

AI in Society & in the U3A Movement

A Study Day on **Friday 19th March 2027** at The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon

Speakers – Russell Whitworth, Alan Freeland & Dr Andrew Rogoyski

Introduction – Artificial Intelligence dominates headlines, promising extraordinary breakthroughs while sparking intense debate about its risks. Join us for an insightful study day led by u3a's "AI for Everyone" team with support from the University of Surrey, as we trace AI's journey from its origins to its future trajectory. Beyond examining the societal impacts and ethical dilemmas, you'll discover how u3a members are actively using AI, and experience a live demonstration of cutting-edge tools.

Programme

- 9.30 Registration – Water available but not Coffee / Tea
- 10.00 **The AI Journey – Russell Whitworth** – For the first session of the day, we will define AI, look at its history, review some of its capabilities, show examples of how AI is being used in the u3a community, and introduce Agentic AI.
- 11.00 Coffee / Tea
- 11.30 **AI in Society – Andrew Freeland** – AI gives mankind so many benefits that no one is going to stop developing it, but it comes with ethical concerns and challenges. This session looks at the challenges facing society and what is being done to address them.
- 12.30 Lunch – Bring-Your-Own – Tea / Coffee available
- 1.30 **Where Does AI Go Next? – Dr Andrew Rogoyski** – In this session, we get into a more speculative mood, extrapolating current developments in AI, combining that with a bit of futurism and science fiction to speculate where AI might develop next, and what the consequences might be.
- 2.30 Tea / Coffee
- 3.00 **Live Demonstration, and Q&A** – Using suggestions from the audience, the team will demonstrate AI's capabilities in voice, in song, in role play and in understanding images. This will be followed by a Q&A session with all three speakers.
- 4.00 Departure

To Book – Send the slip below by 16th March with a cheque for Member £12, Guest £15, View Online £7, 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. Mar27, and send an email to surreyu3astudyday@outlook.com with the booking information below. **Or on day pay at door £15.**

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Please Tick – Hall ☐ or View Online ☐; Email ☐ or SAE ☐; Cheque ☐ or BankTransfer ☐

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

Russell Whitworth spent his varied career in and around the mobile telecommunications industry – from analogue (1G) to 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G. Starting out as a design engineer, he also worked in marketing, before moving into consultancy and IT Project Management, working in over twenty-five countries. He is the Sciences Group Coordinator for Guildford u3a, and for the last four years has been a member of u3a's national "AI for Everyone" team.

Alan Freeland is another refugee from the world of IT. Alan spends his retirement learning about Art and History and exploring the Silk Roads. Within the u3a Alan is the Subject Advisor for AI and runs the AI Group for Farnham u3a. Alan is a regular speaker on AI, and Art and History topics, both within the u3a and with external groups such as Probus and WI.

Dr Andrew Rogoyski, Director of Innovation and Partnerships at the Surrey Institute for People-Centred AI, Surrey University – Andrew has worked in the field of artificial intelligence and related areas for over thirty years. He started in academia as a post-doctoral fellow at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory back in the 1990s. He then moved to the tech industry, working for companies like Logica, QinetiQ and Roke Manor. He also has experience in strategy consultancies and at the Cabinet Office. Andrew returned to academia five years ago to help establish the University of Surrey's new AI Institute.

Study Days at the Menuhin Hall

Surrey Network Study Days – We welcome members and guests to our study days in the Menuhin Hall, while also making it possible to view the study days remotely. We are pleased that during term-time the Menuhin School has been offering short recitals by pupils in the lunch interval. Details available on the day.

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 – [Surrey Network](#) 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.

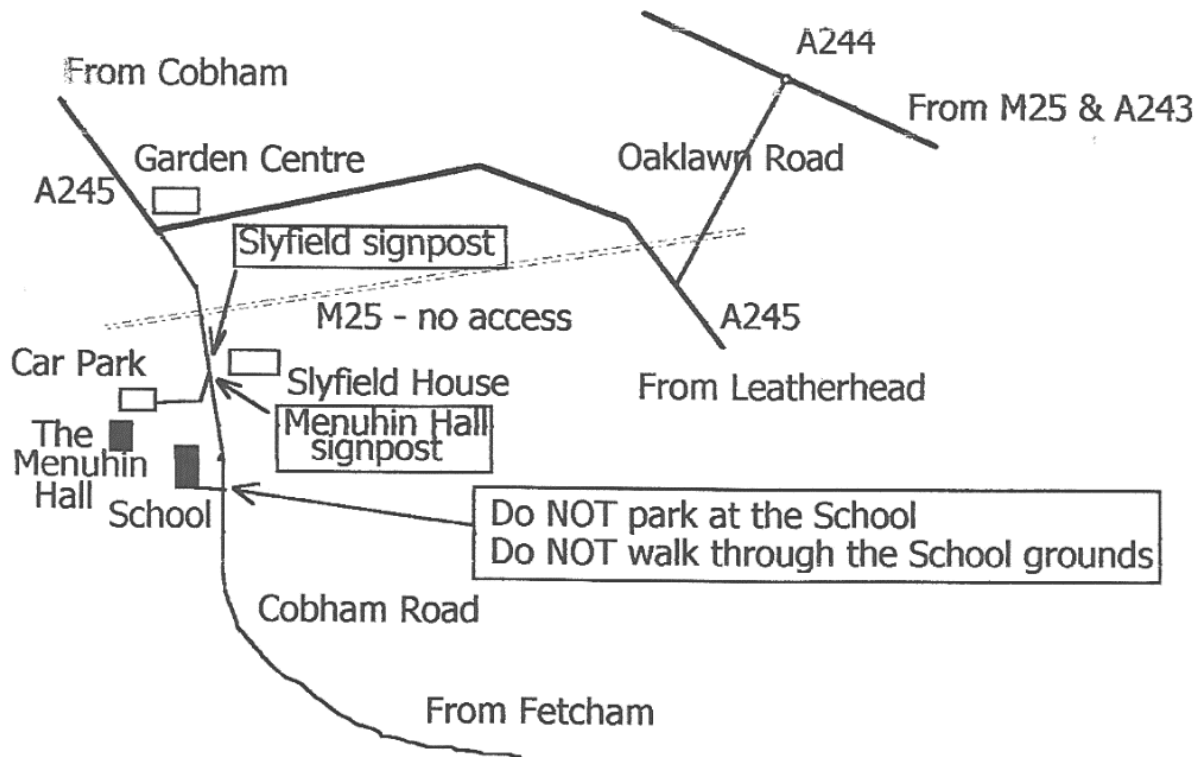
Wheelchair Spaces – If you need a seat removed in the hall to accommodate a wheelchair then tick Wheelchair on the booking slip.

Support for Network Committee – The study days have been running successfully for over 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.

Location & Contact Details for Study Day

The Menuhin Hall, Cobham Road, Stoke d'Abernon, Surrey KT11 3QQ

Telephone 07763 805046 (Emergency – On-Day-Only) or Menuhin Hall Office 08700 842020



The Menuhin School

The school was founded in 1963 in London and moved to its present site in 1964. It has around one hundred gifted pupils studying 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, was 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.

Recently a sister school, Yehudi Menuhin School Qingdao (YMSQ) – was opened in China. The Yehudi Menuhin School has long held a close connection to China, dating back to the 1980s, when Yehudi Menuhin led the school orchestra on a tour to the country. The decision to establish YMS's first overseas branch in China was therefore driven by both a special emotional attachment to the country and a long-standing desire to contribute to the development of classical music education in the Far East. Partnering with the Qingdao Urban Construction Group, an organisation which demonstrated a common vision for music education, YMSQ was officially opened in September 2022. In time, the school is expected to grow to around 850 pupils, with first-study options covering the entire range of orchestral instruments. YMSQ is located in Qingdao, a beautiful coastal city in Shandong Province in North-East China,

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