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# MEMBERS' DIRECTORY

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*The University of the Third Age is a self-help movement for people no longer in full time employment, providing educational, creative and leisure opportunities. Local U3As are run by volunteers. They are learning cooperatives which draw upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and run their activities. The teachers learn and the learners teach!*

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## **INTRODUCTION: “Learn, Laugh, and Live!”**

**Horsley U3A** is a self-help voluntary organisation for people no longer in full time employment. Set up in April 2008 to serve East and West Horsley and surrounding villages, it provides a wide range of educational, creative and leisure activities and interests for its more than 600 members. Horsley U3A is a registered charity, no. 1145957.

Although independent, Horsley U3A is a member of the **Surrey Network of U3As** and a member of the international **University of the Third Age** network. It is affiliated to the **Third Age Trust** (a registered charity and limited company) which sets standards and governance for U3As in the United Kingdom – details on [www.u3a.org.uk/home.html](http://www.u3a.org.uk/home.html). U3A is the only national adult education organisation in the UK run entirely by its own members.

Horsley U3A holds **Monthly Meetings** at which members can socialise, familiarise themselves with the latest local U3A information, group news, and updates, and listen to an external invited speaker on a topic of general interest. We also organise occasional **Social Events** for members – last year we held a **Quiz Night** and a **Summer Jazz Evening**.

Several times a year we organise **Theatre Visits**, and **Concert Trips** and occasional **Outings** to places of cultural and historical interest. These are open to all members.

We also support some 50 self-help **Activity Groups** focussed on specific educational, creative, sporting, and leisure pursuits. Group members decide and organise their own programmes and activities. The groups draw upon the knowledge, experience, and skills of their members to organise their activities. The teachers learn and the learners teach !

Our Activity Groups cover everything from **Antiques** and **Astronomy** to **Travel**, **Walking** and **Wine Appreciation**. The types of activity on offer include art, discussion, history, travel, languages, literature, music, technology, sports and pastimes, local outings, and trips abroad.

As the year progresses, you can find updated information on all Horsley U3A activities on our website [www.horsleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.horsleyu3a.org.uk). Our notice boards at the East Horsley Village Hall and next to Budgens in Station Parade, Ockham Road South also contain information. We also post details of forthcoming meetings on the parish council notice boards throughout East and West Horsley. We publish twice yearly newsletters reporting on recent news and group highlights, and other bulletins giving details of forthcoming events.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS January – June 2017

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	You the Jury	Peter Thompson
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	The National Gardens Scheme	George Plumptre
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017 after the AGM	The French Foreign Legion	David Williams
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	The Jubilee Sailing Trust	Steve Poole
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Fruit & Flavour Development	David Northcroft
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	The Surrey Hills Society	Ken Bare
NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST		
<i>Autumn programme September/ October/ November 2017 TBA</i>		

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND KEY CONTACTS – APRIL 2017

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## **NEW ACTIVITIES**

### **Latest Groups**

In the past few months we have established two new **Book** groups, a **Supper Club**, and a **Boules** group. If you are interested please contact the group contacts shown in the A-Z Activity Groups listing.

### **Possible New Groups**

Recent new members have expressed an interest in joining (or forming) activity groups for the following:

*Bee Keeping*

*Botanical Illustration*

*Car Maintenance*

*Classical Guitar*

*Creative Writing*

*Current Affairs*

*Electronics*

*Jazz*

*Jazz Listening*

*Philosophy*

*Physics and Maths*

*Running*

*Social Media*

*Swimming*

*Woodworking*

Contact Denise Smee ☎ 01483 283542 or Helen Bayes ☎ 01483 282062 if you are interested in taking part in (or helping to set up) any of these.

## **SURREY U3A NETWORK**

The Surrey U3A network is an umbrella organisation for U3As in Surrey that organises Study Days at the Menuhin Hall in Stoke D'Abernon, and other events. These events are very popular with our members. Details of forthcoming events are shown on page 25 and on <http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/events>.

## **ONLINE COURSES**

The **FutureLearn** initiative, endorsed by the **Third Age Trust** (the UK national U3A organisation), offers a diverse selection of *free* high quality online courses over the Internet to audiences across the world. The courses are free to participants and usually run for 3 to 6 weeks at a time, each week's study taking 2 to 3 hours of effort working on your own at a time to suit you. You can also join a course after it has started. Courses are equally accessible by smartphone, tablet computer, or conventional personal computer, and suit students of all ages.

Examples of 2017 FutureLearn courses which might interest Horsley U3A members appear on page 26 of this Directory. Further details can be found on:

[www.horsleyu3a.org.uk/resource-section/futurelearn](http://www.horsleyu3a.org.uk/resource-section/futurelearn)

The Third Age Trust also offers short online courses aimed at U3A members, ex-U3A members who are no longer able to attend a U3A, and those unable to access conventional courses for one reason or another (e.g. restricted mobility, disability, etc). No entry qualifications are required and the courses are designed purely for personal interest and enjoyment. They have been written by volunteers who are experienced tutors or course leaders in their fields. Further details are available on: <http://onlinecourses.u3a.org.uk/>.

## **CAN'T FIND THE ACTIVITY YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?**

Horsley U3A Activity Groups are set up and run for members, by members. If you are interested in a particular subject and have some ideas for a programme of activity, but there is no current Horsley U3A group to join, just contact our Groups Support team Denise Smee ☎ 01483 283542 ✉ [groups@horsleyu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@horsleyu3a.org.uk) or Helen Bayes ☎ 01483 282062.

Denise and Helen will discuss your ideas, canvass the membership, put you in touch with other members who may have the same interests, and help you set up a new group with them, if that is what you decide to do. All our groups were set up in this way by members just like you – it's very straightforward!

Alternatively you may wish to contact our neighbouring U3As who may offer the activity you require.

### **Local U3A Branches**

Fetcham and District U3A	<a href="http://www.fetchamu3a.org.uk">www.fetchamu3a.org.uk</a>
Bookham and District U3A	<a href="http://www.bookhamu3a.org.uk">www.bookhamu3a.org.uk</a>
Guildford U3A	<a href="http://www.guildfordu3a.org.uk">www.guildfordu3a.org.uk</a>
Dorking U3A	<a href="http://www.dorkingu3a.org.uk">www.dorkingu3a.org.uk</a>
Woking U3A	<a href="http://www.wokingu3a.org.uk">www.wokingu3a.org.uk</a>

### **JOINING HORSLEY U3A**

To take part in any Horsley U3A activity you must become a member. Membership of Horsley U3A is open to all and there is no waiting list, joining fee, or minimum age limit, although as most of our activities take place during the day our members are mostly no longer working full time. Horsley U3A membership costs £15 a year, renewable on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year (extra charges also apply for some activity groups and excursions).

To apply for membership please complete the membership application form on [www.horsleyu3a.org.uk/forms/application-for-membership-of-horsley-u3a/](http://www.horsleyu3a.org.uk/forms/application-for-membership-of-horsley-u3a/). For other membership enquiries please contact **Bill Hewlett** (Membership Secretary) on ☎ 01483 283635 ✉ [membership@horsleyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@horsleyu3a.org.uk).

On joining, you will receive details of all our activities. You are then at liberty to contact the respective Group Leader with a view to joining a particular activity. Alternatively you can contact a member of our Groups Support team, **Denise Smee** on ☎ 01483 283542 ✉ [groups@horsleyu3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@horsleyu3a.org.uk), or **Helen Bayes** on ☎ 01483 282062.

As we are a self help organisation run on voluntary lines, we depend for our success on our members taking part in the organisation and running of activities, events, and administration, and we ask all members to contribute in this way. If you have any particular skills and experience that may be relevant (eg financial, marketing, computers, project management, event organisation, administration, hospitality, etc), please get in touch so we may discuss how best to harness your capabilities.

## A-Z LISTING OF ACTIVITIES

### Antiques and Collectables

A group for those interested in Antiques and Collectables. Activities include talks by invited speakers, members presentations about their special interests, DVDs, plus plenty of discussion! Ad hoc outings may be arranged to reflect group members' interests.

**Contact:** Joy Davis                      ☎ 01483 574377      ✉ [joy@twistedbrick.co.uk](mailto:joy@twistedbrick.co.uk)  
Tony Jones                              ☎ 01372 454161      ✉ [ahj46@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ahj46@tiscali.co.uk)

**Time:** Monthly, third Monday of the month at 2pm, for 2.30pm until 4pm

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

### Art Appreciation

Art Appreciation is a warm, friendly, and interactive group that meets monthly to discuss artists and their work. We visit exhibitions, watch demonstrations, listen to speakers, or watch art-related films and DVDs.

**Contact:** Sylvia Lillywhite      ☎ 01483 283906      ✉ [sylvia.lillywhite@btinternet.com](mailto:sylvia.lillywhite@btinternet.com)

**Time:** First Thursday of each month at 10am except January, August, and September

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

### Astronomy

Astronomy meets monthly for a varied programme of presentations, lectures, and visits. In the spring and autumn on clear nights we have stargazing sessions using members' astronomical telescopes and photography equipment.

**Contact:** Peter Tribe                      ☎ 01483 222826      ✉ [peter@ptribe.plus.com](mailto:peter@ptribe.plus.com)  
Ian Symes                              ☎ 01483 283774      ✉ [icfsymes@gmail.com](mailto:icfsymes@gmail.com)

**Time:** Normally third Thursday of each month, at 6pm

**Location:** Peter Tribe's home

### Bird Watching and Natural History

This Group meets outdoors each month for practical observations. Field meetings are mostly at sites within a 20-minute drive of Horsley, such as Ockham Common, Guildford Riverside Park or Papercourt Gravel Pits. Our main focus is bird watching but we also undertake occasional wild flower walks. Walks last between 2.5 and 3 hours. Members are encouraged to visit websites giving information on birds and bird watching and to take part in national bird watching surveys.

**Contact:** Brian Austin                      ☎ 01483 284925      ✉ [brianaustin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:brianaustin@tiscali.co.uk)  
John Burge                              ☎ 01483 283803      ✉ [burgejs@gmail.com](mailto:burgejs@gmail.com)

**Time:** One Tuesday every month (except August) 9.30am- 12.30pm

**Location:** Outdoors

## **Boating & Sailing**

The Group has no planned programme, except regular dinghy sailing in Chichester Harbour in the summer, but in previous seasons, members have enjoyed and gained valuable experience day sailing in the Solent, Spithead, and further afield - even across the Channel to France and the Channel Islands. During the winter, individual members visit boat shows and jumbles and, by arrangement, join in some of the activities of local sailing clubs – the company of like-minded people is welcomed! If this appeals to you, particularly if you can suggest or lead an activity – rowing and canoeing would be welcome – please contact David Davis who would be pleased to put you in touch with others who might be interested.

**Contact:** David Davis      ☎ 01483 283728      ✉ [davidmdavis@btinternet.com](mailto:davidmdavis@btinternet.com)  
Ian Eversden      ☎ 01372 456854      ✉ [ian.eversden@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.eversden@ntlworld.com)

**Time:** Summer: by arrangement  
Winter: 8-10pm.

**Location:** Summer: various  
Winter: Papercourt Sailing Club

## **Books**

The Books Groups meet to discuss a different book each month, chosen by the person who is hosting the group. The host introduces the book and then it is open for discussion. Comment is welcome but there is never pressure on members to have an opinion. The meetings include refreshments and are very relaxed. Other books are also discussed and sometimes copies exchanged.

**Contact:** Helen Bayes      ☎ 01483 282062      ✉ [helen\\_bayes@hotmail.com](mailto:helen_bayes@hotmail.com)

**Time:** Second Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am.

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Books: Easyreaders**

See above.

**Contact:** Sheila Keogh      ☎ 01483 284754      ✉ [MJKSMK@aol.com](mailto:MJKSMK@aol.com)

**Time:** First Monday morning of the month.

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Books: Lovelace**

See above.

**Contact:** Sue Smith      ☎ 01483 283269      ✉ [sue.smith191@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.smith191@btinternet.com)

**Time:** First Tuesday afternoon of the month

**Location:** Members' homes



## **Boules**

This new group will make use of the outdoor Boules pitch at the Horsley Sports Club. Dates and times will be decided after the inaugural meeting. Berets, striped vests, and Gaultoises optional.

**Contact:** Phil Markley      ☎ 01483 285711      ✉ [phil.markley@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.markley@btinternet.com)

**Time:** TBA

**Location:** Horsley Sports Club, Pennymead Avenue

## **Bowling (Outdoors)**

The President and members of East Horsley Bowling Club welcome U3A members who are interested in learning to play bowls at the Clubhouse in St. Martin's Court. You just need flat shoes ! A nominal charge of £5 a session applies, inclusive of tea and biscuits. Members will be there to help you and once a year they organise a competition with U3A members of another Club.

**Contact:** Peter Tallon      ☎ 01483 283163      ✉ [patallon@btinternet.com](mailto:patallon@btinternet.com)

**Time:** Weekly, Mondays (excl bank holidays) at 2.15pm for 2.30 start in summer months (2016 season from 9 May to 19 September).

**Location:** Horsley Bowls Club - Ockham Road South near St Martin's Church

## **Bridge – improvers**

We meet as a group of bridge players who wish to improve in a low key, informal environment - we take our game seriously but make allowances for our getting older ! Some of our group are better players than others and we seek advice and help when appropriate . We operate a waiting list for new members who wish to join.

**Contact:** Annie Gilbert      ☎ 01483 285973      ✉ [anniegilbert@talktalk.net](mailto:anniegilbert@talktalk.net)

**Time:** First, third, and fifth Wednesdays of each month 4pm - 6pm

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Bridge Club 1**

Two hours play twice a month with very little chatter is an excellent way to improve one's bridge. No booking-in at sessions is required; we are good at playing three-handed bridge with roving dummies, should the mathematics demand. Occasionally we organise formal training or "Teach Yourself" sessions on specific aspects of bidding and play to improve our technique - in February the session is "How to Call as an Overbidder". The Group is currently full, with a small waiting list.

**Contact:** Sue Burge      ☎ 01483 283803      ✉ [burgejs@gmail.com](mailto:burgejs@gmail.com)

**Time:** First and third Thursdays of each month from 4.30 – 6.30pm

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

## **Bridge Club 2**

Bridge Club 2 is open to players of a regular standard and our aim is to have a relaxed social game of bridge whilst hopefully improving our skills. No prior booking for sessions is required and you do not need a partner, however, some flexibility may be required if numbers are uneven. Subscriptions to cover hall costs are payable termly and are around £15.00 per member. New members are welcome.

**Contact:** Helen Bayes      ☎ 01483 282062      ✉ [helen\\_bayes@hotmail.com](mailto:helen_bayes@hotmail.com)

**Time:** Every Monday, 2.30 - 4.30pm

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

## **Canasta**

Each month we meet in member's homes and play two games per evening with refreshments during the interval. We usually have three tables of four players. It is a very friendly group and we do not take it too seriously. We have a New Year get-together when we all take a plate and have a glass of wine. We have some new members playing one morning a month convenient to all and would be pleased to have two more for this group and would be willing to teach anyone interested.

**Contact:** Ben Cross      ☎ 01483 283860      ✉ [ben.marg2@gmail.com](mailto:ben.marg2@gmail.com)  
Margaret Cross      ☎ 01483 283860      ✉ [ben.marg2@gmail.com](mailto:ben.marg2@gmail.com)

**Time:** Last Thursday of each month at 7.00pm

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Chess**

Whether you have played chess in the past and would be interested to play again with others of roughly the same standard in a friendly relaxed environment ... or whether you have never played before but would like to learn, just let us know. We have 15 members and usually about half of them attend each meeting.

Chess is said to be a game for people of all ages, imaginative and creative, and it never gets boring! With pieces dating back to the Middle Ages, chess is fun, fascinating and challenging. It has the power to stimulate and satisfy the game in you.

**Contact:** John Macdonald      ☎ 01483 283038      ✉ [john.mac2000@btinternet.com](mailto:john.mac2000@btinternet.com)

**Time:** Fourth Monday of each month

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Classic Cars**

A group of enthusiasts for classic cars and motorsport. We formed in the Summer of 2015 with about 8 members and have now grown to a little over 30, with some members of other local U3As also joining. We have met approximately 6 weekly throughout the winter months with talks and lectures relating to motorsport . Our plan is to have a summer programme of visits, runs in the cars, picnics and the like approximately once a month.

**Contact:** Mike Rushby      ☎ 01483 285235      ✉ [rushby2@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rushby2@tiscali.co.uk)

**Time:** Regular meetings and outings - dates flexible

**Location:** Various

## **Computer Buddies**

Horsley U3A Computer Buddies is a group of regular computer users whose experience and skills are available to all members. Their expertise covers a wide range of popular software such as Word , Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Paint Shop and they offer help with hardware installation. Individuals needing help just have to contact the leader. If you have even limited ability with computers or tablets you may also be able to help us help other U3A members.

**Contact:** Tony Heaney      ☎ 01483 284347      ✉ [theaney@aol.com](mailto:theaney@aol.com)

**Time:** Meetings arranged with members needing assistance

**Location:** Various

## **Concert Outings**

The group has now had a number of successful outings to the opera and to a performance of the Messiah. This year it is hoped to organise some more opera trips (including, we hope, to the Grange Park Opera at the new West Horsley Place opera house) as well as a proms concert. Ideas for other outings would be welcome.

Details of any events will be circulated to all U3A members.

**Contact:** Fiona Martland      ☎ 01372 750499      ✉ [fiomar@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:fiomar@tinyworld.co.uk)

**Time:**

**Location:** Various

## **Croquet**

We play croquet at Polesden Lacey each week in the summer season. Every year we arrange a tournament with other local U3As - Bookham, Leatherhead, Epsom, Effingham and Fetcham, to hone our skills and pick up tips from our opponents! Players of all standards are welcome for a friendly game - everyone is welcome but numbers are limited. An annual subscription (around £40 per head) is payable towards the cost of prebooking the Polesden Lacey pitches for the season - this year we will be renting 3 pitches to give everyone more opportunities to play.

**Contact:** Bob Davis      ☎ 01483 284237      ✉ *brander\_seafield@hotmail.com*

**Time:** Weekly, Thursdays 10.30-12.30pm in summer months

**Location:** Polesden Lacey

## **Cycling**

The Cycling Group caters for all levels of proficiency and meets weekly. Members take it in turns to organise on-road or offroad cycle rides for the group, which can be up to 15 - 25 miles long and last 2 to 3 hours. Some rides are easy while others are a little more strenuous. Although rides normally start and finish locally, some start further afield.

We also organise longer excursions - last year we organised a five day trip to the Normandy beaches in France, and this year a summer visit to the Battlefields of World War 1 is scheduled.

On the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month a separate group, EasyRiders, is organised for cyclists who are returning to, or are new to cycling. These rides led by an experienced rider are shorter and the terrain covered quite gentle.

Some experienced group members also go out on other days with racing bikes on longer road rides of 40 miles or more.

If you have any questions about your bike or your level of fitness and which activity would best suit you, do contact one of the contacts below and discuss it with them.

**Contact:** Bob Spackman      ☎ 01483 283343      ✉ *bob.spackman@gmail.com*  
Sue Reeve      ☎ 01483 282063      ✉ *sue.reeve@dsl.pipex.com*

**Time:** Main group ride every Tuesday, weather permitting. Also road bike rides most summer Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Easyriders two Tuesdays a month. Start time usually 9.30am

**Location:** Usually starting from the Stockyard Cafe at Horsley Station

### **Explore London (Thursday)**

The Explore London group members take it in turns to organise easy walking tours of London. Expeditions are usually on foot over a distance of normally less than 3-4 miles with adequate breaks for coffee/tea and lunch and comfort stops ! For most tours we go up to London by train and aim to return from Waterloo by late afternoon avoiding the rush hour. Parties are limited to 12-14 including the organisers. Past visits have included Canary Wharf, Borough Market, Covent Garden, St. James's, Hammersmith, The Guildhall, and St Pancras. For the past couple of years, the January walk has been replaced by a group lunch, in the Horsley area - this has been very popular.

**Contact:** David Harrison      ☎ 01483 280260      ✉ [david.harrison007@btinternet.com](mailto:david.harrison007@btinternet.com)

**Time:** Normally fourth Thursday of each month. First cheap train currently 9:20am from Horsley

**Location:** Outdoors

### **Explore London (Tuesday)**

The Explore London group members organise an easy walking tour in a different area of London each month, to learn about the historical, architectural, cultural, and scenic features of each neighbourhood. About once a year, group members (often working in pairs) take turns to choose a route and lead a walk. Expeditions are usually on foot over a distance of 3-4 miles with adequate breaks for coffee/tea and lunch. We go up to London by train and aim to return from Waterloo by late afternoon avoiding the rush hour. Parties are normally limited to 12 including the organisers. Past visits have included Clerkenwell, Islington, Elephant & Castle, Hampstead and Blackheath.

**Contact:** Roy Proctor      ☎ 01483 282410      ✉ [royproctor@hotmail.com](mailto:royproctor@hotmail.com)

**Time:** First Tuesday of each month (excluding January and August). 9:20am train from Horsley

**Location:** Outdoors

### **Exploring Local Towns & Villages**

Each month Group members take it in turns to research and then organise a half-day or day visit to a local town or village. Conducted tours of local museums, talks by local historians and gentle walks to buildings of interest are included. We do not meet on a specific day of the week or month, but organise visits flexibly to suit members' availability and interests. During 2016 we visited The Lightbox in Woking, the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking, Whiteley Village, Reigate Caves, Odiham, Claremont Fan Court School and Esher.

**Contact:** Sue Mills      ☎ 01483 283657      ✉ [susanmills84@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:susanmills84@tiscali.co.uk)

**Time:** Monthly meetings planned - timing flexible

**Location:** Excursion

## **Films**

The Films group meets monthly at 7pm for refreshments prior to a 7.30 start, when we show a variety of different types of film, chosen in advance by the group members. We show a mixture of classical, arthouse greats and modern films. Planned films in 2017 include Youth, The Spy who came in from the Cold, The Queen of Katwe, Orchestra seats, Educating Rita, 45 Years and The history of Mr Polly. A £2.00 charge per session is made to cover expenses.

**Contact:** Margaret Faulkner ☎ 01483 282267 ✉ [m.jfaulkner@btinternet.com](mailto:m.jfaulkner@btinternet.com)

**Time:** First Thursday of each month at 7pm

**Location:** Lovelace Room, East Horsley Village Hall

## **French Conversation**

This is a group for those who enjoy speaking in French and want to practice and improve their knowledge and expertise in an informal atmosphere. New enquiries would be welcome.

**Contact:** Helen Bayes ☎ 01483 282062 ✉ [helen\\_bayes@hotmail.com](mailto:helen_bayes@hotmail.com)

**Time:** Twice monthly on second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2.30pm

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Genealogy**

Currently we have 20 members and meet monthly. Sometimes we have a visiting speaker who will talk on various aspects of genealogy while on other occasions a member will give a short talk about their own research. Help is provided for those with less experience. At some meetings, in place of a speaker, we hold an interactive online research session on a member's antecedents, using a genealogical website so that other members can follow progress. Occasionally we arrange visits to centres such as the National Archives at Kew, the Woking History Centre where much local family history is located, or the LDS (Mormon) centre at Reading where family records are available for the UK and Europe.

**Contact:** Bob Spackman ☎ 01483 283343 ✉ [bob.spackman@gmail.com](mailto:bob.spackman@gmail.com)

**Time:** Last Thursday of each month at 10am

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

## **Getting Out and About**

Getting Out And About is for those members of Horsley U3A who feel less able to access the regular U3A groups and meetings but would still like to meet socially at different venues. We aim for a relaxed friendly atmosphere and any member is very welcome to come along to any of the outings. Our meetings are monthly and are usually either a morning coffee or a pub lunch at a local venue. We do not meet on a specific day of the week or month but organise visits flexibly to suit members availability and interests. Recent visits have included RHS Wisley, Grace and Flavour Community Garden and a pub lunch at the King William, West Horsley .

**Contact:** Helen Bayes      ☎ 01483 282062      ✉ [helen\\_bayes@hotmail.com](mailto:helen_bayes@hotmail.com)

**Time:** Monthly meetings planned to suit members

**Location:** Various excursions - mostly local

## **Grace Notes (Make Music)**

We are an enthusiastic, friendly group that enjoys making music together in a relaxed setting. At the moment we have an alto sax player who also plays the accordion, 2 guitarists, one of whom is a classical guitarist, a harpist, 2 violinists, 2 clarinetists, 1 flautist, a ukulele player, a pianist and a trainee percussionist - all ruled over by our conductor. However, we would welcome anyone with any instrument to join us! The music we play is a mixture, including some light classical music and show tunes. Most of us have come back to instruments, or have learned to play later in life, so a sense of humour and patience helps.

We now have regular invitations to play at the local care homes and day centres, as well as for other community groups. Our main achievement this year was not only to be included in the Virtual Orchestra for the last night of the proms but also to be played on Radio 4 in Saturday Live - it took many hours of work but WE DID IT. For the last few years we have also played at the U3A Christmas meeting, and many of the members comment on how much they enjoy our performance.

So if you play or have played an instrument, why not come along and see how much fun it can be playing with other musicians?

**Contact:** Marion Hartland      ☎ 01483 280072      ✉ [marion.hartland@btinternet.com](mailto:marion.hartland@btinternet.com)

**Time:** Weekly, Thursdays from 3pm till 5pm

**Location:** West Horsley Methodist Hall





## **Money Matters**

The Money Matters group meets monthly. The meetings are intended for anyone with an interest in anything to do with money - not just investors, but also people with questions on things like best-buys, saving and insurance. Continuing topics may include budgeting and spending control, keeping financial records, saving effectively, home accounting software, personal financial planning, and understanding tax issues.

**Contact:** Mike Gilbert      ☎ 01483 284813      ✉ [mikegilbert66@gmail.com](mailto:mikegilbert66@gmail.com)

**Time:** Third Tuesday of each month at 4.30pm

**Location:** Agnes Conisbee Room, East Horsley Village Hall

## **Music Appreciation**

The Music Appreciation group meets monthly usually to listen to music recordings on a chosen theme in members' homes. On occasions we have enjoyed live recitals associated with a particular instrument such as the flute, piano, or harpsichord and live singing. Recent sessions have focussed on the development of the concerto and on the music of Mendelssohn, Chopin, Rachmaninov, Wagner and Liszt, while John Bartlett illustrated his talk on John Ireland with virtuoso piano playing. On occasions the group is privileged to have live performances given by one of the gifted pupils from the Menuhin School.

Enquiries from new members would be welcomed.

**Contact:** Peter Collett      ☎ 01483 283661      ✉ [petercollett@usa.net](mailto:petercollett@usa.net)

**Time:** Fourth Wednesday of the month; 3-5pm

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Open Minds -Discussion Group**

We are a group of members who meet each month to discuss current affairs and occasionally, more serious topics. Although our meetings are light hearted we hope to give those who join a chance to be a little more serious and thoughtful. Members are encouraged to suggest and introduce their own choice of subject. We start the meeting with a brief introduction and a few thoughts on the discussion topic, and then throw the meeting open for general comment.

Occasionally we invite a guest with more in-depth knowledge to help the discussion and these have included a retired Diplomat, a senior civil servant and a local councillor.

Recent topics have included subjects such as "Optimism- is your glass half full or half empty!", "Is technology harming young people", "The role of our councillors and mayors in local government" and "The future of the NHS".

**Contact:** Mandy Newman      ☎ 01483 284342      ✉ [mandynewman@talktalk.net](mailto:mandynewman@talktalk.net)

**Time:** Third Thursday of the month, 2.30 to 4.30pm with a break for a cup of tea

**Location:** Members' homes



## **Photography**

Our aim is to help each other take better pictures. DSLR, Bridge camera, compact camera, and phone camera users are all welcome. We meet monthly, usually with a talk focussing on a particular topic, and also to view and discuss photographs that we have taken on a theme set at the previous meeting. We also organise visits to local venues such as Wisley and Polesden Lacey where members can practise newly acquired skills and share the results with others.

**Contact:** David Wilson      ☎ 01483 283091      ✉ [davidrwilson987@gmail.com](mailto:davidrwilson987@gmail.com)  
Ian Eversden      ☎ 01372 456854      ✉ [ian.eversden@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.eversden@ntlworld.com)

**Time:** Second Wednesday of each month 2.15 – 4.30 pm

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall (Conisbee Room) and other locations

## **Poetry**

Poetry group members aim to broaden their awareness of a wide range of poets and to enjoy their work. Each month the Group selects a poet or theme for discussion at the following meeting. In this way members can do their own research to enable an informed and lively discussion with the added reward of tea and biscuits. We would welcome enquiries from new members.

**Contact:** Pat Homewood      ☎ 01483 282384      ✉ [kenhomewood@btinternet.com](mailto:kenhomewood@btinternet.com)

**Time:** Second Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Practical Art for All**

Working in a relaxed and congenial atmosphere members are encouraged to discover and develop their artistic skills. You get the chance to be creative and to produce artwork that gives you a sense of achievement. Working in a collaborative group, those having more experience help the newcomers gain confidence. Assistance is given at all classes and covers various techniques in the use of watercolour and acrylics; perspective; colour mixing and basic drawing. If you have always wanted to paint or draw but have been reluctant to do so this is the group for you.

**Contact:** Ian Phillipson      ☎ 01483 284410      ✉ [ianmacphil@btinternet.com](mailto:ianmacphil@btinternet.com)

**Time:** Second and fourth Thursday of month, 2pm to 4pm

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

## **Rummikub**

Rummikub is a table game of numbers. It is strategic, compulsive and great fun. It combines elements of Rummy, Dominoes, Mah-jong and Chess, and is highly addictive. Current group members have been playing the game and enjoying the mental stimulation it provides since 2010. A second group has now been formed.

**Contact:** Liz Onslow      ☎ 01483 282180      ✉ [lizonslow@gmail.com](mailto:lizonslow@gmail.com)

**Time:** Second Wednesday of month at 7.30pm

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Rummikub 2**

Our second Rummikub group was formed in 2016, and is now flourishing.

**Contact:** Derry Dinkin      ☎ 07774 148540      ✉ [derry.dinkin@aol.co.uk](mailto:derry.dinkin@aol.co.uk)

**Time:** Third Tuesday of each month at 2pm

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Science & Technology**

A group of Scientists and Engineers with a variety of interests ranging from plastics technology, medical physics, civil and military engineering, robotics, and the history of science. We meet when attending Study Days, outings, and lectures. We also have links with Bookham U3A Science & Technology group and the Guildford U3A Science Forum which meets regularly in Merrow between 14.00 and 16.00 on the 2nd Tuesday each month

**Contact:** Ian Eversden      ☎ 01372 456854      ✉ [ian.eversden@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.eversden@ntlworld.com)

**Time:** Liaising with Bookham, Ashted, and Guildford Science Groups

**Location:** Merrow Village Hall

## **Scottish Dancing**

We are a friendly group who enjoy the exercise that Scottish dancing offers, as well as the sociability. Beginners are very welcome at our fortnightly meetings. Every year we hold a Burns Night celebration and enjoy traditional Scottish poetry and seasonal fare as well as dancing !

**Contact:** Celia Chapman      ☎ 01483 282474      ✉ [chapmanclan2@talktalk.net](mailto:chapmanclan2@talktalk.net)

**Time:** Fortnightly on Wednesdays: 4pm to 6pm during winter months

**Location:** Effingham Community Hall

## **Scrabble**

Scrabble is a classic game of wits and words where every word counts! It is a game for 2-4 players. We are always ready to welcome new members when vacancies permit but the group is full at the moment.

**Contact:** Janet Rushby ☎ 01483 285235 ✉ [janet.rushby@outlook.com](mailto:janet.rushby@outlook.com)

**Time:** Second Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm

**Location:** Members' homes

## **Snooker**

The Snooker group meets weekly at the Goodhart Rendell Community Hall in West Horsley. There are two full sized tables in excellent condition and the group is now full but other U3A members wishing to join (including beginners) can join a waiting list. Standard of play amongst our regular players has improved and sometimes we manage three games each in an evening !

**Contact:** Bob Spackman ☎ 01483 283343 ✉ [bob.spackman@gmail.com](mailto:bob.spackman@gmail.com)

**Time:** Weekly, every Thursday at 8pm

**Location:** Goodhart Rendell Hall, West Horsley

## **Supper Club**

A group of members who enjoy eating out at a variety of venues in the locality. Every 4-6 weeks members get together to enjoy a meal in convivial company. To ensure that members can come on at least some occasions, if not all, the group meets on different days of the week.

**Contact:** Gill Borthwick ☎ 01483 282672 ✉ [gillianborthwick@btinternet.com](mailto:gillianborthwick@btinternet.com)  
07939 227556

**Time:** Eevery 4-6 weeks, generally at 7pm

**Location:** Local pubs and restaurants

## **Table Tennis**

There are two table tennis groups. One meets on a Wednesday and the other on a Friday, each having about 24 members and we have the use of two tables. We have a friendly tournament in each term which we all enjoy, and on the last day of each term we have a tea party and some extra fun play.

**Contact:** Gayle Leader ☎ 01483 222689 ✉ [gayle@stuartcottage.com](mailto:gayle@stuartcottage.com)

**Time:** The Wednesday group meets weekly from 3.15 pm - 5.15pm and the Friday group meets weekly from 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm. We play from mid September to the end of April.

**Location:** Millennium Room, East Horsley Village Hall

## **Theatre Visits**

All Horsley U3A members are eligible to take part in our Theatre Visits. We organise about four visits a year and vary the types of play as much as possible so that we can cater to all tastes. Transport from and to Horsley is included. Our trips are always very popular and usually book up quite quickly. Theatre trips are announced by an e-mail to all members and by a notice on the U3A notice board outside Budgens. Places are reserved on receipt of a cheque on a first come first served basis

**Contact:** Liz Onslow      ☎ 01483 282180      ✉ [lizonslow@gmail.com](mailto:lizonslow@gmail.com)

**Time:** Various

**Location:** Excursion

## **Transport and Industrial Archaeology**

Our meetings are usually monthly and may be half a day for a talk, or a full day for a visit. We aim for a relaxed atmosphere, and technical discussions are normally very limited. Recent topics and destinations have included London Water & Steam Museum, Newhaven Fort and London Dockland Museum and talks from members on their working lives. Most visits start mid-morning and include lunch at local cafe or pub in a convivial atmosphere!

**Contact:** Tony Samson      ☎ 01483 282936      ✉ [tony.samson@outlook.com](mailto:tony.samson@outlook.com)

**Time:** Varied days as arranged

**Location:** Talks at local Hall in Winter and Visits during the rest of the year

## **Travel**

We aim to share our travelling experiences by means of bi-monthly talks, and arrange trips as a group. All Horsley U3A members are encouraged to attend Travel Group events and trips. We are always on the lookout for U3A members to share their special travel memories and welcome suggestions for future travelling experiences.

Last year we arranged two very successful trips – one to Croatia and the other a Danube cruise. For 2017 we have trips planned to visit Western Sicily and New England.

**Contact:** Colin Crouch      ☎ 01483 282606      ✉ [c.crouch224@btinternet.com](mailto:c.crouch224@btinternet.com)

**Time:** Bi-Monthly on third Thursday of the month

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

## **U3A Monthly Meeting**

We hold nine plenary meetings for Horsley U3A members every year. Members have the opportunity to have a free cup of tea or coffee, talk to friends, and catch up on the latest U3A and activity group news before the formal proceedings begin, with an address by an invited speaker chosen to be entertaining as well as informative.

**Time:** Fourth Wednesday each month except July, August, December. Doors open at 09.45am; speaker's talk at 10.30am.

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

## **Ukulele**

The Ukulele Group is now up and playing !

Both men and women can play the ukulele ! There are over 100 reasons why you should start playing. Here are three: 1. It is easy to learn 2. There is plenty of music to play 3. A Ukulele is not expensive to buy.

To quote a recent article in the Guardian: "We're in the midst of a mini ukulele boom. .... It's a great way to meet people, get together, play and sing songs."

**Contact:** Alan Goldup      ☎ 01372 456064      ✉ [mail@alangoldup.plus.com](mailto:mail@alangoldup.plus.com)  
Ian Eversden      ☎ 01372 456854      ✉ [ian.eversden@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.eversden@ntlworld.com)

**Time:** Mondays alternate weeks 4.15 - ca 5.45 pm

**Location:** Various

## **Using New Technology**

Using New Technology covers all the modern digital devices which play such a major role in life today. Where a strong interest is identified we aim to create a self-help interest group to share knowledge and expertise. Where no suitable group exists, arrangements are made for individual help. If you are looking for some assistance or can help others with computers, tablet devices, 'phones, or smart TVs or if you have an interest in learning more about them, this could be the group for you.

**Contact:** Tony Heaney      ☎ 01483 284347      ✉ [theaney@aol.com](mailto:theaney@aol.com)

**Time:** Regular meeting times to suit participants

**Location:** Various

## **Walking**

This Group meets monthly and undertakes walks from 4 to 5 miles – never knowingly less than 4 miles and very occasionally slightly over 5 miles. Details of the start point and how to get there are sent out before the walk, together with a reminder of start time – always 9.45am for a prompt start at 10am. We offer recommendations for local pubs for those wishing to lunch after the walk. Members are encouraged to car share with each other for environmental and financial reasons, not to mention car parking space.

**Contact:** Jean Sylvester ☎ 01483 283474 ✉ [jeansylvester35@btinternet.com](mailto:jeansylvester35@btinternet.com)

**Time:** Third Monday of each month at 10am. Check details with walk leader in case of last minute changes.

**Location:** Outdoors

## **Wine Appreciation**

The Wine Appreciation Group (WAG) meets for ten tastings each year, most in East Horsley Village Hall, but some at other venues. Members convince themselves that they actually hate the stuff but, for the greater good of science and society, undertake to research the full range and variety of wines available, so that they know which to recommend and which to avoid.

'Home' tasting meetings in East Horsley Village Hall last for just under two hours, during which up to six or seven wines are tasted and their respective merits considered and discussed. It is customary for two members to volunteer to lead each 'home' tasting, having chosen and researched a 'theme' in advance for selection and purchase of wine. Local wine stores and suppliers are also sometimes invited to lead a 'home' tasting.

Two 'Away' tasting outings and a Garden Party meeting are planned for 2017.

**Contact:** Alan Gilbertson ☎ 01483 385126 ✉ [alangcltd@aol.com](mailto:alangcltd@aol.com)

**Time:** 'Home' tastings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. No meeting in July or August

**Location:** East Horsley Village Hall

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## SURREY U3A NETWORK: STUDY DAYS 2017

Events are held on Fridays at the Yehudi Menuhin hall in Stoke d'Abernon

Date	Subject	Presenter
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	My Life in Crime My Life in Rhyme Crimestoppers	Richard Hawkins, Kingston U3A; John Griffin, Surrey Poet; Ian Chandler, Surrey Volunteer Chair
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Celebrating Surrey - Our One Hundredth Study Day	Michael More-Molyneux DL, Lord- Lieutenant of Surrey Other Surrey speakers
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Comfort & Convenience in the Country House	Professor Marilyn Palmer, U3A Member, Emeritus Professor of Industrial Archaeology, Leicester University
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Signs & Symbols - The Hidden Messages in Paintings	Val Woodgate
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Philosophy: the Basics	Nigel Warburton
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	All Change!: Avant-Garde Art in First Half of Twentieth Century	Barry Garnham
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Plagues & Pestilence; Past & Present	Dr Tim Mason, Portsmouth University
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Study day on Military History	Horsley U3A speakers: David Williams, Stephen Day, and June Davey

Further details and information on how to book a place is shown on:  
<http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/studydays.php>.

## SOUTH EAST U3A FORUM

South East U3A Forum events in 2017 (to which all U3A members are invited) are shown on the Events page of their website <http://u3asites.org.uk/southeastu3aforum>.

Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> : South East Forum Annual Conference on the theme ***Learn, Laugh and Live!*** at the Meridian Hall, East Grinstead.

- Keynote speech by Sam Mauger, the new CEO of the Third Age Trust
- Marianne Talbot from Oxford University on "Is Moral Truth Relative or Absolute?"

Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup>: South East Forum ***Summer School*** at the University of Chichester. Topics include:

- A Bridge Refresher Course
- Mathematics Demystified
- Psychology : Self & Others
- The Origin & Wonder of Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes
- Watercolour Painting from Photographs
- Writing your life story - a practical workshop
- Explore a Slice of Sussex
- Classic Music Albums of the 1950s & 60s
- Sixty years of Changing Britain
- Walking on the Downs & Coast
- "Women in Art & Society"

Further details on <http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/events>

## SELECTED FUTURELEARN COURSES – February 2017

Examples of current and forthcoming online FutureLearn courses are listed below. For further details, go to [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com) or [www.horsleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.horsleyu3a.org.uk).

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<b>Antiquities Trafficking and Art Crime</b>	Delve into the seedy underbelly of the art world, looking at smuggling, theft, fakes, and fraud, with this free online course.
<b>Nutrition and Wellbeing</b>	Demystify the complex and conflicting messages we hear about nutrition, health and lifestyle today, with this free online course.
<b>Demystifying Targeted Cancer Treatments</b>	Discover the science behind targeted cancer treatments that are changing the landscape of patient care on this free online course
<b>The Genomics Era: the Future of Genetics in Medicine</b>	Get an introduction to the growing role of genomics in healthcare, for patient diagnoses, treatment and disease prevention.
<b>Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree</b>	Develop an understanding of genealogy – how to research your family tree and communicate the results – in this free online course.
<b>The European Discovery of China</b>	Explore Chinese history through the eyes of Western travellers, discoverers and missionaries, with this free online course.
<b>England in the Time of King Richard III</b>	Explore 15th century England through archaeology, history and literature. Learn more about Richard III's discovery and reburial.
<b>Superpowers of the Ancient World: the Near East</b>	Experience the world's first international age, 3,500 years ago in the ancient Near East, with this free online course.
<b>From World War to White Heat: the RAF in the Cold War</b>	Explore the role that the Royal Air Force played in the Cold War through the RAF Museums at Hendon and Cosford.
<b>Spanish for Beginners 2: People and Places</b>	Learn how to describe people and what they wear, and talk about your family and home in the second Spanish for Beginners course.
<b>Robert Burns: Poems, Songs and Legacy</b>	Dig deeper into the life and works of Robert Burns, with this free University of Glasgow course.
<b>Shakespeare and his World</b>	Together with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Professor Jonathan Bate explores Shakespeare, his works and the world he lived in.
<b>Start Writing Fiction</b>	This hands-on course helps you to get started with your own fiction writing, focusing on the central skill of creating characters.
<b>Come Rain or Shine: Understanding the Weather</b>	Get an introduction to the weather and climate of the UK and beyond, from understanding storms to how to do a weather forecast.
<b>The Earth in My Pocket: an Introduction to Geology</b>	Get an introduction to geology. Discover where materials that make up everyday objects come from and how to use them sustainably.
<b>Modern Building Design</b>	Learn how climate change, technology and regulation are changing modern building design and professional practice in construction.
<b>Extinctions: Past and Present</b>	Discover the diversity of life on earth, the impacts of five past mass extinctions and the prospect of a sixth extinction today.
<b>Cyber Security: Safety at Home, Online, in Life</b>	This three-week free online course explores practical cyber security including privacy online, payment safety and security at home
<b>Gravity! The Big Bang, Black Holes and Gravitational Waves</b>	Gravity runs the Universe. This free online course explains why, exploring gravitational waves, black holes and the Big Bang.

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## ***PRINCIPLES OF THE U3A MOVEMENT***

*The U3A movement is non-religious and non-political and has three main principles:*

### ***The Third Age Principle***

- *Membership of a U3A is open to all in their third age, which is defined not by a particular age but by a period in life in which full time work has ceased.*
- *Members promote the values of lifelong learning and the positive attributes of belonging to a U3A.*
- *Members should do all they can to ensure that people wanting to join a U3A can do so.*

### ***The Self-Help Learning Principle***

- *Members form interest groups covering as wide a range of topics and activities as they desire; by the members, for the members.*
- *No qualifications are sought or offered. Learning is for its own sake, with enjoyment being the prime motive, not qualifications or awards.*
- *There is no distinction between the learners and the teachers; they are all U3A members.*

### ***The Mutual Aid Principle***

- *Each U3A is a mutual aid organisation, operationally independent but a member of The Third Age Trust, which requires adherence to the guiding principles of the U3A movement.*
- *No payments are made to members for services rendered to any U3A.*
- *Each U3A is self-funded with membership subscriptions and costs kept as low as possible.*
- *Outside financial assistance should only be sought if it does not imperil the integrity of the U3A movement.*



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

The University of the Third Age (U3A) movement is a unique and exciting organisation which provides, through its U3As, life-enhancing and life-changing opportunities. Retired and semi-retired people come together and learn together, not for qualifications but for its own reward: the sheer joy of discovery! Members share their skills and life experiences: the learners teach and the teachers learn, and there is no distinction between them. The U3A movement is supported by its national organisation, the Third Age Trust.

*"U3A gave me a chance to expand my interests and learning."*

*"Belonging to a U3A has taught me that it's never too late to try something new."*

*"As a U3A member, time passes so quickly, you can't be bored."*

*"I have been a U3A member for five years and what a godsend that has been."*

*"The U3A provided me with an anchor in the bleak time after retirement."*

*"U3A means I never have any spare time anymore."*