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Monthly meeting Friday 10th February 2017

No meeting April 14th Good Friday

Refreshment Group Rota

February Local History








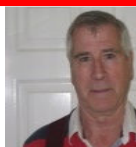
March Patchwork

May Photography

June Reading & Books

Please provide 3 people to serve refreshments

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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

From the Chairman

As we did not have a News Sheet in January, this is my first opportunity to send you my best wishes for 2017. I hope you will continue to enjoy our U3A activities in the coming year and will encourage friends and neighbours to join us.

For reasons which I explained in the December News Sheet, I will be standing down at the AGM in March and there are other Committee positions which also need to be filled (see below). We have had expressions of interest in some of these, but not yet for the position of Chair. Whoever is willing to be nominated for any of the vacancies will be very well supported by the remaining members on the Committee. Please consider how you can help and contact the Secretary if you would like further information.

Important Notice: Committee Nominations 2017

There will be an AGM on the 10th March 2017 at 2.00 pm at the Plantation Hall, Heybridge. Committee members are elected to stand for 3 years before being re-elected. Nominations are required for the following positions:

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Membership Secretary
- Social/Events Treasurer

Nomination forms are included in the email with this News Sheet and will be available at the February main meeting.

One form should be completed by each person wishing to stand for a position on the Heybridge U3A Committee. The Nomination Form needs to be signed by the Nominee, Proposer and Secunder and given to or posted to the Secretary at 12 Rowan Drive, Heybridge, Maldon CM9 4BW to arrive by Friday 24th February 2016. If there is more than one person nominated for any one position, a vote will take place at the AGM on the 10th March 2017. The names of Nominees and positions will be published in the March issue of the News Sheet, which will be available prior to the AGM.

The minutes of the AGM held in March 2016 will be sent out by email together with the Agenda for the forthcoming AGM and printed copies will be available on 10th March 2017

From the Editor

The design of the Heybridge U3A News Sheet, and the reports that it contains, continues as a full-page layout. I would ask contributors to limit their photos to pictures of U3A generated activities and not copy pictures from Websites as, when published, this may be contrary to Copyright laws. Information about the Committee Members and their reports can be found in the first few pages. The back page shows the Diary for the months of February and March 2017.

Please note that E-mail details of Group Co-ordinators will no longer be included with individual group reports. However, you can still find them in the list on page 15 of the News Sheet.

Please keep the Editor up to date with any interesting stories, relevant pictures or anything that relates to the Heybridge U3A, the Association of Essex U3As or the U3A movement as a whole. Please send details to me by email with 'Heybridge U3A' as the subject.

Contact Geoff Hadley, 01621 852494 or by Email editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

From the Membership Secretary

We were pleased to have 5 visitors to our January meeting, 4 of whom intend to join. Non-members who would like to find out more about Heybridge U3A are welcome to attend a monthly meeting** as a guest. There is no need to book, just turn up and sign in.

(** held in the Plantation Hall at 14:00 on the 2nd Friday of each month).

• 2017/18 Subscription Renewal

As you are aware, our membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March. This means that you will need to re-enrol by the end of March if you wish to continue your membership.

A re-enrolment form is attached with this News Sheet and copies will also be available at the monthly meeting. Instructions on how to pay are contained on the form. Payments will be accepted from the February monthly meeting onwards.

Subject to ratification at the AGM, the standard fee for 2017/18 will be £18. This is £2 lower than previous years to compensate for the charge which has recently been introduced for refreshments at the monthly meetings. The dual membership fee (which applies to fully paid up members of other U3As)* will be reduced from £15 to £13.

In the unlikely event that the AGM does not approve this reduction, the fee will remain at £20 (£15 for dual members) and a further £2 will be payable

** Members of the four Maldon U3As (Blackwater, Heybridge, Limebrook and Maldon) who wish only to access each other's interest groups can do so without paying a membership charge provided spaces are available.*

• Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer, the U3A can claim Gift Aid on your subscription provided you

"Have paid, or will pay, an amount of income and/or capital gains tax for each year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the Charities to which they donate will reclaim on gifts made during that year. If the tax paid is less than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all donations, it is the individual's responsibility to pay any difference."

HMRC 2016

The Gift Aid Declaration on the enrolment form was updated in 2016 to reflect the new HMRC wording and we would like to thank everyone who signed this last year. If you pay sufficient tax but have not yet signed the revised declaration (or cannot remember doing so), please consider signing this year. The amount we can reclaim on gift aided subscriptions is 25%, i.e. £4.50 on a subscription of £18, which may help us to reduce subscriptions in future years.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Jenny Parker E-mail membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Interest Groups Coordinator

Silver Cinema

The days of the week for the Silver Cinema take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays so please add your name to the list which will be in the meeting room at the next meeting. There will also be a list of the present films so that you can see the type of films that have been showing and the ones for February/March. For the Silver Cinema you can obtain information online @Odeon Cinema then click Chelmsford. It is quick if you put this in your favourites then it will show you the films for the month ahead. I will bring this information for people without laptops

Bus Pass Group

We will meet again at the end of the February Main meeting to discuss our plans. Please bring your questionnaires if you have not done so, plus any other bus routes or timetables you have acquired.

Lunch Group

As only 3 people put their names down for the Feb lunch, I propose delaying the start until after the March meeting when everybody will have had a chance to hear about it either in the newsletter or at the main meeting.

Coordinator of Groups Barbara Barbrook E-Mail groupsco-ordinator@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Monthly Meeting Speaker Programme for February July

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| 10/02/17 | Charlie Haylock, The History of Spoken Accents (humorous) |
| 10/03/17 | AGM, Finding out about the different groups in our U3A |
| 14/04/17 | Meeting Cancelled (Good Friday) |
| 12/05/17 | How Forensics came to Scotland Yard, Bob Milne |
| 9/06/17 | My Stroke - from wheelchair to windsurfer! Peter Parker |
| 14/07/17 | Summer Party |

Jan Brown E-Mail speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

GROUP REPORTS

Art (Painting) Group

Our normally bustling 'studio' - better known as the Claydon Room - has been somewhat quieter recently and we can't quite figure out why. It may be because several of our regular attendees have missed a session or two due to exotic holidays, or not feeling well, or perhaps because they've forgotten that we have reconvened after Christmas.

It would be nice to think that the atmosphere of studious concentration is down to New Year's resolutions being put into practice - to paint more and chat less!

I hope not. I'm sure we can still just about manage to do both things at once

Cheers! Gill Carpenter.

For information about the group contact, Michael Kempen: 01621 892974

Bird Watching Group

Our thanks go to Pat Yates this month for saving us from a very cold walk. We met on the sea wall at Heybridge and went into Pat's beach hut for Ginger Wine, hot coffee and sausage rolls. You would think that sitting looking out across the Basin at high tide would be ideal for birding but no birds appeared at all until the tide started to drop, then very slowly they headed back towards the beach. Black headed gull, Redshank and a Little Ringed Plover were the first ones in.



In this cold weather we are all seeing unusual species in our gardens. Probably the luckiest of us is not a birder at all but our group secretary, Linda Etherton, who has had Waxwings visiting her. Also about in gardens have been Fieldfares and Redwings. Many of the Blackbirds and Starlings you see at the moment are probably immigrants fleeing the cold of Northern Europe. In this very cold weather please feed the birds in your garden if you possibly can.

Jill

If you would like to know more about our group contact Maureen Lenoir 01621869871

Cards and Paper Crafts

The meetings are.

Wednesday 1st February at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 1st March at 2.30 p.m.

Please contact Lesley for details. 01621 858135

Creative Writing Group

We had to change the venue for the January meeting and six people found the right house for our meeting. We hope that our coordinator makes a quick recovery.

Our title for this month was "An adventure or a new beginning". One member had continued the story of Jim, who had a visit from his half-brother who came the day after his birthday party. However they spent the whole of the next day talking about what happened when they were boys together and looking at pictures. Another story was about a couple who started a new life when they had some relations staying with them, and they decided to return to a holiday caravan site abroad where they had spent a lovely holiday the previous year, and offered themselves as couriers for the owner which would occupy them for six months of the year.

Another story was about a very scary haunted house where they dressed up in old clothes. Finally a "Close encounter" was about a submarine having to make a crash dive when it almost collided with the Queen Mary coming up Southampton Water to dock and the periscope showed the hull of the ship too close for comfort. That junior engineer later became an Admiral but his quick action that day saved a catastrophe.

After refreshments we decided on the title for the next month which will be "A Great Dream/Hopes and Dreams.

For details of this group contact Angela Pleasance 01621 850310

Croquet Group

The croquet group has now stopped playing for the season. We plan to start playing again in April, this subject to weather and the lawns being available. Hopefully we will continue playing at the Forresters Golf Club; we are most appreciative of the Maldon Croquet Club who allow us to play on their lawns. The aim of the group is gentle exercise, fresh air, good company and fun. If you would like to join us please contact me.

Anne Newson: phone 01621 858807

Discussion Coffee Morning Group

We had our first meeting of 2017 at Anne's house on Friday 20th January, a chilly but lovely sunny day. We managed to completely avoid any reference to the USA Election which was quite refreshing having heard and seen so much of it already. Our conversation drifted instead to various subjects including the closure of our local railways many moons ago plus some interesting details about the workings of the old flour mills. The latter as a result of a recent talk which Gill Thorne had attended on the subject. Anne provided us with some delicious homemade cheese scones plus tempting biscuits which we enjoyed with our tea or coffee.

The next coffee morning will be at Jean Murrays' house on Friday 17th February at 11.00am.

Margaret Brown: 01621 854885

Family History Group

Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending on your viewpoint!) I was on holiday for this meeting but I am sure that all members enjoyed, as always, lively discussions about their research.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd February at The Plantation Hall, Heybridge. 10.00 – 12.00

This group is almost full but if there is enough interest, I am happy to start another beginner's group.

For more details please contact Liz Cawdell 07902 294741

French Group

French Conversation



With two members enjoying antipodean sunshine, six of us met in January when the conversation ranged from our activities during the festive season to our views on the incoming U.S. President. With French presidential elections taking place in April/May this year, we will be watching the outcome with interest.

*Notre prochaine rencontre sera mercredi le 8 février
à 10h00 chez moi.*

French Improvers (joint group with Blackwater U3A)

In mid-January, we enjoyed a belated Christmas celebration at Le Bouchon, then it was back to business the following week when we met at George's house and practised using the past tense to talk about our Christmas festivities.

Notre prochaine rencontre sera lundi le 27 février à 14h00 chez moi

For further information about either French Group, please phone 01621 843581

Gardens Group

There will be a snowdrop walk at Marks Hall on Friday 17th February at 10.00 am. Entrance is £5.50, and snacks and light lunches are available.

Please let Linda or me know if you would like to come.

There will be a planning meeting on Monday 20th March at 2pm at my house, so please think about where you would like to go.

Pat Yates. 01621 892866

Italian Conversation Group

Buon Anno Nuovo! With my potential house move having fallen through, the Italian Group continues to meet at my house on the first and third Mondays of the month. Apart from talking about the festive season, there have been plenty of items in the news of late to provide us with plenty of different topics of discussion, from earthquakes in Italy to the American elections.

The dates for the next meetings are:

Monday 6th February Monday 20th February

Monday 6th March Monday 29th March

Janice Slight 01621 853393

Local History Group

February

Brian Billins is coming on the 21st to give us the first of his Essex Smugglers talks.

March

Jane Pearson is coming on the 21st to talk on 'The Rise and Fall of Colchester's Good-Time Girls – 1855-1895'.

As usual, these talks will be in the Jubilee Room of the West Maldon Community Centre and we begin at 2 p.m. A reminder that if you would like to come it is essential to let me know to reserve a place as **space is limited**.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Carol Greenhalgh 01621 840339

Patchwork Group

Our next meetings will be on 13th February and 13th March from 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Linton Room at the West Maldon Community Centre.

New members are welcome; please contact Anne Thorpe 01621 850828

Petanque Group

For all you hardy Petanque players, several of us have braved the winter elements on the Prom, to play boules. So, if you fancy a game this time of the year if the weather is ok, cos we can get bright sunny days! Please turn up to start playing at 1.0'clock on Mondays, as the light fades quickly. I know we don't officially re start Petanque until April 3rd but it still can be fun this time of the year too.

Best Wishes Dian 01621 840660 or Moira 01621 854387

Photography Group

Our last meeting was held at the West Maldon Community Centre on 1st December 2016, because we do not meet in January, it seems such a long time ago. Christmas has come and gone and left us with its memories. The assignment subject for our December meeting was simply "food". With such a wide range of subject material our members recorded an eclectic range of interesting images including plated meals served at home and in restaurants, ingredients, fruit displays, bottles etc. Two members did produce a couple of very unusual shots, one was a memorable abstract of a pan of bubbling seafood and the other, three people racing each other along a river in hollowed-out pumpkins! Really original, it's great how creative our members can be when challenged with such an apparently simple subject!



Chris Smith Traditional Christmas Recipe

Our assignment subject for the February meeting is "Colours of Winter". Wintertime is not naturally full of bright colours and there are fewer hours of daylight, but I am certain that we shall see some more very creative and interesting images in February.

Our next meeting is on 2nd. February, if you are interested in photographs, how to use your camera or cameraphone you are welcome to come along and join us. We normally meet in the West Maldon Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm.

Peter Thorpe 01621 850828

Reading and Books Group

Book Group December 2016 reprint

This month's offering did not get off to a good start, presenting with a lurid cover that smacked of a Mills and Boon type romance of the worst kind. However this was not to be the case.

About life in an American touring circus 'Water for Elephants' by Sara Gruen was every bit the fabulous escapist entertainment that the big top once was.

Orphaned, penniless Jacob Jankowski jumps a freight train in the dark and that instant his future is transformed.

By morning he has landed a job with the circus. The most 'Spectacular Show on Earth'.

By nightfall he is in love.

Set in America made colourless by Prohibition and Depression, the circus is a refuge of sequins and sensuality.

But behind the glamour lies a darker world where men and animals are dispensable in the cruellest of ways. Where falling in love is the most dangerous act of all.

This story about circus life came as a revelation to us all.

It was agreed it was beautifully written, told an interesting story and moved at a pace that held our attention throughout..

From an inauspicious start this turned out to be one the best books we read last year.

We now have space for new members in the group.. We are a friendly group and will make any potential member feel very welcome.

The next meeting takes place at Plantation Hall Heybridge at 2.15pm on Wednesday 15th February

Anyone wishing to join the group should contact Ann Lees on 0124522515

Scrabble Group

It was good to get together after such a long break and we gradually got the brains into gear. It's useful to have an idea of what 2-letter words can be played and luckily we have a list of useful ones, including those we all know such as ME, OH or AS. Favourites include QI life force, ZO Tibetan cattle, JO a sweetheart and FA, a tone of the musical scale. Discussions take place about some of the words in the Scrabble Dictionary that are very obscure and not in what might be termed common parlance - but if it's in there it can be used (some that can't include ZEN, very disappointing!). It could be said this is all part of the U3A learning curve, while enjoying good company.

If you would like to join us we meet at 2.00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Plantation Hall in Heybridge in the Claydon Room.

Contact Linda Etherton for more information (see list of CoGs for details)

Technical Computing Group

January's 20-17 Technical Computer Meeting.

Unfortunately due to various commitments by some of the members, it was decided to postpone this meeting, the February's meeting will take place as usual.

Colin Mason.

Telephone Nos. 01621 854906 or Mobile 07974 343587

Ten Pin Bowling

It seems a long time ago but prior to Christmas we had our annual festive lunch at the Blue Strawberry which appeared to be enjoyed by all.

We have had two sessions of bowling in January. Nearly all of us are achieving more than 100 in one or more of our games so improvements are being made. We were however heartened by a comment by LeRoy (the manager of Madison Heights) who told us that at league level an extra point is given for each year for players over 50 years old and 20 extra points for the ladies! At which reckoning we are doing very well indeed!!

We will continue to play on the usual second Tuesday of the month and the fourth Monday until the Petanque season starts in the spring.

Next meetings at Madison Heights commencing at 1.45pm for a 2pm start:

Tuesday 14th February Monday 27th February

WE NEED NEW PLAYERS, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. JUST COME ALONG AND ENJOY SOME EXERCISE AND LAUGHTER!!

Lynne Morrison 01621891288

Ukulele Group UKE3A

2017 is shaping up to be a year of threes for the uke strummers - three new members joining the ranks and, already, three more gigs to look forward to. My biggest headache right now is how to bring the three keen newcomers up to speed with the rest of the group, while sorting out and rehearsing new numbers with the more established players. Please bear with me, good people. We will get there.



Meanwhile, we must all keep doing our homework. Ten minutes practise a day is all it takes to learn those new chords - and if any of them proves too difficult for our aged fingers, there is generally an easier alternative. Keep up the good work.

Robin Carpenter. Call me on 01621 859060 if you are interested.

Walking Group

There will be a snowdrop walk at Marks Hall on Friday 17th February at 10.00 am. Entrance is £5.50, and snacks and light lunches are available.

Please let me know if you would like to come.

Linda Wells. 01621 857414

Weekenders Group

Our Christmas meal at The Bell, Woodham Walter gave us the perfect opportunity to say a big Thank You to Marilyn for all her hard work in planning and organising many outings and lunches over the last seven years. A formidable act to follow, but I will do my very best!

The Weekenders group was set up for members who live alone and who would like to meet with like-minded people on the occasional weekend. We usually meet for coffee on the second Saturday of each month, when we discuss ideas and talk over plans. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Dates and details of our next meetings.

Saturday 11th February, 10.00am. The View Café, Osea Leisure, Park, CM9 4SA. The venue is approximately one and a half miles on the right hand side of the B1026 (Goldhanger Road), from the roundabout at Heybridge. Drive into the entrance, turn immediately right into the car park then follow signs to the cafe.

Saturday 11th March, 10.00am. Abberton Reservoir Visitor Centre, on the B1026, near the village of Layer de la Haye, CO2 0EU. More details later.

Please contact me if you need a lift.

Pat Smith 01621 856569

EVENTS AND OUTINGS

Wednesday 29th March

HINDU TEMPLE, NEASDEN

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

A chance to explore the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. We will visit the 'Understanding Hinduism' Exhibition, explore the Mandir, the Haveli, be able to observe the 'Arti Ceremony' and do a spot of shopping at the Indian supermarket.

Day includes a special Gujarati Buffet lunch served in the Shayona restaurant.

Cost: £30 per person (including lunch)

<http://londonmandir.baps.org>

<http://www.shayonarestaurants.com>

If you have paid for this trip and the new date is not convenient, please let me know and I will arrange a full refund for you.

I have two spare places at present for this trip. Please contact me asap if you would like to go.



PROPOSED OUTINGS FOR 2017

Tuesday 16th May 2017

WINGFIELD COLLEGE, EYE, SUFFOLK

Wingfield College is now a private family home but its history goes back over 650 years. Founded by Sir John de Wingfield in 1362, it is now one of the most extraordinary houses in Suffolk. The grand Georgian facade of Wingfield College conceals a rare mediaeval survival: the remnants of a chantry college of priests complete with a cloister walk and a Great Hall.

It is associated with many important and colourful historical characters, including The Black Prince, Mary Tudor, Henry VIII and the de la Pole family (the Dukes of Suffolk and one of the most powerful families in mediaeval England).

Pub lunch if required.

Cost: tba

<http://www.wingfieldcollege.com>



THE HISTORY OF MYSTERY at THE MAGIC CIRCLE HEADQUARTERS

Following on from the wonderful Paul Clancy who entertained us at the October meeting, I am planning a visit, as requested by many members, to the 'History of Mystery' at the Magic Circle headquarters. We will have a guided tour of the HQ with a brief history of the magical arts, close-up magic performance and a short stage show.

<http://themagiccircle.co.uk>



The RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM and The V & A MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD

When Thomas Barnardo came to London from his home city of Dublin in 1866, intending to train as a doctor and then become a missionary in China, he was confronted by a city where disease was rife, poverty and overcrowding endemic and educational opportunities for the poor were non-existent. In 1867 he opened his first "ragged school" where children could gain a free basic education. <http://www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk>

The V & A Museum of Childhood charts the history of toys and games through the ages. There is so much to see here! Take a look at their website to learn more www.vam.ac.uk/moc

On the Notice Board

Third Age trust

Notice Of The Annual General Meeting Of The Third Age Trust 2017

Notice is hereby given that the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Third Age Trust will be held at The East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham on Thursday 31st August 2017, commencing at 11.15 am (time to be confirmed at a later date). Details of the agenda will be circulated to all U3As by the end of May.

Submission of Proposed Resolutions for the 2017 Annual General Meeting □ U3As are requested to submit proposed resolutions with supporting statements to the Company Secretary at the above address by 28th April 2017. They can only be accepted if they are proposed by one U3A and seconded by another. □ The National Executive Committee is required to determine the business of the Annual General Meeting. This implies that where there are similarities or duplications of proposed resolutions, an amalgamated resolution may be arranged after due consultation with the appropriate U3As. □ A list of the proposed resolutions received for the AGM will be circulated to all U3As by the end of May 2017. □ Any amendments to proposed resolutions will be required by the end of June 2017. As with resolutions, amendments must be proposed and seconded by U3As. The list of amendments to the proposed resolutions will be sent to all U3As as soon as possible after the end of June. The National Executive Committee has the responsibility to examine the amendments, reject any that introduce new matter to or are a direct negation of the original resolution and to arrange amalgamations where appropriate, in consultation with the originating U3As. □ The proposer and seconder of a proposed resolution or an amendment must be prepared to be present at the Annual General Meeting and to speak in support, otherwise it will be withdrawn.

Election of Officers and Members of the National Executive Committee □ The nomination forms will be sent to you with the agenda by the end of May 2017. □ Nominations for Officers and Members of the National Executive Committee will be required by the end of June 2017. □ All candidates must be either nominated or seconded by their own U3A.

Officers Pam Jones will have served as Chairman for two years and is eligible for re-election. John Ellison will have served as Treasurer for five years and is eligible for re-election. Marion Clements will have served as Vice Chairman for three years and is not eligible for re-election. Michaela Moody will have served as Vice Chairman for two years and is eligible for re-election.

All U3As may participate in nominating candidates and voting whether it be by proxy before the AGM or at the AGM itself through their representative(s).

Regional Trustees 5 regional trustees will be retiring this year: - Diana Holdsworth (South West), Ian McCannah (London), Anthony Randall (West Midlands), Hilary Robinson (South East), and Neil Stevens (Yorkshire & the Humber). Regional trustees can be nominated and seconded by any U3A in that region. These elections will be by postal voting only.

U3A Summer Schools 2017

1. Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire, 17th-20th July 2017
2. Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, 14th-17th August 2017
3. Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, 11th-14th September 2017

Costs: Full board £299.00, day delegate £110.00 per person

Book online at u3auj.wufoo.eu/forms/summerschools-2017 or call the National Office

Other U3A

Maldon and District U3A

We would like to welcome new members to our Mah Jong Group.

We meet on alternate Friday afternoons at 2.00 p.m. in the Linton Room at The West Maldon Community Centre.

Even if you have never played before, do come and give it a try and we will be happy to teach you. Mah Jong is a Chinese game, played at tables of 4 individual players. The group play a very straight forward game, and it is social and not too serious.

Tea/coffee and biscuits are included in the cost of £3 per session.

For more information please contact Molly Polden on 01621 856507

Volunteers Needed

Storing and Cataloguing Archives

In a joint project with Plume Academy and the local U3A groups it is hoped to set up a group of volunteers to take on the task of sorting and cataloguing the archives of the Plume Academy. As you can imagine these go back quite some time and are in need of some tidying. If you are a former student or employee of the Plume it may be of particular interest to you. Once basic sorting of everything into containers has taken place, the cataloguing of items can then begin. This is when your support would be welcome. If you feel you would like to get involved in this interesting local project and have some time to spare please contact me with your name and contact details.

Shirley Macro on 01621 854856 or email: thehighperch@yahoo.co.uk

Group Name, Co-ordinator & Contact Phone Number & Email

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Diary of Meetings and Visits For details see articles and co-ordinators above

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
23 Jan	23 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00 Italian Conversation 10.00	24 Scrabble 14.00	25 Creative Writing 14.30	26 Family History 10.00	27 Copy to Editor Bird watching 10.00 Painting 14.00	28	29
30 Jan	30	31	1-Feb Cards & paper 14.30	2 Photography 14.00	3 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	4	5
6 Feb	6 Italian Conversation 10.00	7	8 Ukulele 14.00 French Conversation 10.00	9 Technical Computing 14.00	10 Monthly meeting 14.00	11 Weekenders Osea Leisure park 10.00	12
13 Feb	13 Patchwork 14.00	14 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	15 Book Group 14.15	16	17 Walking 10.00 Gardens 10.00 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 10.00	18	19
20 Feb	20 Italian Conversation 10.00	21 Local History 14.00	22 Creative Writing 14.30	23 Family History 10.00	24 Bird watching 10.00 Painting 14.00	25	26
27 Feb	27 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00 French Improvers 14.00	28 Scrabble 14.00	1 Mar Ukulele 14.00 Cards & paper 14.30	2 Photography 14.00	3 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	4	5
6 Mar	6 Italian Conversation 10.00	7	8 French Conversation 10.00	9 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	10 Monthly meeting 14.00	11 Weekenders Abberton 10.00	12
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