



# Surrey Network

## The Jazz Age & Beyond

With Talks, Film, Demonstrations & Musical Finale

A Study Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon

### Speakers – Howard Lawes, Grace Evans, Christie Lee Manning & Dave Allison

The novels of F. Scott Fitzgerald chronicled the hedonism and excitement of the Jazz Age in America – Fitzgerald once claimed that the 1920s were “the most expensive orgy in history”. In Britain the growing interest in jazz music brought black and white musicians, artists and audiences together, and was crucial in influencing changes in British society, while in Europe, Ballets Russe, Hot Club de France, Art Deco and Bauhaus have left a lasting legacy in dance, music and design. The influence of jazz on society and society on jazz will be discussed with plenty of musical and visual illustrations.

#### Programme

- 9.30 Registration
- 10.00 **Introduction – Howard Lawes** – After WWI, and particularly in America society modernised rapidly creating huge riches for some. The Jazz Age or Roaring Twenties introduced an extravagant lifestyle and even those that couldn't afford it cut loose with the aid of new technology, fashion and dance, all accompanied by jazz music.
- 11.00 Coffee / Tea
- 11.30 **Fashion – Grace Evans** – An illustrated talk on the dress and fashions of the Roaring Twenties, highlighting how technology, economics and culture influenced design. The Olive Matthews Collection at Chertsey Museum includes examples of dress from the period.
- 12.30 Lunch – Bring-Your-Own – Tea / Coffee available
- 1.30 **Dance – Christie Lee Manning** – The talk will highlight the roots and branches of the jazz dance 'tree'; a vast historical journey of how jazz dance was born, the essence and importance it played in the survival and celebration of humanity, and how it's come to be what it is today.
- 2.30 Tea / Coffee
- 3.00 **The Alleycats – Dave Allison** – With an authentic sound of the 20s and 30s The Alleycats band will present a programme of music from the Jazz Age and beyond featuring the sounds of Sidney Bechet and Louis Armstrong. The Leader of The Alleycats, Dave, will speak about the development of jazz.
- 4.00 Departure

**To Book – Members should send the slip below**, with a cheque for £12 (or £15 for a Guest), payable to Surrey u3a Network, to Denise Dobbs – u3a, 5 Aldridge Rise, New Malden KT3 5RJ, Phone 07964 798791. Enclose an SAE or an email address for confirmation.

**Or make a bank transfer** to HSBC Account No. 11519018 Sort Code 40-27-07, Event Ref. May 24, and send an email to – [surreyu3astudyday@outlook.com](mailto:surreyu3astudyday@outlook.com) – with the booking information below.

JAZZ                                  Member £12    Guest £15                                  17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Please Tick** – Attend Hall  or Virtually ; Email  or SAE ; Cheque  or BankTrsf .

Title .....First Name ..... Surname ..... Name of u3a .....

House Number/Name. . . . . Post Code . . . . . Phone. . . . .

E-mail Address .....

If you need disabled parking, tick  and give a car registration number .....

If you need a wheelchair space in the hall, tick  or a step-free seat, tick .

If you would like to receive details about future study days by email, please tick here .

## Biographical Information about our Speakers & Performers

**Howard Lawes** – Howard is a member of Woking u3a and the National Subject Advisor on Jazz. He has been a keen fan of jazz and dance for many years, is a freelance writer on jazz and regularly volunteers for major events such as the EFG London Jazz Festival.

**Grace Evans** – Grace is Keeper of Costume at Chertsey Museum. She has an MA from the University of York and a diploma in Museum Studies from the University of Manchester.

**Christie Lee Manning** – Christie is the founder of the House Of Jazz Company and has been a professional dancer and educator for 20+ years. She has recently joined forces with the team that built 'Uprooted', a jazz dance documentary that came out of New York City in 2020 (<https://uprootedfilm.com/thefilm/>). Christie is dedicated to keeping the art of jazz shared, understood, and alive.

**Dave Allison** – Dave is leader of the Alleycats. He has been playing the clarinet since childhood and joined his first dance band at the age of 15. His inspiration includes Louis Armstrong and Benny Goodman. Dave formed the Alleycats in 1970 and the current line-up includes Geoff Perrin (guitar / banjo), Roger Sills (bass / tuba) and Keith Brown (drums / vocals).

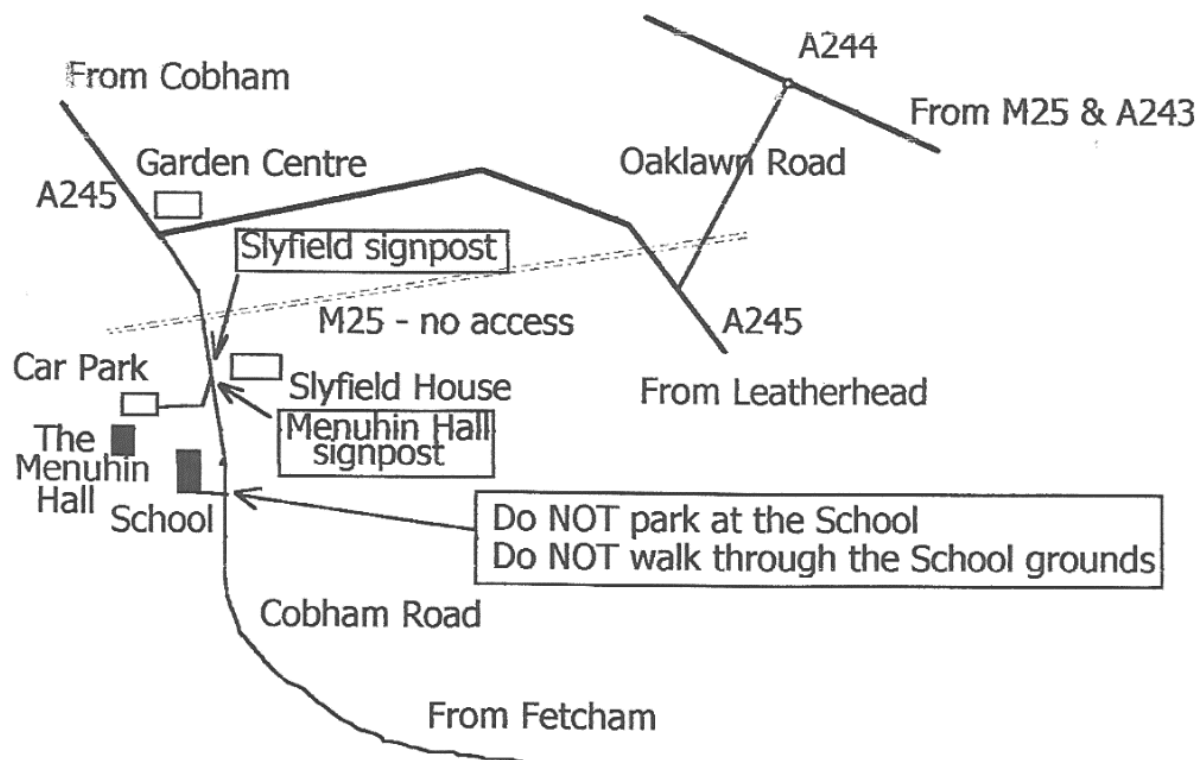
## Location & Contact Details for Study Day

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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1916 and died on 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005. The official opening was on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2006. Yehudi is buried by the stone pillar in front of the Hall. Nearby is an oak which he planted on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Hall was first used for a Surrey Network Study Day on 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 nineteen years. New volunteers with ideas for the future programme and the commitment to help run future 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 some help with the website would be very welcome.

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

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