



# Surrey Network

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## THE CAUCASUS - OLD RIVALRIES & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

A Study Day on Friday, 16th April 2010

At The Menuhin Hall, Stoke d'Abernon (map overleaf)

Tutor - Malcolm Haslett

Malcolm will try to show why the ethnically and politically complex Caucasus region (the republics of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia), little covered in recent times by the general media, is currently highly volatile. The sessions will focus not just on regional quarrels over territory, but on a wider conflict of interest between Russia, the Western States and the states of the Caucasus and Central Asia over regional alliances and, above all, secure oil and gas supplies.

### Programme

- 9.30 Registration
- 10.00 Introduction to Georgia, Azerbaijan & Armenia
- 11.00 Coffee / tea
- 11.30 Territorial disputes
- 12.30 Lunch - Bring your own - tea/coffee available
- 1.30 Exploitation of oil & gas deposits
- 2.30 Tea / coffee
- 3.00 General implications for East-West relations & Europe
- 4.00 Departure

### Recommended Reading

Institute of War and Peace Reporting 'Reporting Central Asia' covers the Caucasus - [www.iwpr.net](http://www.iwpr.net)  
Jamestown Foundation covers wider strategic issues by region - [www.jamestown.org/regions](http://www.jamestown.org/regions)  
EurasiaNet covers the burning issues from a number of sources - [www.eurasianet.org](http://www.eurasianet.org)  
Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty provides detailed country-by-country analysis - [www.refrl.org](http://www.refrl.org)  
*Oil and Gas in the Caucasus and Caspian: a History* - Charles van der Leeuw

### Tutor

Malcolm Haslett has worked for the BBC World Service for some 38 years, mainly covering the Soviet Union and then the post-Soviet republics. In the 80s, up to and including the Gorbachov years, he ran a specialist unit researching developments in the USSR and Eastern Europe, before moving to be editor of a wider unit analysing world affairs. Since retiring he has continued to work part-time for the Central Asia and Caucasus Service.

To assure your place send the slip below, as soon as possible, with a cheque for £10 (non-U3A guest £12) payable to 'Surrey U3A Network', to Sheila Hill - U3A, 21 Yarm Court Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8NY, 01372 372165, [sheilahill@hotmail.com](mailto:sheilahill@hotmail.com). Enclose a SAE or your e-mail address for confirmation. Fees are not normally refundable.

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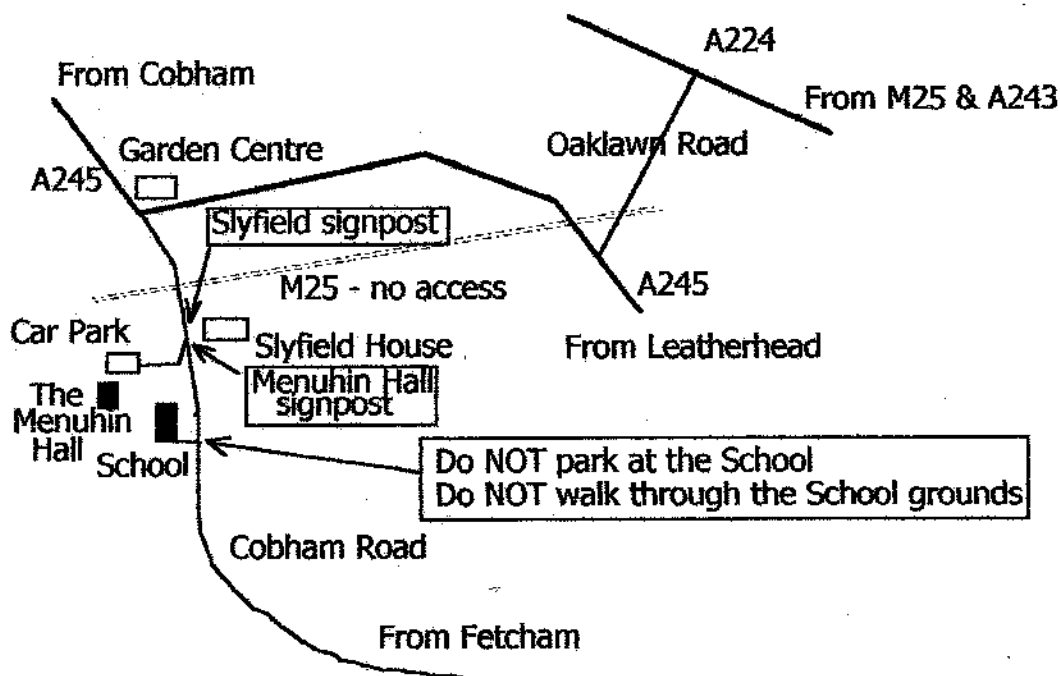
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## The Menuhin Hall

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or Menuhin Hall Office 08700 842020

There is a garden centre, Shoot's Garden Centre (01932 862530), about 800 metres to the north of the Menuhin Hall where light lunches are available. Reservations not required.



The Menuhin School was founded in 1963 in London and moved to its present site in 1964. It has about 66 pupils learning to play stringed instruments and is financed, in part, by the DfES. 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 near 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 U3A Study Days on 14th October 2005 when the Steinway grand piano was used as no other was available.