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Monthly Meeting 8th April 2pm.

After the AGM

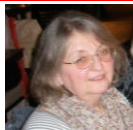


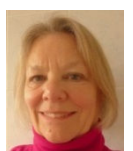



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Barbara Barbrook is Cog Coordinator

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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

From the Chairman

Two familiar faces are missing from the front page this month. Joyce Woodham retired as Chairman at the AGM, when Pat Smith also stood down as Events Secretary. Both will be greatly missed. Joyce's calm and good common sense have been an inspiration to me; our U3A was safe in her hands. Pat's work has been especially appreciated by our members who have enjoyed the outings that she organised so successfully. My grateful thanks go to both for their invaluable contribution to our U3A.

Jill McGregor and Liz Cawdell have joined the committee as Treasurer and Events Secretary respectively. I hope that they will enjoy the comradeship and satisfaction that helping to shape our organisation can bring, and welcome them to the committee.

My thanks also go to the other committee members, CoGs and various people who continue to undertake the tasks, large and small, that need to be done. Without you we would not have a U3A - thank you. Thanks also to the Sections that provided displays at the AGM which showed a wide range of activities.

On a personal note, and without wishing to pre-empt our Speaker Secretary's report, I am looking forward to hearing our speaker for April. In 2008 my son was part of a search team in Afghanistan, looking for IEDs for the bomb disposal people to deactivate. He had several close calls whilst some of his colleagues were not so lucky. I have profound respect for all those who risk their lives trying to protect others.

Chairman Heybridge U3A'

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 maybe contrary to Copyright laws. Contributions can be up to 400 words without photo or 300 with photo. 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 April and May

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' in the title.

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

From the Membership Secretary

We were pleased to welcome nine visitors to our March meeting, seven of whom have already joined. As of 28th March, our total paid up membership is 116 and I would like to thank all those of you who re-enrolled so promptly.

There are, however, 48 members on the membership list who have yet to pay their 2016/7 subscription. If you are one of them and you wish to remain a member, please let me have your enrolment form and payment as soon as possible. If I have not received payment by the end of April, I will assume you no longer wish to be a member and will remove your name from the list.

membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Future Heybridge U3A Monthly Meetings.

For 8th April we will have a talk from Lucy Lewis. She was the first female Bomb Disposal Officer in the British Army, and later a Major in the Royal Military Police. She has served in the UK, Germany, and Northern Ireland, and also travelled the world as a mountain expedition leader and as an inspector of military prisons.

For 13th May, we will have an illustrated talk from Liz Huxley, a wildlife photographer and birdwatcher. The title/subject of her talk is "THE ESSEX COASTAL MARSHES IN WINTER"

John W Harrison: phone 01621 854851 or Email speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Interest Group Coordinator

Now that I have been officially voted onto the Committee for this post you may use me for any problems you have to deal with in your capacity as a CoG.

My first announcement is that the SOLO WHIST group has officially closed as a group under the auspices of the U3A. I understand that David Mason is now going to hold a group privately and I assume that members of that group previously will have his tel. no. and email address so all communication will be done privately.

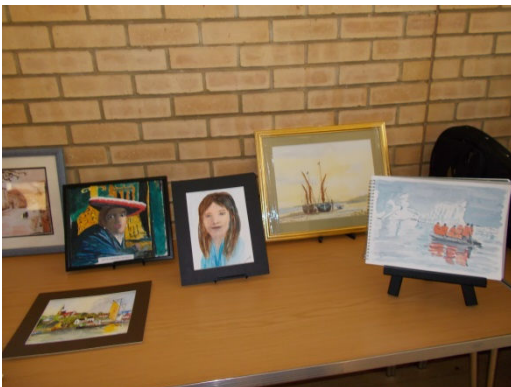
The WALKING group is going to continue with Elizabeth Eastwood as the CoG and the members of the group are sharing the responsibility of guiding the walks with Elizabeth doing the planning of the rota for the walks. Please ask Elizabeth for the "Walk Leader Checklist" so that as leader of a group you are aware of the procedure for prospective walkers.

Barbara Barbrook Tel: 01621 855605 or email c.barbrook@sky.com

GROUP REPORTS

Art (Painting) Group

So accustomed are we to our Friday get-togethers three weeks out of four each month that it came as a bit of a shock to be told we couldn't have the use of our meeting room on Good Friday! Never mind. Hopefully the Easter holiday will have proved inspirational in terms of subject matter - with or without sunshine.



Pretty much all of us made the U3A group's AGM on March 11th and, from what I could hear, were highly impressed by the interesting displays offered by all the other groups.

It was gratifying, too, to hear appreciative comments for our display. Nice to know all our efforts were not in vain!

Gill Carpenter

Some of our display Terry Meltzer

For information about the group contact, Michael Kempen: Email Michaelrkempen@gmail.com or Phone 01621 892974.

Bird Watching Group

Checking in at the Visitors' Centre, 9 of us set off with a list of birds seen the day before. Walking through the fields towards Layer Breton we could hear birds singing all around us but managed to see very few. The causeway was a different matter. The grey herons and cormorants are filling the trees with their scruffy nests and the mute swans are putting their heads together to form heart shapes with their necks. One fine specimen, fully decked out for spring, was a red crested Pochard - definitely worth a photo.



On the way back we saw a male Bullfinch in his spring plumage and a not so spectacular Chaffinch. Given that it is only 26th March we were surprised to see several Peacock butterflies enjoying the sun. Back across the Layer de la Haye causeway we spotted a pair of Goosander on the main reservoir.

We ended our morning sitting in the sun for lunch on the centre terrace.

If you would like to join our group, please get in touch by phone 01621869871 or email symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk Maureen

Cards and Paper Crafts

The next meetings are Wednesday 6th April at 2.30 and Wednesday 4th May at 2.30

Please contact Lesley for details. Phone 01621 858135 e-mail Lindawoonton@sky.com

Computer Group

This month's meeting, as usual, took place in the Claydon Room, at Plantation Hall. The group sorted out a number of issues associated with video communication that have been experienced over the preceding 4 weeks. This is expected to be a recurring topic.

During the March meeting an explanation was provided on how to find and use the volume controls and settings. This was illustrated to the group by using their laptops or other devices. This resulted in the finding and operation of other settings including the mobility program where, amongst other things, screen brightness can be controlled. There are many other settings including the "sync" setting. This will be one of the subjects that will be introduced at the next meeting.

The meetings are normally held in the Claydon Room in Plantation Hall on the third Thursday of each month at 14:00, when you will be made welcome. However half the group are going on the Coach Outing that day. Therefore the meeting, for the few that are not going on the trip on Thursday 21st April, will meet at my house.

Ian Newman: Email ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 891184.

Creative Writing Group

Our working title for March was 'An unexpected stop' and of the stories produced it was difficult to tell the fictional from the factual ones, such is the imagination and writing ability of our members. Each tale did involve a journey but none of the events, that took place during the unexpected stop, were the same. For a couple of us, our unexpected stops are a work in progress but maybe journey's end will have been reached for our next meeting.

Our inspiration for our next piece of writing comes from our jolly, and slightly bizarre, tea-time chat, about someone called Henry. So, the title is 'Henry'.

Carol Greenhalgh

For details of this group contact Angela Pleasance angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 01621 850310

Croquet Group

I have been in touch with the Maldon Croquet Club and we hope to start playing again in May, when the lawns will hopefully be drier. Rita Gorrie has kindly agreed to come along as the Maldon Croquet Club representative to help and encourage our play. I will be sending out emails to all those who are interested in playing nearer the time.

If anyone would like to come along, you would be most welcome; the aim is gentle exercise, good company and fun. If you are interested please contact me, we play on the first and third Thursday mornings of each summer month at Forresters Golf Club.

Anne Newson: phone 01621 858807 or email annenewson@uwclub.net

Discussion Coffee Morning Group

The March get together was on Friday 18th at Lesley Pomphrett's house where we enjoyed a selection of savoury and sweet snacks with our tea/coffee. As we left, Lesley produced an Easter card and a chocolate egg for each of us, a lovely touch. Our next meeting will be at 11.00 on Friday 15th April at Marilyn Corbett's house.

Margaret Brown: phone 01621 854885 or Email mbandmeg@btinternet.com

Family History Group

The beginners' group welcomed Nicky to our meeting and look forward to following her journey back into her family history! All beginners have been working hard on their histories and the excitement when a new piece of the puzzle is uncovered is shared by all of us! We have arranged a study visit to the Essex Records Office on Wednesday 6th April – all family historians welcome.

Some of the advanced group have signed up for the Futurelearn course on genealogy and are supporting each other on this study journey. The subject for 'week 2' was 'wildcards'. For those not on the course, Chris explained how to use wildcards to aid searches for ancestors. We also discussed the recent TV program 'The story of my Family'. This fascinating series, narrated often by the most recent generations, follows the fortunes of, firstly, a trio of pick-pocketing sisters, two of whom were sent to Australia and the third stayed in the East End. Well worth a look on catch-up if you missed it.

Next meeting: Thursday 28th April

Beginners 10.00 – 11.00 Main group 11.00 – 13.00

Due to the larger meeting room, we now have space for new members.

Details: Liz Cawdell 01621 331944 ecawdell@btinternet.com

French Conversation Group



In March, Georges provided an article from *Le Figaro* newspaper about the relationship between the British and their gardens, as seen through French eyes. We learnt that, to celebrate the tri-centenary of the birth of the landscape gardener, Capability Brown, 2016 has been declared the Year of the Garden in the UK. This was news to us, though perhaps not to the Gardening Group! According to the article, gardening is a national passion in the UK. Our desire to have our own patch of garden has even influenced town planning, causing towns to be built outwards rather than upwards. The article inspired a lively discussion about gardening

in general as well as our favourite gardens to visit, both in the UK and in France.

Our next meeting is on 13th April chez Pat Newman.

Our group meets on the second Wednesday morning of each month at a group member's house. For further information please contact jennyparker14@hotmail.com

French Improvers

There was no meeting in March due to the Bank Holiday Monday. The next meeting is on April 25th chez Carol S.

For further information about either French Group, please ring 01621 843581 or email jennyparker14@hotmail.com

Gardens Group

The 2016 programme of garden visits is attached to this newsletter for you to print out. Print one side, then turn it over, put it back and print the other side, and if you are lucky it will be the right way up! I believe the gardens we have chosen should all be full of interest for you, and hope that we have some beautiful sunny days for our visits. A very warm welcome to anyone who has never been before. If you would like to join us, please phone or e-mail me,

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

Italian Conversation

Our March meetings went well, with plenty to discuss. As the members tend to be very active and busy people, there is always plenty to talk about in the meetings, and a surprising amount of time is taken up just catching up on what has been happening in the meantime. We also did some revision on a few points of grammar, which is always useful as it is easy to forget certain aspects and make mistakes when speaking. The meetings are always lively and friendly.

This Italian Conversation Group usually meets on the first and third Monday of the month; however, so as to avoid the Bank holiday, the first meeting in May will be on the 9th

Monday 4th April Monday 18th April Monday 9th May

Janice Slight E-Mail janice.slight@tiscali.co.uk

Local History Group

Brian Billins gave us an informative and entertaining afternoon with his stories of the long history of pubs and the origins of many of the pub names. We discovered too that we have members who have quite some knowledge in this area – we can't think how!

Now that summertime is upon us, we shall be getting out and about, starting with a visit to the Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Tolleshunt Knights in April and to the Southend Pier museum in May

Carol Greenhalgh: phone 01621 840339 or Email george.smeed@virgin.net .

Patchwork Group

The next meeting of the Patchwork Group will be in the Claydon Room on Monday 11th April at 2pm
Anne Thorpe E-mail Anne.thorpe@btinternet.com or phone 01621 850828.

Petanque Group

As I write this the outside temperature is only 9 degrees and too cold for us to stand about on the Terrain at the Prom. However we started in March last year and played for three weeks before Easter. This year it would be too cold so I am hoping that by April 4th it will be much warmer. If not, we shall see what the situation is at the time and maybe wait for a week or two until it is warmer.

However, we have two new members interested in joining the group so I am all ready to introduce them to the game and continue as we have done in the past as a happy group of players. I have redyed the cochons so that they are all glowing red and waiting to go.

Please show me your new 2016/17 cards during April so that I can mark them on the register and except for the two Bank Holidays in May we shall be all set for a warm, enjoyable summer season.

I look forward to seeing you all on 4th April.

Barbara Barbrook c.barbrook@sky.com

Photography Group

There were 10 members at our March Meeting in the Jubilee Lounge of the West Maldon Centre.
We viewed and discussed the photos taken for the assignment the subject being - a close up. We also talked about the settings and type of Lens used.

It was decided that the assignment subject for the next meeting in April would be - 'Spring'.

There will not be a meeting in May as the venue is required as a Polling Station. We will however be organising a Field Trip – destination to be advised.

At our October meeting there will be a talk and demonstration by Steve Hedges who is a professional photographer. He also runs courses and workshops.

Why not join us? We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00 p.m.

By regularly meeting together and sharing our photos, we learn how to get better results from our own equipment. Our aim is to make all of our meetings entertaining, friendly and informative.

Anyone interested in joining or coming to see what we do can contact Norman Grove on 01621 842805 or by email norman.grove@gmail.com.

Reading and Books Group

The book this month was in fact several books –different titles but the same author. Problems at the library with supply this month, it would seem, as we had not requested any of them. As this was the first time in nearly six years we have had this problem I think the library can be forgiven. The books were a very light read so did not provoke much thought. However some of the group enjoyed an undemanding and relaxing read. As this group is never short of subjects to discuss, we put the world to rights instead!! Not to everybody's taste but needs must in this instance. Our group is now down to ten members and we are able to accommodate at least 2 more members . The next meeting is on Wed. 20th April at 2.15pm. It is held in the Plantation Hall Heybridge

If anyone is interested in joining a very pleasant group please contact Ann Lees 01245225153.

Scrabble Group

Time flies when you're having fun, they say. If that's the case then we certainly had fun at Scrabble this month as the time went very quickly.

Why not come and join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 2.00 pm in the Plantation Hall. We play for 2 hours, with a break for a cuppa and a biscuit, and usually manage two games in a friendly atmosphere.

Linda Etherton Telephone: 01621 843702 Email: ethertonbikes@aol.com

Technical Computing Group

We had another interesting meeting at my house on the 10th. It commenced with a discussion on some recently known Windows 10 issues, that can have an impact on the vulnerability of your security, i.e. if you are not careful Microsoft can know of all your web browser, and in some cases know what keys you are pressing on your keyboard, your installed security software probably won't stop this happening.

If any reader of this newsletter is interested in learning more, please email your email address, and I will forward you a copy of the article, it is 5 pages, but makes interesting reading. It will be sent as a 'pdf' document, so you can print it off if you want to.

We concluded the meeting by looking at parts of an Apple Ipad that was dismantled, great interest was shown in the glass front 'digitizer' screen, and also how the various parts go together.

If anyone is interested in coming to a meeting, please contact me in the first instance.

Colin Mason (Cog) colin@mason20.wanadoo.co.uk 01621-854906

Ten Pin Bowling



Alf's' Birthday Celebration Gloria

There was just one meeting this month as the fourth Monday fell on Easter Monday.

On Tuesday 8th there were just 6 players taking two lanes. Chris achieved an outstanding score of 175 in her second game which we think is the highest ever ladies' score, come forward anyone who challenges this!

Following the game Gloria produced a cake for Alf's birthday which was enjoyed by all with a cup of tea.

The summer season of Petanque begins on 4th April so Ten Pin bowling will be only on the second Tuesday of each month until late autumn.

Next meeting at Madison Heights will be on Tuesday 12th April at 1.45 for 2pm start.

New players always welcome, no experience necessary, just an ability to not take yourself too seriously and be prepared for some good fun!

Lynne Morrison 01621 891288 lejmorrisson@gmail.com

Threads and Fabrics Group



Most of our members were able to attend our March meeting so we had a lively afternoon. It was interesting to see how many new things that we were making. I am looking forward to our April meeting to see how they are progressing.

The picture this month is of a boa in crocheted in bobbly thread and some tissue cases suitable to put in a handbag.

Pat Newman 01621 891184 ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk

Ukulele Group

The Ukulele group continues to flourish and members are practising as hard as ever with a view to presenting another short concert at the U3A group's summer party.

Apologies to those who were hoping for a performance at the AGM. We're not quite up to scratch yet with our latest offerings - but we are getting there. However, our display of instruments, sheet music etc attracted a lot of attention and sparked many conversations and reminiscences at the AGM.

Who would have thought there was such a thing as a white 'Flying V' ukulele? Rock on!

Call me on 01621 859060. Robin Carpenter E-Mail robinrcarpenter@yahoo.co.uk

Walking Group

The April walk, organised by Sue and Dian, will be around Hanningfield Reservoir.
Meet at 2:00 pm Thurs 14th April at the Visitor Centre - Hawkswood Road, CM11 1WT.
The car park is free but a donation of £2 is requested to use the Centre.
The walk is approx. 3.5 miles with a café stop en route.
Please let me know if you plan to take part and if you need or can offer transport.

Elizabeth Email e.m.e@talktalk.net or phone 01621 850618. Mobile 07581029816

Weekenders Group

The first Saturday Coffee Morning was a new venue for many of us and some future meetings will also be a bit different but our well used ones will not be forgotten.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 9th April 10.00am at The Braxted Bakery, Homefield House, Witham Road, Little Braxted

Saturday 14th May 10.00am at The Barn, Cressing Temple

Marilyn Corbett: Phone 01621817518 or email mars42@btinternet.com

Wine Appreciation Group

There will be no more meetings until April so watch this space for more news
Jackie Email jachjones@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 817117

Monthly Meeting Refreshments

It is proposed to ask for each Group, in turn, to provide people to serve refreshments, which will be provided, and clear up afterwards at the Monthly meetings. This will be done on a group alphabetic rota basis each month and the rota printed in the News sheet.

Information and details of events

The following events are planned for this year. Please note that members are asked to pay for outings in full, six weeks before the trip date. If the trip later proves not to be viable, the money will be refunded in full.

HEVER CASTLE, KENT	Thursday 21 st April
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION	
If you have NOT YET PAID, please do so by Friday 8 th April (cost £25.00)	
KENSINGTON PALACE	Wednesday 11 th May
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION	
If you have NOT YET PAID, please do so by Friday 8 th April (cost £25.00)	
BRESSINGHAM GARDENS AND STEAM MUSEUM	Wednesday 15 th June
Tickets available Friday 13 th May. Payment due now please £21.00	
CANTERBURY (coach only)	Tuesday 28 th June
Based on current numbers, the cost for this trip will be £18.00 per person. Payment due by Friday 10 th June at the latest please.	

NEW:

Monday 15th August **QUEEN ELIZABETH II OLYMPIC PARK**

During this fascinating day out, we'll find out exactly what we got for our 9 million pounds! We travel to the Velodrome to see the cycling track, meet our guide for refreshments followed by a guided walk through the heart of the Park. We hop back on the coach for a tour of the Athletes village. After lunch (plenty of cafes/restaurants available – or bring a picnic), we board a wide beam barge near the Aquatics Centre for a gentle 45-minute cruise along Waterworks River which bisects the park lengthways. Finally, we return to the Aquatics Centre to see the Olympic swimming pool – keep an eye out for Tom Daly, who trains here. After a short stop for tea/coffee, we leave the Park at 4.45 p.m. for the homeward journey.

Cost (based on 35 passengers) £27.50

Tuesday 6th September **SANDHURST MILITARY ACADEMY**

Join us for a trip to the world famous Sandhurst Military Academy. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Academy taking in the Royal Memorial Chapel, the Museum Room, the Indian Army Memorial Room, Le Marchant Room and the Prestige Rooms in the Old College. After lunch (facilities on site) we will take a short coach tour of the grounds.

Morning coffee/tea are included plus a trip to the souvenir shop!

Cost (based on 35 passengers) £32.00

Thursday 6th October **MUSEUM OF LONDON**

Today, we will travel to the Museum of London to discover 450,000 years of London history. We will be able to visit the City Gallery and see the Lord Mayor's Coach, the London 2012 Cauldron, visit the Roman and Medieval galleries and the War and Plague exhibitions

This year the museum is staging a special interactive exhibition commemorating the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London (cost £7 tbc) and we have entry to this exhibition at 2.00 p.m.

We also have a chance to visit St. Paul's Cathedral in the morning in conjunction with the Fire! Exhibition (cost £20.00)

Entrance to the Museum is free (a small donation would be gratefully received though).

Based on 35 passengers:

Option A) Coach only plus free museum entry £13.00

Option B) Coach/St. Paul's Cathedral plus entry to Fire! £33

Option C) Coach plus Fire! £20.00

Tuesday 1st November **SHEPHERD NEAME BREWERY, Faversham**

Beer has been brewed at this brewery since at least 1573! During this tour, we will be able to take a look behind the scenes on an award-winning guided tour that will give us an insight into the history, tradition, pride and passion that goes to make Shepherd Neame beers. We will also visit the Old Brewery Store which houses displays of bygone pub signs (U3A Local History group, take note!!) hop picking memorabilia and a collection of historic delivery vehicles – plus a tutored tasting of several ales and lagers! Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to take a stroll down Abbey Street, said to be England's finest medieval street! A spot of Christmas shopping maybe?

Cost (based on 35 passengers) £25.00

Noticeboard

From the Third Age Trust

1000th U3A

The National Executive Council of the U3A would love to receive suggestions about how the 1000th U3a (expected around March next year) could be celebrated. Email ideas to national.office@u3a.org.uk

24 Hour Legal Advice

This telephone advice service, provided by Arc Legal Assistance, is available to all U3A members. Advice will be given on all matters of law. Please call 0344 770 1040 and quote 'U3A Legal Helpline'. If asked for an insurance number you should say you do not have one. This service is paid for by the Third Age Trust.

The Search for Life in the Universe - the new science of Astrobiology, 11th April at Birbeck College, part of Science Week.

Mozart Requiem performed by the Brandenburg Singers on 27th April at St Clement Danes, London, £18 pp.

National Summer Schools August 2016 - a few places left

U3A Online Chess League

Run by Steve Lawer (East Suffolk U3A) for U3A members. For more information email steven.lawer1@gmail.com or telephone 01394 276282

U3A Craft Newsletter

Lesley O'Malley is the new subject adviser. The Newsletter will be emailed to the Cogs of our craft-based groups. Lesley would like to hear about ideas, tips and techniques. Email stitchpicture@hotmail.com

Further information and booking online can be obtained from the U3A website www.u3a.org.

Essex Watch Out newsletter

A link to the March issue of the Essex Watch Out newsletter is attached. This is an informative Newsletter of possible scams in the Essex area sponsored by Checkatrade.com.

Go to the website (www.whocanyoutrust.org.uk) and click on the link to the Essex publication on the right hand side of the page

Live Well For Longer Event

Wednesday 20th April 10am to 3pm Blackwater Leisure Centre, Maldon

Topics include Fire Safety, Crime Prevention, Healthy Living, and Housing Information.

Free Entrance Lunch Provided

Contact Chris Rust 01612 875811 or E-mail chris.rust@maldon.gov.uk to book attendance.

Study Day Tuesday 25th October

Planning for this year's Study Day has already begun and we have 29 topic groups so far.

Art 1 – Water Colour 1
Art 2 – Water Colour 2
Art 3 – Acrylics
Art 4 – Pen and Ink
Astronomy
Canals or Wine
Computing 1 – PCs
Computing 2 – Tablets
Country Dancing
Crochet, Lace, Knitting
Digital Photography
Exploring Drama
Family History
First Aid
Geology
Hand Chimes
History of Trains
Latin
Maths
Model Trains
Parliament
Patchwork
Philosophy
Poetry
Singing for Pleasure
Tree Recognition
Ukulele
Writing: Non-Fiction
Writing: Fiction

The date will be Tuesday 25th October and it will be in the Plume School, Maldon. Info and Application forms will be sent to you all in June.

From Other U3As

Chelmsford U3A

Some trips have been planned for 2016, which are:-

West Country UK for Walking - 23rd May 4 nights £299+ £64 single supp.....

Krakow on 15th October £589 + £39ss with Tailored Travel.

If anyone is interested please contact David Gout on 01245 268923 davidgout@outlook.com

Maldon U3A

The Aviation group are running the following outing during the spring

To Shuttleworth Collection Air show day 8th May cost £36

Further details from Brian Johnson 01621 828497 E-mail brian-purleigh@hotmail.co.uk

Visit to Eltham Palace July 7th 2016

This visit is being organised by the Architecture group of Maldon U3A but all members of U3A are cordially invited to join us.

Eltham Palace in south London is largely an Art Deco building dating from the 1930's built by the Courtauld family. However there was a medieval building there- hence the word Palace in the title, and we will see the splendid Great Hall dating from 1470. There are extensive gardens to visit and a café for refreshment. The entrance cost includes a personal audio guide. This should make a very interesting day out. Vast sums of money have been spent on renovation and updating the property.

This is an English Heritage site so please indicate if you are a member since your entrance will be covered

Cost will be £20 which includes travel by coach and entrance. Probable time of departure from WMCC will be 9.30 but firm details nearer the time. If you would like to join us please contact.

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Proposed Four Day Holiday "Exploring Kent"

5th/8th July 2016

Hotel: Holiday Inn, Rochester

Price: £355 p.p.

Insurance £10 Single Supplement £45

Day 1 am. Chatham Historic Dockyard

pm. Teapot Island, Yalding

Day 2 am. Hornby Visitor Centre, Margate

pm. Shepherd Neame Brewery, Faversham. Lunch and Tour.

Day 3 am. Walmer Castle and Gardens

pm. Dover Castle

Day 4 am. Explore Rochester Town

pm. Kent County Show

Full details and Booking Form available from

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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
28 March	28 Easter Monday	29	30	31	1 April Committee meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	2	3
4 April	4 Italian conversation 10.00 Petanque 14.00	5 Threads 14.00	6 Ukulele Group 14.00 Cards & Paper 14.30	7 Photography 14.00	8 Monthly Meeting 14.00	9 Weekender Braxted 10.00	10
11 April	11 Patchwork 14.00 Petanque 14.00	12 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	13 French Conversation 10.00	14 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	15 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	16	17
18 April	18 Italian conversation 10.00 Petanque 14.00	19 Local History 14.00	20 Book Group 14.15	21 Computer 14.00	22 Bird watching 10.00 Painting 14.00	23	24
25 April	25 French Improvers 14.00 Petanque 14.00	26 Scrabble 14.00	27 Creative Writing 14.30 Garden 14.00	28 Family Hist Beginners 10.00 Family Hist 11.00	29 Copy to Editor Painting 14.00	30	1 May
2 May	2 May Bank Holiday	3 Threads 14.00	4 Committee meeting 10.00 Ukulele Group 14.00 Cards & Paper 14.30	5 Photography 14.00	6 Painting 14.00	7	8
9 May	9 Petanque 14.00 Garden 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	10 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	11 French Conversation 10.00	12 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	13 Monthly Meeting 14.00	14 Weekender Cressing 10.00	15
16 May	16 Italian conversation 10.00 Petanque 14.00	17 Local History 14.00	18 Book Group 14.15	19 Computer 14.00	20 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00	21	22
23 May	23 French Improvers 14.00 Petanque 14.00	24 Scrabble 14.00	25 Creative Writing 14.30	26 Family Hist Beginners 10.00 Family Hist 11.00	27 Bird watching 10.00 Painting 14.00	28	29
30 May	30 May Bank Holiday	31	1 June Ukulele Group 14.00 Cards & Paper 14.30	2	3	4	5