

MILFORD AND DISTRICT U3A

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OPERA FOR ALL

Please note that the 11th March session has been CANCELLED. There will be two NEW sessions not listed in the programme:

Thursday 26th November and
Thursday 25th March.

Both are at a different venue, the BRITISH LEGION CLUB at ELSTEAD. To reach this venue approaching from Milford, turn left at Elstead Village Green on to the Thursley Road. The British Legion Club hall is about 100 yards past the shop on the right, and has plenty of parking space.

Next year, Michael is considering running a repeat of the 'Opera for All' course. He asks those who would like to register, please to wait to see him at the August Enrolment Day.

PATCHWORK

In addition to the current 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, Maria is also holding Patchwork classes on the

2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Same time (10.00-12.00) and same place (St John's Church Hall).

TABLE TENNIS 2

Roger says that so far the Wednesday morning sessions have been enjoyable and successful in improving people's skills. However, an urgent increase in participation is required. Come on you 'Ping Pongers'!

AMBLING

A reminder that the Ambling group now meets in Secretts Farm Shop car park (as far from the shop as possible). We are grateful to Secretts for permitting us to do this.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

If anyone who has subscribed to electronic receipt of the Newsletter/ Bulletin does not receive an e-mail reminding them that it is available on the branch website, please e-mail Keith – webfoot0@googlemail.com

Remember to check our website www.milford-u3a.org.uk for the latest news sent to us from National Office. Meanwhile, two items are below.

Online courses

Untutored online courses on various subjects are available for a fee of £10 for 12 months.

Further details from National Office, national.office@u3a.org.uk

Creating a will

U3A jointly with Help the Aged has produced a Will Information Pack, which spells out clearly the necessary steps to create a will. The Pack can be obtained from sharon@u3a.org.uk

LUNCH

on Friday 8th January

12.30pm in Milford Village Hall

(Bring your own drink of any sort and something to drink from, and any extra sauces or condiments required)

MENU

**Syrian lamb
Basmati rice
Leeks with parsley
Grilled tomato
Marquise Alice
Compote of spiced fruit
Cheese and biscuits**

(The recipes used are classic, tried and tested ones, but if you are anxious about their suitability for your dietary requirements, please call Mary on 01483 421129 and she will tell you the list of ingredients)

This will be followed at 2pm by the talk
"The Hindhead Tunnel"
by Ian Whyte, Community Relations
Officer for Balfour Beatty

Tea and cake will be served after the talk
To make a booking, please complete the form below and return it with your payment (£7 per ticket) plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to

**Mary Kershaw,
7 Appletree Close, Busbridge,
Godalming, Surrey GU7 1TY**
by Friday 1st January. After this date tickets cannot be booked nor money refunded.

To Mary Kershaw

Please send me tickets for the lunch, talk and tea on 8th January.

Name Tel

I enclose a cheque for £..... (£7 per ticket) made out to Milford and District U3A and a stamped self-addressed envelope.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The August Enrolment Day at Milford Village Hall is the first I have attended and I was most impressed. The planning and presentation were excellent, for which thanks must go to all concerned, but in particular to our secretary Ann Stewart. It was a far better event than that offered by the

much larger Guildford enrolment.

With the many people attending on a particularly hot day, it got very stuffy in the hall. I am not sure if there is an answer, but perhaps some of the windows could have been opened.

I also want to note how useful it was to have a 'general information'

point in the hall. Having no specific role to fill, I set up a table at the door and became a welcome stop for new members. I had some 40 spare copies of *USA News* and handed these out freely to all new enquiries. I estimate that we enrolled at least 40 new members that afternoon! *Mike*

PLAY-READING

In the July newsletter, Angus mentioned the possibility of a Play-reading group. He now reports that there was insufficient interest to start such a group this season, but that it will be borne in mind for the future.

TALK ON 9th APRIL

David Coombs was scheduled to speak at our meeting on 9th April, but he has had to withdraw. Fortunately, Susan Holmes will be available that day to give us her talk on 'Adventures in Somalia'.

MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Yes, the word continues to spread and our membership is now 482, of which a record 113 are new members.

The challenge is to continue to offer more courses to match this demand. If you have any ideas or are considering what you might offer, do speak to Jill, our Programme/Venue Secretary, on 01483 417852.

TO GROUP LEADERS

Many thanks for the registers already received or on their way. This is just a reminder to send a copy to Rosemary Bryant, Kinfauns Cottage, Petworth Road, Witley GU8 5QW or e-mail rosemary.kinfauns@tiscali.co.uk

Do make a note in your diary to join us at the

MONTHLY FRIDAY MEETINGS

IN MILFORD VILLAGE HALL
WHEN THERE IS A GUEST SPEAKER

These meetings are open to all, as are the occasional Friday lunches, so you can bring your friends.

Following each talk, tea and cakes will be served.

11th DECEMBER

2.00pm 'Surrey Wildlife' by Geoff Lunn

8th JANUARY 12.30pm Lunch

2.00pm 'The Hindhead Tunnel' by Ian Whyte, Community Relations Officer for Balfour Beatty

12th FEBRUARY

2.00pm 'Two Brass Farthings' by John Theobald
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12th MARCH

2.00pm 'My Experiences as a Wimbledon Umpire' by Janet Jones

9th APRIL

2.00pm 'Adventures in Somalia' by Susan Holmes

14th MAY 12.30pm Lunch

2.00pm **AGM**, followed by 'The Surrey Puma' by Ian Baldwin, Waverley Countryside Ranger

Entrance fee £1 with the exception of the AGM in May.

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR LUNCH

FOR FRIDAY 8th JANUARY