatt: 01306 883372

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

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

charmian.corner@care4free.net

*Poetry Unlimited 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2.00 Pam Toler: 01306 882970 pamtoler1929@hotmail.co.uk

*Portfolio Management 3rd Friday 1.30 (varies sometimes) Peter Lambeth: 01306 730494 lambethpj@macdream.net

PROPOSED GROUP

Quilting

See Newsletter p8

*Reading for Pleasure 2nd Monday 10.15-11.45 Joyce Kingsley-Jones: 01306 885789 joycekingsleyjones@hotmail.co.uk

NEW GROUP

#Robert Browning 1st and 3rd Mondays 2.30 to 4.00 from 7 October Bette Phillips: 01306 887112

*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 charmian.corner@care4free.net

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

*Singles Club

Dates agreed at each meeting Rosemary Smith: 01306 713373 Rosemaryj.smith@virgin.net

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

NEW GROUP

*Upwords 2nd and 4th Tuesday 2.00-4.00 in the Christian Centre café, by St

Martin's Church

Elizabeth Holmes: 01306 884831 emh2010@hotmail.co.uk See Newsletter p7

*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 to cover costs; 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

National

Tuesday 30 September, 2pm-4.55pm U3A EXPLORES SCIENCE at the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, London W1

Three talks on:

- ♦ Poisons
- Psychopaths
- Materials Science

Admission by ticket only.

Cost: £20 including refreshments.

To book: Write to the Third Age Trust, 19 East Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1QE, enclosing a cheque made out to the Third Age Trust and a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Wednesday 8 October, 11am-3.30pm
INSPIRATION DAY FOR U3A
MEMBERS

Run by the Royal Opera House at its extensive workshop in Thurrock

- Tour of building
- Making scenery
- ♦ Hands-on costume workshop

Cost: £18

To book: Please ring Julie Mellows (01306 889404) for a form.

Events arranged by the U3A

3-12 October

CHELTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL

invites U3A members to participate in this major international event

Speakers include Ranulph Fiennes, Paul Atterbury, Simon Heffer, Vita Sackville West, Simon Schama, Paddy Ashdown, Antonia Fraser, Alice Roberts... and many more

A choice of events every weekday 12 noon-4pm at a special U3A price of £8 per member per event

To book an event, telephone the box office on 0844 880 8094, quoting U3A14 and Dorking U3A. If you ring between 29 and 31 August, you'll get priority booking, but you can still ring later along with the general public. You will be advised of the venue at the time of booking. The box office is open 10am-5.30pm.

Events.

- Shakespeare afternoons on King Lear (7 Oct) and Henry IV, Parts 1 & 2 (8 Oct)
- George III (8 Oct)
- How we develop from a single egg into a complex body (8 Oct)
- The story of the Jews (9 Oct)
- The men who signed King Charles's death warrant (9 Oct)
- Garden design (9 Oct)
- The D-Day story and the Resistance uprising (10 Oct)
- A history of war in 100 battles (10 Oct)
- The passing of the Great Reform Bill of 1832 (10 Oct)

For further details, please ring Julie Mellows (01306 889404)

Wednesday 22 October, 11am-4.30pm

U3A WEST END SING OUT!

at the Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (between Trafalgar Square and Embankment)

You'll be taken through a series of songs from various West End musicals following some warm-up exercises, time to learn the songs, and sessions with Louisa Ridgeway on vocal qualities, tone and harmonies. Finally, a recording will be made and a free copy of the resulting CD will be sent to you.

Cost: £35 per person, including workshops and tuition, sandwich lunch with tea, coffee and water, and CD recording.

To book: Please ring Julie Mellows (01306 889404) for a form.

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	Robert Browning	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 Upwords		
Wednesday	am	Genealogy Workshop for Non- Beginners	Genealogy Workshop for Beginners Mahjong		
	pm	Spanish Conversation	MONTHLY MEETING		
	am	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)		
Thursday	pm	French Conversation German for Non-beginners Painting for Pleasure U3A Bridge Club	Jazz Appreciation Painting for Pleasure U3A Bridge Club		
Friday	am	Dorking U3A Bells	Dorking U3A Bells Gardening Walking		
	pm	Bowls (summer, until 19 Sep) See last column for winter bowls Classical Music Appreciation DIY Dressmaking	Bowls (summer, until 19 Sep) See last column for winter bowls		

We Meet?				
3rd in month	4th/last in month	Also:		
Singing for Pleasure	Enjoying Architecture (if day outing)	Keep Dancing Days and times vary		
Robert Browning Playreading	Enjoying Architecture Italian Conversation Luncheon Club (noon – but dates vary to avoid holidays) Poetry Unlimited	Opera Appreciation Under review Portfolio Management Days agreed at		
Exercise for Health Latin for Today Shakespeare & his Contemporaries	Exercise for Health	each meeting Singles Club Dates agreed at		
Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Philosophy Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Upwords	each meeting Winter Bowls Fortnightly from		
Current Issues Myths	Mahjong	26 September		
Spanish Conversation	Art Appreciation	Days Out (days vary) —		
Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	see pp x-xii		
French Conversation German for Non-beginners Painting for Pleasure	Painting for Pleasure U3A Bridge Club	Theatre Trips — see p xiv		
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Days Out

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

- 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.

Your suggestions for future excursions would be much appreciated.

Details of each trip are given on the next two pages. 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.

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

Please note the coach departure places and times

- 9.15 BROCKHAM: Middle Street near junction with Oakdene Road
- 9.25 DORKING: Outside Dorking Halls
- 9.30 DORKING: Opposite old Waitrose
- 9.35 DORKING: Opposite The Bush
- 9.40 NORTH HOLMWOOD: The Cabin

The visit to Brooklands Museum has been cancelled.

Monday 22 September 2014 **IGHTHAM MOTE**



You are sure to find this a fascinating place. It was started in the early 14th century and is a hotchpotch of styles and gables added on to the original structure as the inhabitants of the time built upwards and outwards as their needs arose.

The mote is tucked away in a thickly wooded valley. You come upon it quite suddenly and can readily believe the story that Cromwell's men missed it and went on to loot somewhere else in their rampage through Kent.

The interior is every bit as interesting as the outside promises with its Great Hall, the crypt and the Grade 1-listed dog kennel!

Try to keep some time to wander in the lovely grounds and admire the views across the Kent countryside.

There is a café where you can buy your lunch if you haven't brought a picnic.

Cost: £16 (plus £8.80 for non-NT members, payable in cash on the bus), including cream tea

Leaders: Jean Williams (07770 874762) and Judy Peace (07889 522908)

Friday 17 October 2014 THE ROYAL HOSPITAL **CHFI SFA**



The Chelsea Pensioners are a familiar sight in and around London wearing their distinctive scarlet uniform which, as I am sure you know, only men were entitled to wear until recently.

Their home, the Royal Hospital, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, is beautiful and imposing; it lies on the bank of the Thames at Chelsea, a peaceful oasis in the heart of London, except, of course, for a few weeks every spring when the Chelsea Flower Show is held in the grounds and it is not peaceful at all.

One of the pensioners will show us round to see, among other delights, the magnificent chapel and dining hall. There is an interesting little museum, and a café in the Margaret Thatcher wing, where we shall have reserved tables for 12 noon to make sure you can sit down, but the meal is not included in the cost.

If you still have time on your hands after lunch, there is the National Army Museum next door to the hospital which is also well worth a visit.

Cost: £20

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

Wednesday 26 November 2014 WINCHESTER and CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Here is an opportunity for you to get some of your Christmas presents. Our trip coincides with the well known Winchester Christmas Fair, so perhaps you will discover some unusual gifts even for those relatives who have everything.

It is a go-as-you-please outing so, if you can, do pop into the cathedral to recharge your batteries and get everything into perspective.

Cost: £14

Leaders: Sue Grant (07881 911796) and Judith

Kingsley (07415 936999)



Surrey Regional Study Days September-November 2014

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 19 September 2014 The Psychology of Daily Life Anne Dale, Preston Park U3A

> > Friday 17 October 2014 A Double Bill Modern Genealogy

Recent developments in genealogy, getting started and popular lines of research Nick Barratt, television broadcaster and

Poetry in Motion

Why Shakespeare, Tennyson and Burns are great, plus explanation/readings of John's poems John Griffin, local poet and broadcaster

> Friday 21 November 2014 Hail, Bright Cecilia!

Exploring the music, art, poetry and legends surrounding music's patron saint Peter Medhurst, bass-baritone and pianist

Theatre Trips

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

Thursday 25 September THE GREAT GATSBY Northern Ballet

Nick Carraway comes to know his infamous neighbour Jay Gatsby – a mysterious millionaire with a secret past and a penchant for lavish parties and beautiful women. As the



sparkling façade of Gatsby's world begins to slip, Carraway comes to see the loneliness, obsession and tragedy that lies beneath.

The seductive style of the era is recreated through stunning sets and costumes. Music

The seductive style of the era is recreated through stunning sets and costumes. Music by Academy Award-nominated and BAFTA-winning composer Sir Richard Rodney Bennett CBE (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Murder on the Orient Express*) will be played live by Northern Ballet Sinfonia.

Wednesday 8 October TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD



Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is one of the most enduring and best-loved stories of our time. Written as an urgent plea for tolerance and compassion at the height of the Civil Rights movement, it tells the story of Scout Finch as she grows up during the 1930s depression in the small town of Maycomb, Alabama. Her childhood innocence is shattered when her father, Atticus Finch, defends a young black man

accused of rape.

The stage production brings out a universal tale of prejudice and deep inequalities but, eventually, humanity. It is directed by Max Webster, who was based at the Royal Exchange on the Regional Theatre Young Director's Scheme in 2011, where he directed *My Young and Foolish Heart*.

Wednesday 5 November CALAMITY JANE

Following numerous highly acclaimed productions that include *Sweeney Todd* and *Sunset Boulevard*, the Watermill Theatre returns with a new production of the classic musical *Calamity Jane*. Starring Jodie Prenger (*Oliver!*, *Spamalot* and *One Man*, *Two Guvnors*) alongside a cast of multi-talented actor/musicians, this brand new production gets to the heart and soul of the musical.



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.

Sheila will tell you prices and arrangements for the coach from Bookham.

Calendar of Events					
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	22	Day Out	Ightham Mote (page xi)		
	25	Theatre Trip	The Great Gatsby (page xiv)		
	30	National U3A event	U3A Explores Science (page vi)		
Oct 3	3-12	National U3A event	Cheltenham Literary Festival (page vii)		
	8	Monthly Meeting	A Journey in Search of Convict Ancestors (page ii)		
	8	Theatre Trip	To Kill a Mockingbird (drama) (page xiv)		
	8	National U3A event	Inspiration Day, organised by the Royal Opera House (page vi)		
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	17	Study Day	Modern Genealogy <i>and</i> Poetry in Motion (page xii)		
	17	National U3A event	U3A West End Sing Out! (page vii)		
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	21	Study Day	Hail, Bright Cecilia! (page xii)		
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