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- Monthly Meetings on the Inns of Court, the Oregon Trail, the making of War Horse, and satirist James Gillray
- Listings of Study and Interest Groups, including a planned second French group and a repeat of Music Theory
- Study Days on the history of spying, Gilbert & Sullivan, changing Britain and London and the growth of the suburbs
- Day Trips to Exbury Gardens, St Albans and Mottisfont
- Theatre Trips to see Last Tango, Good Night Mr Tom and Single Spies

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 March 2016 THE INNS **OF COURT** Ian Bevan, guide



and lecturer

(Photo courtesy of the Bar Council)

13 April 2016 THE OREGON TRAIL

Roger Shaw, who has driven along the trail



(Photo courtesy of Roger Shaw)

11 May 2016: AGM at 2pm 2.30pm: THE MAKING OF **WAR HORSE**

Andy Robertson, military historian



(Photo courtesy of the National Theatre)

8 JUNE 2016 **SATIRIST TO INSANITY: CELEBRATING THE LIFE** OF JAMES GILLRAY, 1756-1815

Ian Keable, an authority on 18th-century graphic satirical art



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 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.

#Archaeology 3rd Tuesday, 2.30-4.30 in the Lincoln Arms Val Arundel: 01306 885730 val@valarundel.plus.com

*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

*Every Monday, 1.45-3.45 in the Christian Centre Elizabeth Holmes: 01306 884831 emh2010@hotmail.co.uk

*Calligraphy 2nd and 4th Tuesday 2.00-4.00 In the Lincoln Arms Please note change of times 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 11.30-1.00 Judy Perry: 01306 640388 judyperry9@btinternet.com

*Current Issues
3rd Wednesday 10.30-12.00
in Canterbury Court
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 - 1 1st and 3rd Thursdays 2.30-4.00 Audrey Mark: 01306 742093 Helen Kendrick: 01306 889284 *French Conversation - 2 Enquiries to Cheryl Neale: 01737 842688 cherylneale@btinternet.com

*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 the 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

4th Monday at 12.30 March meeting at Watermill Inn, on A25 as you leave Dorking towards Reigate. Future meetings to be agreed then. Tony Parker (01306 884050) tp@abilityback.com

*Mahjong

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

Military History

1st Tuesday 10.30-12.30 in the Lincoln Arms, except March when meeting is on the 8th

Barrie Friend: 01737 668977

REPEAT GROUP

*Music Theory (from 6 April) 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 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

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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 Wednesdays 11.00-1.00 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 2nd Monday 2.30-4.30 at the Lincoln Arms 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.

Pam Stone (temporarily): 01306 887536 p.stone@sky.com

*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

PLANNED GROUP

Sunday Breakfast Club See Newsletter p5

*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

Wine Appreciation Please email the group leader for future dates Geoff Saunders tallship@eircom.net

Surrey Regional Study Days March-June

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 4pm. The cost including coffee/tea and biscuits is £10 (£12 for nonmembers). 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 'Links'. http://u3asites.org.uk/ surreyu3anetwork/

The website may also list study days beyond those below.

Friday 18 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

Friday 17 June LONDON AND THE GROWTH OF THE SUBURBS + THE FORGOTTEN SPY FROM THE FIRST WORLD WAR Nick Barratt, broadcaster

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		1st in month	2nd in month	
Monday	am	Singing for Pleasure	Reading for Pleasure COMMITTEE MEETING on the Monday before a monthly meeting	
	pm	Bridge	Bridge Italian Conversation Poetry Unlimited Science, Technology & Society	
Tuesday	am	Exercise for Health Military History (except 1 Mar) Shakespeare & his Contemporaries	Exercise for Health Military History (8 Mar only)	
	pm	Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Photography	Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking) Calligraphy Upwords Jane Austen	
Wednesday	am	Mahjong Music Theory Genealogy Workshop for Non- Beginners	Mahjong Music Theory Quilting Genealogy Workshop for Beginners	
	pm	Spanish Conversation	MONTHLY MEETING	
Thursday	am	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	
	pm	Painting for Pleasure French Conversation Group 1 German for Non-beginners	Painting for Pleasure History Jazz Appreciation	
Friday	am	Dorking U3A Bells Line Dancing Creative Writing	Dorking U3A Bells Walking Gardening	
	pm	Outdoor Bowls (Apr-Sep) DIY Dressmaking Indoor Bowls (Oct-Apr) Classical Music Appreciation	Outdoor Bowls (Apr-Sep)	

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3rd in month	4th/last in month	Also:
Singing for Pleasure	Computing	French Group 2
Local History	Enjoying Architecture (if day outing)	(dates to be
	Luncheon Club (12.30pm)	decided)
Bridge	Bridge	Planned Group:
	Italian Conversation	Sunday Breakfast
	Poetry Unlimited	Club — see
Exercise for Health	Enjoying Architecture Exercise for Health	Newsletter, p5
Latin for Today	Exercise for Health	Wine
Shakespeare & his		Appreciation
Contemporaries		(dates to be
Contemporaries		decided)
Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	Pilates 1 & 2 (Dorking)	1
Archaeology	Calligraphy	Days Out — see
	Upwords	pages x-xiii
	Philosophy	
Mahjong	Mahjong	Theatre Trips —
Music Theory	Music Theory	see page vi
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Myths		Days — see page
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Spanish Conversation	Art Appreciation	
Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Singles Club —
,	,	dates as arranged
Painting for Pleasure	Painting for Pleasure	1
French Conversation Group 1		
German for Non-beginners		
Dorking U3A Bells	Dorking U3A Bells	
Line Dancing	Walking	
	Financial Matters	
Outdoor Bowls (Apr-Sep)	Outdoor Bowls (Apr-Sep)	
DIY Dressmaking Indoor Bowls (Oct-Apr)		
Portfolio Management		
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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

DORKING: Opposite The Bush (no longer there!) 9.35

NORTH HOLMWOOD: The Cabin 9.40

Monday 15 March 2016 OXFORD AND THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM This outing is fully booked

Thursday 14 April 2016 EXBURY GARDENS AND STEAM TRAIN

The extensive gardens at Exbury are famous for their stunning collection of rhododendrons and azaleas, which should be at their most spectacular in April (see colour picture inside cover).

A ride on the steam train is included in the price and there is a café and shop on the site, so this promises to be a pleasant and relaxing day out.



(Photo courtesy of VisitEngland/New Forest District Council)

Leaders: Jean Williams 07770 874762 and Sue Grant 07881 911796 Cost: £31

PLEASE USE THE MOBILE NUMBERS OF TRIP LEADERS ONLY ON THE DAY OF THE TRIP

Monday 16 May 2016 ST ALBANS

St Albans is named after a Roman soldier who was martyred for sheltering a Christian priest in the third century when a Roman town called Verulanium stood where St Albans stands now. The museum contains many Roman artefacts together with a model of the third century Verulanium.

There is a great deal to see and admire in the magnificent cathedral, which is supported on massive Norman piers decorated with 13th and 14th century paintings.

French Row is a medieval street, now pedestrianised, where you can pore over antique shops to your heart's content.

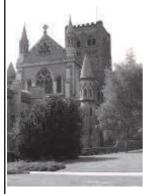
This is a 'go as you please' day in an attractive town with some steep hills, so come with comfortable shoes. (See colour pictures inside cover)

Leaders: Judy Peace 07889 522908 and Sue

Grant 07781 911796

Cost: £14

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(Photo courtesy of St Albans City & District Council)

Friday 17 June 2016 MOTTISFONT

If you are fond of roses, especially oldfashioned roses (and who isn't?), you won't want to miss Mottisfont in June where the National Collection of Old Roses, such as the Moss Rose Chapeau de Napoleon or the bicoloured Rosa Mundi scent the air and delight the eye in the walled garden.

In addition, there is an 18th-century house to look round, an art exhibition to see, a small outdoor café and beautiful grounds with a stream flowing gently by.

(See colour pictures on back cover)

Leaders: Sue Grant 07781 911796 and Judith

Kingsley 07497 763577

Cost: £16

NB. This is a National Trust venue. Nonmembers of the National Trust will be asked to pay an extra £11 on the bus: correct cash if possible, please. National Trust members please bring your card.

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(Photo by Phyllis Hughes)

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY - CHICHESTER AND TOUR OF THE HARBOUR

Details will be in the June What's On?

Theatre Trips organised by Bookham U3A

Matinées at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking

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 and Flavia Cacace have created their most moving production yet as they prepare to dance in their final ever show.

£34 (Royal Circle and coach from Bookham)

Thursday 21 April 2016 GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM

Sad and troubled, young William Beech is evacuated to the idyllic English countryside as Britain stands on the brink of World War II. He is billeted with the curmudgeonly recluse Tom Oakley. Tom and Will build a remarkable and moving friendship, an unlikely bond which transforms them both, only to have their newfound happiness shattered when Will is summoned back to London by his mother. Heart-warming and inspiring, this story of two broken souls at opposite ends of the age scale celebrates the value of love and proves that friendship knows no barriers.

£26, including 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.

Free Legal Helpline

There is now a U3A Legal Helpline run by Arc Legal Assistance in partnership with Irwin Mitchell solicitors. It's there 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Just ring 0344 770 1040 and quote 'U3A Legal Helpline'.

Calendar of Events, March to June 2016				
March	2	Theatre Trip	Single Spies (page xiii)	
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	9	Monthly Meeting	Inns of Court (page ii)	
	13	Anniversary event	Tea at Denbies, 3-5pm (Newsletter, p1)	
	15	Day Out	Oxford and the Ashmolean Museum (page	
	18	Study Day	Spying Through the Ages (page vii)	
April	13	Monthly Meeting	The Oregon Trail (page ii)	
	14	Day Out	Exbury Gardens and Steam Railway (page xi)	
	15	Study Day	Theatrical Heritage of Gilbert & Sullivan (page	
	21	Theatre Trip	Goodnight Mister Tom (page xiii)	
May	11	Monthly Meeting	The Making of War Horse (page ii)	
	16	Day Out	St Albans (page xii)	
	20	Study Day	Fifty Years of Changing Britain (page vii)	
June	8	Monthly Meeting	Satirist to Insanity: Celebrating the Life of	
	16	Anniversary event	Dinner at Betchworth Golf Club, 7pm	
	17	Study Day	London and the Growth of the Suburbs (page	
	17	Day Out	Mottisfont (page xii)	

Contributions for the
June What's On? should
be sent to the Editor to
arrive not later than
Saturday 30 April 2016

Welfare Officer

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

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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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