



Dorking & District

HANDBOOK

Autumn 2021



OTTER by *Liz Lockhart-Mure*
JAKE WINKLE ART MASTERCLASS, 16 JUNE 2021

When do we meet?					
	1st in month		2nd in month	3rd in month	4th/last in month
Monday	am		COMMITTEE MEETING Reading for Pleasure (autumn/winter)	Plant Lovers	Computing Workshops
	pm	Bridge 1 & 2 German Conversation	Bridge 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure (spring/summer)	Bridge 1 & 2 German Conversation	Bridge 1 & 2 Architecture Opera Appreciation
Tuesday	am	Military History	Scribblers	Shakespeare & his Contemporaries Words, Words, Words	Luncheon Club
	pm	Photography 1 Pilates 1 & 2 Quilting 2 Shakespeare & his Contemporaries (online)	Pilates 1 & 2 Photography 2 Quilting 2 Upwards	Philosophy Pilates 1 & 2 Quilting 2	Archaeology Pilates 1 & 2 Quilting 2 Upwards
Wednesday	am	Current Issues Genealogy Workshop	French Lunch Quilting 1 Science and Technology in Everyday Life	Local History	Quilting 1
	pm	Card Games Philosophy (online)	MONTHLY MEETING	Philosophy (online)	Art Appreciation 1
Thursday	am	Qi Gong (6-week block)	Acoustic Guitar Qi Gong (6-week block)	Qi Gong (6-week block)	Qi Gong (6-week block)
	pm	French Conversation 1	Cryptic Crosswords	French Conversation 1	
Friday	am	Line Dancing	Gardening Ukulele Walking	Line Dancing Ukulele	Ukulele Walking
	pm	Art Appreciation 2 DIY Dressmaking Indoor bowls (Oct-April) Outdoor Bowls (April-Sept)	Outdoor Bowls (April-Sept)	DIY Dressmaking Indoor Bowls (Oct-April) Outdoor Bowls (April-Sept)	Outdoor Bowls (April-Sept) Portfolio Management
Proposed new group: Semi-e Painting (Japanese watercolour painting)					

Chair's Annual Report 2020-2021



When I agreed to take on chairing the D&D u3a committee last August, I did so with some trepidation - I was following in the footsteps of founder Jim Docking and others, people whose vision, professionalism and energies I feared I lacked.

But I have been surrounded by a strong body of men and women who have worked tirelessly to ensure the continuity of our activities. Our website is more eye-catching than ever, with photographs and regular reports which I hope members will continue sending in. The Monthly Meetings programme is varied to suit all tastes and the administrative support that keeps the organisation afloat is as robust as it's ever been, all thanks to the Committee.

At the National u3a AGM this August, before standing down as Chairman after three years in office, Ian McCannah delivered a final speech in which he admitted that membership UK wide had fallen by 20%, with many regional u3as having suspended activities during 2020 and therefore having to re-energise their groups and members. I am proud to say that D&D u3a has pretty much maintained its membership numbers. Although we have fewer groups starting up in the autumn, attendance at the Group Leader meeting in July gives us confidence that the commitment and enthusiasm among members is still there.

However, in the words of Ian McCannah, *'the next three years won't be easy'*. We cannot hope to keep the u3a as it was - new technologies call for new skills. This is why we aim to start up computer workshops for members. And where possible we will continue providing virtual as well as face-to-face meetings to ensure that as many members as possible can access activities and talks.

We also need to rethink the image we project as an organisation - shared learning is at the heart of our activities but 2020 taught us that social contact and engaging with each other is precious. And this is why we urge members to regroup and meet even in small numbers. Not everyone has IT to fall back on - so we will slowly restart Days Out, trips and social events and hope you will sign up for these in substantial numbers. We hope for a strong attendance at our **AGM ON 10TH NOVEMBER** - it's your opportunity to make your voice heard.

Finally, I believe that no man (or woman) is an island - D&D u3a does not exist in a vacuum and we are working hard to network with other local u3as and associations to exchange ideas, skills and opportunities. Together we are stronger.... and it's more fun that way!

Beryl Sinclair

D&D u3a visit to Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden (4 August 2021)



For a first visit since restrictions were lifted, the Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden was a magical place for our 25 members to stroll in and enjoy a sunny break.

Curator Vikki welcomed our group with an enthusiastic presentation on the garden's history. Originally landscaped in the 1920s, the garden fell into disuse, with overgrown trees and nettles and a stream that burst its banks every winter. In the 1970s, Dutch journalist Hannah Peschar and landscape designer husband Anthony Paul took on the task of cutting back the mature trees and overgrown plants and building a weir to control the stream waters and create large ponds. Unlike traditional British gardens, there are no flowering plants (apart from spring wildflowers), no orderly planting of beds and borders – nothing is contrived. Senses and emotions are allowed to take flight as at every turn a sculpture or arrangement captures the imagination. Many of the displays are renewed every year with commissions

from around the world for the casual walker to admire. Artistic styles vary from figurative to abstract, innovatively using contemporary metals, glass, ceramics and plastics as well as the traditional stone, wood and bronze.

Like many, I was enthralled by a bronze horse – life size – its glossy coat glistening in the sunlight almost making it come alive. Nearby, beside the lake which borders Hannah's cottage, two ducks dipped in and out of the architectural fronds of the Gunnera, reminding us that wildlife is very much at home here.

That members enjoyed the event is in no doubt as borne out by the generous reviews:

'Thank you for organising the really interesting day at Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden yesterday. I found it very interesting and very much enjoyed it.' (Sue Scrivener)

'Everyone thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden... I thought Vicky's introduction was excellent and so full of enthusiasm for her project. Thank you too for arranging perfect weather!' (Elizabeth Holmes)

Our next visit is to **West Horsley Place** on **1 November 2021**. For more information check out the D&D website www.dorkingu3a.org.uk or telephone Sally Connett 01306 740596.

Monthly Meetings

Meetings are currently held at the Christian Centre on the second Wednesday of each month (except August), starting at 2.30pm. There is no need to book and members are secure in the knowledge that the Centre follows rigorous health safety checks.

Where indicated, meetings will also be transmitted via zoom for those who do not wish to attend a face-to-face meeting.

Further details of all our monthly meetings are on the Dorking u3a website www.dorkingu3a.org.uk

13 October 2021

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF AMY AND AMELIA (ALSO ON ZOOM)

Aviation historian and u3a member **Jim Barnes** looks at women in the story of flying and how they made world news and brought about innovation. From Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart to the Red Arrows, women achieved many firsts in the air and in engineering.



10 November 2021

THE BRINKS MAT ROBBERY (ALSO ON ZOOM)

During his 30-year career in the Metropolitan Police speaker **Ian Brown** was involved with high profile cases including the Krays, the Sweeney, armed robberies such as Brinks-Mat. The talk goes through the elaborate planning and execution that converted £26 million gold bullion into cash but also ended with the tragic killing of PC John Fordham at the hands of Kenneth Noye.



8 December 2021

A ROYAL CHRISTMAS (ALSO ON ZOOM)

Speaker **Siobhan Clarke** is a guide lecturer for Historic Royal Palaces based at Hampton Court Palace. She describes how our Christmas rituals evolved from Christian liturgy, pagan rites and the influence of the monarchy. She explores Christmas at court from the middle ages to the present day and how the royals have influenced our own celebrations.



12 January 2022

HAIDA NATION (ALSO ON ZOOM)

U3a member and seasoned traveller **Geoff Saunders** talks about the People of the Pacific North-West. Their oral history goes back over 10,000 years and their artistic culture, seamanship and trading skills made them a formidable society which was almost wiped out by a smallpox epidemic.



9 February 2022

TOY TRAIN TO THE CLOUDS

Traveller & military historian **Paul Whittle**, served for 34 years in the Royal Corps of Signals, Territorial Army. He took part in many overseas NATO exercises. As a retired officer and Vice Chairman of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway Society he has researched and published many books on its history, raising funds for charities in Myanmar (Burma) and India.

11 May 2022

BEHIND THE SCENES AT WIMBLEDON

For 40 years speaker **Alan Chalmers** was the All England Lawn Tennis Club's steward on Centre Court, responsible for organising seating arrangements and security of great tennis players and their guests. He talks about the great matches and players with many associated anecdotes from 1924 onwards.



9 March 2022

DOCTOR AT SEA by Bob Cruthers

13 APRIL 2022

LIFE AS A CHELSEA PENSIONER as described by **Brian Cumming MBE**.

The Royal Hospital Chelsea is home to some 300 Chelsea Pensioners. It gives them a new life within a vibrant community founded on the rock of comradeship.

8 June 2022

ROYAL JUBILEES - Graeme Payne, a travel journalist and cruise ship speaker, explores how royal jubilee celebrations have evolved from a celebration of the monarch to jubilation by the people.

13 July 2022

BRIDES, BOOTY & BATTLES - Historian Helen Poole recounts the relationship between the Royal Tudors and Spain.

IT HELP DESK

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John Sinclair: 01306 711542; johnsinclair@dorkingu3a.org.uk



If you have any specific IT issues or would like advice or support with any IT issues, please contact Bob Crooks or John Sinclair. One on one help is available.

Should a number of members need a refresher or training session on a specific IT area, we are happy to run informal and fun workshops. Please contact John or Bob to discuss those needs further.

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. In the listings, both email addresses and telephone numbers are given where available. If venues are not specified, groups may be meeting at a group member's home - this may restrict numbers due to space or COVID safety. Please check with individual group leaders.

If you would like to start a new group or have suggestions for new groups or wish to make a general enquiry about joining a group, please contact Gareth Balle, our Groups Coordinator on dorkingu3agroups@gmail.com or on 07734 045180.



Want to meet new friends? Join a luncheon club or coffee morning

Tony Parker: 01306 884050; tp@abilityback.com

If you would like to spend a relaxed time chatting with like-minded people over a meal or a coffee, please contact Tony to find out when and where the next meeting will take place.

ACOUSTIC GUITAR (IMPROVERS)

2nd Thursday 10am-12noon

St John's Community Building, North Holmwood

Brian Joannou 01306 887411

brian.joannou241@btinternet.com

This small group brings together guitar enthusiasts with some experience who enjoy jamming together. Music ranges from rock to negro spirituals. Ability to read music preferred but not a pre-requisite. A beginners group is being considered.



ARCHAEOLOGY

4th Tuesday 2.30-4.30pm

Peter Horitz 01306 898057; peter.horitz@uwclub.net



This small group of archaeology enthusiasts meets once a month to share interests and expertise to discuss the history of excavations in the UK and elsewhere.

Starting with Roman villas and then going on to hill forts, we enjoy many visits to sites such as Fishbourne Palace and attend exhibitions at the British Museum.



ARCHITECTURE

If you love buildings, this could be the group for you! Although a few members have a background in architecture or related professions, most do not – they simply have a passion for architecture through the ages. We enjoy a mix of illustrated talks and guided visits organised by members for members. This year we are proposing to look at French abbatial architecture and buildings and culture in Normandy.

For further information please contact Roger Stones on 01306 886754 or roger.stones@btinternet.com.

ART APPRECIATION 1

4th Wednesday 2-4pm

United Reformed Church (small chapel)

Pat Lucas: 01306 711653; patalucas1976@yahoo.co.uk



We started in April 2013 and are now a lively, enthusiastic group. We have 10 meetings (including two visits and two speakers) per year. We make use of YouTube films and documentaries to promote lively discussions of artistic trends. We take inspiration for our programme from members' suggestions and forthcoming exhibitions.

Past visits include the Red House (home of William Morris), the Matisse exhibition at Tate Modern and All Saints' Chapel at Tudeley, Kent to view the beautiful Marc Chagall stained glass windows.

ART APPRECIATION 2: WAYS OF SEEING ART

1st Friday 2.30-4pm; Christian Centre, Dorking

Beryl Sinclair: 01306 711542; dorkingu3achair@gmail.com



The aim of this small convivial group is to enjoy art whatever its provenance and discuss artistic trends both ancient and modern. We mostly visit local exhibitions but also local churches or NT properties such as Petworth House to inform our discussions. Members bring to the meetings their personal knowledge and impressions of lectures or exhibitions they have attended.

During 2020 we explored the intricacies of Land Art and the controversy of street art, with particular reference to Banksy, as an expression of rebellion. This year we are looking at *The Garden in Art*, providing us with opportunities to do some interesting visits.

ASTRONOMY

Geoff Saunders: 01306 884812; geoff.m.saunders@gmail.com

We are fortunate in having a number of members with their own telescopes. Our first objective is to put the telescopes to good use. When the weather conditions are right, any telescope owner who is willing will email the group suggesting a time and place to observe. Members with telescopes will share experience and viewing opportunities.



Our second objective is to explore theoretical astronomy/cosmology further, using online courses. Lectures and visits may also be arranged and the group meets on a regular basis to discuss experiences and observations.

BOWLS

Bowls is a friendly and sociable activity, ideal for u3a members. It offers a great way to get gentle exercise with non-strenuous activity. The basics of the sport are easy to learn; the more you play, the better you get. But be warned, - it can become seriously addictive! We run two bowls groups, both of which welcome new members.



Summer (April to mid September)

Every Friday 2.30—4.30pm

Pippbrook Bowling Club (behind Mole Valley District Council Offices in Dorking; parking permits can be available for when you are playing)

David Pettman: 01306 883043; david@pettman.co.uk

Equipment: Bowls and other equipment are available, but please wear comfortable clothing and flat-soled shoes. Initial coaching and further guidance is available.

Charges: £4 per session (charges waived if you do become addicted and decide to join the bowling club)

Winter (late September to April)

1st & 3rd Fridays, 2-4pm

Horsham Indoor Bowling Club at Broadbridge Heath, near Horsham, behind Tesco.

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

Equipment: Flat-soled shoes, preferably bowling shoes, are necessary; but other equipment and guidance can be provided.

Constraints: Because of limitations at Horsham, initial coaching needs to be obtained – either with the Summer Group, or with a bowls club before joining this group.

Charges: £6 per session.

BRIDGE

Every Monday 2-4pm, the Christian Centre, Dorking

Sue Greenacre: 01306 886832; suegreenacre49@gmail.com

Lionel Cartlidge: 01306 898491; lionelcartlidge@gmail.com

Lesley Pearce: 07954 381873; lesleypearcemassage@gmail.com



The group offers social bridge where members can play, learn and have fun in an informal environment. Members have mixed abilities and in accordance with the u3a ethos the more experienced members help the less confident. We have grown significantly and now consist of three groups.

CURRENT ISSUES

1st Wednesday 10.30am-noon

Andrew Gibbons: 01306 742650;

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Our round-table discussions on topical issues are based on prior reading of articles circulated by one of the group.

Recent subjects have included: *Should we apologise for the British Empire?*; *Electric cards*; *Gender choices*; *China - friend or foe?*; and *The Future of the Labour Party*.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

2nd Thursday 2.30-4pm

Lyn Groves: 01306 898339 or

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Come and exercise your mind in a friendly setting to solve word clues and complete puzzles.

DIY DRESSMAKING

1st & 3rd Friday 2.15-5pm

Anne Blanchard

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This group is for those who would like to improve their basic dressmaking skills. Sessions begin with a demonstration of an advanced technique and continue with working on a garment or drafting a pattern.

Meeting in the leader's home allows ready access to practical examples, equipment and books; and, if necessary, a change of date can be arranged easily. We visit exhibitions and museums as and when they arise.

Of necessity the group is limited in size, but a second group could be arranged if required.



FRENCH CONVERSATION

1st & 3rd Thursdays 2.30-4pm

Julie Mellows: 01306 889404

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We meet in each other's houses, each member taking a turn in leading the session, finding a topic of interest, sometimes an item of news, a quiz, an exercise to improve our command of the language, a play, or a game, or we just chat in French.

GARDENING

2nd Friday 10am-noon

Vivian Wildman: 01306 644950

A group of us meet monthly to exchange plants, discuss problems and investigate ideas old and new. No matter how long we have gardened, there is always something new to learn.



In 2016 Mole Valley Council approved our plan for a flower bed to be added in the Meadowbank recreation ground to celebrate the u3a's 25th anniversary.

FRENCH CONVERSATION LUNCH

2nd Wednesday 12.30-2pm

Geoff Saunders: 01306 884812;

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We meet around 12:30pm in Dorking, on the second Wednesday of each month for an informal lunch and discussion before the u3a monthly meeting.

Topics of conversation vary widely, covering travels, holidays, children and life in general. Most of the conversation is in French. If you would like to join in with this easy-going group and hone your language skills while having fun, just get in touch.



GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

1st Wednesday 10am-noon

Christian Centre, Dorking

Christine Holloway: 01306 889310

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Each month members meet to exchange suggestions on how to further their research and discuss how particular problems can be resolved, which helps others.

Members give each other the incentive to find the next piece of the jigsaw and add to their confidence to work on the internet. Some have found living relatives abroad they never knew existed, which adds to the broader picture of the extended family.



GERMAN CONVERSATION

1st & 3rd Monday from 2.15 - 4.30pm

Bob Crooks: 01306 740062;

robertcrooks@rocketmail.com



We are a small friendly group who share an interest in German language and culture. We

meet on first and third Monday afternoons each month, in each other's homes.

We aim to practise reading, listening and speaking through a variety of activities. We welcome new members with some knowledge of the language even if it's a bit rusty.

LINE DANCING

1st & 3rd Fridays 10.45-11.45am

Follett Hall, URC, West Street

Gill Crooks: 01306 740062;

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Line dancing is a great way to exercise both body and mind.

At the end of the hour of upbeat music we leave the hall invigorated and uplifted! We learn new dances and revisit old favourites, gradually building up our pace.

We have learnt *Waltz Across Texas*; *Live, Laugh, Love*; *Boot Scootin' Boogie* and *Brushstrokes*, to name but a few.

New members are welcome – don't worry about catching up, practice makes perfect and many of the dances are online.



JIGSAW EXCHANGE

Hilda Burden: 01737 842516

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Do you enjoy doing jigsaws? This facility was set up during lockdown and has been very popular with members. We have well over 200 mainly 1,000-piece, but also lots of 500-piece, puzzles stored in Brockham. The exchange is open one morning and one afternoon a month. Please phone Hilda to make an appointment.

There is a £2 joining charge which entitles you to have one puzzle and exchange it as many times as you wish for 50p each time. If you want more than one puzzle at a time you can have as many as you want for an initial charge of £1 each, then just 50p for each puzzle exchanged.



STOP PRESS: PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

Do you enjoy drawing and painting? Then this might be for you! Members of this friendly and enthusiastic group have been supporting each other and sharing ideas and techniques for some years. They hope to start meeting again and would like new members to join them.

For more information contact the Groups Coordinator Gareth Balle on dorkingu3agroups@gmail.com or Beryl Sinclair on 01306 711542.

LOCAL HISTORY (NEW)

3rd Wednesday 10.30am-noon

Hilda Burden: 01737 842516

hildaburden@gmail.com



Are you new to the area?
Or do you just enjoy
discovering the secret
history of local
communities and sites ?

We hope you will join this new group to consider how local events and people have impacted on the wider cultural and social aspects of history. Researching documents, liaising with museums and exploring the local area are just some of the ways members can engage and expand their knowledge of Dorking and the surrounding area. Please contact Hilda to register your interest.

MAHJONG (NEW)

Every Tuesday 2-3.30pm

Christian Centre, Dorking



The ancient Chinese game of mahjong is played with 144 tiles and involves many conventions that make the game unique. As

with most games, mahjong has its own special terms, such as pungs, kongs, chows and goulash.

We are looking for members to start up this new group. Ideally, newcomers need to commit to four weeks so that they can learn the basics before putting everything into practice. Contact Gareth Balle on 07734 045180 or dorkingu3agroups@gmail.com

MILITARY HISTORY

1st Tuesday 10.30-12.30pm Recreation Ground Pavilion, Brockham RH3 7JT

Barrie Friend: 07796 633516; barrieandmarilyn@gmail.com



The aim of the group is to share knowledge and understanding of why conflicts occur, the progress and consequences of battles, and the role of participants on the front line and the home front.

A monthly newsletter with further reading and information on films and talks for further study keeps the group in touch and up-to-date, and visits to local military sites and museums helps keep this friendly

group together and engaged.

Recent topics have included: *Women at War*, *The Battle of Britain*, *The French at Waterloo*, *Stopping Hitler's Invasion of Britain*.

More information, links to Zoom talks and our Newsletter can be found on the D&D u3a website www.dorkingu3a.org.uk. Sounds interesting? You will be warmly welcomed at our meetings with coffee and biscuits.

PHILOSOPHY

3rd Tuesday 2.30-4pm

Marjorie Hudson: 01306 888281; hudmarjorie@gmail.com



We continue to explore aspects of philosophy using John Cottingham's Anthology of Western Philosophy as a guide. Having covered the topics 'Problems in Ethics', 'Morality and the Good Life' and 'Science and Method' - where we were pleased to have the expertise of a scientist in the group - we are now completing the section on 'Beauty and Art'. This covers passages from the likes of Hume, Nietzsche, Tolstoy and Sartre and we are finding the topic raises more questions than it gives answers. Meetings include presentations and lively discussions.

PHILOSOPHY ONLINE

1st & 3rd Wednesday 2.30-4pm

Virginia Wheeler: virginia.s.wheeler@gmail.com

This group uses online materials from major universities to support learning. As each module is completed, the group select a follow-on module from a vast choice on MOOC websites.



PHOTOGRAPHY 1

1st Tuesday 2-4.30pm

Graham Speed: 01306 889448; grahamspeed27@gmail.com



Our members have a mix of experience and cameras (SLR, bridge and compact). Several have computers with image manipulating software. We engage in practical digital photography and are striving to extend the boundaries of our individual photographic comfort zones and to improve our creative picture-making skills by sharing our individual knowledge and expertise as well as having fun.

We agree a broad monthly theme for each member to interpret and produce a set of images which are projected on to a screen and shared with the whole group for critical evaluation at the end of the month. The best images are displayed on the u3a website and some have been exhibited at Denbies.

PHOTOGRAPHY 2

2nd Tuesday 3-4.30pm, The Old House, Dorking

Bob & Caroline Brown: 07842 929676; dorkingu3aphoto2@prjb.org.uk



This small and informal group meets to discuss photographic techniques and compare photographs on a pre-determined theme in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. Members need not be experienced or dedicated photographers and new members are always welcome as the group shares information and helps each other make great photographs, the best of which may be seen on the u3a and other websites. We organise occasional photographic trips as well.

PILATES

Every Tuesday, Christian Centre, Dorking

Cost: £7 per session, payable by cheque at the start of each 6-8 block.

Overall leader Mary Cranston: 01306 883372; *Tutor* Tina Westwood

Group 1: 2.30-3.30pm; **Group 2:** 3.45-4.45pm



Pilates is a low-impact workout designed to strengthen the centre of the body, tone muscles, improve posture and increase flexibility. Exercises are done sitting or lying on an aerobics mat. Each exercise is done slowly with precision and targets specific muscle groups.

Pilates concentrates on core strength: it is not a 'quick fix' but a slow and steady training. Each class starts with a warm-up to mobilise the joints and muscles. Each exercise has specific movements and specific breathing, with few repetitions.

Pilates differs from other forms of exercise in that it concentrates on the deep muscles essential for stability. It will improve your body awareness and, through specific breathing techniques, teach you how to maximise your abdominal control and strength.

PLANT LOVERS

3rd Monday 10.30am-noon

Hilda Burden: 01737 842516; hildaburden@gmail.com

This friendly group meet in members' homes and so are able to view their gardens and maybe even obtain a cutting or two and some small plants.

Each month we discuss how we deal with plants and problems in our own gardens and so share our knowledge. This coming year, with restrictions being relaxed, we will be arranging group visits to gardens of special interest.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

4th Friday 1.30-4pm, Hamilton Room, Betchworth
John Holder 01737 845907; holdj851@gmail.com.



Our group shares the enjoyable and generally profitable hobby of investing in the stock market, either in collective funds or in individual stocks. We discuss the impact of current affairs on markets, exchange investment ideas and construct dummy portfolios, which we follow throughout the year. Study topics have included investment risk and reward, finding one's comfort zone,

managing bond portfolios and SIPPs.

We are a small friendly mixed group who usually gather for a bite to eat in the Dolphin beforehand and we welcome a few new members.

QI GONG



Six week programme starting Thursday 16 September 2021

Cost: £39 for 6 sessions, payable by cheque on enrolment

10.30-11.30am Follett Hall, URC, Dorking

Contact: Beryl Sinclair: 01306 711542; Tutor: Jo Thompson

With gentle exercise to tone weary muscles, improve balance and general mobility, Qi Gong is a special programme of tai chi moves. Jo is an experienced tutor who has been successfully leading online sessions for the last year and adapts exercises to chair or floor to suit all members and abilities.

QUILTING 1 AND 2



Group 1: 2nd & 4th Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm

Deanne Rhodes: 01737 844768; deannerhodes@btinternet.com

Group 2: Most Tuesdays 2-4pm

Juliet Eberle: 01306 884569; juliet.eberle@ntlworld.com

Our groups meet at an agreed group member's home. We set ourselves both group and individual challenges to explore and develop unlearned techniques. We also like to share outings, articles and quilting experiences with each other and to see where the future takes us.

We are enthusiastic and friendly; everyone contributes something different to ensure the success of each project - technical knowhow, fabric and equipment, ideas and encouragement.

READING FOR PLEASURE

2nd Monday 10.15-11.45am (autumn and winter); 3-4.30pm (spring and summer)

Joyce Kingsley-Jones: 01306 885789; joycekingsleyjones@hotmail.co.uk



Our group considers a wide array of literature from around the world - biographies, travelogues, dramas or novels. Each month, we take it in turns to present a book of our own choice. The more individual the choice, the better the discussion. Of course, we like to put the world to rights! During autumn and winter months we meet in the morning; during spring and summer we meet in the afternoon in the garden weather permitting.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

3rd Wednesday 10am-noon

Richard Rumble: 01372 450142; richrumble747@gmail.com



Our members have a range of backgrounds – some have worked professionally in a field of science or technology, while others are simply interested in the exciting and amazing world of science and technology.

Members volunteer to give a talk on a particular area that interests them or a video is chosen from the internet and this is followed by discussion and questions. Recent talks and videos have included 'Climate Reality', 'Advantages of driving BEVs', and 'The Nuclear Accident at Fukushima'. The group also arranges visits from time to time to places of scientific interest such as the synchrotron science facility at Harwell.

We very much welcome new members who have an interest in Science. We meet at each other's homes so contact Richard for more information.

SCRIBBLERS

2nd Tuesday 10am-noon

Pat Smith: 01306 889278; pat2africa@yahoo.co.uk

Gillian Williamson: 01306 884191; rowewill@aol.com

Scribblers is a friendly writing-for-pleasure group. We start meetings with a short *scribble* then have a writing activity of some sort, followed by a reading of what we've prepared. It can be factual, imaginative, a poem, a play, whatever. Writers range from experienced to beginners - we all share an enthusiasm for the written word, be it poetry or prose (mostly prose, actually). You may be pleasantly surprised to discover your hidden talent. All you need is pen and paper, and a sense of humour - new members will be welcome. Please contact the group leader for more details.



SHAKESPEARE AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES

1st Tuesday 2.30pm; 3rd Tuesday
10.45am

Jackie Rance: 01306 887416;
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Our enthusiastic group continued meeting successfully during 2020/21 on Zoom but has now begun to meet face-to-face again.

When we were Zooming, we studied Shakespeare's *Sonnets*. Now we have started studying the historically linked plays Henry IV parts 1 and 2 and Henry V.

From November we will also be having an online meeting on the 1st Tuesday in the month. We will study different plays at that meeting so you can choose to attend either or both sessions.

We welcome new members - please contact Jackie for more information.



SPANISH CONVERSATION (INTERMEDIATE)

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This group is currently inactive. We are seeking someone proficient in Spanish, not necessarily a native speaker, who could guide the group and extend our knowledge of the language.



UKULELE

Every Friday except 1st, 9.30-11.45am
St Joseph's Church Hall, Dorking
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We are an enthusiastic group of players, most of whom joined as beginners. We play and sing a variety of songs, from standards through to Bruce Springsteen. The emphasis is on acquiring skills through fun. Beginners will be offered starter sessions until they feel competent enough to join the group. Join - you can't help but smile when you play the ukulele!

WALKING

2nd & 4th Fridays at 10am
Jane White: 01306 888886



We are a very friendly group of members who enjoy walking in the beautiful countryside within a 10-mile radius of Dorking. The walks are between four and five miles long, take 2-2½ hours and let you discover beautiful, diverse countryside. We often finish off at a nearby pub for lunch. Very civilised!



UPWORDS

2nd & 4th Tuesday 2-4pm

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Upwords is a sort of 3D Scrabble but more fun! Come and try it if you've never played - it's very easy to learn. Tiles are placed on a board similar to Scrabble, but then other letters can be stacked on top of those already on the board to create a new word. The higher the stack, the more points are scored. We're very friendly and like to chat as we play.



WINE APPRECIATION

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This small but well established group has one aim - discovering more about wine together.

We like to learn the u3a way, sharing expertise but also working with local wine merchants and producers to find out more. This approach has been very successful so far.

Members take turns in selecting a topic (region, grape variety, colour, style, etc) and perhaps research a little with the help of professionals. Sessions will take place as we can find the opportunities, and costs will be in the order of £5-£10 per session. Come and join us - Cheers!



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WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

3rd Tuesday 10.30-noon

Rosemary Harbridge: 01306 881520; rharbridge@sky.com

Do you suffer from *lethologica*? Then this new group would be right for you – we will consider all matters word-related. Please contact Rosemary for more information on venue and times of future meetings.

Residential trip

THE HISTORIC HOUSES & HERITAGE OF THE PEAK DISTRICT

Spring 2022 (Date tbc)

5 days from £529 + £28 insurance

What is included in the price?

Travel by executive coach; four nights in 4* hotel (half board accommodation); all excursion travel & guided tours; entrance to National Trust properties (free to NT members).

What will we see?

Visits include: Baddesley Clinton, home of the Ferrers family and sanctuary to persecuted priests during 1590s; Chatsworth, home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire; Renishaw Hall, home of the Sitwell family for almost 400 years; Hardwick Hall, designed by Bess of Hardwick and Haddon Hall, a 12th century fortified manor house, surrounded by terraced Elizabethan gardens; Crich Tramway Village, home of the Tramway Museum..



HARDWICK HALL & GARDENS

How do I book?

Register your interest with Group Organiser Ianthe Cox on 01737 843105 or email ianthecox72@gmail.com. Check our website [Peak District trip \(dorkingu3a.org.uk\)](http://Peak District trip (dorkingu3a.org.uk))

Day out

MAKE A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

1 NOVEMBER 2021 - WEST HORSLEY PLACE REVEALED



We plan to visit West Horsley Place on **1 November** where we will be able to explore the most prestigious rooms such as the drawing room and library, and walled gardens.

Check our u3a website for details www.dorkingu3a.org.uk or contact Sally Connett 01306 740596 or 07546 229462.

Regional Study Days



Study days are open to all U3A members and guests are very welcome. They are held in the [Menuhin Hall](#), Stoke d'Abernon; starting at 9.30am with registration and running from 10 - 4pm.

Following the experience many have had during the pandemic of attending events virtually, we have decided to offer virtual attendance so that members can view the study days from home.

The fee, including coffee/tea and biscuits, is £10 for members and £12 for guests and for virtual attendance is £5. Attendees should bring a packed lunch.

Prior booking is necessary by visiting www.u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/events or by contacting John Sinclair on 01306 711542.

Bookings now open for:

FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER

The Most Famous Pharaoh of Them All: Tutankhamun, The Boy King

Presented by Clive Barham Carter, Lecturer for the Arts Society

FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER

The Development of British Style - Life on the Antiques Roadshow

Presented by Paul Atterbury, well-known BBC Television Expert on Antiques

PROPOSED SURREY u3a NETWORK STUDY DAYS FOR 2022

- ◇ UNDERSTANDING TURNER: THE MAN, HIS LIFE & HIS WORK - Professor Maria Chester
- ◇ THE ART AND OBJECTS OF THE MUGHAL EMPERORS - Ursula Weekes
- ◇ INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY - Professor David Perrett
- ◇ THE ART OF DRAWING - Colin Wiggins
- ◇ ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS OF THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD - Imogen Corrigan
- ◇ THE STORY OF POLAR EXPLORATION /THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE - Lt Cdr John Ash & Bob Headland
- ◇ GRAVITY WAVE ASTRONOMY - Dr Chris North

Calendar of Events: October 2021 - July 2022

October	13	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	The Mysterious Disappearance of Amy & Amelia by Jim Barnes
	15	<i>Study Day</i>	Tutankhamun, The Boy King by Clive Barham Carter, Lecturer for the Arts Society
November	1	<i>Day Out</i>	West Horsley Place
	10	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	D&D u3a AGM followed by Brinks-Matt Gold Bullion Robbery by Ian Brown
	19	<i>Study Day</i>	The Development of British Style by Antiques Roadshow presenter Paul Atterbury
December	8	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	A Royal Christmas by Siobhan Clarke
January	12	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Haida Nation by Geoff Saunders
February	9	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Toy Train to the Clouds by Paul Whittle
March	9	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Doctor at Sea by Robert Cruthers
April	13	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Life as a Chelsea Pensioner by Brian Cumming
May	11	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Behind the Scenes at Wimbledon by Alan Chalmers
June	8	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Royal Jubilees by Graeme Payne
July	13	<i>Monthly Meeting</i>	Brides, Booty and Battles by Helen Poole



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