



THE AZTEC - THE EAGLE WARRIORS OF THE SUN

A Study Day on Friday, 12th April 2019

At The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon (map on next page)

Speaker: Professor Maria Chester

The Aztec also called Mexica borrowed much of their culture from the ancient Toltec. They liked to associate themselves with the splendour and magnificence of Teotihuacan. The name "Aztec" in Nahuatl means "People from **Aztlan**". Their capital city, Tenochtitlan, was founded on 8th June 1325. When the Spaniards walked into Tenochtitlan they found a well organised society. The capital city had four public markets, five days a week. **Hernan Cortés** – the Spanish Conquistador - reported that 60,000 people daily visited the central market of Tlatelolco. As all other Mesoamerican cultures, the Aztecs played a variant of the Mesoamerican ball game, named "**tlachtli**". Human sacrifice was the most striking feature of Aztec civilisation. Before the conquest there was fifteen million Aztecs, by 1521 only four million survived..... Some Nahuatl words, most notably *chocolate* and *tomato*, have been borrowed through Spanish into other languages around the world.

Programme

- 9.30 Registration
- 10.00 Mesoamerica - The Origins - Teotihuacan - Toltec - Aztecs
- 11.00 Coffee / Tea
- 11.30 Tenochtitlan - Society - Economy - Education
- 12.30 Lunch - Bring your own – Tea / Coffee available
- 1.30 Religion - Ball Games
- 2.30 Tea / Coffee
- 3.00 1519: The Arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors - Legacy
- 4.00 Departure

Speaker Maria Chester studied Fine Arts & Art History. She is a Professor on Pre-Columbian Art, is multilingual & enjoys travelling. She taught in several South American universities as well as private institutions. Since 2007 she has been the National Subject Adviser in American Archaeology. In 2015 she was a founding member of the International Committee of The Third Age Trust. In May 2016 she was elected Secretary General of AIUTA, International Association of Universities of the Third Age. She is a Senior Lecturer & is tutoring annual courses on Art History for Berwick Educational Association. She works for Berwick Visual Arts delivering conferences linked to art exhibitions complemented with guided tours in Berwick-upon-Tweed. In October 2018 she became an accredited lecturer to The Arts Society. She was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina but travelled the world. She lived for twenty years in Caracas, Venezuela. Maria has been living in the Scottish Borders since 2003.

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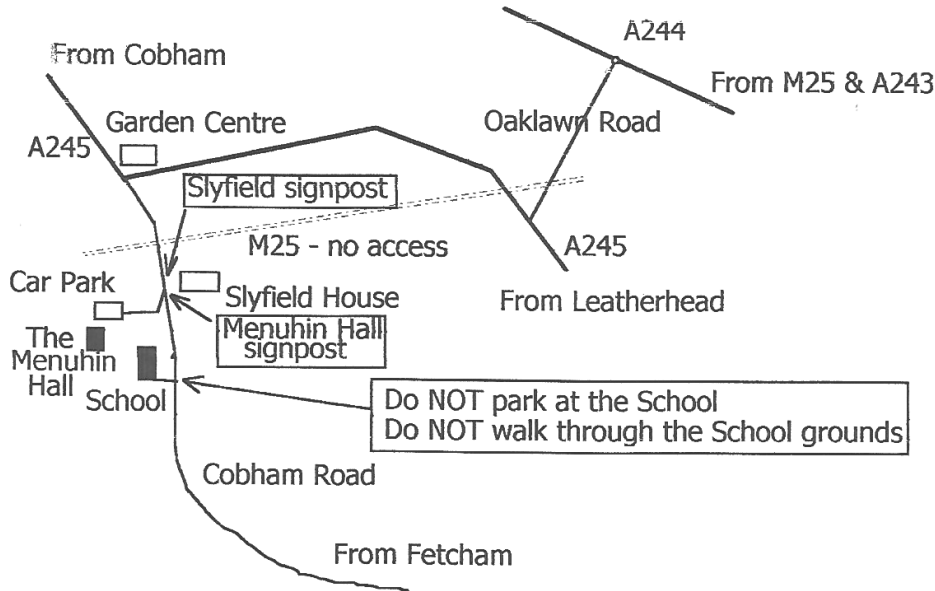
The Menuhin Hall

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There is a Garden Centre (01932 862530), about 800 metres to the north of the Menuhin Hall where light lunches are available. Reservations not required.



The Menuhin School was founded in 1963 in London and moved to its present site in 1964. It has about 80 pupils learning to play stringed instruments including piano and is financed, in part, by the DfES. Lord Menuhin was born in New York on 22nd April 1916 and died on 12th March 1999 in Berlin. His parents had come from Russia. His first public concert was in March 1924 and his first in Europe, in Paris, in 1927. His performance of Elgar's Violin Concerto was recorded at the Abbey Road Studios in 1932. The Hall, designed by Mark Foley, was conceived as a memorial to Yehudi and was handed over to the school on 5th August 2005. The official opening was on 7th January 2006. Yehudi is buried near the stone pillar in front of the Hall. Nearby is an oak which he planted on his 80th birthday. The Hall was first used for U3A Study Days on 14th October 2005 when the Steinway grand piano was used as no other was available.

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Nut Allergy. The Menuhin School has pupils who have an allergic reaction to nuts and the staff have taken the decision to make the school and the Menuhin Hall a nut free environment. Please ensure that your lunch does not contain any trace of nuts.

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