

Biographical Information about our Speaker

Leslie Pitcher BA (Cantab) has a degree in Classical Literature & Languages from Trinity College, Cambridge. After a career in the insurance industry Leslie has lectured on art history and archaeology for more than three decades to the Arts Society, the WEA, U3As and Dorking Educational Centre. He has also lectured at Brompton Oratory on religious art. His particular interest is in the Classical Tradition in art from the Ancient World to the Renaissance & Baroque

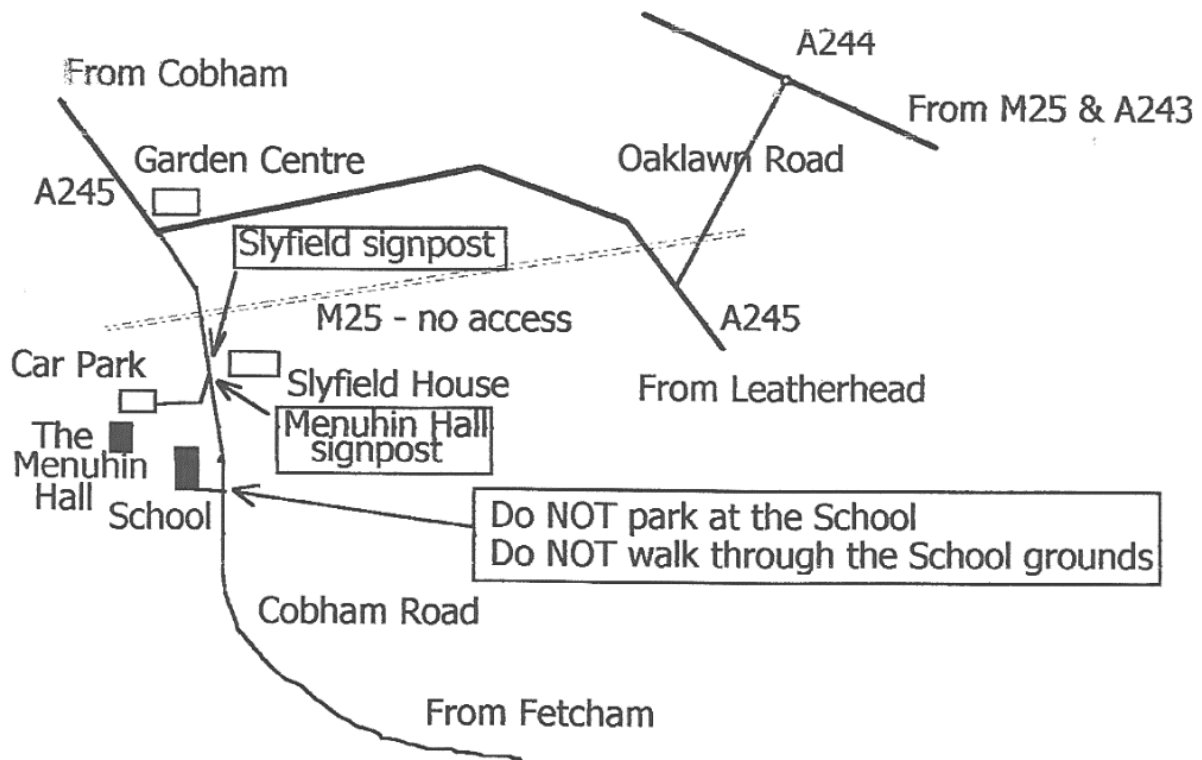
Location & Contact Details for Study Day

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 – We welcome members and guests to our study days in the Menuhin Hall, while since the pandemic also making it possible to view the study days remotely.

Advertising & Booking – The practice of applying by post or by email continues, with booking responses being sent as members chose, while payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer. 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.

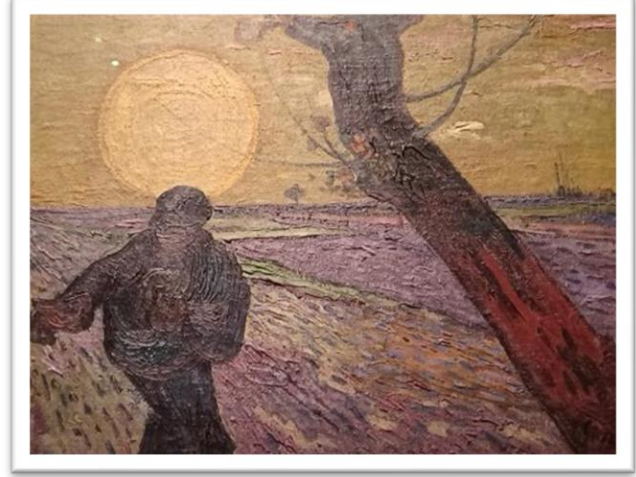
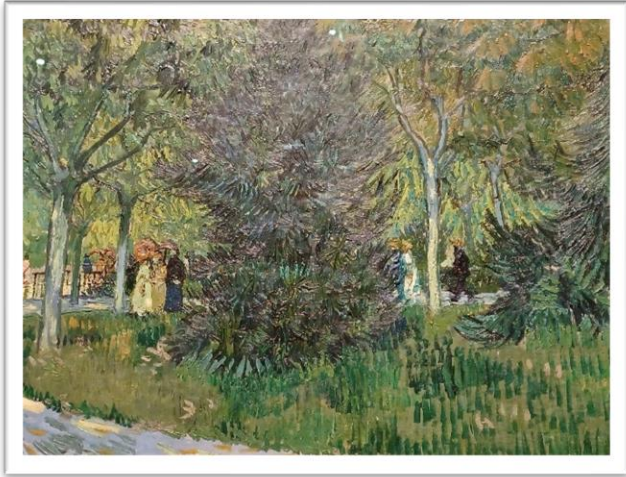
Wheelchair Spaces – If you need a seat removed in the hall to accommodate a wheelchair then tick Wheelchair on the booking slip.

Support for Network Committee – The study days have been running successfully for twenty years. New volunteers with ideas for the future programme and the commitment to help run future study days will be made very welcome. Please contact Surrey Network Chairman, Mike Brigden, on 07766 331642 with offers of help.

Surrey u3a Network Study Day

Vincent van Gogh & Painting in C19 France

Presented by Leslie Pitcher, Art History Lecturer for
Numerous Local Organisations



The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon on Friday 11th April 2025

9.30am Registration for 10am Start

To book Members should send a completed booking slip with a cheque for a Member £12, for a Guest £15, or for Online £7, payable to Surrey U3A Network, to Denise Dobbs at u3a, 5 Aldridge Rise, New Malden KT3 5RJ, Phone 07964 798791, by Tuesday 8th April or make a bank transfer to HSBC Sort Code 40-27-07 Account Number 11519018, Event Reference Apr2025, and email booking information to surreyu3astudyday@outlook.com.