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What's On?

Monthly Meetings

Meetings usually 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). This year, however, the AGM is on the third Wednesday to avoid clashing with the holiday in Greece. 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).

11 March 2015 WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

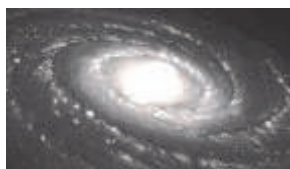
Rob Baldry

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



8 April 2015 A TOUR OF THE UNIVERSE John Axtell

Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and group leader of the Woking U3A Astronomy Group.



20 May 2015 (Please note change of date)

2.00pm: AGM

2.30pm: SINGING FOR PLEASUREGROUP and TALK ON ART

by **Bill Hill**,
Dorking U3A



10 June 2015 ALL I ASK IS A TALL SHIP...

Geoff Saunders

Geoff's childhood desire was to escape to sea, and when the chance came to join a sailing ship for a voyage across the Pacific he jumped at it. The voyage made an indelible impression, living up to the dream.



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 Cartledge (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 2.00-4.00 at Horsham Indoor Bowls Centre, Broadbridge Heath. £5 per session.

Ann Watney: 01306 889115

ann.watney@btinternet.com

PROPOSED GROUP

Bridge

See Newsletter p4

*Classical Music Appreciation

1st Friday 2.00-4.00

Mike Stewart: 01306 884153

mikestewart999@btinternet.com

NEW GROUP

Computing

Bob Crooks: 01036 740062

*Preliminary meeting on Monday
16 March at 10.30am.*

See Newsletter p6

*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

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 2.00-4.00
Inga Avery: 01403 210307

NEW GROUP

History
Sarah Wakeford: 01306 883641
sarahewakeford@gmail.com
See Newsletter p4

*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

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

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

NEW GROUP

Local History
3rd Monday at 10.00am
Hilda Burden: 01737 842516
info@hildaburden.co.uk
See Newsletter pp4-5

*Luncheon Club

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

23 Mar The Pilgrim, Station Road

27 Apr Stepping Stones, Westhumble

18 May Watermill Inn

29 June Black Horse, Reigate

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

jburberry@talktalk.net

*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

Graham Speed: 01306 889448

grahamspeed@tesco.net

(* 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 p5*

*Reading for Pleasure

2nd Monday 10.15-11.45

Joyce Kingsley-Jones: 01306 885789

joycekingsleyjones@hotmail.co.uk

Robert Browning

1st and 3rd Mondays 2.30-4.00

Bette Phillips: 01306 887112

*Science & Technology in Everyday
Life

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.

Pam Toler (temporarily): 01306

882970

pamtoler1929@hotmail.co.uk

*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 Tuesdays 2.00-4.00

**Christian Centre café, by St Martin's
Church**

Elizabeth Holmes: 01306 884831

emh2010@hotmail.co.uk

*Walking

2nd and 4th Fridays 10.00

Jane White: 01306 888886

Daphne Dixon: 01737 842106

**South East U3A Forum
One-Day Conference
on Wednesday 22 April
entitled 'More Learning: More
Enjoyment'**

Details in *Newsletter p7*



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 £8 (£10 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 (<http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/>) 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'.

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 in Everyday Life
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)	History <i>Day to be decided</i>
Robert Browning Playreading	Enjoying Architecture Italian Conversation Luncheon Club (noon – but dates vary to avoid holidays) Poetry Unlimited	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-xiii</i>
Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Philosophy Upwords	Theatre Trips — <i>see p. xv</i>
Current Issues Local History Mahjong Myths	Mahjong	Regional Study Days — <i>see p. vii</i>
Spanish Conversation	Art Appreciation	<i>*The AGM and monthly meeting is on 20 May</i>
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

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)

These mobile numbers are for emergency use only on the day of the trip.

To book a trip, please see opposite.



Tuesday 21 April KEW GARDENS



Spring at Kew! What could be more inviting? You'll see the famous outdoor display of dazzling spring plants and flowers. When you have had your fill of these delights there is George III and Queen Charlotte's small palace to see; and last but not least, you can visit the gallery of paintings by Marianne North. She was a Victorian lady who travelled alone all over the world painting landscapes and botanical subjects. These are housed permanently in a separate building, where you will be amazed at the sheer quantity of her lovely paintings.

The Temperate House and the Evolution House are closed for restoration, but everything else, including the Palm House (pictured), should be open.

We have organised a train ride to take you round the site which, although flat, is extensive. The palace, gallery and train ride are included in the price, but you must either bring a picnic or get something to eat at a restaurant in the gardens.

Cost: £18

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

These mobile numbers are for emergency use only on the day of the trip.

To book a trip, please see page x.

Tuesday 26 May WHITSTABLE



Whitstable today is a charming old fishing village, beloved of yachtsmen and artists, where you can poke about to your heart's content. It is criss-crossed by a warren of little alleyways and short-cuts down to the bustling harbour with its fascinating sail lofts, shipyards and colourful fishing boats.

Not all Whitstable is old-world, however. In 2005 an award-winning regeneration of a run-down quarter of the town was undertaken and new shops, houses and an art gallery were built.

Whitstable has been known ever since Roman times for its oysters and, indeed, there are several restaurants and inns where you can sample them for your lunch; or you might prefer some other lovely fresh fish or seafood straight off the boats.

With such a variety of aspects, everyone should find something here to interest them.

Cost: £15

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

These mobile numbers are for emergency use only on the day of the trip.

To book a trip, please see page x.

Tuesday 9 June
UPTON GREY, HAMPSHIRE

You could be forgiven for not having heard of Upton Grey; this pretty little village is one of the best-kept secrets of the district.

The main attraction is the magnificent garden of the Manor House, which will be at its best in June. Thirty years ago, the present owners inherited the bare bones of a Gertrude Jekyll-designed garden, but it was completely overgrown and unrecognisable as such. They have done careful research and have lovingly completely restored the garden, so now it is the most authentic Gertrude Jekyll-designed garden – anywhere!



Of course you will want to take your time to wander round this really stunning garden where we are booked in during the afternoon, but do try to make time while you are there to pop into the medieval church, perhaps go for a walk and saunter through the village to admire the many listed buildings.

Lunch can be arranged at the local pub if required.

Cost: £20

Leaders: Jean Williams (07770 874762) Judith Kingsley (07415 939699)

These mobile numbers are for emergency use only on the day of the trip.

To book a trip, please see page x.

COMMEMORATION OF THE SIGNING OF
MAGNA CARTA

We are planning a special treat for July to commemorate the signing of Magna Carta in 1215. Watch this space! Details will be given in the June *What's On?*.



A silver King John penny. Much of Magna Carta concerned how royal revenues were raised.

Calendar of Events

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 xi)
Apr	8	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	A Tour of the Universe (page ii)
	17	<i>Study Day</i>	The Future Development of the NHS (page vii)
	21	<i>Day Out</i>	Kew Gardens (page xii)
May	6	<i>Theatre Trip</i>	<i>Dead Simple</i> (see opposite)
	15	<i>Study Day</i>	The Story of Stonehenge (page vii)
	20	<i>AGM</i>	Followed by Singing for Pleasure group and short talk on art (page ii)
	20	<i>Theatre Trip</i>	<i>The Producers</i> (see opposite)
	26	<i>Day Out</i>	Whitstable (page xii)
June	9	<i>Day Out</i>	Upton Grey (page xiii)
	10	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	All I Ask is a Tall Ship (page ii)
	19	<i>Study Day</i>	Galloping Through Philosophy (page vii)
	22-27	<i>Summer School</i>	South-East Region Summer School (see opposite)
July	29	<i>Theatre Trip</i>	<i>The Judy Garland Story</i> (see opposite)



Theatre Trips

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

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's 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 and three Olivier awards.

Wednesday 29 July THE JUDY GARLAND STORY

A lavish production featuring her daughter, Lorna Luft.

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.

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 available from Julie Mellows (01306 889404).

It is important to send your application form in right away since courses are likely to get booked up quickly.

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