

Heybridge U3A News Sheet No. 2011/4 April 2011

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From the Chairman

The AGM has passed and we start a new year full of hope and expectation. Those of you who attended heard me thank the excellent committee who have guided our U3A through to our third year. I did also remind members that they should renew their membership and pay their subscription before the 31st. March or at the April meeting at the latest. We may have to stop accepting new members until we know the number of members who have paid-up for 2011 – 2012. Jenny Parker was elected at the AGM as our new Membership Secretary and I hope that you will make her life as easy as possible by renewing your membership in time. We welcome Jenny to the committee. We thank her for accepting the office and can assure her of our full help and support as she settles into her new "job".

It is good that we continue to attract new members, but we have a finite capacity at Plantation Hall. We have now secured the use of the Committee Room next to the main hall for all future meetings. We will use the space as the main entrance to the hall, for registration, group tables and the notice board etc. This will allow us to use the full capacity of the hall for seating including some at tables. Tables take space but, it is obvious by the way that they fill up before the seats in the front rows, that they are popular. One of the benefits of sitting at tables is to help new members feel comfortable in our company. We want them to get know the "older" members and quickly feel part of our U3A. I hope that you feel that our seating experiment is working.

After a slightly longer AGM than the previous year we all enjoyed an afternoon tea and chat instead of a speaker. All the cakes were eaten so they must have been very tasty and attractive. The noise level in the hall was high, so plenty of chat was taking place and everything was as we hoped it would be. Several of the groups put on colourful displays of paintings, needlework and photographs. None of these activities happened by chance and we are very grateful to all the members who worked so hard in planning, procuring and placing everything in the right place at the right time. We look forward to the new groups, which are just starting, and we hope that they will be successful. We also hope that you will support Gill and think of new interests for us to study and seek her help to introduce more groups into our U3A. Being a member of a group and meeting people who have similar interests to yourself certainly helps make new friendships. Why not try joining a group or even starting a new one of your choice.

I look forward to seeing you at the April Meeting. Our speaker is Cliff Foster, who will be talking to us about Wills (not he of royal blood who is soon to be married) but the legal document type. I am certain that we will enjoy our afternoon together in the Plantation Hall, usual day and usual time.

Peter Thorpe

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From the Editor

Gill Thorne has produced a two page report about the progress being made by each of the existing, and new, groups. To insert it, as I normally do, would exceed my normal eight page maximum. I thought of trying something different. I thought of boxing Gill's Report and reduced the size of the font. You might say how can it be read? It could be but, if you wanted a print, it would be difficult. Therefore, I have dropped this idea and have attached Gill's report as attachment to emailed version of this News Sheet. Those that only have the paper copy of the News Sheet the report can be read at the next Monthly Meeting on the Notice Board.

For those of you who have email you will also find attached a Gardening Programme, giving all the dates of visits for this year. To print on a single piece of paper set your printer to print page 1 only. Reinsert this same piece of paper turning it lengthwise and print page 2 only. Fold into a leaflet that you can keep in your pocket.

I am repeating this paragraph to assist new members who receive this News Sheet electronically to view both this and past issues. This is done by clicking on the following link but make sure you are 'on-line' first:

http://www.heybridgeu3a.org.uk .

This advance copy of this News Sheet is being circulated to all members who have provided their email addresses to the Membership Secretary. If you have an email address and have not received an emailed copy of this News Sheet please let me or the Membership Secretary know, preferably by email (Email address below).

The Diary on the last page has been updated through to the end of May 2011. It is important that you, as COG's, members of Groups or just members of Heybridge U3A, keep me up to date. If anyone has an interesting story, relevant pictures or activity that relates in some way to The Heybridge U3A or the U3A movement as a whole, then please contact me.

Copy should normally be with me by the last Friday of the month. Please continue to send details to me, preferably by email, at <u>ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk</u> with 'Heybridge U3A' in the title. Alternatively talk to me at the Monthly Meeting.

The News Sheet is becoming full most months. I have reduced the text size from 10pt to 9pt and 9.5pt for the "On the Notice Board". Can you still read it?

lan Newman.

Heybridge U3A Meetings

The next Meeting is on Friday 8th April starting at the normal time of 14.00, in the Plantation Hall, Heybridge. This month we have Cliff Foster on legal Solutions.

In May John Whittingdale, MP for Maldon, has agreed to speak to the Heybridge U3A. This, it is hoped will be a well attended meeting and all members will be requested to bring their membership cards along with them. In June we will be hearing about the Tower of London as seen through an eye of a child. This will be presented by Heather Leonard.

From the COGCo (Group Co-ordinator)

My report from the AGM is available separately. Firstly, as a digital attachment to the emailed copy of the News Sheet and secondly, a paper copy will be found on the notice board so that those of you who did not attend can read my Report. My Report will also be available on the WEB site.

Several members have shown interest in a French Conversation Group and I am delighted to advise that Vicky Anfilogoff has offered to be the COG and we have had a planning meeting on the 22nd March. I am in the process of sorting out a Ten Pin Bowling Group and Janette Lett has shown interest in being the COG of this and will be getting in touch with interested parties.

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Group Names, Co-ordinator, Contact Telephone

| Group Name | Co-ordinator (COG) | Telephone Number | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Ballroom Dancing | Joint with Maldon Jo Robson * | * 01621 828236 | | |
| Bird Watching | Maureen Lenoir | 01621 869871 | | |
| Bridge | Lisbeth Bazzard | 01621 843208 | | |
| Coffee Morning | Margaret Brown | 01621 854885 | | |
| Computer | Tina Abeysekera | 01621 858635 | | |
| Family History | Lesley Pomphrett | 01621 817733 | | |
| French Conversation | Vicky Anfilogoff | 01621 840532 | | |
| Gardening | Pat Yates | 01621 892866 | | |
| Local History | Carol Greenhalgh | 01621 840339 | | |
| Luncheon | Beth Jeffries | 01621 853403 | | |
| Maritime & Coastal | Brenda Dewar | 01245 400492 | | |
| Painting | Michael Kempen | 01621 892974 | | |
| Petanque | Barbara Barbrook | 01621 855605 | | |
| Photography | Peter Thorpe | 01621 850828 | | |
| Reading & Books | Ann Lees | 01245 225153 | | |
| Scrabble | Ruth Tyler | 01621 869865 | | |
| Theatre | Gill Bridle & Janet Morley | 01621 892587 & 892626 | | |
| Threads & Fabrics | Anne Thorpe & Pat Newman | 01621 850828 & 01621 891184 | | |
| Walking | Elizabeth Eastwood | 01621 850618 | | |
| Weekenders | Marilyn Corbett | 01621 817518 | | |
| Wine Group | Jackie Jones | 01621 817117 | | |

Membership Secretary

I have now taken over from Liz Bazzard as Membership Secretary. One of my first jobs is to ensure that all those people who want to remain as members have the opportunity to do so. As announced at the March Monthly Meeting, if you wish to retain your membership, you must pay your 2011/12 subscription by 31st March. If you have not yet paid, and wish to continue as a member, please send a cheque to me at the address below. The annual subscription remains at £20 per person and cheques should be made payable to 'Heybridge U3A'.

Your Committee have been concerned about the capacity of Plantation Hall. We have, as stated in the Chairman's section, now secured the use of the Meeting Room next to the main hall for all future meetings and this should remove the likelihood of requiring a waiting list in the near future. However if a waiting list is required, unpaid 2010/1011 members will be treated in the same way as if they are new members and their names would be added to a waiting list.

Thank you to the many members who have already paid their subscriptions. If you sent a cheque by post, your membership card will be available for collection at the monthly meeting. Don't worry If you sent your cheque to Liz Bazzard as she will pass it on to me.

To help us keep our membership details up to date, it would be really helpful if you would let me know of any change in your contact details (address, phone number or e-mail). I have already picked up a number of changes from your 2011/12 membership renewal forms, but not everyone completed one of these. If we do not have your correct contact details, we cannot communicate with you effectively.

As I am occasionally away, the Committee has agreed that Angela Pleasance will deputise for me in my absence. Please contact her if you get no response from me. Our contact details are as follows:

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REPORTS

Art (Painting) Group

For those who didn't make it to the recent Heybridge U3A Annual General Meeting, I have included in this

article one of the photographs taken of the artwork exhibited by the Painting Group at the committee's request.



Picture courtesy of U3A Painters Terry and Jean

The Friday Painters were very well represented at the meeting with nearly everybody providing pictures. The range of subjects was very wide, as can be seen, which proves we don't just stick to landscapes and still life watercolours when left to our own devices at home. Clearly, joining a group to share our interests has inspired many of us to experiment with different artistic media.

It is always a pleasure to share our efforts with other Heybridge U3A groups.

Gill Carpenter.

Bird Watching

The Bird Watching Group are meeting in the car park of Blue House Farm Fambridge at 14.00 and will be taken round by Kim, one of the Essex Wildlife Trust Rangers. For this month only, we will be meeting on a Thursday, the 28th April, because the Royal Wedding is on our normal Friday.

Maureen

Bridge Group

For details about any bridge duplicate session please contact me, Liz, on 01621 843208 or email me at <u>lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net</u>

Computer Group

lan welcomed everyone to the meeting on the 17th March. It was agreed by all that we will, in future, meet at 14.00 as this is a more convenient time. The Computer Group subscriptions are due next month and will stay at £4.00 per quarter.

A comment was made at the AGM that the Heybridge U3A funds had increased year on year. The purchase of a laptop from external funding, together with money from Heybridge U3A and Computer Group, was suggested. This equipment could be used by our group for training purposes and by other groups i.e. Family History. This will be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.

Gill has been busy producing her own power point presentation about all the U3A groups. It contained many photographs and was viewed with interest by us all. It was agreed that the computer group are to prepare a presentation to be shown at the Strawberry Tea. It was felt that Gill's contribution should be shown as a separate presentation and consecutive to the Computer Group presentation.

Computer security was discussed again together with the varying prices of ink cartridges, especially for Dell printers which appear to be one of the most expensive. The 'Inksave' website was used by members, being one of the cheaper options.

Our next meeting is at 14.00 on Thursday 21st April (NOTE the new time) when the main topic will be safety of your data and how virus checkers work.

We will also discuss the power-point presentation in more detail and any other computer problems you may have.

Look forward to seeing you.

Audrey.

Coastal and Marine Group

It was a dull afternoon when we headed for Wivenhoe and the Nottage Maritime Institute, but the welcome we received was far from dull. The "Nottage" is located on the Quayside and we were soon inside into the warm. Mike Downes introduced himself and his "crew". We were set for a very interesting afternoon. After an introduction about the Institute, we enjoyed a slide show and a tour of the building. The walls are covered with fascinating paintings, photographs and "half cut outs" of boats that were used in the building of boats. (before the computer era!) There is a workshop on the ground floor where Wivenhoe One Design Dinghies are built by very keen amateurs. The boats were in various stages of production, so we could see the amount of work that went into them. It could take as long as five years from laying the keel to launching. The smell and feel of the wood was quite intoxicating!

We finished our tour with a wander around the well documented library, enjoying tea and biscuits kindly provided by the "crew". It proved to be an extremely interesting afternoon and it made us realise what an important part Wivenhoe played in the maritime history of Essex. I would recommend a visit during the summer when they are open to visitors.

For our April 15th meeting we have organised a visit to the Pioneer Sailing Trust in Brightlingsea starting at 14.00. There will be a talk and we can see their current renovation project. If the weather is fine we could then wander down to the harbour and perhaps enjoy an ice cream! As usual, we can arrange car sharing. If you are interested please call me and let me know.



Nottage Maritime Institute Work Shop (Author Ian Newman)

Brenda.

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Discussion Coffee Morning

There was a late change of venue for our March coffee morning. We met at Gill Thorne's house. (Thank you Gill.) The weather was a bit miserable outside but there was plenty of warmth and laughter inside. In fact, one of our group declined a second hot drink but managed to enjoy a cold Guinness instead. It was St Patrick's day; well, just 24 hours too late !!

The next coffee morning will be at Sally Bonds house on Friday 15th April at the usual time of 11.00. Details available at the next monthly meeting or you can phone me, Margaret Brown on 01621 854885.

Margaret.

Family History Group

On the 24th March Angela Clarke joined us from Blackwater Family History Group and explained to us her system for keeping her certificates and information in order and also how she keeps her family tree on "Fan Charts". Angela uses the web sites to find information but prefers not to put her actual Family Tree onto the computer. As a comparison, our member Norman showed us how he keeps his Family Tree and relevant information on computer, which was very impressive, as his Family Tree is very extensive. I am hoping that more of our members will show us how they are keeping their records, as the more ideas you see and hear about helps everyone form their own way of record keeping. There is no set pattern. You do what is best for you to understand.

I have asked Angela if she would come and talk to us about Monumental Inscriptions (that is the technical name for the writing found on cemetery $f \mathbf{8}$ head stones!). She will tell us about the group to which she belongs together with how to trace your family and the sort of information you get from them. No date has yet been arranged. Norman is happy to show us how to back-up family history on CD/DVD. I do not know if he can make the April meeting yet.

Because Angela came to the last meeting we did not talk about any memories. So, in April if we have time, we can talk about our "earliest memories". So put your thinking caps on. I have a few memories from my distant past that I do not mind sharing.

Dates for your diaries: At the May 26th meeting Kay from Blackwater Family History Group is coming to show us the DVD of her family history story which was produced by the BBC.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday <u>28th</u> <u>April (NOTE Correct Date)</u> at my house (10.30 to 12.30) as usual.

Lesley Pomphrett

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Gardening Group

This year's programme is ready and is included as an attachment with this News Sheet (See 'From the Editor' on how to print and fold this programme). As you will see that there are two visits in May. I had to do it this way as there were so many public holidays around this time. On Monday 9th May at 14.30 we will visit Woodpeckers at Burnham-on-Crouch, a garden new to the NGS scheme. It sounds delightful and I hope you are looking forward to the visit as much as I am. Cost is £5 including tea and cake. On Monday 23rd May at 14.30 we will visit Porters Farm at Kelvedon, also a new one. This owner asks for a minimum of 15 people, so I took a risk and booked it, hoping that we get a really good turn-out (or turn-up!). The cost for this one is £5.50 including a garden tour and tea.

All the gardens for this year are in your Yellow Book, which gives a more detailed description and directions for how to get there. If you need a lift please let me know.

As I mentioned in the Programme, the procedure will be a little different, so please pay when you sign up at the General Meeting.

Pat Yates, 01621 892866 or pat.yates@tesco.net

Local History Group (LHG)

We are having a trip out in April. On the afternoon of Tuesday 19th April, we shall be experiencing a Victorian classroom at the Braintree Museum. We need a minimum of 12 people and the cost will be £5 per person. We shall endeavour to car share for this. Either phone, e-mail or sign-up at the next Monthly Meeting to let me know if you can come and if you can give a lift or need one. I should have directions etc. available at the Monthly Meeting.

The group enjoyed a very interesting afternoon for the March meeting with a talk by Tim Howson, a conservation officer with Maldon District Council. Tim gave us the benefit of his extensive knowledge and his passion for the subject. We all came away with quite an insight into the development of windows over the centuries. We, in the Maldon District, certainly have some good examples of each stage of that progression, from the earliest at St. Peter's at Bradwell, at least 1300 years old, to the fine example of mid 19C margin lights, edged with coloured glass, at a house in Wantz Road. We now know that cloth fenestrals were employed before the earliest glass in windows was introduced in about 675 AD but that glass was not used for domestic buildings until the 16C. Tim told us of all sorts of different features to look for and how a building can be dated by them. He also made us aware of the styles that have emerged since the end of the 19C up to the present day. I think some of us now feel the need to do some further reading to consolidate our learning.

Carol Greenhalgh

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Luncheon Group

There is no information available this month. Contact Beth on 01621 853403 for details.

Petanque Group

We enjoyed our meal in March followed by the first game of the season. It was very cold, but it was much milder when we played on the 21st. There was no wind on that day. We are now playing weekly i.e. Mondays at 14.00 on Maldon Promenade but not on Bank Holidays (25th April and 2nd May). We hope to see you all there when you can make it.

Barbara Barbrook

Photography Group

Thanks to all those members who submitted prints for the display at the AGM. A special thanks to John and Thelma Howchin for collecting the prints and mounting a splendid selection on the display boards. Every member who had submitted prints to John was represented, demonstrating that as a group we are able to produce photographs of high quality.

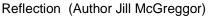
Our photographic assignment for the April meeting is "Water" and I am certain that we will have another fascinating selection of photos from our creative members to enjoy on the screen. We will also have a Photoshop topic introduced to us by one of our members, It should prove to be an interesting meeting.

Our next meeting is on 7^{th} . April at the new time of <u>14.00</u> in the Claydon Room. If you are interested in digital photography, come and join us. Our aim is to enjoy and to improve our photography, together.

Peter Thorpe

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Reading and Books Group

The book we discussed was 'The Reconstructionist' by Josephine Hart. It revolves around a brother and sister who had been subjected to a traumatic experience in their childhood, which we did not discover the truth of until the final chapter. The experience had a damaging affect on their ability to form relationships and the sister, in particular, was severely affected. When the brother, a psychologist, goes to visit their former home in Ireland he recalls how his mother was killed and his father found guilty of her murder. The book resulted in a lively discussion amongst group members. We decided that the father was the 'Reconstructionist' because he had created a version of the incident by taking responsibility for the murder to protect his young daughter and thus reconstructed their lives. As a result, the truth of the episode was never discussed by the family. We found some aspects of the book disturbing and it was decided that although the theme of the book was interesting it could have been better presented.

By the time this goes to press, the group will have visited the Essex Book Festival event on 30th March at Maldon library where we will hear the writer Esther Freud talking about her life. Prior to the talk we will have all enjoyed a meal at Prezzo in Maldon.

Our next meeting will be held in Plantation Hall on 20th April at 14.30 where we shall be discussing 'The Divide' by Nicholas Evans. New members are welcome to join us with a call to Ann Lees on 01245 225153 prior to attending the meeting.

Scrabble

Due to your muddle-headed COG, we had two Scrabble sessions this month. On the 22nd March Lois Wilmot, who lives so close by, provided tea and biscuits for the four players. Lois "thank you". On the 29th March eight more players turned up and we had two good games on two boards. We were pleased to welcome Glen Cousins who answered my plea for some gentlemen players!!!

Having regard to the problems of getting to print on the months when there are five Wednesdays, please note that in future all scrabble afternoons will be on the 4^{th} Wednesday every month.

Theatre

I have to make the final booking for the production of 'Dinner Ladies - Second Helpings' at the Mercury Theatre, Colchester by the 6th April at the latest. I have a provisional booking for 15 seats and still have some spaces available. This will take place on Wednesday, 22nd June (evening performance) and the tickets are £15.00 each. I am not arranging transport for this but perhaps, nearer the time, we could get together to organise some sharing of cars. If you are interested, can you please give me a ring on 01621 892626 as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Janet Morley

Threads and Fabrics

It was great when I returned from holiday to find that the rest of the group had been cooking up some lovely treats for the AGM. I had to do some fast learning to be able to contribute. It was a good thing that those at the March Threads and Fabrics Meeting were good teachers. Thank you all.



A plate of non-fattening cakes that will last a lifetime!

(Author John and Thelma Howchin)

If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact Anne Thorpe on 01621 850828 or Pat Newman on 01621 891184.

Walking

The March walk along the canal to Beeleigh Lock and falls and back (uphill, sorry!) to Maldon past Beeleigh Abbey was enjoyed by a group including several new members. Welcome to you all. We hope more of you will join us as the weather improves.

The April walk will be on Thursday 14th April (the week after the U3A Monthly Meeting) and will again be along the canal/river from Papermill Lock to Little Baddow Lock and looping back by Little Baddow Hall.

We will meet at the Papermill lock car park at 14.00. Please let me know if you can/cannot join us and if you need transport and/or can car share.

Phone 850618 or email <u>e.m.e@talktalk.net</u>

Elizabeth

Weekenders

We had a good meeting at Perrywoods Nursery on 12th March when we were able to firm up dates on many of the ideas from the previous month. Our next monthly meeting will be at Oliver's Nursery on Saturday 9th April. This will be followed on the Sunday 10th April by our Maldon walk followed by lunch at the Queen's Head PH on the quay. A table has been reserved for 13 folk at 12.30. The trip to Canterbury has been booked and for those Weekenders on the list. I will need payment at the next U3A Monthly Meeting. The cost is £16.00 and this can be made in cash or by cheque made payable to 'Stan's Coaches'. If payment is not received on that day then your name will be taken off the list. The Woodbridge trip has also been booked but that is not until July.

Dates for your diary:

- 9th April Coffee morning at Oliver's Nursery.
- 7th May Coffee morning at Spring Step Goat Farm.

Please contact Marilyn Corbett on 01621 817518 for further information.

Wine Group

We started with a planning meeting at my house in March and our aim is to increase our knowledge of wine production and learn about the different winegrowing regions of the world. We aim to do this through visits to vineyards and Wine Merchants in this country as well as tasting sessions at home.

The next meeting is at my house on Wednesday 13th April at 14.30. We will be having a blind tasting of two French wines from the Cote du Rhone region and then discuss the differences between the wines and the types of grapes used mainly in the area. New members can ring or email me for details of

how to get to my house. We are looking forward to 14th May when we will be organising a group visit (car sharing will be advisable) to New Hall Vineyard for their "Spring Wine Sale Weekend". This visit will give us the first chance to taste the new wines made from the previous year's vintage.

Jackie Jones

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On the Notice Board

If you are planning to put something on the notice board that is not group related and it is available prior to the first Friday of the month, the Editor would be pleased to include it in this section of the News Sheet (This is 10 pt).

The following items of News, including U3A Head Office Information Notices, appeared on the Notice Board at the next or at a recent Monthly Meeting (Below is 9pt):

- Group Co-ordinator Report
- Gardening Group Dates (Leaflet See Pat Yates)
- A Science and Conservation study afternoon, at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew is being held on Thursday 5th May. (see me for details).
- Jazz Appreciation Study Day next June in Leeds.
- South East U3A Forum Summer School; June 28th/July 1st. This is to be held at the University of Chichester. (see me for details).
- Geology; the U3A National meeting is to be held in the Peak District 6th/7th April 2011. (see me for details).
- National Summer Schools; Details available on the U3A web site. <u>www.u3a.org.uk</u>.
- Positive Thinking Be Happy! Thurs 19th May at Royal Society, London. Panel of Experts discuss! 1400-16.30: Cost £14.50 Ticket only.
- Behind the scenes at Kew Gardens. Learn more about their work- talks by specialists on their subjects. Thurs 5th May at Kew. 13.25 - 16.30: cost £12.50 Ticket only.

Every month we receive information from Head Office keeping our Group informed of events happening throughout the UK. So if you are interested and would like further information please contact me. (This paragraph is 9.5pt)

Brenda on 01245 400492

From Members

If you have something, articles, comments, requests, that you would like to be included here in the News Sheet. I was also hoping to include an article this month but there is not enough room. (Editor)

Diary of Meetings and Visits.

For details see articles and co-ordinators above.

| Week Commencing | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 4th April | 4 Petanque 14.00 French Conversation 13.00 | 5 Threads 14.00 | 6 | 7 Photography 14.00 | 8 Monthly Meeting 14.00 | 9 Weekender Coffee at Olivers 10.00 | 10 Weekender Maldon Walk plus meal |
| 11 th April | 11 Petanque 14.00 | 12 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00 | 13 Wine Tasting 14.30 | 14 Walking 14.00 | 15 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00 Coastal and Marine 14.00 | 16 | 17 |
| 18th April | 18 Petanque 14.00 | 19 Local History 14.00 | 20 Book Group 14.30 | 21 Computer 14.00 | 22 Bank Holiday | 23 | 24 |
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