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Dorking & District University of the Third Age

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In this issue:

- Monthly Meetings on U3A talent, circumnavigating the world, a TV comedy writer's job and Gilbert & Sullivan
- Listings of Study and Interest Groups, including a new group on Ways of Seeing Art
- Proposed new group on making traditional puddings and cakes
- Study Days on Islam, van Gogh and the future of energy
- Day Trips: the Thames and London Eye,
 Watts Gallery and the Royal National
 Lifeboat Institution
- Residential Trips to Yorkshire and Berlin

Monthly Meetings

Meetings take place in the Christian Centre on the second Wednesday of each month (except August), starting at 2.30pm.

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).

13 December 2017
A CELEBRATION OF U3A
TALENT: CHRISTMAS IN
ART by Bill Hill. Also
performances by the Singing for
Pleasure and Handbells groups



10 January 2018 CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE WORLD Barrie and Marilyn Friend



14 February 2018 THE JOB OF A LIFETIME Brad Ashton (TV comedy writer)



14 March 2018
THE MUSICAL THEATRE
OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN
Bernard Lockett (author and
broadcaster)



Study and Interest Groups

- Members may join as many groups as they wish. Just ring the contact number or send an email for further particulars and details of where to meet. (An email address is given where the group leader has requested it.)
- If you have difficulty in joining a group, please get in touch with Lionel Cartlidge (01306 898491, eljaysee@ljcartlidge.co.uk).
- If you have suggestions for new groups or wish to make a general enquiry, please let Lionel Cartlidge know.
- Group leaders who feel they cannot accept more members should alert Lionel to the situation.

Archaeology

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

Art Appreciation 1

4th Wednesday 2.00-4.00 in the Small Chapel, URC, West Street Pat Lucas: 01306 711653 patalucas1976@yahoo.co.uk

Art Appreciation 2: Ways of Seeing Art

1st Friday 2.00-4.00 from 5 Jan Beryl Sinclair: 01306 711542; jandbsinclair@gmail.com (See Newsletter, pp2-3)

Bird Watching

3rd Tuesday at 10.00 Tricia Smart 01306 887346 triciasmart@btinternet.com

Bowls—Indoor group

1st and 3rd Fridays, 2.00-4.00 at Horsham Indoor Bowling Club at Broadbridge Heath, near Horsham, behind Tesco.

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

Bridge 1 & 2

Every Monday, 2.00-4.00 in the Christian Centre Elizabeth Holmes: 01306 884831 emh2010@hotmail.co.uk Bridge 1 is for those who have some grasp of the game; Bridge 2 is for beginners £2 per afternoon

Classical Music Appreciation

1st Friday 2.00-4.00 Mike Stewart: 01306 884153 carolandmikestewart@outlook.com

Computing Workshops

4th Monday 10.00-12.00 in the Lincoln Arms

Bob Crooks: 01306 740062 membership@dorkingu3a.org.uk

Creative Writing 1

1st Friday 10.00-noon Judy Perry: 01306 640388 judyperry9@btinternet.com

Creative Writing 2: Scribblers

2nd Tuesday 10.00-noon in the Lincoln Arms

Pat Smith: 01306 889278 publicity@dorkingu3a.org.uk

Current Issues 1

3rd Wednesday 10.30-12.00 in **Canterbury Court**

Jim Docking: 01737 843260 newsletter@dorkingu3a.org.uk Andrew Gibbons: 01306 742650 andrew.gibbons@pobox.com

Current Issues 2

1st Wednesday 10.30-noon Seminars based on prior reading Andrew Gibbons: 01306 742650 andrew.gibbons@pobox.com

DIY Dressmaking

1st and 3rd Fridays 2.15-4.30 Anne Blanchard: 01306 884359 bablanch@ntlworld.com

Dorking U3A Bells

1st and 3rd Friday 10.30-12.30 in the Lincoln Arms, Dorking. Florence Reid: 01306 879835 Jill Sorrell: 01306 740732 jillsorrell@talktalk.net

Enjoying Architecture

Last Monday 2.00-3.30 for talks, mornings for visits Mary Cowan: 01306 885341

mave@uwclub.net

Exercise for Health

Every Tuesday 10.15-11.15 in the Reading Room, Westcott £26 per quarter, payable in advance. Di Ivings: 01306 879703 dianneivings@hotmail.co.uk

Financial Matters

Last Friday 11.00-12.30 Gordon Williams: 01306 640654 Pam Farbrother (Secretary) 01306 886523 pam.farbrother@talktalk.net

French Conversation 1

1st and 3rd Thursdays 2.30-4.00 Maggie Greeves: 01306 252460 Helen Kendrick: 01306 889284 helenandmikekendrick@gmail.com

French Conversation 2

2nd and 4th Fridays 2.30-4.00 Geoff Saunders: 01306 887493 geoff.m.saunders@gmail.com

Gardening

2nd Friday 10.00-12.00 Joan Searle: 01737 843676

Genealogy Workshops

Group 1: Beginners

2nd Wednesday 10.00-12.00

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

Peter Shelley (leader): 01306 880905 Ann Moon (admin): 01306 713676 overthemoon@uwclub.net

To join contact Peter; contact Ann for enquiries.

Italian Conversation

2nd and 4th Mondays 2.15-4.00 Phillipa Holloway: 01306 882791

piphol@btinternet.com

Jane Austen

2nd Monday 2.15-4.00 Florence Reid: 01306 879835 florencejune@yahoo.com

Jazz Appreciation

2nd Thursday 2.00-4.00 John Brown: 01306 886819 vjbrown877@ntlworld.com

Latin for Today

3rd Tuesday 10.30-12.00 in the Lincoln Arms, Dorking

Rosemary Harbridge: 01306 881520

rharbridge@sky.com

Line Dancing

1st and 3rd Fridays 10.45-11.45 in the Follett Hall, 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

2nd and 4th Monday at 12.15 Tony Parker: 01306 884050

tp@abilityback.com

Please ring Tony regarding next venue

Mahjong

Every Wednesday 10.00-12.00

In the Lincoln Arms

Susie Kilbride: 01306 631978 susiekilbride@hotmail.com

PROPOSED GROUP

Making Traditional Puddings and Cakes

Please express interest to Penny Tompkins (01483 203288; penny@dorkingu3a.org.uk)

Military History

1st Tuesday 10.30-12.30 in the Lincoln Arms Barrie Friend: 07796 633516 barrieandmarilyn@gmail.com

Myths

3rd Wednesday 10.00-12.00 Jill Burberry: 01306 880653 jburberry@talktalk.net

Opera Appreciation

3rd Monday at 2.00

Lin Roworth-Stokes: 01306 712003

roworthstokes@talktalk.net John Ashwood: 01306 712765 jashwood@gotassl.co.uk

Painting for Pleasure

1st, 3rd and 4th Thursdays 1.30-3.30 in the Lincoln Arms, Dorking. Please provide own art materials £2 per head to cover costs. Elaine Major: 01306 887273 e.major64@btinternet.com

Philosophy

3rd Tuesday 2.30-4.00

Mariorie Hudson: 01306 888281

hudmarjorie@gmail.com

Philosophy and Critical Thinking

See Newsletter under Group News

Photography 1

1st Tuesday 2.00-4.30.

Mike Thurner: 01306 884831

miketauto@aol.com

Graham Speed: 01306 889448

grahamspeed@tesco.net

Photography 2

2nd Tuesday 2.00-4.30

in the Narnia Room, The Old House,

West Street

Bob and Caroline Brown:

07842 929676

dorkingu3aphoto2@prjb.org.uk

Pilates 1

Every Tuesday 2.30-3.30

Pilates 2

Every Tuesday 3.45-4.45

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)

Pilates 4

Every Tuesday 1.20-2.20

Meet as Pilates 1 & 2

Overall group leader: Mary Rowlatt:

01306 883372

Tutor: Tina Westwood

£4.50 per session or £49.50 for 11 weeks, paid by cheque at the start of each block (the number depending on holiday periods); no refunds. First session free for new members.

Plant Lovers (formerly Gardening 2)

1st Monday 10.30-12.00

Hilda Burden: 01737 842516

info@hildaburden.co.uk

Poetry Unlimited

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

Portfolio Management

Every three weeks, Fridays 1.30-4pm

Hamilton Room, Betchworth John Holder: 01737 845907 johnholder@waitrose.com

Quilting 1

2nd and 4th Wednesdays 10.00-noon

Juliet Eberle: 01306 884569 juliet.eberle@ntlworld.com Inga Sorensen: 01306 740736 ingasorensen@hotmail.com

Quilting 2

Every Tuesday 2.00-4.00 Juliet Eberle: 01306 884569 juliet.eberle@ntlworld.com

Really Useful Group (RUG)

See panel opposite

Mike Thurner: 01306 884831

miketauto@aol.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 in Lincoln Arms Keith Dakin-White: 01372 459307 kfra1992@gmail.com

Shakespeare & His Contemporaries

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 10.15-12.15 Charmian Corner: 01306 883374 charmian.corner@care4free.net

Singing for Pleasure

1st and 3rd Mondays 10.00-12.00 in the Reading Room, Buckland. £3 per session, payable six weeks in advance.

Meike Laurenson: 01737 248909

mlaurenson@talktalk.net

Singles Sunday Lunch Group

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 sylvia.fetcham@live.co.uk

Sunday Brunch

First Sunday of the month, 10.30am Côte, St Martin's Walk Jill Burberry: 01306 880653 jburberry@talktalk.net

Table Tennis

Every Friday 12.00-2.00 in the Christian Centre, Dorking Jean Williams: 01737 845907 Jan Chapman: 01306 877250

Ukulele

2nd and 4th Friday 10.30am-12.30pm at Lincoln Arms, Dorking Jill Sorrell: 01306 740732 jillsorrell@talktalk.net

Upwords

2nd and 4th Tuesdays 2.00-4.00 in the Christian Centre café Hayley Duffell: 07785 185975 hayleyduffell@gmail.com

Walking

2nd and 4th Fridays 10.00 Jane and Michael White: 01306 888886 19white@gmail.com

Wine Appreciation

Email group leader for dates Geoff Saunders: 01306 887493 geoff.m.saunders@gmail.com

Wanted!

More members to join the RUG (Really Useful Group) to help from time to time with a variety of tasks. These might include making tea or coffee, helping with technical problems, assisting at social events – whatever need arises. You would join a pool of volunteers to respond to needs as they arise.

If you are wiling to help that would be so good: please get in touch with Mike Thurner (01306 884831).

When do 1st in month 2nd in month Singing for Pleasure Reading for Pleasure Plant Lovers COMMITTEE MEETING on the am Monday before a monthly meeting Monday Bridge 1 & 2 Bridge 1 & 2 Italian Conversation pm Poetry Unlimited Science, Technology & Society **Exercise for Health Exercise for Health** Military History Creative Writing 2 am Shakespeare & His Contemporaries **Tuesday** Pilates 1, 2 & 4 (Dorking) Pilates 1, 2 & 4 (Dorking) Quilting Group 2 Quilting Group 2 Photography 1 Upwords mq Jane Austen Photography 2 Current Issues 2 Mahjong Genealogy Workshop for Non-Quilting Group 1 am Genealogy Workshop for **Beginners** Mahjong **Beginners** Wednesday **Spanish Conversation** MONTHLY MEETING pm Pilates 3 (Westcott) Pilates 3 (Westcott) am Painting for Pleasure **Thursday** History French Conversation 1 Jazz Appreciation pm German for Non-beginners **Dorking U3A Bells** Ukulele Line Dancing Walking am Creative Writing 1 Gardening **Table Tennis Table Tennis** mg **Friday** French Conversation 2 **DIY Dressmaking** Indoor Bowls (Oct-Apr) Art Appreciation 2 Classical Music Appreciation

we meet?

3rd in month	4th/last in month	Also:
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Local History Singing for Pleasure	Computing Workshops Enjoying Architecture (if day outing)	
Singing for Fleasure	Luncheon Club (12.30pm)	Days Out – see pages x-xiii
Bridge 1 & 2	Bridge 1 & 2	Regional Study
Opera Appreciation	Enjoying Architecture Italian Conversation Poetry Unlimited	Days – see page xiv
Bird Watching	Exercise for Health	Singles Sunday
Exercise for Health		Lunch group –
Latin for Today Shakespeare & His		dates as arranged
Contemporaries		arrangea
Pilates 1, 2 & 4 (Dorking)	Pilates 1, 2 & 4 (Dorking)	
Quilting Group 2	Quilting Group 2	
Archaeology	Upwords Philosophy	
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 Mahjong	Mahjong	
Current Issues 1	Quilting Group 1	
Myths		
Spanish Conversation	Art Appreciation	
Philosophy & Critical Thinking (online)		
Pilates 3 (Westcott)	Pilates 3 (Westcott)	
Painting for Pleasure	Painting for Pleasure	
French Conversation 1		
German for Non-beginners Dorking U3A Bells	Ukulele	
Line Dancing	Walking	
	Financial Matters	
Table Tennis	Table Tennis	
DIY Dressmaking	French Conversation 2	
Indoor Bowls (Oct-Apr)		
Portfolio Management		

Days Out: How to Book

Day excursions are organised by the Days Out Committee

- Enquiries and bookings may be made at monthly meetings or by phone. If phoning please ring Sheila Knight (01306 886659)
- 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 Sheila Knight, 11, Ladyegate Road, Dorking RH5 4AS.
- 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 three 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.

Wednesday 6 December 2017 LONDON FROM THE RIVER AND THE FYE

By setting off and returning later than usual, we will be missing the rush-hour traffic and be rewarded by experiencing London from an unusual viewpoint.



The coach will take us directly to

Greenwich Pier where we will meet our Blue Badge guide and embark on a boat for a cruise up-river. We can listen to the commentary while we sip our drinks purchased at the bar – sorry, no food available – then watch as we slip along peacefully to the pier nearest to the Eye. Soaring into the night sky, we will be able to observe the magical lights of London. When we come down again we will probably be looking forward to our supper (included in the price) at the London Marriott hotel, which is a short walk from the Eye. After supper it will be about 7pm and time to head home having avoided the worst of the rush hour.

Leaders: Sue Willis (07973 507338) and Sheila Knight (07811 085917) Please only use these numbers in an emergency on the day of the trip.

Cost: £45.50 (includes boat trip, London Eye and supper at the London Marriott hotel)

PLEASE NOTE TIMINGS

2.00pm Brockham, Middle Street

2.10pm **Dorking Halls**

2.15pm Opposite Waitrose

2.20pm Bus stop near Knoll Rd

Friday 9 February 2018 WATTS GALLERY, COMPTON



The Watts Gallery is set in
Limnerslease, the home of the
celebrated Victorian artist and sculptor
George Frederick Watts and his wife,
Mary. A fine collection of their work is
displayed in the house along with
paintings by more modern artists in a
separate gallery. While we are there a

temporary exhibition of Helen Allingham's paintings will also be on show. In the morning, we will be taken round the village with its studios, little shops and the gallery, saving the tour of the house and chapel for the afternoon.

The Watts Memorial Chapel, designed by Mary Watts, is a short walk away. It is an unforgettable circular little building, uniquely decorated with murals that completely cover the walls and ceiling. The whole is set among the Arts and Crafts tombstones in the small churchyard.

You could get lunch at the Kiln restaurant or take your own picnic.

Leaders: Sue Willis (07973 507338) and Sheila Knight (07811 085917) Please only use these numbers in an emergency on the day of the trip.

Cost: £33

PLEASE NOTE TIMINGS

9.00am Brockham, Middle Street

9.10am Dorking Halls

9.15am Opposite Waitrose

9.20am Bus stop near Knoll Road We plan to leave for home at 4.30pm

Wednesday 21 March 2018 **ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION**

Some of you may have seen the television programmes about rescues at sea and will agree that the lifeboat crews are, without a doubt, among the bravest people in the land.

We have arranged to be shown around the college and lifeboat station at Poole, where we will hear how the crews have to wear a pager so they can be called at any time of the day or night.

Immediately the pager goes off, they drop



what they are doing and race to get the boat launched, sometimes in as little as four minutes.

We will hear how the crews are trained and will be shown the specialist equipment including the simulator, in which we will be invited to experience what it is like to be in a lifeboat in a stormy sea. (Anyone who feels sick must look away!)

When we have got our land legs back, we will be taken over the road to see how the amazing little craft are built. It will be a memorable day out and one to fill us all with admiration for these courageous men and women.

The RNLI has restricted the number of visitors it can accommodate to 24, so it will be first-come, first-served when bookings are taken from the January monthly meeting onwards. Lunch in the Harbour Suite is included.

If you are unlucky enough to miss out on the RNLI visit, you might appreciate a day by the sea anyway. We will be offering places on the coach for anyone wishing to be dropped off at Poole, where you could spend a leisurely day taking time to have a good lunch and maybe go on a trip round the harbour. The coach will then pick you up at a prearranged time and place so everyone will come home together. Leaders: Sue Willis (07973 507338) and Sheila Knight (07811 085917) Please only use these numbers in an emergency on the day of the trip.

Cost: Coach and RNLI: £32, including lunch. Coach only: £23

Please note: EARLY START

8.25am **Brockham Middle Street**

8.35am **Dorking Halls**

8.40am Opposite Waitrose

8.45am Bus stop near Knoll Road We plan to leave for home at 5.45pm

Surrey Regional Study Days

Study days are held in the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon. Each day starts at 9.30am with registration and finishes at 4pm. The cost including coffee/tea and biscuits is £10 (£12 for non-members). Please bring a packed lunch.

Although the hall is large enough to accommodate a wide audience, <u>booking is necessary</u>. Application forms are available at Monthly Meetings or on the Surrey U3A Network website by clicking the study day you wish to attend. Google 'Surrey U3A Events'.

Booking now open for:

Friday 16 February MAKING SENSE OF ISLAM

Presented by Anne Davison, lecturer for the Arts Society

Friday 16 March VINCENT VAN GOGH AND PAINTING IN 19th CENTURY FRANCE

Presented by Leslie Pitcher, U3A member and lecturer for the Arts Society

Friday 20 April **UK ENERGY FUTURES**

Presented by Graham Hill, Richard Rumble, Robin Allen, John Gallop and Ian Funnell

Booking opens on 1 February for:

Friday 18 May

HOAXES, MAGIC, CARTOONS AND SATIRE

Presented by Ian Keable, lecturer for the Arts Society and member of the Inner Magic Circle

Friday 15 June

RECENT BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES

Presented by Professor Mike Parker Pearson, University College London

Calendar of Events, December 2017 to March 2018			
December	6	Day Out	London from the River and the Eye
	13	Monthly meeting	A Celebration of U3A Talent
January	10	Monthly Meeting	Circumnavigating the World
February	9	Day Out	Watts Gallery
	14	Monthly meeting	The Job of a Lifetime
	16	Study Day	Making Sense of Islam
March	21	Day Out	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
	14	Monthly meeting	The Musical Theatre of Gilbert and Sullivan
	16	Study Day	Vincent Van Gogh and Painting in 19th-century France

Residential Trips

- Yorkshire, 30 April to 4 May 2018
- Berlin, October 2018

See Newsletter p5 for details

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