

Biographical Information about our Speakers

David Jones works at the Natural History Museum in London, and lectures at Imperial College. He is an entomologist specialising in rainforest insects and soil ecology. He has done fieldwork in eighteen countries including Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Gabon, Madagascar and French Guiana. He has published more than fifty research articles in scientific books and journals. David is a multi-award-winning public speaker, and frequent after-dinner speaker. He has won the annual Toastmasters' UK & Ireland Impromptu Speech championship five times.

Andrew Hanson, MBE BSc (Hons) CPhys is the Outreach Manager at the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) and he functions in both scientific and artistic fields. Currently he manages interactions of hundreds of scientists and engineers with the general public (especially younger people) with the aim of enthusing the next generation to consider careers in science and technology. He took his undergraduate degree at Lancaster in Applied Physics, and whilst his profession has centred on physics – building machines to measure optical properties of materials including the shininess of cats, and light sources including display systems – he has a parallel life of artistic pursuits including award winning film making. He discounts notions of arts versus science as he feels both endeavours involve research, developing methods and creating things to be proud of.

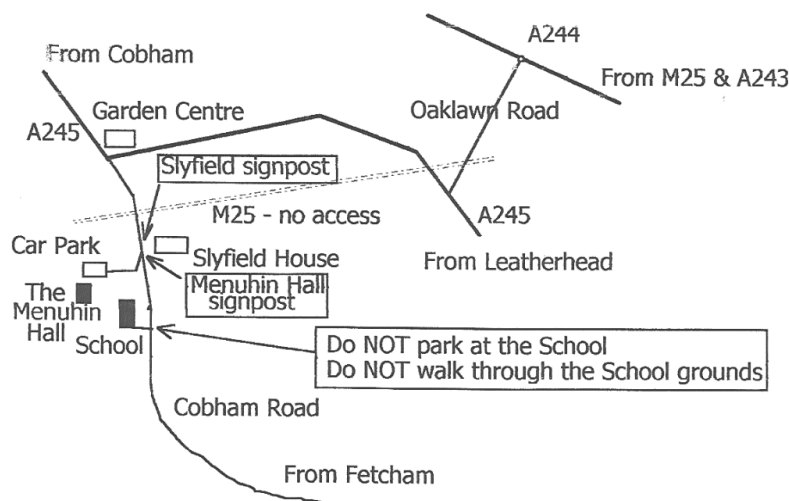
Location & Contact Details for Study Day

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.



Surrey Network

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 2024 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. We also electronically circulate a poster suitable for advertising the future programme on display boards or websites.

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.

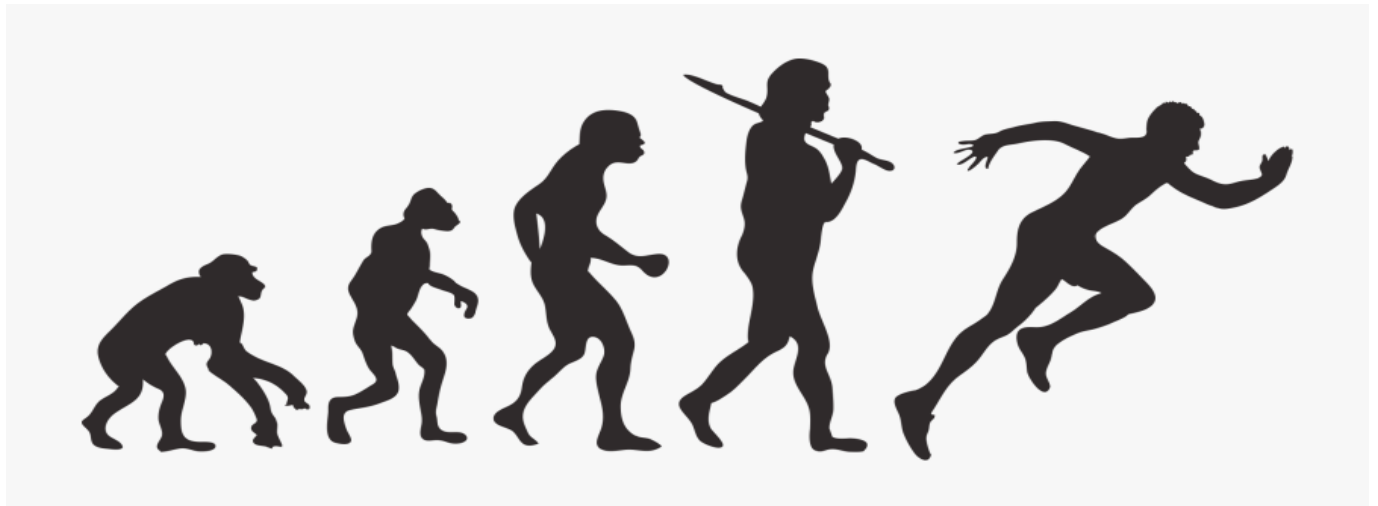
Support for Network Committee – The study days have been running successfully for almost twenty years. New volunteers with ideas for the future programme and the commitment to help run our study days will be made very welcome. Our website is based on the u3a software Site Builder, and as a transfer to a new system is required in 2024, help with the website would be very welcome. Please contact Surrey Network Chairman, Caroline Sawers, on 01483 560590 with offers of help.

Surrey u3a Network Study Day

The Evolution of All Life on Earth Science & Technology of Music & Colour



**Speakers –
Dr David T Jones,
Natural History Museum &
Andrew Hanson MBE,
National Physical Laboratory**



The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon

Friday 21st June 2024

9.30am Registration - tea and coffee provided

Member £12 Guest £15

To book – Make a bank transfer for £12 (or £15 for a guest) payable to **Surrey u3a Network** HSBC Account No 11519018 Sort Code 40-27-07, Event Ref. Sep24, then send an email with the booking information on the booking form to surreyu3astudyday@outlook.com.

Or send the booking form with a cheque payable to **Surrey u3a Network** to Denise Dobbs – u3a, 5 Aldridge Rise, New Malden KT3 5RJ.