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No meeting April 14th Good Friday

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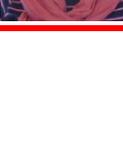
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June Reading & Books

July Scrabble

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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

From the Chair

It was good to see so many of you at our AGM in March. It always surprises me that more members attend the AGM than any other monthly meeting during the year, and it is very gratifying for the committee to receive such support. The reduction in membership fee from £20 to £18 was approved, and the following members were elected to the committee:

- Philippa Moody (Membership Secretary)
 - Brenda Dewar (Social/Events Treasurer)
- Jan Brown, who was co-opted as Speaker Secretary during 2016/17, was also officially elected and, in the absence of any other nominations, I agreed to serve as Chair for the coming year.

This still leaves a vacancy for Vice Chair and I would very much like someone to come forward to work with me with a view to taking over when I step down. If you think you might be in a position to do this, please get in touch and I would be happy to tell you what's involved.

The AGM also provided the opportunity to look at a number of displays from various interest groups, showcasing what they do. Many thanks to all the group members who contributed their work and to the CoGs for their hard work in mounting the displays. Jenny Parker

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 April and May 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 welcome four visitors to our March meeting, all of whom have now joined. In addition two other new members have joined. As of 28th March, our total paid up membership is 119 and I would like to thank all those of you who re-enrolled so promptly.

There are, however, 51 members on the membership list who have yet to pay their 2017/18 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 you do not have an enrolment form, please contact me and I will send you one. If you prefer to post your cheque please note the change of address for the Membership Secretary: 2, De Vere Close, Hatfield Peverel, CM3 2LS.

If I have not received payment by the end of April, I will assume you no longer wish to be a member of Heybridge U3A and will remove your name from the list.

Thank you for your co-operation. If you have any queries, please contact me.

Philippa Moody E-mail membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Interest Groups Coordinator

The Books and Reading Group has closed temporarily but discussions are taking place and it may reopen soon.

The Bus Pass Group. Please let me have a copy of the plan that you are preparing for a trip using your bus passes and we will meet again at the end of the May monthly meeting. If your plan for a day trip has been prepared already please email me a copy so that I can look at it before the May meeting. I have planned a trip in May for four people so if you will be prepared for one, please keep that date free.

The Computer Group. This group has been closed unless someone is prepared to present themselves as the group coordinator to restart it. In the meantime there is free Basic Computer coaching available at the Maldon Library. Coaching lasts for 6 weeks and each session is one hour long. They are on Tuesdays from 10-12noon. www.essex.gov.uk/libraries or tel: 08456037628 or local library 01621 853556 or call in to make enquiries.

Barbara Barbrook Email groupsco-ordinator@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Monthly Meeting Speaker Programme for April -July

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

Heybridge U3A Website

Last month, I wrote about our new website <https://u3asites.org.uk/heybridge>



I hope some of you have managed to take a look – if so, please let us know what you think.

By popular request, we are keeping our original website as an archive for all the News Sheets that have been produced since the start of our U3A in 2010. If you are interested in seeing how our U3A has progressed over the years, visit www.heybridge.org.uk

Jenny Parker

GROUP REPORTS

Art Group

Sunny springtime has rekindled a revival in rural subjects, with many a rustic, floral or waterside view taking shape on members' drawing boards or sketchpads. And along with the colourful subject matter comes a flowering of different artists' media.

Where once there were just pencils and watercolour paints, several years of experimenting has encouraged many in the group to produce bold, confident compositions in acrylics, gouache or coloured chalks.

Keeping the chalk on the paper with the help of hairspray has, in one or two cases, resulted in some very interesting, creatively textured compositions

Cheers! Gill Carpenter.

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

Bird Watching Group

This month we met at EWT Abberton Visitors Centre for what we hoped would be a great walk through the countryside visiting the places where most birds gather. We arrived to find the surface of the reservoir covered in big waves and a powerful wind blowing straight out of the Arctic. Most of the group walked to Layer Breton Causeway and saw and heard plenty of birds as they went. Our stop on the causeway was a bit disappointing as all but the toughest of the wildlife were out of sight and sheltering in the reeds. Back to the centre for hot coffee and snacks and bird watching from through the big windows.



Next month we will be having 2 outings, one evening walk to hear the Nightingales at Fingringhoe and one to Chigborough lakes to see how the heronry is getting on.

Jill

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

Nightingale at Fingringhoe

Cards and Paper Crafts

Just to let you know that as a small group of card making ladies, strange to relate but we are all left handed. I know they say all left handed people are craft minded of some sort, we are all interested in designing different types of cards

From Linda (Lesley) Woonton

The meetings are. Wednesday 5th April at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd May at 2.30 p.m.

Please contact Lesley for details. 01621 858135

Creative Writing Group

Six of us met on a wet grey afternoon and after spending a few moments sharing thoughts for our absent leader, we shared our writings from last month. "It arrived on a Tuesday" included the arrival of a baby sister called Grace, (and about Grace Darling), a dream that sparked memories of a childhood room, and the case of the vouchers that did NOT arrive. There was also a start of a drama about Dora and a mystery arrival. "While the world sleeps" included an early morning trip to Covent Garden and a late evening in the garden. It is always amazing how we can write such diverse ideas from one simple title.

Next month's topics are to be, "Broken Promises" or " They met once a week".

Meet at Barbara Barbrook 14.30

Yvonne C.

Croquet Group

The Croquet Group will be starting the new season on Thursday 20th April, subject to weather. Anyone is welcome to join us; we play at Forresters Golf club on the first and third Thursday of each summer month. If anyone would like to join us, please contact me, we play for fun, light exercise and good company.

Anne Newson: phone 01621 858807

Discussion Coffee Morning Group

We met at my house on 17th March and I hope everyone enjoyed the refreshments provided. We touched upon Lesley's recent holiday in Florida and Jean's proposed visit to Dubai in early April. It's good to be getting in to the holiday spirit and looking forward to the longer, lighter days and the better weather ahead.

Next month's meeting will be at 11.00am on Friday 21st April at Lesley Pomphrett's house.

Margaret B

Family History Group

We welcomed Pat to our group last Thursday. She has already researched her family tree back to 1837 when country-wide Civil Registration of births, marriages and deaths was introduced. Her challenge now is to go further back into the Parish Registers to trace the family backwards.

We were also delighted to see something quite rare which was brought along by Brian – his grandfather's original Great War service papers. We had all seen service papers online but never an original copy. Many, many service records from the Great War were destroyed by fire so this was a rare treat. Mike, our military historian, was able to tell Brian a bit more about his grandfather's regiment, the Royal Marines. He served mainly in Portsmouth on training ships and we were able to find online images of the exact ships!

Gloria has taken another exciting step backwards – an ancestor believed to be in the Army at Woolwich was, in fact, in the Navy at Woolwich and now provides another research path to follow. She has also found a female ancestor in the Union Workhouse at the tender age of 14.

Chris and Linda are stepping down from the family history group. We thank them both for their help and advice and wish them well in their future research. This means we now have space in the group for new members. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month, 10.00 a.m. at the Plantation Hall, Heybridge.

For more details please contact Liz Cawdell 07902 294741

French Group



With the French Presidential Election looming, we spent much of our last meeting looking at the candidates, the opinion polls and the scandals which are currently dominating the French press. Originally a favourite to replace François Hollande in May, the Republican candidate, François Fillon, has been accused of paying his wife for 'des travaux fictifs' (work she didn't do) when he was a Député. While M. Fillon denies this, what is not in doubt is that he failed to submit the required details naming those he employed, and is now under investigation by the authorities. As a result, he has fallen to 3rd place in the opinion polls, behind Marine Le Pen (National Front) and Emmanuel Macron (Independent) who are neck and neck at the top. If these positions remain the same on 23rd April when the 1st round takes place, Fillon will be eliminated and the other two will go through to the second round on 7th May, with Macron currently predicted to win.

Notre prochaine rencontre sera à 10 heures mercredi le 12 avril chez Linda

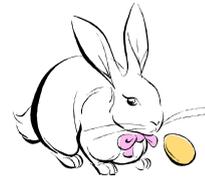
French Improvers (joint group with Blackwater U3A)

With Easter approaching, we looked at the different traditions which influence the celebration of Easter in France. Church bells, which normally summon worshippers to Mass, remain silent from Maundy Thursday to Easter Saturday. Legend has it that they fly to Rome to be blessed by the Pope. They return on Easter Sunday, ringing their bells and dropping chocolate eggs, bunnies and bells into all the gardens for children to find when they get up.



In Alsace, it is the Easter rabbit that brings the eggs. The children make a nest which the parents hide in the garden. Overnight, the Easter rabbit comes multi-coloured eggs, ready for the children to find in the morning.

Joyeuses Pâques à tous!



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Notre prochaine rencontre sera à 14 heures lundi le 24 avril chez George

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

Gardens Group

Following the planning meeting I have now prepared a new programme of visits for this year.

It will be included as an e-mail distributed with this newsletter. We are going first to Peacocks at Margaretting on Sunday 23rd April at the earlier time of 1pm.

If you haven't been on a garden visit before, you are very welcome to join us.

Pat Yates. 01621 892866

Italian Conversation Group

This month we had two potential new members join the group, one a fairly fluent speaker, the other rather a beginner, so it will be interesting to see how the group develops. Hopefully joining a Conversation Group will help the beginner to practise what he already knows and help him pick up new words more easily through hearing them spoken by the other members.

I have proposed the date for the first meeting in May to be on the 8th, rather than the 1st, so as to avoid the Bank Holiday.

Monday 3rd April Monday 8th May Monday 22nd May

Janice Slight 01621 853393

Local History Group

Dr Jane Pearson was our speaker in March. This time her subject was 'the Rise and Fall of Colchester's Good-time girls, a fascinating insight into prostitution during the period 1855 to 1895. Jane has spent much of the last couple of years carrying out extensive research which seems to have uncovered a lot of sad stories. Many of these 'ladies' were the wives of army personnel who were unrecognised and therefore without financial support.

We have our full complement for our Goldhanger walk with David Newman in April. If there's sufficient interest we may be running an additional walk at a different time.

Carol Greenhalgh 01621 840339

Patchwork Group

Our next meetings will be on 10th April and 8th May 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

We met at the West Maldon Community Centre on 2nd March. Our assignment subject for this month was "Weather". Once again our members produced a wide range of interpretations of this tricky subject. Bad weather seemed more popular than warm sunshine, but we are British! The windy photos were depicted by clothes lines full of washing and flags and bunting, the cold ones involved ice in landscapes and close-ups, whilst the stormy images were dark clouds and crashing waves. There were colourful rainbows, foggy views, rain on windows and sunny, colourful views through foliage - loads of weather!



Rain Alex Lees

You may have seen some of these photos at the AGM. We had a slide show of all the images taken by our members for each of the last four assignments. Our thanks to Alex for manning the computer and for answering questions. We hope you enjoyed our work.

Our assignment subject for the April meeting is "Family, Friends and Pets". People pictures can be difficult, but most of us take quite natural photos of those close to us. I wonder how creative this collection will be.

Our next meeting is on 6th April, 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

Following the resignation of Ann Lees as CoG, there will be an informal discussion on the future of the Reading Group at Margaret Hurst's house on Wednesday 19th April at 2.15 p.m. . Existing group members have already been invited but anyone interested in joining the Book Group is also welcome provided there is space – please ring Margaret on 01621 850494 for further details.

Scrabble Group

From time to time in a game of Scrabble, the words put down end up clustered in a corner and it seems an impossible task to extend out into the rest of the board. Perhaps the letters on the outside edges don't lend themselves to being added to, or players' tiles are not helpful (oh no, how many more 'i's can there be?). Then strangely enough a gradual change is made by playing an odd tile here or there (the list of two-letter words comes in very handy), and maybe a lucky new set of letters will bring a breakthrough. Five of us beavered away this month against all odds and some creditable scores were achieved.

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

Our last interesting meeting on the 9th of March, covered quite a few subjects, but the main point of discussion was the new Heybridge U3A web site. We thought it was very well laid out, and easy to initiate from any web browser, it was very fast to load, and all the individual content was positive when browsing the site. We also thought it a good point that eventually Cogs will be able to access their own pages. We then again raised the question of multiple hard drives installed on a desktop PC. Our next meeting will be on the 13th of April, new members welcome, please contact me in a first instance.

Colin Mason. Telephone Nos. 01621 854906 or Mobile 07974 343587

Ten Pin Bowling

Our meeting on 14th March was attended by 11 of us playing in 3 lanes. In almost every game a score of 100 or above was made which most of us are happy with and set as our benchmark.

Graham as usual was the highest scorer, thundering his way to an impressive 150.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th April -1.45pm for 2pm start.

Lynne Morrison 01621 891288

Ukulele Group UKE3A

A good time was had by all when we played for our second Maldon RVS luncheon club audience in mid-March. As most of the people we entertained were senior citizens (like ourselves) and as several of the songs in our repertoire were of a similar vintage, it was gratifying to hear everyone joining in. Pop songs from the 1960s always go down well. But so do George Formby's cheeky little numbers, as well as vintage ditties made famous by the dance bands of the 1920s or even earlier. None of us could possibly be old enough to remember when these were top of the pops. But, amazingly, whole audiences sing along every time! One speculates whether, in another 80 or 90 years, ukulele bands like ours will be leading massed choruses of the lyrics of Lady Gaga or the Arctic Monkeys

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

Walking Group

We started in the centre of the small pretty village of Messing which is about 3 miles from Kelvedon. It was a glorious early spring day and 13 of us spent a chatty couple of hours meandering through fields, woods and through the village itself.



Our cuppa in the pub provided an opportunity to discuss how the group will run. I will remain as co-ordinator and will do the clerical work surrounding the group, but won't be deciding on all of the walks. The choice of walk is open to everyone and it was very encouraging to have 3 people enthusiastically volunteering to take a turn and others coming forward with ideas. We are a group and therefore sharing the walks allows everyone to contribute and make feel it is 'their group'.

Around Messing Carol Greenhalgh

Remember – it is not a competition, just an opportunity to get out in the fresh air and have a stroll and a natter. For those unable to be there I'd like to invite you all to consider taking the chance to help out. Without volunteers there will be months where no walk will be available. If you want to chat or need reassurance – it is not onerous – please call me to talk it through or to meet for a coffee and a chat. Our next walk will be on Thursday 13th April, venue to be advised.

Linda Wells. 01621 857414

Weekenders Group

Fifteen members of the weekenders group met at the Abberton Reservoir Visitors Centre on Saturday 11th March, including Dave, another welcome new member: and what a nice place it is to meet! The café, which includes a shop and a small art display, is worth visiting for the extensive views alone of the reservoir and miles into the Essex countryside. It was a sunny but cool morning and we were able to enjoy walks around the well planned and maintained centre.



On Thursday 16th March a group of us met for an excellent meal and chat at The Izumi restaurant in Maldon where you may eat as much as you like for under £10.00! We must go again!

The cafe at Abberton Reservoir

Dates and details of our next meetings.

Saturday 15th April, 10 am. Colemans Fishery Café, Little Braxted Lane. Witham CM8 3EX.

Saturday 13th May, 10am. Parlour Café, Creeksea Place Farm, Ferry Road, Burnham on Crouch. CM0 8PJ Please contact me if you need a lift.

Pat Smith 01621 856569

EVENTS AND OUTINGS



TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2017

MUSEUM OF EAST ANGLIAN LIFE and ABBOT'S HALL

Located in Stowmarket, Suffolk, this museum specialises in presenting the agricultural history of East Anglia through a mixture of exhibits and living history demonstrations. There are various buildings on the 75 acre site including Edgar's farmhouse, Crowe Street Cottages, the Alton windmill and the Boby building. Included in the visit is a tour of Abbot's Hall, a Queen Anne house, which tells the story of life in the house and the town of Stowmarket

NOTE: As there is no main meeting in April due to Easter please contact me via email (ecawdell62@gmail.com) or telephone (07902 294741) if you would like to go on this trip. Payment must be made at the May meeting (Friday 12th May) or by post to the Social Treasurer (please contact me for address details).
www.eastanglianlife.org.uk

Sign up sheet in the lobby

Cost: £25.00

Wednesday 5th July 2017

WINGFIELD COLLEGE, EYE

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).

<http://www.wingfieldcollege.com>

We will return via Stonham Barns (<http://www.stonhambarns.co.uk>)

There are cafe/bistro facilities here if you want to have lunch plus a delightful shopping village

(<http://bistroatthebarns.co.uk>)

Stonham is also home to the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary. If you wish, you can visit the owls and watch an owl/birds of prey flying display. Entrance: £6.00

<http://www.owl-help.org.uk>

COST: £32.00 per person (based on 30 passengers) to include tour of Wingfield College plus tea/coffee/cake and coach.



COMING SOON:

AUGUST (date/cost tba)

THE PEOPLE'S POST – the history of posting a letter. Visit to the Postal Museum. Ride on the Mail Rail beneath the streets of London.

SEPTEMBER (date/cost tba)

THE HISTORY OF MYSTERY – a trip to the Magic Circle Headquarters

OCTOBER (date/cost tba)

GHOSTS, GALLOWES AND GANGSTERS – haunted London

On the Notice Board

Third Age trust

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

Latest updates from the National Office

Essex Association of U3As - Study Day 2017

Plume School, Maldon, 24th October.

Information and booking forms will be emailed to the U3A Friday June 30th.

Subjects so far include:

3 Art groups – 2 Water Colour, Acrylics	Beading
Computers – 2 different groups	Country Dancing
Crochet, Lace	Exploring Drama
Family History	First Aid
Hand Chimes	History of Trains
Jazz Appreciation	Latin
Maths	Patchwork
Philosophy	Shared Learning Projects
Trees	Ukulele
Wine Tasting	Writing – Non Fiction & Fiction

National Conference and AGM

The Conference and AGM will be held on 29th – 31st August 2017

East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham

We have been set a challenge by our founder to reach the next 1000 U3As, we need to keep our current network strong, and attract the membership for the future. The conference will be an opportunity to bring forward your experiences, as well as talk through some of the daily operational matters that face U3As. We will have some great speakers too.

Other U3A

Maldon and District U3A

Maldon U3A Aviation group is organising the following visits to Shuttleworth and Duxford.

The Shuttleworth Collection Air show on Sunday 7th May is booked and unless advised otherwise the coach will leave Tesco's car park at 9-30 am with a pickup at Danbury. The cost is £36 which includes admission and coach. There are 10 seats left and they are first come basis. Please can I have your cheques within the next 3 weeks? It is advisable to bring a seat for this very enjoyable day.

Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show is on Saturday 23rd of September. This is also booked and the cost including admission and coach is £39-50. I have booked and paid for the coach park.

I do not want your cheques until July (unless you post-date them for July) I am hoping that this coach will leave from WMCC but you will be advised in good time and it will also collect at Danbury enroute.. You will also need chairs for this event. There are 8 seats available for this event,

Brian Johnson Tel 01621 828497

Neasden Temple Trip March 29th.

Those of us lucky enough to visit the Neasden Hindu Temple in north London were in for a very special treat.

On arrival, after passing through airport style security and the removal of shoes plus all surplus hand baggage, staff at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir - to give this amazing complex its full title - welcomed us warmly to the Haveli Prayer Hall.

Here we heard some basic facts about the Hindu faith and, with help of film, the story of how Europe's first traditional Hindu Temple came to be built by, and for, the London faithful in record time, financed purely by donations.

Using dazzling white marble from Italy and limestone from Bulgaria, the tens of thousands of component parts were hand carved in India before being shipped to London and assembled on site, all within two-and-a-half years, in time for the opening in 1995.

After visiting the temple's museum of Hinduism we were invited into the inner sanctum with its colourful gods and goddesses, to witness in silence a short prayer meeting. On leaving we were each offered a blessing.

I think all would agree this visit was a calming and joyous experience.

There was much to talk about over a late lunch at the Arnos Grove Harvester and all the way home on the bus.

Gill Carpenter.



BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Google

Heybridge Projector

The old Heybridge U3A projector is being offered for sale. Anybody interested please contact the Treasurer by the end of May.

Optoma EX532

Displays from the AGM



Petanque



Bird Watching



Art



Patchwork

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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
3 April	3 Petanque 14.00 Italian Conversation 10.00	4	5 Cards & paper 14.30	6 Photography 14.00	7 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	8	9
10 April	10 Patchwork 14.00 Petanque 14.00	11 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	12 French Conversation 10.00 Ukulele 14.00	13 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	14 Good Friday	15 Weekenders 10.00 Colemans Fishery Café	16
17 April	17 Easter Monday	18 Local History 14.00	19 Book Group 14.15	20 Croquet 10.00	21 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00	22	23 Gardening Peacocks 13.00
24 April	24 Italian Conversation 10.00 Petanque 14.00 French Improvers 14.00	25 Scrabble 14.00	26 Creative Writing 14.30	27 Family History 10.00	28 Bird watching 10.00 Painting 14.00 Copy to editor	29	30
1 May	1 Bank Holiday	2	3 Ukulele 14.00 Cards & paper 14.30	4 Photography 14.00 Croquet 10.00	5 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	6	7
8 May	8 Italian Conversation 10.00 Petanque 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	9 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	10 French Conversation 10.00	11 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	12 Monthly Meeting 14.00	13 Weekenders 10.00 Burnham	14
15 May	15 Petanque 14.00	16 Local History 14.00	1 Book Group 14.15	18 Croquet 10.00	19 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00 Gardening Wycke Farm 14.00	20	21
22 May	22 Petanque 14.00 Italian Conversation 10.00 French Improvers 14.00	23 Scrabble 14.00	24 Creative Writing 14.30	25 Family History 10.00	26 Bird watching 10.00 Painting 14.00 Copy to editor	27	28
29 May	29 Bank Holiday	30	31	1 Jun Croquet 10.00 Photography 14.00	2 Painting 14.00 Committee Meeting 10.00	3	4