

Guildford Area University of the Third Age

Summary Prospectus 2020 - 2021

Owing to current uncertainties any dates shown are provisional

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Guildford Area U3A is a local self-help and self-managed group, affiliated to the Third Age Trust, parent body of the U3A. Our aim is to offer older members of the community, who are no longer in full time employment, the possibility to pursue learning informally for pleasure. No qualifications are necessary; anyone who shares the principles of self-help learning can join. Our philosophy is that everyone in the Third Age has something to contribute. Our programme each year offers a wide range of educational and cultural study groups, together with recreational and social activities. The programme for the current year is listed below. In order to participate in a specific activity, you must be in possession of a current **U3A Guildford Area Membership Card or email equivalent** issued by the Membership Secretary on payment of the annual subscription. **New members** may join via the Join/Renew tab on our website paying the subscription by internet bank transfer, or by post to the Membership Secretary; enrolment begins on 1st July. **Existing members** should renew their subscription with the Membership Secretary prior to beginning of the new season, either online or by post.

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All of the above and most of the group leaders shown on pages 2-8 can be contacted by email using the links on our website

Monthly Meetings at Trinity Centre, Guildford GU1 3RR 2 - 3 pm on the last Monday of the month

Date	Speaker	Topic
28 September 2020	Alan Wise	Change your thoughts and you change your world
26 October 2020	Andy Bustin	My life as a film extra
30 November 2020	Susan Corr	RHS Wisley: past, present and future
25 January 2021*	David Williams	Lawrence of Arabia
22 February 2021	Ian Keable	George Cruikshank: the artist who drew Oliver Twist
29 March 2021	Khim Horton	The work of AgeUKSurrey
26 April 2021	Warren Ashton	Phrases, clichés and proverbs: avoid them like the plague

If it is possible to hold these as physical meetings, booking may be required to ensure social distancing. If it is not, some but not all may take place as virtual meetings.

*Talk is at 3pm and is preceded by the Annual General Meeting.

We also organise theatre trips, outings to places of interest and coffee mornings. These are listed on the Events page of our website.

Calligraphy

Jane provides tuition for beginners in the basics starting with foundation script. A project is offered to present a focus, and to help practise the skills being learnt. More experienced members may wish to choose their own area of study. A small library is available for information and inspiration.

Leaders//Enquiries Jane 01483 822022 // Janet 01483 505692
1st and 3rd Wednesday 10.00 to 12.00 Shalford VH

Card-making and Papercraft 1

Be creative with paper and card using different techniques and equipment, to make unique birthday and Christmas cards, and cards for other occasions that are entirely handmade. There is a small charge for any additional supplies needed. Bring your own scissors for cutting paper, and a glue stick.

Moira 01483 452376

3rd Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Card-making and Papercraft 2

Be creative with paper and card using different techniques and equipment to make unique birthday and Christmas cards, and cards for other occasions that are entirely handmade. There is a small charge for any additional supplies needed. Bring your own scissors for cutting paper, and a glue stick.

Moira 01483 452376

4th Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Flower Arranging (Improvers)

Amaze your family and friends with the beautiful seasonal flower arrangements you create. We tell you in advance which low cost materials you require then demonstrate on the day with individual advice as needed. We also hope to have a special demonstrator at one of the sessions.

Pat 01483 200538

2nd Monday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Knit, Natter, Crochet

A convivial group where members can chat and exchange ideas while working on their latest knitting and crochet projects. All helped along by tea and cake.

Kate 01483 533081

1st and 3rd Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 Private

Lace-making

A small group for people who would like to have a go at bobbin lace. Beginners and experienced lacemakers invited. Bobbins and cushions can be borrowed initially.

Valerie 01483 561373

2nd Tuesday 10.00 to 12.00 Burpham BC

Learn to Draw and Paint

This is the second year of a 2 year course. Learn to draw and paint better and achieve your ambitions by gaining an understanding of the "tools of the trade". These are the rules of proportion, perspective, composition, anatomy, tone, texture and colour. Demonstrations and examples will be included.

Jane 01483 841667

2nd and 4th Thursday 13.30 to 16.00 Shalford VH

Painting 1

We are a self-help painting group of all abilities who get together to enjoy each other's company and share our artistic knowledge.

Val 01483 859520 ; Christine 01483 235016 ;

Monday Weekly 09.30 to 12.00 Burpham VH

Painting 2

We use a wide range of media to draw and paint our chosen subjects and welcome members of all abilities to join our helpful and enthusiastic group.

Leaders//Enquiries Evelyn 01483 284650 // Pat 01483 570435

Wednesday Weekly 09.30 to 12.30 Burpham VH

Photography

Whatever your camera, we will help you take better photographs by exploring the creative thinking process, practical techniques and reviewing the photographs we take. There will also be occasional outdoor photoshoots to practise new skills.

Jonathan 01483 894230

2nd Wednesday 14.00 to 16.00 Jeffries Hall

Simple Flower Arranging for Beginners

This will show you how to arrange and make the best use of just a few flowers for the dinner table, individual tables, guest bedrooms, hallways, corner tables etc, in your own home. Come and see how creative you can be.

Barbara 01483 579975

4th Monday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

The Wednesday Art Group

A group for developing your own interests in painting and drawing in a supportive atmosphere whether a beginner, experienced or returning to art after a break. Members encourage and help each other, and resources and materials are available to use or borrow.

Val 01483 822440 ; Trevor 01483 234256 ;

Wednesday Weekly 14.00 to 16.00 Onslow VH

Contemporary Issues

A lively gathering to discuss issues of our time. Members should be prepared to raise or introduce topics for discussion. All are welcome.

Sandi 07713 318453

4th Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Discussion Group

A small group which ensures that everyone can contribute to the wide-ranging scope of our discussions. Someone volunteers to introduce a topic, but we all do our homework and so the discussions are always lively, well-informed and hugely enjoyable!

Margaret 01483 504001

3rd Tuesday 14.00 to 16.00 Private

Bridge (Beginners & Social Class)

A course for complete beginners, those wanting a refresh, or to learn a bidding system (ACOL). Social Bridge for those wanting to play Chicago or Rubber Bridge or needing to improve their skills in order to join the Duplicate Group or a local club.

Reg 01483 823733

Tuesday Weekly 10.00 to 12.00 Electric Theatre

Bridge (Intermediate Class)

Follow on from Beginners. Revision of modern style ACOL and several conventions using a coursebook, presentations and set-hand duplicate style play with the aim of improving confidence and experience. No partner necessary.

Steve 01483 533748

2nd and 3rd Friday 10.00 to 12.00 Burpham VH

Bridge (Intro to Duplicate) Group A

Newcomers need a good basic knowledge of bidding but little or no experience of duplicate. No formal tuition is given although advice is available. A partner is desirable but not essential. Please arrive by 13.00 in order to start playing promptly at 13.15

Martin 01483 836756

Tuesday Fortnightly 13.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Bridge (Intro to Duplicate) Group B

Newcomers need a good basic knowledge of bidding but little or no experience of duplicate. No formal tuition is given although advice is available. A partner is desirable but not essential. Please arrive by 13.00 in order to start playing promptly at 13.15

Keith 01483 203234

Tuesday Fortnightly 13.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Bridge (Supervised Intermediate)

Once the fundamentals of Bridge have been learnt, competence only comes with repeated playing.

Sam 01483 427160

Thursday Usually Fortnightly 10.00 to 12.00 Electric Theatre

Bridge (Top Duplicate Club)

This friendly social group welcomes all members who like a challenge and want to improve their duplicate skills. No partner required.

Reg 01483 823733

Wednesday Weekly 09.30 to 12.15 Burpham VH

Bridge Masterclass

Improve your Defence and Declarer play to make extra tricks that count. A structured approach to difficult hands. Competitive bidding strategies, useful conventions. Set hands. Partners not necessary.

Pam 01483 826060

1st Friday 10.30 to 12.30 Burpham VH

Chess

A class for beginners or those who have some experience, albeit a bit rusty.

Mike 01483 233324

2nd and 4th Tuesday 14.00 to 16.00 St John's CC

Chi Gung

Various Chinese healing exercises to cultivate the life energy systems and maintain good health in mind, body and spirit. It involves developing movement (mostly slow and standing), raising awareness, breathing and coordination as well as gentle slapping. The internal alchemy it creates may make a person feel lithe with a body that is working well and a sense of potential for life. It has similarities to Tai Chi but is not a martial art, not rigid and not stylised because the focus is on the individual connecting with their own inner health and well-being.

Wendy 01483 567621

Friday Weekly 09.30 to 10.30 St Catherine's VH

First Aid

Information and practice in the skills that may be needed to treat someone awaiting medical help. This course is very informal with plenty of time to ask questions. Note: Limited site parking available.

The course is a one day course. Please book the date you prefer of the 2 offered. Address: St John Ambulance (Guildford Division) Stocton Close, GU1 1HA

Penny 07979851946

Saturday One day course 10.00 to 16.00 St John Amb

International Folk Dancing

Come and enjoy learning traditional folk dances from around the world. Lovely music, fun and useful exercise. Different rhythms. No partner needed.

Linda 01483 506328

Friday, Usually Fortnightly, 14.00 to 16.00 Onslow VH

Keep Fit – Medau Class 1

A friendly, active exercise and movement class. Medau is a fun, unique fitness experience which challenges your body, balance, posture, mobility, strength and co-ordination. Suitable for all. Supplementary cost of £3 p.p.p.w.

Jo 01372 818222

Monday Weekly 09.00 to 10.00 Trinity Centre

Keep Fit – Medau Class 2

A friendly, active exercise and movement class. Medau is a fun, unique fitness experience which challenges your body, balance, posture, mobility, strength and co-ordination. Suitable for all. Supplementary cost of £3 p.p.p.w.

Leaders//Enquiries Jo 01372 818222 // Pat 01483 570621

Monday Weekly 10.15 to 11.15 Trinity Centre

Keep Fit – Medau Class 4

A friendly, active exercise and movement class. Medau is a fun, unique fitness experience which challenges your body, balance, posture, mobility, strength and co-ordination. Suitable for all. Supplementary cost of £3 p.p.p.w.

Jo 01372 818222

Friday Weekly 14.00 to 15.00 Trinity Centre

Line Dancing

Keep fit and have fun. A friendly class with lively music. Easy-to-learn dances. Note: supplementary cost of £3.50 per person per session to include refreshment. Please call before attending for the first time.

Andrea 07710038068

Tuesday Weekly 13.30 to 15.30 St John's CC

Mah Jong

A charming, late 19th century, Chinese game played with engraved tiles. No partner needed.

Kate 01483 533081

2nd and 4th Tuesday 13.30 to 15.30 St John's CC

Scrabble

Small group playing in 'twos' and 'threes'. A non-competitive friendly game.

Raymond 01483 571069

1st and 3rd Monday 14.00 to 16.00 Private

Wine Appreciation

A small group meeting in members' homes. We normally taste three wines at each meeting with members sharing the cost (usually between £4- £5).

Robin 01483 838732

2nd Tuesday 13.00 to 15.00 Private

Yoga 1

Hatha yoga is a physical path to health and longevity. It relaxes the body, calms the mind and brings greater awareness to your life. All abilities welcome. Note: Supplementary cost of £5 per person per session (payable in a half term block).

Leaders//Enquiries Johanna 01428 713646 // Anne 01483 825949

Friday Weekly 10.45 to 12.00 St Catherine's VH

Yoga 2

The purpose of Yoga is to prepare the body for meditation. When the body is comfortable, we can focus the mind. With a focused mind, we can rediscover ourselves, find the Spirit within, and make sense of the world around us. Yoga works on the body, mind and Spirit through Yoga postures, breathing techniques, meditation, visualization, and chanting etc. No previous experience is required except an open mind.

Joanna

Tuesday Weekly 10.45 to 12.00 Trinity Centre

A Social History Of Cognition

A difference clearly exists between modern ways of thinking and seeing the world, and those of ancient civilisations, and an even larger difference between us and our hunter/gatherer ancestors. The course traces and explains "How we got Here from There."

Keith 01483 898246

4th Thursday 10.00 to 12.00 Shalford VH

Exploring Local History 1

The format for local history has been established. Members explore a topic of their choice and share their knowledge and discoveries. Visits in October and April.

Margaret 01483 572669

3rd Tuesday 10.00 to 12.00 Emmanuel C

Exploring Local History 2

This local history group is an opportunity to learn about the history of South West Surrey. Members explore a topic of their choice and share their knowledge and discoveries. Visits and external speakers will also be part of the programme for which there may be a small cost.

Moirra 01483 452376

Last Friday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

History: 19th and 20th Century

Presentations by members will mainly focus on the period from the mid-19th century to 2000. Depending on the interests of the presenters, topics may include political matters, notable people, social history etc. In Britain and abroad. Discussion follows.

Jan 01483 575125

2nd Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Pubs and Churches 1

We will meet at a church in the morning, have a talk from someone connected with the church or from the leader, stroll around the area and have lunch and/or a drink at the local pub. Walking shoes advisable, numbers limited. Individual donations to church funds: £2 each suggested.

Frances 01483 232056

3rd Thursday 10.45 Venue varies

Pubs and Churches 2

We meet at a church in the morning where we have a talk by someone connected with the church. We then retire to a local pub for lunch and/or drink. Only short walking distances are involved. Numbers are limited. A modest collection is made for the church funds (£3 is suggested).

Keith 01483 203234

3rd Friday 10.45 Venue varies

Pubs and Churches 3

We meet at a church in the morning, have a talk from someone connected with the church, stroll around the area, then have lunch/a drink in the local pub. Numbers limited. Individual donations to church funds - £3 suggested.

Marian 01483 573665

4th Friday 10.45 Venue varies

French (Advanced Conversation)

This is a class for those who enjoy stretching themselves for the satisfaction of maintaining and improving their fluency and accuracy in the French language.

Lesley 01483 202563

2nd and 4th Tuesday 10.00 to 11.30 St John's CC

French (Advanced)

Francophiles all, we try to keep up with current events in France through reading, listening and discussion. Occasional grammar exercises help to maintain language skills. A fair level of fluency and some knowledge of France and its culture are required, but interest and enthusiasm are more important.

Ann 01483 222913

Tuesday Fortnightly 10.30 to 12.30 Private

French (Beginners Plus)

To improve understanding for those with a little French. Some emphasis on good pronunciation and grammar. The course book "Entre Nous 2" will be used and some homework will be encouraged.

Caroline 01932 340108

2nd and 4th Wednesday 13.30 to 15.30 St John's CC

French (Beginners)

The second year of a two-year introductory course for those starting French or wishing to revise what they have learnt earlier, in order to make visits to France more enjoyable. We use the book and CDs "Entre Nous 1". Some homework is required.

Caroline 01932 340108

2nd and 4th Tuesday 09.30 to 11.00 Burpham VH

French (Improvers/Social)

This course aims to increase confidence and fluency in informal social situations for those who have studied some French before (e.g. school / elementary French). Some homework is set, usually preparing topics for conversation. A course book provides structure and consolidation for learning.

Louise 01483 894883

1st and 3rd Thursday 10.00 to 12.00 Onslow VH

French (Intermediate Conversation)

Informal sessions to extend your vocabulary, comprehension and oral skills. The aim is to give you the confidence and fluency to manage everyday situations and to communicate effectively on a variety of topics.

Lesley 01483 202563

1st and 3rd Wednesday of month 10.15 to 12.15 Onslow VH

German (Advanced Conversation)

We speak everyday German, from personal news to current affairs. Material is sent from our correspondents in Germany. We look at the German way of life and German perceptions of Britain. A good knowledge of spoken German is needed.

David 01483 764508

Thursday Fortnightly 10.00 to 12.00 Burpham VH

German (Beginners Plus)

This course follows on from the 2 year beginners course. The emphasis will be on speaking and listening, improving pronunciation while covering points of grammar as they arise. We will learn more about life in Germany and read some short stories.

Caroline 01932 340108

1st and 3rd Tuesday 09.30 to 11.00 Emmanuel C

German (Beginners)

This course is intended for complete beginners or for those with only a basic grounding in German. We will use the textbook Willkommen 1, plus a variety of other resources. The course covers listening, reading and speaking skills as well as grammar and some writing. Some homework is required.

Anita 01483 826295

2nd and 4th Wednesday 09.30 to 11.00 Onslow VH

German (Everyday German)

This course focuses on the everyday use of modern spoken German, via conversation and translation, with the support of a fluent German speaker. We use a variety of sources – newspapers, themed magazine articles, narratives, etc. There is an emphasis on participation and a basic knowledge of German is required.

Peter 01483 429434

Thursday Fortnightly 10.00 to 12.00 St John's CC

German (Improvers Plus)

This course follows on from German Improvers, using the textbook 'Willkommen 2'. The course covers listening, reading, speaking and writing skills, including some grammar. A prior understanding of present, past and future tenses would be desirable. Some homework is required.

Anita 01483 826295

2nd and 4th Monday 11.00 to 12.30 Burpham VH

Italian (Beginners)

This course is intended for complete beginners or for those with only a basic grounding in Italian. We focus on everyday situations, especially holidays, and will use the textbook Al Dente 1 plus various other materials. Some homework is required.

Caroline 01932 340108

Monday 1st and 3rd Monday 09.30 to 11.00 Burpham VH

Italian (Intermediate / Beginners plus)

This Intermediate course is aimed at those with some knowledge of Italian (present, perfect, future, conditional and imperfect tenses) and who wish to progress to Intermediate level. We will use Italianissimo 2 together with magazine articles from Tutto Italiano. A reasonable amount of homework is expected.

Elizabeth 01428 643793

2nd and 4th Wednesday 11.15 to 12.45 Onslow VH

Italian (Intermediate)

This is a friendly intermediate Italian conversation and study group requiring a practical knowledge of Italian. Spoken Italian is emphasised and various media texts will be used for reading and translation.

Members on their own, or in pairs, take turns to lead the sessions.

Diana 01483 234979

Thursday Fortnightly 10.00 to 11.30 St John's CC

Latin

We have four groups from complete beginners up to advanced. We use a 'Reading and Grammar' text book, look at proverbs, inscriptions, and horticultural terms. Extra social events include reading a Roman comedy (in English) in December and a Roman garden lunch in May.

Stanley 01483 568197

1st and 3rd Friday 10.00 to 12.00 Peasmarsh VH

Mandarin Chinese

An introductory course for those learning Mandarin for the first time.

Sally 07596 094867

1st and 3rd Wednesday 13.30 to 15.00 St John's CC

Russian (Beginners)

This course is intended for complete beginners or for those with only a basic grounding in Russian. We will use the textbook Ruslan 1 plus various other materials. Some homework is required.

Caroline 01932 340108

1st and 3rd Monday 11.15 to 12.30 Burpham VH

Russian (Intermediate)

A group for those who have had a few years of studying the language.

We shall translate Russian texts, revise grammar and practise conversation.

Tony 07516168700

1st and 3rd Tuesday 11.00 to 12.30 Emmanuel C

Spanish (Advanced Conversation)

For competent Spanish speakers who wish to maintain or extend their Spanish through relaxed, friendly conversation. Native speakers are also welcome. Topics for discussion are agreed in advance and supported by articles from the Spanish language press. Stand-alone sessions run weekly throughout the whole year, in St Johns Church Centre on the dates below, and in a local pub on other Tuesdays.

Details from the group leader.

Joan 01483 539053 ; Mike 01483 505982 ;

Tuesday Weekly 11.00 to 12.30 St John's CC

Spanish (Beginners Plus)

The second year of a course for those with some prior knowledge of Spanish, studying conversational and transactional Spanish. The purchase of a course text book 'Ele Actual' is essential, as is private study between lessons.

Sally 01483 223725

Usually 1st and 3rd Tuesday 09.30 to 10.45 Burpham VH

Spanish (Beginners)

This is a second year of a beginners group using BBC's 'España Viva'. The aim is to acquire language required for a trip to a Spanish speaking country and the ability to converse in Spanish. Private study between classes is expected.

Sally 01483 223725

1st and 3rd Tuesday 11.00 to 12.30 Burpham VH

Spanish (Intermediate Conversation)

This course requires some knowledge of Spanish. Emphasis on conversation, enhanced by grammar work and comprehension material. Some homework preparation is recommended.

Carol 01483 539598

Thursday Fortnightly 10.00 to 12.00 Private

Spanish (Intermediate)

This course will cover some more advanced grammar (at a gentle pace) and expand your vocabulary while learning more about Spain and Spanish speaking countries. The emphasis will be on listening and speaking using CDs and group discussion. We will use a textbook - ELE Actual level B1 - and other materials.

Caroline 01932 340108

Tuesday 2nd and 4th Tuesday 11.15 to 12.45 Burpham VH

Anglo-Saxon Attitudes

This course will provide an insight into a period of history which is little known but whose literature is surprisingly sophisticated. We will cover the beginnings of English language and literature from early pagan times to Christianity. No homework required but members' contribution to sessions will be very welcome. Reference to "A Choice of Anglo-Saxon Verse" by Richard Hamer and "Beowulf", the bilingual edition are recommended.

Jane 01798 343758

2nd Tuesday 14.00 to 16.00 Onslow VH

Another Brush with Shakespeare

Continuing with the historical theme, we shall commence with Henry V, jump over Henry VI and land on Richard III. If we finish these, then perhaps something lighter to follow.

Jane 01798 343758

2nd Thursday 10.00 to 12.00 Burpham VH

Book Choice 1

Our choice of books is wide-ranging, from contemporary fiction to world classics. A lively debate follows some reading from the text. This has introduced us to some great books which we may never have come to know.

Liz 07792391887

2nd Monday 14.00 to 16.00 Shalford VH

Book Choice 2

Mostly quality contemporary fiction, interspersed with occasional classics and non-fiction to be read in advance of each meeting. Members take it in turn to introduce and lead spirited discussion. Lots of fun for avid readers!

Jackie 01483 773676

2nd Monday 10.00 to 12.00 Jacobs Well VH

Book Choice 3

An eclectic range of books, factual and fictional, is chosen by individual members who then lead the subsequent discussion.

Xenia 01483 770144 ; Rosemary 01483 532284 ;

3rd Monday 14.00 to 16.00 Jacobs Well VH

Book Choice 4 Central

Book choice driven by members' suggestions, with a variety of book genres, e.g. novels, classics, biography, autobiography, travel and science fiction, with the aim of having a mix of these over the year.

Margaret 01483 429473

3rd Thursday 11.00 to 13.00 Virgin Money

Book Lovers

We enjoy a mix of classic and contemporary fiction, interspersing formal readings with informal discussion. Book titles are chosen by our members, and this year included Daniel Deronda by George Eliot, Regeneration by Pat Barker, and Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout.

Wendy 01483 538600

2nd and 4th Tuesday 14.00 to 16.00 Private

Classical Literature

This course promotes an appreciation of Ancient Greek and Roman literature by reading the plays, poetry and history, in translation, and occasionally modern versions of the myths on which some of the stories were based. We will continue reading from 'The Histories' by Herodotus, interspersed with Ovid's 'Metamorphoses'. No knowledge of Greek or Latin required.

David 01252 792537

1st Wednesday 14.00 to 16.30 Burpham VH

Flash Fiction

A creative writing group, specialising in short stories (200-500 words). Members share their work and receive constructive feedback. If you enjoy writing, or would like to give it a try, come and join us.

Christine 01483 533589

1st Wednesday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Memoir Writing Group 1

Have you been meaning to write your memoirs? This group has been formed to help motivate and encourage those who are new to writing and those of us who have already made a start. N.B. The joint meeting with Group 2 on 10th December is at St Nicolas Church Guildford.

Bronya 01483 300912 ; Judith 01483 533750 ; Brenda 01483 825434

3rd Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 Skipton BS

Memoir Writing Group 2

Have you been meaning to write your memoirs? This group has been formed to help motivate and encourage those who are new to writing and those of us who have already made a start. N.B. The joint meeting with Group 1 on 10th December is at St Nicolas Church Guildford.

Bronya 01483 300912 ; Judith 01483 533750 ; Brenda 01483 825434

2nd Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 Skipton BS

Play Reading

We read a complete play each session. This leaves no time for formal criticism but we usually manage an impromptu discussion on the play's merits, or otherwise, during the 'tea interval'. Selected works range from Molière comedies to modern dramas.

Auriol 01483 223080

2nd & 4th Wednesday 14.00 to 17.00 Private

Poetry

The focus is on "Poets of our Time" 1939-2018. Individual members choose a poet and lead a session. Everyone contributes with additional poems for further comment and discussion.

Carolynn 01483 415446 ; Brenda 01483 825434 ; Brenda 01483 825434

2nd Monday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

The Chaucer Group

For those of you who would like to join me in reading through The Canterbury Tales in the original Middle English. This year we will be starting with the 'Friar's Tale'. Discussion is very much part of our reading of the text.

Martin 01483 533589

4th Wednesday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

The Novels of Jane Austen

We shall continue to read and discuss Mansfield Park. Fireworks expected!

Shirley 01483 572705

4th Thursday 10.00 to 12.00 Burpham VH

Writers' Workshop

We meet to encourage each other to write on given or self-chosen subjects. During the class we read and discuss work we have prepared. If we have time we will participate in exercises to spark our imagination to give us confidence in putting pen to paper. No prior experience necessary; beginners welcome.

Pat 01483 569248

1st Monday 13.30 to 16.00 St John's CC

Chamber Music

This listen-and-learn group enjoys a wide variety of music from 1700 to 1920 for soloists or small ensembles. This includes works for quartet, voice, or piano by Mozart, Handel, Beethoven, Chopin, French and Russian composers.

Iris 01483 535986

2nd Tuesday 14.00 to 16.00 Jeffries Hall

Concert Choice

This group endeavours to enhance our understanding and appreciation of classical music (widely interpreted). The presenters create their own programmes introducing works from various musical periods, and we have enjoyed music from Vivaldi (b1678) and Handel (b1685) to Vangelis (b1943) and Tan Dun (b1957)

Margaret 01483 504001

1st Friday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Ensemble

The group enjoys playing works covering all genres of music, and whatever your standard of instrument playing you are most welcome to join us.

Leaders//Enquiries Sheila 01483 763538 // Michael 01483 570602

Friday Weekly 13.30 to 15.30 Emmanuel C

Jazz

Six live concerts: Panama Café Orchestra: Martin Litton's All Stars: Louisiana Rhythm Kings: Old Hat Jazz Band: Keith Nichols' Ragamuffins: Richard White's Nevada Street Four: Admission Charge £3 each session (including tea) but £8.50 at Christmas for the internationally renowned band * Martin Litton's All Stars*. Note: No concert in November.

Piers 01252 323639 ; Jackie 01483 824450 ; Ted 01483 853431

3rd Tuesday 14.00 to 16.00 Shalford VH

Musical Theatre

From George Gershwin to Ivor Novello, Irving Berlin to Noel Coward and Cole Porter to Stephen Sondheim, we listen to some great music and learn about the history of Broadway and West End musicals and the composers and lyricists who wrote them.

David 01483 548171

2nd Friday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Opera

Each month we present an opera on DVD or Blu-ray; some are well known, others are hidden gems, but all have outstanding casts. We hope our selection will appeal to existing enthusiasts and to those new to opera. Each presenter offers programme notes and a short commentary.

Alan 01483 892757 ; Paul 01483 531623 ; Ted 01483 853431

3rd Friday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Singing for Fun

This new singing group caters for beginners or those with limited experience. We will sing a variety of songs, from popular melodies, folk, old time music hall, traditional - anything which has a good tune.

These songs would mostly be sung in unison, so there are no parts to learn or music to read. It will be literally singing for fun.

John 01483 574326

Wednesday Fortnightly 14.00 to 16.00 St Nicolas' CH

Singing Group 1

Enjoy the physical and social benefits of singing. Our repertoire is wide-ranging and includes songs from musical theatre to anthems and carols. Sight reading is not essential. We work towards presenting up to 3 concerts per year, attendance at which is desirable but not mandatory. A modest contribution towards the cost of hiring or buying music is required - £2 per attendance. Christmas Concert: Wednesday 16th December 2020 at St Nicolas Church. Other performances as notified.

Leaders//Enquiries John 01483 574326 // Helen

Monday Weekly 10.00 to 12.00 St Catherine's VH

Singing Group 2

A fairly new group which welcomes all voices from beginners to more experienced singers. The repertoire is wide and includes folk songs, popular songs from the shows, oratorio choruses, anthems and carols. We work towards presenting up to 3 concerts a year often combining with Singing Group 1. A modest contribution towards the cost of hiring or buying music is required - £2 per attendance (which includes tea). Christmas Concert: Wednesday 16th December 2020 at St Nicolas Church. Other performances as notified.

Leaders//Enquiries John 01483 574326 // Janis 01483 567687

Tuesday Weekly 14.00 to 16.00 St Nicolas' CH

Tune-Playing on Belleplates

Belleplates are similar to handbells but flat and easier to handle. A one-and-a-half octave set (12 belleplates) is available for this group led by an experienced handbell ringer. Enthusiasm is more important than an ability to read music. Great fun can be had in learning to play tunes as part of a team.

Shirley 01483 538373

2nd and 4th Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 St Catherine's VH

Ukulele

For those wishing to learn or practise or develop their ukulele skills playing in an ensemble. Our repertoire is based on popular songs of the last 100 years.

Martin 01483 533589

2nd and 4th Friday 14.00 to 15.30 Merrow VH

Astronomy and Space Science

We consider the visible night sky each month, current space news, and such topics as the possible origins of the universe and the formation of stars, galaxies, and the solar system. We encourage group members to contribute to the agenda.

Jonathan 01483 894230

1st Wednesday 14.00 to 16.00 Emmanuel C

Digital Living

Help with using computers, tablets and other internet-linked devices to get the most out of modern living. Meetings will cover topics based on members' interests, and will look at using a variety of devices.

Bernie 01483 823898

Thursday Every two months 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Engineering Group

The Engineering Group will be presenting a wide range of engineering topics of a multidisciplinary nature where members' own hard won experience and interest can be shared and discussed. Up to date knowledge of engineering disciplines is not needed.

Michael 07771 826819

3rd Thursday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Introduction to Digital Devices

Understand the basic uses of tablets, smartphones and other devices.

The three sessions will provide a progressive introduction covering email, internet, apps, security, photos and other topics. Each session will also consist of a practical help "clinic" to assist attendees with their digital device problems. This course is intended for those not yet feeling ready to join the Digital Living Group.

Paul 07802 931936

Thursday Just three sessions 14.00 to 16.30 Venue TBA

Science Forum

Presentations on a wide variety of subjects by members or visitors who have either a special interest from their working life or an enthusiasm for other aspects of science. Short talks on current developments as well as more in-depth lectures provide a rich variety of information.

Bernie 01483 823898

2nd Tuesday 14.00 to 16.00 Merrow VH

Genealogy

The first three meetings are suitable for complete beginners in family history. We will show you how to start creating your family tree. More experienced members are welcome on all dates also, and they will learn how to extend their research.

Colin 01483 829692

3rd Thursday 10.00 to 12.00 Burpham VH

Philosophy

Wide-ranging discussion on different philosophical issues and key philosophers with reference to current events. No previous knowledge of the subject is required.

Joe 07958 913849

3rd Wednesday 14.00 to 16.00 Burpham VH

Social Anthropology

Social Anthropology is the study of humankind. We will discover things about ourselves and our attitudes whilst experiencing an understanding of other cultures. This year we will carry on relating Social Anthropology to food, tourism, religion, medicine, cultural practices and everyday life.

Sheila 01483 898080

3rd Monday 14.00 to 16.00 St Catherine's VH

Badminton

The game is lively and is an enjoyable way to meet people and take some brisk exercise. No previous experience needed. Please note, we have to charge £2 per session i.e. £10 in advance for 5 sessions. You only need to pay again when you have completed all sessions for which you have paid.

Sara 07854 080845

Monday Weekly 14.00 to 16.00 Spectrum

Boules 1

We play 1st September to 24th November 2020: 2nd March to 31st August 2021 on Tuesday afternoons weather permitting. Boules is more light-hearted than bowls and provides gentle exercise. Beginners welcome.

Alasdair 01483 283750

Tuesday Weekly 14.00 to 15.15 Guildford Manor Hotel

Boules 2

We play 1st September to 24th November 2020: 2nd March to 31st August 2021 on Tuesday afternoons weather permitting. Boules is more light-hearted than bowls and provides gentle exercise. Beginners welcome.

Graham 01483 505343

Tuesday Weekly 15.15 to 16.30 Guildford Manor Hotel

Geocaching

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt. We will do walks (mostly rural, some urban) within 10 miles of Guildford centre. Use a smartphone or handheld GPS to find the cache and sign the logbook. Exchange treasures on occasions. No dogs. Explanations and help will be given to all who need it by email and on the walks. For more information see www.geocaching.com.

Steve 01483 533748

2nd Tuesday 10.00 to 12.00 Venue varies

Golf

Each fixture is organised by a different golfer in the group. The group currently comprises 30 or so golfers, approximately 50/50 male/female, with handicaps ranging from mid teens to mid thirties. This group is open to anyone who can play 18 holes of golf without holding up other players. There is a charge for each event to cover green fees, refreshments and prizes. Arranged Date: 24th September 2020 at Hoebridge. Dates for 2021 to be advised in due course.

David 01483 280017

3 times per year dates TBA Venue varies

Personal Gardens

A small group for people with, and interested in, gardens who live in Guildford or the Merrow/ Clandon direction. Monthly meetings in each other's homes/gardens but we also make visits to gardens, e.g. Wisley. The dates given can be altered by mutual agreement.

Evelyn 01483 456963

3rd Monday 14.30 to 16.30 Private

Table Tennis

This is a thriving, sociable group of mixed abilities. We are full at the time of going to press but are happy to add names to our short waiting list. We can provide bats if needed.

Leaders//Enquiries Jackie 07815694710 // Maureen 01483 569557

Wednesday Weekly 19.00 to 21.00 Christ's College

Target Shooting

In conjunction with the National Small-Bore Rifle Association we can offer target shooting at their indoor range. Initially instruction will be given on air rifles and .22 live fire disciplines at each 90-minute session. These sessions are run by fully-qualified instructors and include a safety briefing, all necessary equipment and insurance. The groups will be small, with one instructor between approx. three participants. There should also be opportunities to try other disciplines such as turning targets, pistols, crossbows etc. later in the year. The cost of each session will be £30. Please phone or email for full details.

Jackie 01483 824450

3rd Wednesday except November 14.30 to 16.00 Lord Roberts

Tennis

Past and present club players will have the opportunity to play senior doubles on a regular basis. The Club has 4 tarmac courts and a pleasant clubhouse which U3A members will have the use of during club sessions. The plan is to meet every fortnight, weather permitting. Please note that a small charge will be made towards the cost of providing tennis balls.

Don 01483 835144

2nd and 4th Thursday 10.00 to 12.00 Onslow VLTC

Walking 1 (all day)

All-day walks of 8 - 10 miles, usually within 15 miles of Guildford. Terrain is often undulating or hilly. Time is taken for viewing, learning about and enjoying the countryside. A pub lunch is arranged for each walk. All walkers are expected to take responsibility for organising and leading a walk.

Janis 01483 567687

1st Wednesday 09.45 Venue varies

Walking 1 (short)

Walks at a leisurely pace with time to view and enjoy the history and beauty of the local countryside. Distance approximately 4-5 miles. Most walks within 10 miles of Guildford. Pub arranged for end of each walk.

Carol 01483 417901

3rd Wednesday 09.45 Venue varies

Walking 2 (all day)

All-day walks of 8 - 10 miles in distance, usually within 15 miles of Guildford. Terrain is often undulating or hilly. Time is taken for viewing, learning about and enjoying the countryside. A pub lunch is arranged for each walk. All walkers in this group take responsibility for organising and leading a walk.

Elisabeth 07974 785897

2nd Wednesday 09.45 Venue varies

Walking 2 (short)

Rambles of 4-5 miles taking 2 to 2.5 hours, mostly within 10 (15 max.) miles of Guildford, noting any points of interest. Pub lunch (optional) at the end of each walk. All walkers should be prepared to lead a walk with support from the organiser.

Jeff 01483 826303 ; Norman 01483 504237 ; Ted 01483 853431

1st Tuesday 09.45 Venue varies

Walking 3 (short)

Rambles of 4-5 miles (2 to 2.5 hrs), mostly within ten miles of Guildford. Pub (optional) arranged for the end of each walk.

Chris 07796 446129

2nd Thursday of the Month 09.45 Venue varies

Walking 4 (short)

Easy morning rambles of 4-5 miles (about 2 hours) within 10 miles of Guildford. Pub lunch (optional) arranged for the end of each walk.

Roger 01483 233381

4th Thursday 09.45 Venue varies

Walks Long Morning

Morning walks of between 6 and 7 miles mostly within 15 miles of Guildford. Pub lunch (optional) arranged for the end of each walk. Members take it in turns to lead walks.

Leaders//Enquiries John 01483 861812 // Hilary 01483 861812

3rd Wednesday 09.45 Venue varies

Concert Visits

Coach parties regularly attend London and nearby venues for concerts by major orchestras. The current programme and booking form is sent out with the Newsletter and can be found on the website www.guildfordu3a.org.uk then use the Top Menu under Events/Links/Booking Form. Otherwise, send SAE to: Iris Hawkins, 1 Merrow Copse, Guildford GU1 2LG.

Iris 01483 535986

Occasional

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This group is for Members On Their Own to meet and socialise with each other, and get together for lunches/dinners as well as outings to events and places of interest. This is a friendship group aimed at active members who are on their own, for whatever reason, or whose partners are too incapacitated to socialise. To be able to offer a programme with a variety of activities members are encouraged to suggest ideas of what they would like to do, and organise /host activities, themselves.

Jackie 01483 824450 ; Ann 01483 222913 ; Ted 01483 853431

Occasional

Outings and Theatre Visits

We offer a varied programme of visits to gardens, places and exhibitions of interest and theatre trips. Booking forms are included with the Newsletter, whether you receive it online or in print, and are also available on the Guildford U3A website. Theatre trips are only advertised online and by email, as provisional bookings can only be held for a short time. A quick response is essential for these and

advisable for all our other trips.
Ann 01483 222913 ; Jackie 01483 824450 ; Ted 01483 853431
Occasional

Social Anthropology Visits

Outings are arranged, about four times a year, to venues of cultural interest including mosques, museums, areas of London and occasionally Oxford or Cambridge. People are usually free to explore but I can lead a walk if appropriate. They are open to all GU3A members. Notice appears in the newsletter, or by email Alert. Please express your interest to the Group Leader, who will inform you of upcoming events.

Sheila 01483 898080

Occasional

Burpham Bowling Club

Clay Lane, Burpham, GU4 7JU

Burpham Village Hall

Burpham Lane, GU4 7LP

Christ's College

Larch Avenue, GU1 1JY

Electric Theatre

Onslow Street, Guildford, GU1 4SZ

Emmanuel Church

Shepherds Lane, Stoughton, GU2 9SJ

Jacobs Well Village Hall

Jacobs Well Rd, Guildford GU4 7PD

Jeffries Hall

Laustan Close, GU1 2TS

Merrow Village Hall

177 Epsom Road, GU1 2QY

Onslow Lawn Tennis Club

Wilderness Road, Guildford GU2 7QS

Onslow Village Hall

Orchard Road, GU2 7SW

Peasmarsh Village Hall

Unstead Woods, GU3 1ND

St Catherine's Village Hall

Chestnut Avenue, GU2 4HF

St John Ambulance (Guildford Div)

Stocton Close, GU1 1HA

St John's Church Centre

Epsom Road, Merrow, GU4 7AA

St Nicolas' Church Hall

Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW

Shalford Village Hall

Kings Road, GU4 8JU

Skipton Building Society

36 High Street, Guildford GU1 3EL

Trinity Centre

Holy Trinity Churchyard, Guildford GU1 3RR

Virgin Money

12 North Street, Guildford, GU1 4AF