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- ◆ Listings of Study and Interest Groups, including new groups on creative writing and line dancing and several others in the planning stage
- ◆ Study Days on how the British monarchy has survived social changes, revolution and war; 18th century paintings; the future of the NHS
- ◆ Day Trips to the Imperial War Museum, **Dennis Severs' House and the Jewish Museum**
- ◆ Theatre Trips to see the ballet version of *Edward Scissorhands* and the comedy *Arcadia*
- ◆ National U3A photographic competition
- ◆ SE region summer school, 2015

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.

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

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.



14 January 2015 **Toy Train to the Clouds: Darjeeling**

Major Paul Whittle

Major Whittle made his career in the Army and has had a lifelong interest in trains.



11 February 2015 **TWO KINDS OF TEARDROPS**

Michael Grillo

Lecturer in further education and a performer and published songwriter. The talk is about the life stories of Roy Orbison and Del Shannon and the lasting impact their legacy left on the music industry.



11 March 2015 **WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?**

Rob Baldry

A civil engineer and operations manager at Sutton and East Surrey Water



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

Bowls

**Outdoor 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

**Indoor group now meeting:* 1st and 3rd Fridays 2.15-4.30 at Horsham Indoor Bowls Centre, Broadbridge Heath. £5 per session.
Ann Watney: 01306 889115
ann.watney@btinternet.com

PROPOSED GROUP

Bridge

See Newsletter p5

*Classical Music Appreciation

1st Friday 2.00-4.00

Mike Stewart: 01306 884153

mikestewart999@btinternet.com

PROPOSED GROUP

Computing

See Newsletter p6

NEW GROUP

Creative Writing

1st Friday 11.30-1.30

Judy Perry: 01306 640388

judyperry9@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

*Dorking U3A Bells

Every Friday 10.30-12.30 from

3 October in Lincoln Arms, Dorking.

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 pp5-6

*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
Days and times vary
£5 each session.
Doreen Raine: 01306 886817

*Latin for Today
3rd Tuesday 10.30-12.00 in Lincoln
Arms, Dorking
Rosemary Harbridge: 01306 881520

NEW GROUP
Line Dancing
1st and 3rd Fridays 11.00-12.00
Gill Crooks: 01306 740062
gillcrooks1@gmail.com

*Luncheon Club
Last Monday 12.00 for 12.30 except
for holidays when dates may vary
Dec No meeting
26 Jan Denbies
23 Feb Watermill Inn, Dorking
23 Mar The Pilgrim, Station Road
Zelma Mitchell: 01306 882416
macmitch3@btinternet.com

*Mahjong
Weekly on Wednesdays 10.30-12.15
Phyllis Hughes: 01737 479839
oakdene4@aol.com

*Myths
3rd Wednesday 10.00-12.00
Jill Burberry: 01306 880653
jlburberry@talktalk.net

*Opera Appreciation
Under review.

*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
marjoriehud@aol.com

*Photography
1st Tuesday 2.00-4.30
Mike Thurner: 01306 884831
MikeTAuto@aol.com

(*) 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 p6

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

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

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

*Shakespeare & 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.
Raymond Jones: 01306 713652
Conductor: Primrose Drake

*Singles Club
Days agreed at each meeting
Rosemary Smith: 01306 252792
smith.rosemary@sky.com

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

*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

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

Regional Study Days



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. Bookings are made by completing an application form and sending it to John Kennedy in Ashted (address on form). Forms are available at monthly meetings or from Julie Mellows (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 (www.dorkingu3a.org.uk) under 'Contacts'. <http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/>

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Dates and Titles of Study Days 2015

Friday 20 February

LONG TO REIGN OVER US

How the British monarchy has survived social change,
revolution and war

Dr Nigel Arch, retired curator at Royal Palaces

Friday 20 March

HOGARTH TO GAINSBOROUGH

Painting in the 18th century

Leslie Pitcher, Fetcham U3A

Friday 17 April

THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NHS

Presented by current and retired NHS staff

Friday 15 May

THE STORY OF STONEHENGE

Professor Mike Parker-Pearson

Institute of Archaeology, University College London

Friday 19 June

GALLOPING THROUGH PHILOSOPHY

Dr Marianne Talbot, Oxford University

Friday 18 September

MUSIC AT THE MENUHIN SCHOOL

Dr Richard Hillier and Malcolm Singer, Yehudi Menuhin School

Friday 16 October

THE ARCHITECTURE OF OXFORD THROUGH THE AGES

Barrie Clark, Reigate & Banstead U3A

Friday 20 November

MODERN DEVELOPMENTS IN COSMOLOGY

Roger Luther, U3A member

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	Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Photography	Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Jane Austen Upwords
Wednesday	am	Genealogy Workshop for Non- Beginners Mahjong	Genealogy Workshop for Beginners Mahjong
	pm	Spanish Conversation	MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday	am	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)
	pm	Painting for Pleasure French Conversation German for Non-beginners	Painting for Pleasure Jazz Appreciation
Friday	am	Dorking U3A Bells Creative Writing Line Dancing	Dorking U3A Bells Gardening Walking
	pm	Indoor Bowls Classical Music Appreciation DIY Dressmaking	

<i>We Meet?</i>		
3rd in month	4th/last in month	<i>Also:</i>
Singing for Pleasure	Enjoying Architecture (if day outing)	Keep Dancing <i>Days and times vary</i>
Robert Browning Playreading	Enjoying Architecture Italian Conversation Luncheon Club (noon – but dates vary to avoid holidays) Poetry Unlimited	Opera Appreciation <i>Under review</i> Singles Club <i>Days agreed at each meeting</i>
Exercise for Health Latin for Today Shakespeare & his Contemporaries	Exercise for Health	Days Out (days vary) — <i>see pp.x-xii</i>
Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Philosophy Upwords	Theatre Trips — <i>see p.xiii</i>
Current Issues Mahjong Myths	Mahjong	Regional Study Days — <i>see pp.vi-vii</i>
Spanish Conversation	Art Appreciation	
Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	
Painting for Pleasure French Conversation German for Non-beginners	Painting for Pleasure	
Dorking U3A Bells Line Dancing	Dorking U3A Bells Financial Matters Walking	
Indoor Bowls DIY Dressmaking Portfolio Management		

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 Waitrose
- 9.35 DORKING: Opposite The Bush
- 9.40 NORTH HOLMWOOD: The Cabin

No day out in December

Wednesday 21 January 2015
IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM



The Imperial War Museum consists of a group of several museums in various parts of the country. We shall be visiting the museum in London concerned with modern conflicts in which British and Commonwealth soldiers took part from WW1 to Afghanistan and the present day.

In the WW1 galleries, you can follow the course of the war and see how it affected both those at the front and their families at home. A similar display showing WW2 enables us to compare the conditions and appreciate the advance in technology achieved in the intervening time.

This museum has recently undergone refurbishment so we can expect the exhibits to be displayed in a clear and imaginative way. We may find that, as we are able to take a more informed worldwide view of recent events, we will be able to have an improved understanding of their causes and outcomes.

There is a café serving freshly made dishes to tempt you to have lunch there.

Cost: £10

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

Tuesday 24 February 2015

DENNIS SEVERS' HOUSE

If you visit this house, you will experience what life was really like for the poor inhabitants of London in the 18th century. The artist Dennis Severs bought an unmodernised silk weaver's house and kitted it up to seem as if the Jarvis family are still living there. It is recommended that you go round in silence. The atmosphere is electric: fresh flowers on the table, newspapers left lying about, and the breakfast things not yet cleared away. You can smell the toast in the kitchen and you may catch yourself listening for sounds of the family in the next room.

If you venture up to the attic, you will find that an even poorer family lives there.

This is a private house, so there is no café or shop, but there are plenty of cafés near by.

You may also find the Baroque Huguenot Christ Church and the Spitalfields street market worth visiting.

This should be an interesting and busy day.

Cost: £21

Leaders: Jean Williams (07770 874762) and Judith Kingsley (07415 936999)



Friday 27 March 2015

THE JEWISH MUSEUM

This museum's wide range of exhibits should prove stimulating and thought-provoking as it covers the long, rich and varied history of Judaism. We have booked a short introductory talk lasting 10-15 minutes on arrival.

Among the exhibits are oral records, Jewish art, photographs, Jewish weddings and religious articles. The history of the Jewish people from the Middle Ages to 1940 in other countries is also on display.

There is a pleasant dairy kosher café where you can have your lunch. Then, if you have time to spare, a short walk will take you to Camden Lock market or Cecil Sharp House, which holds the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library with its many rare and unique items, both printed and in manuscript. Or you can wander into Regent's Park.

Cost: £18

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



Theatre Trips

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

Thursday 15 January
EDWARD SCISSORHANDS
Dance adaptation of the film



This is a contemporary dance adaptation of the 1990 American romantic fantasy film, created by Matthew Bourne with music by Terry Davies. The story is told entirely through music and dance with no discourse, although the plot is similar to the movie.

Wednesday 5 February
ARCADIA
Tom Stoppard's Olivier Award-winning comedy

In 19th-century rural Derbyshire, secret desires and professional rivalries take hold of the residents of stately home Sidley Park as Thomasina, a talented pupil, makes a startling discovery well ahead of her time; while, in the present day, academics Hannah and Bernard attempt to piece together the fragments of truth that tell her story.

Wednesday 6 May
DEAD SIMPLE
Drama based on Peter James's best-selling novel

Michael Harrison thinks he has it all: great career, good friends and a beautiful fiancée. But when his stag night prank goes horribly wrong, Michael finds himself alone, buried alive and staring death in the face. As time runs out and the terror grows, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace tries to solve his mysterious disappearance, but begins to fear that Michael will never be found in time.

Wednesday 20 May
THE PRODUCERS

Starring Jason Manford as Leo Bloom. Based on Mel Brooks' much loved Academy Award-winning movie, *The Producers* is a hilarious musical comedy that has taken Broadway and the West End by storm, winning a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards and three Olivier Awards.

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

Dec	10	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Monastic Life (page ii)
Jan	14	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Toy Train to the Clouds: Darjeeling (page ii)
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Mar	11	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Where does our water come from? (page ii)
	20	<i>Study Day</i>	Hogarth to Gainsborough (page vii)
	27	<i>Day Out</i>	The Jewish Museum (page xii)

U3A Photography Competition

The national U3A wants to create an archive of photographs that can be used to publicise the movement.

U3As are therefore invited to submit photographs of members engaging in activities that show the essence of the U3A – learning, laughing, living.

Closing date: 31 March 2015

Details from Julie Mellows (01306 889404)

Holiday in Greece 9-15 May 2015

- ◆ 7 days (6 nights)
- ◆ Staying by the sea in a beautiful bay on the Peloponnesian Peninsular
- ◆ Well-reviewed hotel accommodation
- ◆ Variety of places to visit within easy reach, including major ancient sites
- ◆ **'Civilized' flight times**
- ◆ Cost: approx. £623pp twin room; £750pp single room

Please apply to Angela Cooke (01306 886211) or Jim Docking (01737 843260) as soon as possible since there are now few vacancies

Further details in Newsletter, pp30-31

South-East Region Summer School 22-27 June 2015

Preliminary Information

Courses likely to be included:

- ◆ 20th century abbeys
- ◆ Drama workshop
- ◆ Drawing
- ◆ Britain 1942-92
- ◆ Memory
- ◆ Solving mathematical problems
- ◆ Psychology
- ◆ Playreading
- ◆ Rock and pop music
- ◆ West Sussex Bird Sanctuary
- ◆ The impact of war on artists, composers and writers
- ◆ Romans in south-east Britain
- ◆ Understanding everyday life

Further details and application forms will be available from Julie Mellows (01306 889404) in January.

It is important to send your application form in quickly since courses are likely to get booked up early next year.

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