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APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,



I attended the Bramley Village Showcase at the end of March and met Russell Whitworth who is the Sciences Group Coordinator for Guildford u3a and a member of the national AI awareness team for South East England. Russell gives talks on Artificial Intelligence and how it works, its benefits and challenges. It is important for us to understand the changes that are happening and Russell's presentation is designed to be accessible avoiding unnecessary jargon.

I have arranged for Russell to give a presentation to us on Friday afternoon 3rd July at the Upper Hall, Shalford Village Hall. Information about the event will be sent to you nearer the time.

Our AGM in March was well attended and the AGM minutes and our accounts are now on our website.

BEGINNERS CROQUET NEW GROUP

The sessions will be every Thursday from 30th April to 24 September 10.00-12.00 at Guildford and Godalming Croquet Club, Broadwater Park next to the Rugby Club (there is plenty of parking). All equipment is provided as well as coaching and support.

There will be two free taster sessions on 30 April and 7 May 2026. Full season cost is £100 which works out as £5 per session.

There has been a lot of interest in this new group so please contact Madeleine Lamboll our Group Organiser if you would like to attend the taster sessions.

BEETLE DRIVE A NEW EVENT

There are a few places left for our Beetle Drive in The Tillingbourne Room, Shalford Village Hall on Friday 10th April 2.30-4.30 £2pp including tea and cake. Don't worry if you have never heard of the game or played before, everything will be explained.

STUDY DAYS MENUHIN HALL

You may not be aware but as a member of Womersley U3A you are also able to attend the Surrey U3A Network monthly study days at Menuhin Hall. The study days are open to all U3A members and guests are very welcome. They are held in the Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon KT11 3QQ; starting at 9.30am for registration and running from 10am to 4pm.

Members can attend the hall or online. The fees including coffee/tea and biscuits, are £12 for hall attendance or £7 online, £15 for guests and £15 for all attendees paying at the door. On certain study days there are also lunch hour recitals by the Menuhin School Pupils.

Check out the surreynetworku3a.co.uk website for more information [Surrey Network](#)
The 2026 talks are:

Friday 17th April 2026 - ["England's Glory": Development of British Battleships, 1860-1945](#)

Presented by Andrew Choong Han Lin, Curator at The National Maritime Museum

Friday 15th May 2026 - [Truth, Lies, Risk & Reason](#) ***

Presented by Philip Harris, Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of Sussex

Friday 19th June 2026 - [300 Years of English Theatre: From the Rise of the Elizabethan Playhouses to the Fall of Oscar Wilde](#) ***

Presented by Giles Ramsay, Independent Theatre Producer, Director & Lecturer

Friday 18th September 2026 - [The Bayeux Tapestry: Its Creation & Its Interpretation](#) ***

Presented by Imogen Corrigan BA MPhil FRHistS FRSA, Lecturer on Medieval History

Friday 16th October 2026 - [World Affairs in the Middle East & Africa: Iran, Saudi Arabia, South Africa & Nigeria](#)

Presented by Steve Bird, Lecturer on Military History & Current Affairs

Friday 20th November 2026 - [The Music & Satire of Gilbert & Sullivan](#) ***

Presented by Bernard Lockett, Gilbert & Sullivan Society

COMING UP

PUB LUNCH Wednesday 8th April 12.30 Red Lion, Shamley Green.

WALK Monthly walk Thursday 9th April. Meet 10.00 outside the shop in Shackleford.
Led by Marcia Delaney

BEETLE DRIVE Friday 10th April 2.30-4.30. Tillingbourne Room, Shalford Village Hall
£2pp including tea and cake.

EXPLORE LONDON River trip from London Eye to Greenwich with walk and sightseeing in Greenwich. Wednesday 6th May £42pp.

OUTINGS

Hampton Court Palace 22nd April 2026 £47pp

Kelmscott Manor 28th May 2026 £49pp Waiting list only

My Fair Lady Chichester Theatre Wednesday 26th August £52pp Waiting list only

I am very sorry to have to tell you that Jennifer Capon died recently after a debilitating illness. Although unwell Jennifer would always try to get to the groups that she enjoyed. Her daughter Emma has arranged a Day of Remembrance for Jennifer on Saturday 25th April at the Clock Barn Hall, Hambledon Road, GU8 4AY from 12.00 to 6.00. Dress informal and colourful.

Have a Happy Easter

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