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- ♦ Day Trips to Pashley Manor Gardens & Finchcocks Museum, Women in the Great War and Salisbury
- ♦ Theatre Trips to see *The Nutcracker*, *Three Days in the Country* and *As You Like It*

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). **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).

9 September 2015
FASCINATING TALES
FROM BALLOONS,
BARNSTORMERS AND THE
ROYAL FLYING CORPS
Jim Barnes, aviation historian



14 October 2015
RALPH VAUGHAN
WILLIAMS
AND SURREY
Robin Wells,
who was Director of Music at Charterhouse School and conducts the Godalming Operatic Society and the Farnham & Bourne Choral Society



11 November 2015
HOW TROPICAL
RAINFORESTS WORK
Dr David Jones, an expert on insects at the Natural History Museum and lecturer at Imperial College



16 December 2015
THE AMAZING WORLD OF MAGIC
John Field,
a solicitor and member of the Magic Circle



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 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:* 1st and 3rd Fridays from October to mid-April 2.00-4.00 at Horsham Indoor Bowls Centre, Broadbridge Heath. £6 per session.

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

*Bridge

1st Monday and 4th Wednesday in Canterbury Court 10.00-12.00
Elizabeth Holmes: 01306 884831
emh2010@hotmail.co.uk

*Calligraphy
Every Tuesday 2.30-4.00
Tony Costello: 01306 885305

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

*Computing
4th Monday 10.00-12.00
Bob Crooks: 01306 740062
robertcrooks@rocketmail.com

*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

#History
2nd Thursday 2.00-4.00 in the Lincoln
Arms
Sarah Wakeford: 01306 883641
sarahewakeford@gmail.com

*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

*Local History
3rd Monday at 10.00
Hilda Burden: 01737 842516
info@hildaburden.co.uk

*Luncheon Club

Last Monday 12.00 for 12.30 except for holidays when dates may vary
23 Sep Black Horse, Reigate
No other meetings until 2016
Zelma Mitchell: 01306 882416
macmitch3@btinternet.com

*Mahjong

Every Wednesday 10.00-12.00
Phyllis Hughes: 01737 479839
oakdene4@aol.com

#Music Theory (NEW GROUP)

Every Wednesday 10.30-12.30
from 9 September
Jill Sorrell: 01306 740732
jillsorrell@talktalk.net

#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)
Overall group leader: Mary Rowlatt:
01306 883372

Tutor: Laura Kidd

£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.

*Poetry Unlimited

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

*Portfolio Management

Every 3 or 4 weeks on Fridays 1.30-
4.00 (dates agreed at each meeting)
in Hamilton Room, Betchworth
John Holder: 01306 711206
johnholder@waitrose.com

*Quilting

2nd & 4th Fridays 2.00-4.00 at
Friends' Meeting House
Juliet Eberle: 01306 884569
Juliet.eberle@ntlworld.com

#Reading for Pleasure

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

*Science & Technology in Everyday Life

2nd Monday 2.30-4.30

Keith Dakin-White: 01372 459307

kfra1992@gmail.com

*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.

£18 per quarter, payable in advance.

Meike Laurenson: 01737 248909

malaurenson@talktalk.net

*Singles Club

Days agreed at each meeting

Rosemary Smith: 01306 252792

smithrosemary@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

Theatre Trips

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

Thursday 5 November THE NUTCRACKER

Northern Ballet

Performed to Tchaikovsky's enduring score, played live by Northern Ballet Sinfonia, David Nixon's production has everything you would expect from this traditional favourite.

*Matinées at the National Theatre, London
£20 for group-rate ticket.*

Make your own way to the theatre.

Thursdays 1, 8 & Tuesday 13 October THREE DAYS IN THE COUNTRY

Russia. A beautiful country estate. The mid-19th century. A handsome new tutor brings reckless, romantic desire to an eccentric household. Over three days one summer the young and the old will learn lessons in love: first love and forbidden love, maternal love and platonic love, ridiculous love and last love. The love left unsaid and the love which must out.

Ivan Turgenev's passionate, moving comedy, A Month in the Country, has been a source of inspiration for films, a ballet and the plays of Chekhov. It's presented here in a new version by Patrick Marber

Tuesday 15 December AS YOU LIKE IT by William Shakespeare

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 September-February

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 for non-members). Please bring a packed lunch.



Booking is necessary. Forms are available at Monthly Meetings or by phoning Lionel Cartlidge on 01306 898491. 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 '**Membership & Links**'.

The website may also list study days beyond those below.

Friday 18 September 2015
MUSIC AT THE MENUHIN SCHOOL
Dr Richard Hillier and Malcolm Singer, Yehudi Menuhin School

Friday 16 October 2015
SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF AMERICAN HISTORY
Mark Perry Nash

Friday 20 November 2015
MODERN DEVELOPMENTS IN COSMOLOGY
Roger Luther, U3A member

Friday 19 February 2016
TURNING POINTS IN 20th CENTURY PAINTING:
BREAKING THE MOULD
Barry Garnham

When do

		1st in month	2nd in month
Monday	am	Bridge Singing for Pleasure	Reading for Pleasure COMMITTEE MEETING on the Monday before a Monthly Meeting
	pm		Italian Conversation Poetry Unlimited Science, Technology & Society
Tuesday	am	Exercise for Health Shakespeare & his Contemporaries	Exercise for Health
	pm	Calligraphy Photography Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Calligraphy Jane Austen Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Upwords
Wednesday	am	Genealogy Workshop for Non- Beginners Mahjong Music Theory	Genealogy Workshop for Beginners Mahjong Music Theory
	pm	Spanish Conversation	MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday	am	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)
	pm	French Conversation German for Non-beginners Painting for Pleasure	History Jazz Appreciation Painting for Pleasure
Friday	am	Creative Writing Dorking U3A Bells Line Dancing	Dorking U3A Bells Gardening Walking
	pm	Bowls (outdoors) until 19 Sep Classical Music Appreciation DIY Dressmaking Indoor Bowls (from Oct)	Bowls (outdoors until 19 Sep) Quilting

we meet?

3rd in month	4th/last in month	<p><i>Also:</i></p> <p>Days Out — see pages x-xiii</p> <p>Theatre Trips — see page vi</p> <p>Regional Study Days — see page vii</p> <p>Singles Club — dates as arranged</p>
Local History Singing for Pleasure	Computing Enjoying Architecture (if day outing) Luncheon Club (noon) 22 Sep only	
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Days Out: How to Book

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



- 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.
- Please Note: Verbal bookings will be treated as provisional and must be followed up by payment within one week. Your cheque will secure your place.
- 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.

Coach departure arrangements vary from trip to trip; details are therefore given for each trip separately on the next three pages.

Friday 18 September
PASHLEY MANOR GARDENS AND FINCHCOCKS MUSEUM

The gardens at Pashley are another hidden gem and well worth a visit. The owners of this property pride themselves on their connection with the arts and there are frequent exhibitions of sculpture in the garden and paintings of floral and botanical art which are for sale in the shop. We will spend the morning and can buy our lunch here, or take sandwiches, and then proceed to Finchcocks Museum with its collection of historical keyboard instruments including organs, harpsichords, clavichords and pianos all housed in a gracious manor house that dates from George I. Many of the instruments are beautifully painted and gilded, and our guide will tell us all about their history and demonstrate their particular characteristics so we will learn, if we don't know already, how to differentiate between harpsichords and clavichords, fortepianos and pianofortes. If you are a pianist and would like to play one of the exhibits yourself, there may be an opportunity for you to do so.



Cost: £32

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

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

**To book this trip, please see procedure
opposite.**



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

Tuesday 13 October
WOMEN OF THE GREAT WAR
AND THE SUFFRAGETTES AND SOLDIERS EXHIBITION

During the First World War, while the men were fighting at the front, the women, who still could not vote, were called upon to ‘do their bit’ on the Home Front and our grandmothers rose to the challenge. Our guide will describe the wide variety of work they had to undertake and the talents and skills they had to learn in order to take on work left by their men.

On this trip we shall hear their story and see the new exhibition at the Docklands Museum of the evocative work by Christina Broom, the UK’s first woman press photographer.

Cost: £34. Morning coffee and a one-course roast chicken lunch are included.

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

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

To book this trip, please see procedure on page x.

Coach departure places and times

Please note this trip has an early start

8.45 BROCKHAM: Middle Street near junction with Oakdene Road

8.55 DORKING: Outside Dorking Halls

9.05 DORKING: Opposite Waitrose

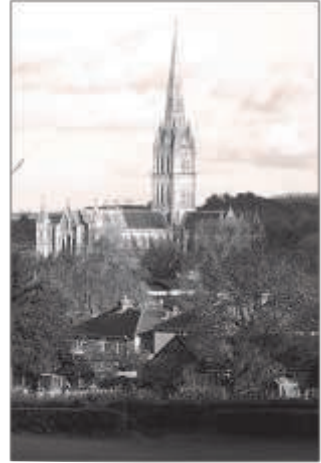
9.10 DORKING: Opposite The Bush

No stop at North Holmwood



Friday 27 November
SALISBURY and CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The graceful medieval spire of Salisbury Cathedral still soars higher than any other in England, just as it did when John Constable painted it from the Bishop's Palace garden. Inside the cathedral the oldest tomb is that of William Longespee (1226), who witnessed the sealing of Magna Carta, a copy of which is in the cathedral library. The clock in the north aisle is said to be the oldest in the world; it has no dial but chimes the hours. The octagonal chapter house is decorated with many beautifully carved scenes from the Old Testament.



You will see many other ancient churches and bow-windowed black-and-white half-timbered buildings in the town. In addition, as an extra attraction, there will be the Christmas market, which will be in full swing when we visit.

This is another of our popular 'go as you please' days out – enjoy yourselves!

Cost: £14

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

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

To book this trip, please see procedure on page x.

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Calendar of Events

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December Newsletter and
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Apart from reports of U3A activities, contributions of general interest – articles, short stories, poems, puzzles, humorous sketches, book reviews, letters, drawings, photos, etc – will be most welcome.

If possible, please type your contribution and, if you have the facilities, send it by email, either as an attachment in Microsoft Word or in the main body of the email. If you send a handwritten contribution, please write names of places and people in CAPITAL LETTERS.

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