

Surrey Network

The Vikings & Their Influence in The World

A Study Day on Friday 16th June 2023 at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon

Speaker - Imogen Corrigan

The Viking Age was the period during the Middle Ages when Norsemen known as Vikings undertook large-scale raiding, colonizing, conquest, and trading throughout Europe and reached North America. The Vikings almost need no introduction; an image is instantly conjured up of ferocious fighting men, rampaging through our green and pleasant land, plundering, wrecking and desecrating. The study day covers some of the many influences arising from the Viking Age; 793–1066 AD.

- 9.30 Registration
- 10.00 **An Introduction to The Vikings** A problem with studying Vikings is that contemporary writing about them is often hysterical, although they were also seen literally as the wrath of God. We look at the Viking Ages from Lindisfarne to St Brice's Day and consider the impact that they had.
- 11.00 Coffee / Tea
- 11.30 The Rus Better known as the Vikings who gave their name to Russia, they mainly originated from Sweden and expanded eastwards, through the lands that stretch from the northern coast down to Novgorod and Kiev and with their insatiable eyes always on the ultimate trading prize: Constantinople. The story of the Rus is even more dramatic and savage than that of their Scandinavian cousins who caused mayhem in the British Isles. They had bizarre funeral rites, immense courage in battle and travel, but utter disregard for human life. That said, it was through them that Christianity found its way to Russia and that the icon as an art form travelled from Constantinople to Novgorod.
- 12.30 Lunch Bring-Your-Own Tea / Coffee available
- 1.30 **Viking Art and Legend** Surprisingly little attention is paid to their culture and how it influenced later church art in Britain. Sagas tell of heroic deeds by both man and monster, whilst showing the nuts and bolts of Scandinavian society. The lecture looks at runes, picture stones and poetry. It may show the more sensitive side of the Viking character, but it never forgets that they were warriors at heart.
- 2.30 Tea / Coffee
- 3.00 **Viking Women** The women of these warriors are interesting in themselves, albeit not as visible. A few strong-minded and inventive Viking Queens stand out and at least one left her mark on this country. We can see how they dressed, how they ran their families and what rights they had in Viking society.
- 4.00 Departure

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To book Members should send the slip below, with a cheque for £12 or £15 for a Guest, payable to Surrey u3a Network, or bank transfer to HSBC Account No. 11519018 Sort Code 40-27-07, Event Reference Jun23, to Denise Dobbs – u3a, 5 Aldridge Rise, New Malden KT3 5RJ, Phone 07964 798791 or send an email to – surreyu3astudyday@outlook.com. Enclose a SAE or an e-mail address for confirmation.

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Biographical Information about our Speaker

Imogen Corrigan spent over nineteen years in the army, retiring in the rank of Major at the end of 1994. She subsequently went to the University of Kent to study Anglo-Saxon and Medieval History, graduating with 1st Class Honours. Later she gained an MPhil from the University of Birmingham. She is now a freelance lecturer for the Arts Society, u3as, ACE Cultural Tours and numerous other agencies. Her first book was published in 2019 (*Stone on Stone: the men who built the cathedrals*). She is Freeman of the Company of Communicators and has the Freedom of the City of London.

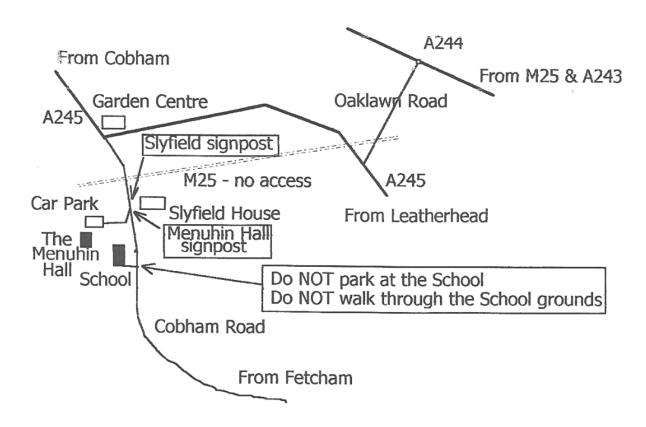
Location & Contact Details for Study Day

The Menuhin Hall, Cobham Road, Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey KT11 3QQ

Map Ref: TQ 132 579 on Landranger 187 & Explorer 146

Telephone 07763 805046 (Emergency - On-Day-Only) or Menuhin Hall Office 08700 842020

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



The Menuhin School was founded in 1962 in London and moved to its present site in 1964. It has around eighty pupils learning to play stringed instruments including piano and is financed, in part, by the DfE. 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 by 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 a Surrey Network Study Day on 14th October 2005.



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Study Days at the Menuhin Hall

Surrey Network Study Days - After an eighteen-month gap, study days at The Menuhin Hall resumed in September 2021. We welcome members to our study days in the hall, as in the past, while also making it possible to view the study days remotely.

Advertising & Booking – The practice of applying by post or by email will continue, with booking responses being sent as members chose, while payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer. We have discussed using on-line booking and consider that this is our likely next step, but the workload in setting up the programme for 2023 is our first priority. We advertise the study days with full details and booking forms on our website – http://u3asites.org.uk/surreyu3anetwork/ and circulate the information electronically to all u3as in Surrey Network and surrounding areas. In the past we posted booking forms to all those u3as but as the great majority of members have internet access and due to the work involved, we have decided to discontinue that service. We have been electronically circulating a poster suitable for advertising the future programme on display boards or websites and this will continue. The booking fee was £9 when the study days started in 2004 and has been £10 for the last five years. The fee rose to £12 in 2022. The fee for virtual attendance fee will rise to the same figure in 2023 to enable us to cover our costs. The fee for guests will remain at £15. Further information is given above, including the booking form, details of the programme and the speaker's background.

Nut Allergies – 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.

Disabled Parking - There are six spaces behind the hall and there are more in the main car park. If you have a blue badge and need level access to the hall, then tick Disabled Parking on the booking slip; you will then be allocated a space at the back of the hall and sent a permit. There is a drop-off space where disabled members have level access to the hall.

Wheelchair Spaces - If you need a seat removed in the hall to accommodate a wheelchair then tick Wheelchair on the booking slip.

Appreciation of Team Members and Plea for Support — Over the period of lock-down and more recently we were very sad to hear that five team members had passed away due to various causes and we wish to acknowledge the valuable support they gave for many years; Arthur Browne, Horley u3a, Alison Gaitonde, Banstead u3a, John Harbridge, Dorking u3a, Sheila Hill, Fetcham u3a and Sheila Pomfret, Bookham u3a. The study days have been running successfully for eighteen years and new volunteers with ideas for the future programme and the energy to help run the study days will be made very welcome. Our website is based on the u3a software Site Builder, and as a transfer to a new system is required in 2023 some extra support for the website would be very welcome.

Please contact Surrey Network Chairman, Cher Palmer, on 01293 784313 with offers of help.

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Presented by Imogen Corrigan MPhil FRHistS FRSA, Lecturer for The Arts Society



Where did the Vikings come from?

How did their art and culture impact on British church art?

What was the role of women in Viking society?





The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon Friday 16th June at 10am 9.30am Registration – Tea/Coffee in Intervals