



Munstead Wood, Grade I listed building

The young architect was only in his early twenties and half the age of the established garden designer when they first collaborated to produce what is considered to be one of the finest examples of the English Arts & Crafts architecture and landscape design



Paul Atterbury

BBC Antiques Roadshow expert and man of many talents is the speaker this month.

The perfect partnership: Lutyens & Jekyll

We will be enjoying a very familiar face at our meeting on Tuesday 25 this month, a meeting which will also be transmitted by Zoom to those who are unable to be with us in the Hall.

For more than thirty years Paul Atterbury (inset above) has been a member of the BBC Antiques Roadshow team of experts, but he is not talking to us about antiques but about two characters from the early part of the last century.

The look of our houses and gardens today owes much to Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll. Paul explores their dynamic and influential partnership and their work together between the 1890s and the 1930s, from the Arts and Crafts Movement to Art Deco. Included is their powerful work for the War Graves Commission in the aftermath of the First World War.

Paul Atterbury is a historian, writer, lecturer, broadcaster and curator who specialises in the art, architecture and design of

the 19th and 20th centuries.

He has written many books, on art and antiques, sculpture, design, canals, railways and the First World War. He lives in Weymouth with his wife who is a great gardener, and so enjoys the fruits of her labours. We are immensely grateful and very privileged that he is making this long journey to be with us in Ryarsh this month.

Derek Carpenter, Speaker Secretary

The Perfect partnership: Lutyens & Jekyll

Tuesday 25 April at 2pm, Ryarsh Village Hall

attend in person or view on zoom

The Short View

Firstly I would like to welcome two new committee members Ruth Brind and Sally Brailsford who join the committee this month. As you all know a number of us come to the end of our terms of office in June and we need to fill the posts of Chair and Vice Chair. Also our technical

team needs more members – currently our small technical team is down to two members and really needs one or two people to help. Additionally, Derek who has served brilliantly as our speakers secretary for many years needs someone to shadow him with a view to taking over the role.

So please have a think about whether you could give some time to supporting

our u3a to remain the thriving and vibrant organisation it is. Committee members will be happy to talk to you about what is involved and you would be welcome to observe one of our meetings.

Chrys Short, Chair

Please find attached with this newsletter an invitation to an u3a SE Region Spring Gathering on the 20 April which I previously emailed



Blue skies, punctures, puddles & ukuleles

Our ride from Marden to Headcorn is one of our favourite rides – through the beautiful Kent countryside down winding country lanes, looking at some very nice (and very expensive) country houses and farm machinery. On this ride we were all worried about the weather.

On the day before our ride, it rained nearly all day – there were short patches of sunshine and blue sky, but the rain was never far away. On the day of our ride, however, the sky was a beautiful blue with hardly a cloud to be seen.

Six of us met at Marden library car park and headed off to Marden. We made good time – downwind all the way, and had a lovely cuppa at Headcorn airfield – not much to see – all the aircraft were strapped down against the recent high winds.

On the ride back, poor Jim – recently returned to us after a

minor operation – had a rear wheel puncture on his e-bike. We had difficulty repairing the puncture as a replacement tube had a faulty valve. Tony kindly offered to go on ahead, get his car (which had a bike carrier for two bikes), collect Jim plus bike and take him back to Marden to collect his car.

While Jim was waiting, a lady mentioned to him that there was a bike shop across the road, behind the guitar shop – (which also sold Ukuleles). Jim investigated, and the bike shop man agreed to fix the bike – and Jim bought an 8 string Ukulele – he'd been looking for one for a long time!

So all ended well. Our 19 mile ride was very enjoyable with no steep hills but a good many puddles and a lot of water lying in the fields.

Barry Evans, Social Cycling Group Convenor



Ambling Group

We Amblers like to take things quite gently. We mostly go no further than 3 miles and take time to enjoy whatever we see along the way. Quite often we have a bit of lunch somewhere afterwards. Having walked closer to home through the winter, and the very wet spring we will venture further out into Kent as the days get better. Join us if that appeals to you!

Ruth Brind, Convenor



Croquet Group restarts in May- reminder

A reminder that the season begins on Tuesday, 2 May and finishes 29 September at K Sports, Ditton. No problem if you are unable to come every week. Please contact me for further information/registration.

Carole Shepherd, Convenor



Make Tea not War

April Tea Rota

Shelagh & Mike Jones

May Tea Rota:

Caroline and Adrian Bouwens

Beth Minall

Fill your own: Help the environment by bringing a reusable cup.

