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the Third Age

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- ◆ Listings of Study and Interest Groups, including new or proposed groups on archaeology, military history and wine appreciation
- ◆ Study Days on 20th century painting, the history of spying and Gilbert & Sullivan
- ◆ Day Trips to the War Cabinet Rooms, the BBC and Oxford
- ◆ Theatre Trips to see *Sleeping Beauty*, *Last Tango* and *Single Spies*

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 December 2015 **THE AMAZING WORLD OF** **MAGIC**

John Field,
a solicitor and
a member of
the Magic
Circle



13 January 2016 **PIPPBROOK HOUSE:** **DORKING'S TREASURE** **Jim Docking (Dorking U3A)**



(Photo by
Andrew
Shaylor)

10 February 2016 **VILLAINS, VICTIMS and** **INVESTIGATORS**

Adam Brand,
Member of the
British Institute of
Graphologists



9 March 2016 **THE INNS** **OF COURT** **Ian Bevan,** guide and lecturer



(Photo courtesy of the
Bar Council)

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 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.

NEW GROUP

*Archaeology

Val Arundel: 01306 885730

val@valarundel.plus.com

See Newsletter p4

Bridge

*1st Monday and 4th Wednesday in

Canterbury Court 10.00-12.00 and

#2nd and 4th Mondays 2.00-4.00

See Newsletter p4

Elizabeth Holmes: 01306 884831

emh2010@hotmail.co.uk

*Art Appreciation

4th Wednesday 2.00-4.00

Pat Lucas: 01306 711653

patalucas1976@yahoo.co.uk

*Calligraphy

Every Tuesday 2.30-4.00

Tony Costello: 01306 885305

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

*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

(See Newsletter p4)

*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

sarahwakeford@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 in the
URC, West Street
Gill Crooks: 01306 740062
gillcrooks1@gmail.com
Tutor: Kate Deadman

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

*Luncheon Club
Suspended

*Mahjong
Weekly on Wednesdays 10.00-12.00
Phyllis Hughes: 01737 479839
oakdene4@aol.com

PROPOSED NEW GROUP

Military History
Barrie Friend: 01737 668977
See Newsletter p3

#Music Theory
Every Wednesday 10.30-12.30
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: Tina Westwood
£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 the **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.
£3 per session, payable 6 weeks in advance.
Meike Laurenson: 01737 248909
mlaurenson@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

PROPOSED NEW GROUP

Wine Appreciation
Geoff Saunders: 01306 884812
tallship@eircom.net
See Newsletter p3

Vacancies

There are vacancies for (a) Vice-Chair, and (b) a second Groups Secretary.

If you are interested in either position or would like to recommend someone else, please get in touch with Phyllis Hughes (01737 479839; chairman@dorkingu3a.org.uk)

HOLIDAY IN SOUTH-WEST IRELAND

See Newsletter p20

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 £10 (£12 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 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 'Membership & Links'. <http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/>

The website may also list study days beyond those below.

Friday 19 February 2016

TURNING POINTS IN 20th CENTURY PAINTING:

BREAKING THE MOULD

Barry Garnham

Friday 12 March 2016

SPYING THROUGH THE AGES

Hugh Davies, former Bletchley Park guide

Friday 15 April 2016

THE THEATRICAL HERITAGE OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN

Bernard Lockett, trustee of the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival

Friday 20 May

FIFTY YEARS OF CHANGING BRITAIN, 1942 to 1992

Gill Pitt, U3A member

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 in Everyday Life
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	Dorking U3A Bells Creative Writing 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	<i>Also:</i>
Local History Singing for Pleasure	Computing Enjoying Architecture (if day outing)	Days Out — see pages x-xiii
	Enjoying Architecture Italian Conversation Poetry Unlimited	Theatre Trips — see page xiii
Exercise for Health Latin for Today Shakespeare & his Contemporaries	Exercise for Health	Regional Study Days — see page vii
Calligraphy Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Calligraphy Philosophy Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Upwords	Singles Club — dates as arranged
Current Issues Mahjong Music Theory Myths	Bridge Mahjong Music Theory	
Spanish Conversation	Art Appreciation	
Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	
French Conversation German for Non-beginners Painting for Pleasure	Painting for Pleasure	
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Days Out: How to Book

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 & 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.

For coach departure arrangements, see 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 (no longer there!)
9.40	NORTH HOLMWOOD: The Cabin

Wednesday 20 January 2016

CHURCHILL'S WAR CABINET ROOMS

The rooms, which are underground and appear as they were during the height of the Second World War, are powerfully atmospheric. Churchill often spent the night here in a cramped little bedroom so he could be fully and immediately informed as the conflict developed.

You might find the experience quite chilling; it doesn't take much imagination, for example, to feel the sense of urgency in the map room where men and women charted the advance of enemy bombers.

There is a small shop and a canteen where you can have some refreshment before rejoining the 21st century.

Leaders: Sue Grant (07881 911796) and Judith Kingsley (07497 763577)

Cost: £23



The War Cabinet Room



Churchill's bedroom

Friday 12 February 2016

BBC

We are returning to the BBC by popular request as many of our members voted it among the most interesting trip they had been on. So, if you missed out last time, here is another opportunity.

We visit some of the studios which are not being used at that time for recording or rehearsing. If you have always wanted to read the news or broadcast the weather forecast (off the cuff, as the professionals do) here is your chance (not live!).

The most exciting part of the visit is looking down on the huge state-of-the-art newsroom, familiar to us from our TVs. Here there are people scurrying round with messages from the international news teams who collect the reports as they come in. Inevitably there is a certain amount of walking but a pleasant café on site serves nice snacks and drinks.

Leaders: Sue Grant (07881 911796) and Judy Peace (07889 522 908)

Cost: £24



A group from the U3A on the previous trip trying their hand at play-reading, while others in the group watched and enjoyed the way sound effects were produced (photo by a U3A member – sorry can't trace the name!)

Tuesday 15 March 2016
**OXFORD AND THE
ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM**



Radcliffe Camera

(Photo courtesy of VisitEngland/
Experience Oxfordshire)

This is the city of dreaming spires – and thousands of manic students on bicycles.

You may wish to spend the whole day browsing round the museum with its famous collection of art and archaeology. There is a café downstairs and a smarter restaurant upstairs and there are plenty of places to sit down in the galleries.

Otherwise, there are some beautiful buildings to admire in the town: the Sheldonian Theatre for example, the Radcliffe Camera or the 15th century Bodleian Library. You can visit the latter, but be warned, there are a lot of stairs.

It is pleasant to wander round following one's nose just absorbing the atmosphere among the old, honey-coloured colleges. Oxford is flat, but you will probably want to walk about, so come prepared.

Leaders: Jean Williams (07770 874762)
and Judith Kingsley (07497 763577)

Cost: £15

Theatre Trips
organised by Bookham U3A

*Matinées at the
New Victoria Theatre, Woking*

Wednesday 3 February 2016

**Matthew Bourne's
SLEEPING BEAUTY**

Music by Tchaikovsky
£34 (Royal Circle & coach from Bookham)

Wednesday 9 March 2016

LAST TANGO

The nation's favourite *Strictly Come Dancing* stars in their ultimate farewell show. Fresh from their sell-out hit shows *Midnight Tango* and *Dance 'Til Dawn*, *Strictly* superstars Vincent Simone & Flavia Cacace have created their most moving production yet as they prepare to dance in their final ever show.

£34 (Royal Circle & coach from Bookham)

Matinée at Richmond Theatre

Wednesday 2 March 2016

**SINGLE SPIES
by Alan Bennett**

The play consists of two acts: *An Englishman Abroad* (featuring Guy Burgess) and *A Question of Attribution* (featuring Anthony Blunt)

£32, including coach from Bookham

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.

Calendar of Events, January to March 2016

Jan	3 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Pippbrook House (page ii)
	20 <i>Day Out</i>	War Cabinet Rooms (page xi)
Feb	2 <i>Anniversary Event</i>	Quiz Night (<i>Newsletter</i> page 23)
	3 <i>Theatre Trip</i>	<i>Sleeping Beauty</i> (page xiii)
	10 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Villains, Victims and Investigators (page ii)
	12 <i>Day Out</i>	BBC (page xii)
	19 <i>Study Day</i>	Turning Points in 20th Century Painting (page vii)
Mar	2 <i>Theatre Trip</i>	<i>Single Spies</i> (page xiii)
	9 <i>Theatre Trip</i>	<i>Last Tango</i> (page xiii)
	9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Inns of Court (page ii)
	12 <i>Study Day</i>	Spying Through the Ages (page vii)
	13 <i>Anniversary Event</i>	Tea at Denbies (<i>Newsletter</i> page 23)
	15 <i>Day Out</i>	Oxford and the Ashmolean Museum (page xiii)

Contributions for the
March Newsletter and
What's On? should be sent
to the Editor to arrive not
later than Friday
29 January 2016

Welfare Officer

We now have a Welfare Officer, Pam Toler, who will endeavour to make contact with those who are ill, the relatives of those bereaved, and those with special birthdays. Please let Pam know if you have information about illness or special birthdays or bereavement (01306 882970).

The Committee

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Vice-Chair: vacancy

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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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