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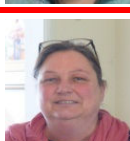
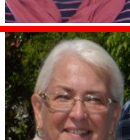
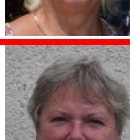
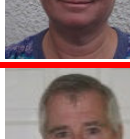
April Weekday Lunch

May Weekenders

June Yoga

Please provide 3 people to serve refreshments

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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

From the Chair

As your newly elected chairman, I would like to thank you all for your very warm welcome received at the AGM, and the unanimous vote in my favour.

I will now be on a very steep learning curve, only having joined the U3A in October last, and will work hard to keep up the good work already done by Jenny and the excellent committee I have inherited.

As in past years, we had an increased attendance for the AGM on March 8th. Could it have something to do with this being the 10th Anniversary of our U3A? A cake had been made for us by Alan Shipman, a very new member, but not so much a cake, rather a true work of art - it was a real shame to have to cut it, but a real pleasure to eat it!

After the formalities of the AGM were concluded, we were able to partake of a range of sandwiches prepared for us by Hilary, Jan, Lesley Woonton & Margaret Hadley, for which we thank them wholeheartedly. The cake was cut and distributed to all, and then we all had the opportunity to look at the varied range of activity displays put on by the groups. So a big thank you must go to the cogs, group leaders and their members for this wonderful insight into their various activities.

I would like to thank everyone involved, including the hall staff, who contributed to making it a successful AGM and a memorable occasion.

Norman Cumming

Secretary

Annual General Meeting and Committee Nominations 2019

These are the results of the elections to the committee at the AGM held on the 8th March 2019 at 2.00 pm in the Plantation Hall:

Chairman - Norman Cumming, proposed by Gloria Bomford, seconded by Geoff Hadley, was elected

Treasurer - Jill McGregor, proposed by Jan Brown, seconded by Philippa Moody, was elected

Events Secretary - Liz Cawdell, proposed by Hilary Furniaux, seconded by Jill McGregor, was elected.

Vice-Chairman - No nominations were received for this position which remains vacant.

Linda Etherton secretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

From the Editor

The design of the Heybridge U3A News Sheet, and the reports that it contains, is a full-page layout of 16 pages in a large font. 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. Please send reports for the May news sheet by the 26th April.

Geoff Hadley editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

From the Membership Secretary

It's Membership Renewal Time!

If you have not yet renewed your membership please print off a form (one was attached to both February and March Newsletters) or collect one from me at the monthly meeting. If you would like me to post one to you, send me a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Complete one form per person, put it and payment (cheques payable to Heybridge U3A) into an envelope with your name on the front, and either give it to me at a monthly meeting or post it to me at the address on the form. Our membership year ended on 31st March so please ensure you have renewed your membership or you will not be able to continue to attend meetings and interest groups. Membership cards should be available for collection at the next monthly meeting and you should show this to the CoG of each interest group you attend. Please note, if you would like your card to be posted to you, please also enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

The membership fee remains at £18. However if you are already a full member of another U3A you will qualify for Dual Membership which costs £13. I will need to see your membership card for the other group, but if you cannot get to a monthly meeting please email me a photo of the card.

If you know that you will not be renewing your membership it would be very helpful if you could let me know as soon as possible as this will save me reminding you.

Philippa Moody membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Interest Groups Coordinator

I would like to say a big thank-you to everyone who took the time to set up the tables with the displays at our AGM in March. Thank-you also to all those of you who allowed your work to be exhibited. We certainly have some amazing talent among us! We used the Claydon Room this year for our displays this year and it was a great success.

Hilary Furniaux groupsco-ordinator@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Monthly Meeting Speaker Programme for April to May 2019

Fri April 12 th	Life on the Road Part 2	Peter Regelous
Fri May 10 th	Willow in the Landscape	Deborah Hart
Fri June 14 th	Essex Search & Rescue	t.b.a

I always welcome your comments, if you enjoyed a speaker, or not. Feel free to speak to me at our monthly meeting or send an email to the address below. It helps me to plan future meetings. Please let me know of any talks you may have heard and think others would find interesting

Jan Brown speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Report On Heybridge U3a 10th Anniversary

What a great time we had at our March meeting which marked ten years since the establishment of Heybridge U3A. After the formalities of the AGM (which reflected how healthy and vibrant our group is), we partied!

Our new member Alan Shipman had made us a special cake which he had decorated with pictures reflecting the wide variety of interest groups we have. He, our outgoing Chairman Jenny Parker and our new Chairman Norman Cumming cut the cake together, and we all enjoyed eating it along with other afternoon tea items.

Our annual display of group activities took place in the Claydon Room which gave us plenty of space to see what we are all up to and provoked much discussion, interest and fun.

Here's looking forward to the next ten Years!

Philippa



Groups in Icing



Anniversary Cake



Cutting the Cake



Group Display Area

GROUP REPORTS

Art Group

WHERE does an artist's inspiration come from?

For many it comes from family photographs, from holiday snaps, from the flowers and foliage in the garden or the contents of the vegetable box. My most recent muse was a trip to Antarctica shortly before Christmas. The holiday snaps weren't terribly inspiring, being mostly of me and my travelling companion unrecognisably muffled up in our Artic gear against various backdrops of snow and icebergs, plus a lot of penguins and seals. So I went back to my long-neglected collection of travel books and found a tome charting the history of Antarctic exploration and featuring lots of original photographs of the polar pioneers of the early 20th century, including the Scott, Amundsen and Shackleton expeditions. My goodness, those photographers could take a good picture! Some of those images, including that of Shackleton's ship being crushed by the ice, have become legendary. Given that our ship, its passengers and crew suffered no such fate and all made it safely home, my holiday snaps looked pretty dull by comparison. But I've had a lot of fun in recent weeks "borrowing" from those wonderful historic pictures using pen, ink, paint and memory, to create my own interpretation of Antarctica. My point is that wherever we go, whatever we do, anything we see or experience could prove an inspiration for future works of art.

Gill Carpenter.

For information about this group contact Tina Martin

Bird Watching Group

This month we went to Fingringhoe Wick and walked out to Margaret's Hide, looking across the new scrapes to where the sea wall has been breached in two places. There were plenty of birds out on the mud. We saw many Curlews, Godwits and Redshanks. Also out there were Shell Duck, Shovellers, Heron, Teal and many Brent Geese. As the tide came in the water drove the birds closer to the hide.



Brent Geese

Jill



Curlew on the Colne

Jill

In April we are arranging an evening trip to Fingringhoe on 25th to go on a Nightingale Walk. Fingringhoe has the largest number of Nightingales of any reserve in Essex and their song is something to be remembered.

If you are interested please contact Maureen Lenoir at symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk to book a place on the trip."

If you would like to join us or even read the full list of sightings contact Maureen Lenoir

Cards and Paper Crafts

Our gathering this month found us finished projects for the AGM display. This included a Birthday card which had to be posted on the way home from the meeting in order to arrive in time! Between us we ended up with a great selection of mostly cards for our display.

Linda Lesley Woonton

Creative Writing Group

Another enjoyable afternoon was spent at Angela's home listening to various short stories entitled either 'The Room at the Top' or 'The Builder'.

We heard about handsome Buddie, the rescue greyhound who had found himself a loving home after knowing nothing other than a kennel. Although he had his bed down stairs, there was so much to explore...he soon discovered the stairs that lead to bedrooms, and his loving owner who was awoken by a wet nose on her pillow. Buddie then explored the staircase that lead to the room at the top. But how was he to get down stairs again? No matter how many treats were put on the stair treads to encourage him down, he simply froze. He was eventually carried down and he hasn't been allowed up there again since.

A win on the lottery and a change in lifestyle was our next short story. The winnings bought a luxury penthouse apartment overlooking the Thames, many rooms at the top, and more space than they could have ever imagined. But the old familiar life and friends were missed. The manager at the factory where they had previously worked was retiring and he had expected to hand over to them when he left. Fortunately they were able to buy the factory and the business, work again with their friends, and still live in their many luxurious rooms at the top.

Homes under the Hammer and DIY SOS were shows a member enjoyed and over the years her husband had been tasked with many a DIY project. Her interest in buildings was the inspiration for another short story ...after recently reading a book about all that is involved in a new build housing project and a novel where the architect and the engineer fell in love. There was a happy ending after a disaster mid-way through the project.

A short chapter four of a children's story about Tom and the Doodles. It was Tom's birthday and his parents were arranging a party, but Tom thought parties were for girls, so he took some friend's on a picnic instead, and they all agreed it was the best party ever. A friend of the family had a miniature railway track in their garden and it gave Tom's dad the idea of building one in their attic. Their room at the top and Tom was delighted.

The magic of believing, part 2. Friends returning to school after the Christmas break. Miss Western, their teacher was a witch who lived in a cottage in the woods with her two cats, a tortoiseshell called Mitzy the Great and another named Bob. A new girl had joined the class, who became invisible to everyone except Mitzy and Bob, and she enjoyed switching on the music on the teachers desk and dancing to it until the magic wore off and the teacher could see her.

Then we heard a mystical make believe story about a droid, groller bears and an only child often left to her own devices, who wore a tracker so her parents knew where she roamed. She had an optical implant fitted and could see things others couldn't. She often watched insects for hours, visited a deserted building with a tower and settlements. Hares were her favourite animal, she was always trying to rescue wild animals, and she carried many items in her back pack.

Our final story was about a new room built at the top of the house, where the owner enjoyed spending time sewing, reading and listening to music. From the room she had a panoramic view of her garden and the countryside beyond. In her garden were many pots and animal ornaments that were her little granddaughter's imaginary friends. After a busy day she had closed her eyes and had a dream where the ornaments in her garden came to life. Nilly the gnome, who sat by the pond, was laughing and chatting to Daphne the duck, Freddie the frog was hopping around and the three tortoises were having a race.

Next month's title is either 'The Great Unknown or 'Colour', and Angela has asked that future meetings start at 2.30pm (rather than at 2pm).

For information about the group, please contact Angela Pleasance.

Croquet Group

I heard from The Maldon Croquet Club today letting me know that they will hopefully be starting play in Mid-April, subject to weather. This means we can start our season on Thursday 18th April, and continue through as usual on the first and third Thursday of each summer month. It does not seem that long ago we hung up our mallets for the Winter!

We will still be playing at Forresters Golf Club and play starts at 10am (please arrive 10mins.before to organise mallets etc).The fee is still £5 per session. For safety's sake, please wear enclosed foot wear (no sandals) as the balls and mallets are solid wood and toes are vulnerable!

The dates for this year are: Apl.18th; May 2nd & 16th; June 6th & 20th; Jly.4th & 18th; Aug.1st & 15th; Sept.5th & 19th; Oct.3rd & 17th. If anyone has decided not to play this season please let me know as we may have to start a waiting list.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 18th.Anne Newson:

Discussion Coffee Morning Group

We met on 15th March at Marilyn Corbett's house. We enjoyed tasty refreshments and interesting conversation, with plenty of humour along the way!

Our next get together will be at Lesley Pomphrett's house on Friday 19th April (Good Friday) at 11am.

Margaret Brown

Family History Group

Eight of us met this month to enjoy/swap a mixture of information and ideas.

Linda Wyman related a disastrous trip to the City of London Cemetery (the resting place of two Jack the Ripper victims). Unconnected of course!!!

The frustrations were mainly due to travelling disruptions (it was a Sunday) and no suitable eateries 'en route', but she did get to see the approximate area of where the grave might be, and to photograph the home where they once lived - so not all futile.

Linda's next visit is planned for a weekday, when the offices to the cemetery will be open and she can view a detailed plan of the grave sections.

Pat Smith traced an ancestor's burial place to St Martin-in-The-Field; the church is adjacent to Trafalgar square. In 1859 more space was required so the crypt was 'cleared out' and the coffins re-interred, but there doesn't appear to be any official documentation of where they were re-interred. The crypt is now a café!! Spooky dining companions!

Dorothy is still struggling with James Frederick Page who is recorded as a widower when he married in 1842, but wife No: 1 is being extremely elusive. The question is did she produce any children? If so it would add another branch to the tree.

At the AGM, Liz Cawdell displayed her extraordinary family tree, which goes back to the 16th century. Unfortunately, it was left in her car boot, until (as Liz put it) she noticed a distinct alcoholic aroma. A tiny hole in a box of wine had been steadily leaking and the whole tree was destroyed. I was surprised Liz seemed extremely calm about the episode, considering she now has to re-enter an inordinate amount of data etc.....could take some time.

Myself, I needed help/suggestions with which genealogical computer program to purchase. All the constructive help offered was very much appreciated.

See you all April 25th. Jean Rogers

French Group

In March it was Christine's turn to plan an activity for the group. Working in pairs, we were given a sheet listing French words / expressions which had to be matched to a separate list containing their English equivalents. The topic she had chosen was illness and emergencies, and it was a very good exercise to improve our vocabulary.



For homework, she gave us a sheet containing a dialogue between a doctor and patient, but 15 words were missing. Our task was to choose from a list of 15 French words supplied the correct one to fill each gap. It was quite a challenge – bravo, Christine!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th April at 10 am in the Claydon Room.

Jenny Parker

Local History Group

John Rayment from the Thames Barge Sailing Trust was our speaker for March, talking about 'Maldon Barges'. We were the first group to hear this talk and John had done a lot of research in preparation, sourcing some interesting documents and pictures. Of course, Maldon is a centre for sailing barges and it was fascinating to hear about this wonderful heritage through stories of 'barge people' and barges that have been connected with Maldon, some of which we still see on the river today.



An old photo of a Thames Barge

We will have our first trip out for this year in April. For those who could not join us for our visit last year, WH Collier Brickworks at Marks Tey will be having a guided tour of this very specialist brick-maker's site. The rest of us will be visiting one of the gems of Essex, the Postal Museum in Halstead. Fingers crossed for a fine spring day.

Carol Greenhalgh

Music Appreciation Group

We celebrated the first year of the Group by starting with *The Anniversary Waltz* which most of us had assumed was by Strauss, but in fact is by a Romanian called Ion Ivanovici. We then sampled a piano composition by Leonard Bernstein called *Five Anniversaries* which were written for various of his friends. However we did not find this very attractive so we did not linger long!

The rest of the afternoon was spent revisiting some favourite works which we had heard over the year but we also added a few new works including a trumpet and piano work by Glazunov called *Albumblatt*, a lovely soprano aria from the opera *Lakmé* by Delibes, *Air des Clochettes*, a Galliard by John Dowland for recorder ensemble and the first movement of Khatchaturian's *Piano Concerto*. So, as usual, it was a varied programme. We decided that next month we will explore works, performers and composers which begin with the letter A. Should be interesting.....!

Philippa Moody

Needlecraft

Most of us remembered that we were meeting at Angela's house this month! We met Angela's new dog who was beautiful! Plenty of conversation about dogs ensured a lively afternoon. I managed to flip my embroidery needle over my shoulder on to the floor and then couldn't find it. After 3 of us scraping around the floor failed to find the illusive item Angela saved the day with a magnetic wand! Next month we are meeting at my house as usual.

Hilary Furniaux

Painting 2

Owing to a variety of reasons our March meeting numbers were a little depleted, however we were happy that we had produced an excellent display of pictures at the AGM in the Claydon Room. Considering that we had only been meeting for about a year, we had received some encouraging comments from the U3A members which means that we have established our group with flying colours. Our next meeting will be on April 8th, the Monday before the main meeting this month so we hope that you will all be there. It will also be time to collect your contribution toward the hire of the room. I have all your pictures to return to you and will bring them to the April meeting. We have one vacancy for this group at present so anyone thinking of joining us please talk to the coordinator.

Barbara Barbrook

Patchwork Group

The patchwork group will be meeting on 8th April and 13th May at 2pm in Linton Room W.M.C.C. For more information please contact Anne Thorpe.

Petanque Group

Well the last game of our Winter Petanque Season has been played....good turn out as usual. 10 of us played despite rather a chilly wind and good close games were enjoyed. Most of us ended up at the "Sand pit Cafe" for Hot Chocolates/Coffee, and we needed them, it got very cold towards the end of play.

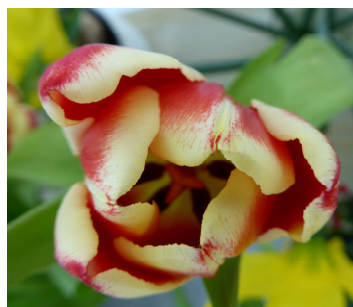
As you all know, we start our Summer Season on Monday April 1st....no fools allowed! Starting time will now be at 2 O'clock, through until October, but as usual, please arrive if possible a few minutes before to sort out the games. Many thanks to all you Hardy Players, who have braved the elements, and turned up to play this Winter, it has been great fun, and good games were had by all. Thank you so much for all the help you have given me, in either taking my place, when I could not come, or raking the Terrain and sorting the cards! We are a happy group, and always seem to have a laugh, whatever the weather...

Looking forward to warmer days, and ice creams.....

Dian

Photography Group

We met at our usual venue to view and discuss the three photos that our members had submitted for the "Close up / Macro "assignment".



This was followed by watching a YouTube video explaining 'Depth of Field' which was then followed by a video by Steve Hedges about photographing Kingfishers. I showed the group some photos of Kingfishers that I had taken at Little Baddow

If you are interested in photography or want to understand more about your camera or cameraphone, you are welcome to come along and join us. We meet in the West Maldon Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm.

Norman Grove

Reading and Books Group

We had a long and lively discussion about "The Road" by Cormac McCarthy, a challenging and often harrowing story about the end of the world. It is a well written book with plenty of food for thought!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 17th April at 2pm in Maldon at Margaret's home, when we will be discussing "Camino Island" which is a thriller by John Grisham.

If you are interested in joining the group, please email or telephone Margaret Hurst

Scrabble Group

A small company of Scrabblers met at Angela's and were introduced to her rescue dog Buddy, who made friends with us all and periodically gently checked on our progress. Our games were played with good humour and in the break we had what could be loosely described as a linguistic discussion. Who knew there were four ways that 'almond' could be pronounced? The almond fingers that accompanied our tea were quite delicious! We then discussed regional variations of the name for soft, white, flattish bread rolls, that could be called baps in the south or barmes in the north, and no doubt other names in different regions.. (Barm is also another name for yeast) Learn, laugh and live with U3A!

If you would like to joins us the next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd April, again at Angela's

My contact details are on the list of CoGs.

Linda Etherton

Technical Computing Group

We had another successful meeting on the 14th, where, amongst other things, we discussed the problems some people are experiencing with the latest Windows 10 most recent update called '1809'. It was spoken about people losing data, or Windows 10 failing to re-start. The moral of this is to make sure you do a complete 'backup' before attempting to install updates, as it is possible some of the software you may lose came with your computer, and backup disks were not provided. You may be able to find on your hard drive a second partition called 'Recovery' or something similar, if the worst happens, follow the prompts, and try to re-install Windows 10, but unless you did a backup you will not be able to recover your files, which may include photographs etc. A backup can be done to a large memory key at least 32 Meg, of an external hard drive which can be bought from any good computer shop.

I would like to thank Pat & Ian Newman for their kind hospitality

Our next meeting will be April 11th

Anyone with a basic understanding of computers is welcome to come to one of our meetings. Please contact me in the first instance.

Colin Mason (Cog email colin.mason@yahoo.com)

Ten Pin Bowling

It was lovely to see such a crowd arriving for our game on 12th March. Thirteen players with one cheer leader (Hilary)! We welcomed Peter Wells as a new member, confusing for me now with two Peters in the group!

We separated into three lanes and played three games. The highest scorer was Graham with 157 in his opening game. Chris had the highest ladies score of 122 in her third game.

No major excitement after last month's sensational game but a lot of fun and chat afterwards over tea and biscuits.

Next meeting is at Madison Heights on Tuesday 9th April at the usual time of 1.45 for 2pm start.

Lynne Morrison

Ukulele Group UKE3A

EVERY meeting of Uke3A is exciting these days because we are never a hundred per cent sure who is going to turn up. Often we welcome a guest member keen to try their hand at the ukulele. Some find it too difficult; some find they have too little time for that most essential element of learning any musical instrument - practising at home. Most of our members have been playing together now for several years and can launch into any one of the 40 or more songs and carols we've learned and performed in that time. Sometimes, when a new face appears, our hostess Barbara, will kindly offer to provide a little extra tuition between meetings. Then, when we do all get together, those lucky people have learned sufficient chords to join in with the accompaniment to some of our songs. That's what Uke3A, much like the rest of U3A, is all about: caring, sharing and lending a helping hand when required. So thank you, Barbara!

Gill Carpenter.

Walking Group

Starting from Hatfield Peverel Church, 15 walkers set off across fields and along the Ter River on this circular walk. It was a bit muddy underfoot but not enough to deter our intrepid group.

The next scheduled walk will be on Thursday April 11th at 2pm. Further details will be sent out to the group about 14 days beforehand. The walks all take place on the second Thursday of the month so the May walk will be on the 9th.

If you would like to join us, please contact Linda , see the last page of the newsletter for details.

Linda Wells.

Weekday Lunch Group

This month we went to Henri's steakhouse and carvery at Madison Heights, Maldon.

Some of us were disappointed that on Mondays and Tuesdays lunchtime that the carvery is not open, but in fact the menu and the food were very good so we all enjoyed our lunch. We had a good chat about our future venues and decided on our next one being 'The Anchor' pub at Runsell Green on the way to Danbury. Our numbers were a little down because of holidays and illness.

Jean Perrott.

Weekenders Group

Once again the upper room at the Osea View Café was an excellent place for Weekenders to meet on a Saturday in March. Eighteen, including two guests, enjoyed the view, the coffee, tea and chat. We hope to welcome Paddi and Julia again!

Following a discussion about our meeting dates, a change was agreed upon. We plan, from June onwards, to meet on the second Saturday after the main U3A meeting instead of the first. That is – Saturday 22nd June and Saturday 20th July. The two dates below remain unchanged.

Dates and details of our next meetings.

Saturday 13th April – We meet at the Strawberry Tea Room, Olivers Nurseries, Maldon Road, Witham CM9 3HY at 10.00.

Saturday 11th May – Our 10.00 meeting will be at The Tiptree Tearooms, Factory Hill, Tiptree. CO5 0RF.

Please contact me if any problems

Pat Smith

Yoga Group

We celebrated our 1st Birthday on 20th March and enjoyed tea and iced cake. Our session ended on 3rd April, which will give us a long break until 5th June when we begin again.

I hope Yoga students will resolve to do a short daily session so that the benefits we have built into our bodies over the past year are not lost.

Gloria Bomford COG YOGA



‘INVITATION TO VIEW’ EARSHAM HALL

Bungay, Suffolk

Wednesday 22nd May £35.00 (including refreshments at Earsham Hall)

Earsham Hall is one of the finest country mansion houses in Norfolk. It has a rich and varied history dating back in part to the 15th Century.

From 1948 until 1973 the Hall was let as a Boarding and Day school and has been in the hands of the present owners, the Dereham family, since 1976.

After the tour, we will head off for our usual lunch at a local hostelry! (Not included)

SUFFOLK PUNCH TRUST and SNAPE MALTINGS

Monday 1st July

(Cost t.b.a but approx. £25)

The Suffolk Punch horse is the oldest English breed of working horse. The Suffolk Punch Trust was founded to help protect the critically endangered Suffolk horse through its established breeding programme, raising public awareness and training a new generation of professionals to work with these iconic heavy horses.



After our tour, we will go on to **Snape Maltings**, an arts complex on the banks of the River Alde at Snape, Suffolk, England. It is best known for its concert hall, which is one of the main sites of the annual Aldeburgh Festival.

The original purpose of the Maltings was the malting of barley for the brewing of beer; local barley, once malted, was sent from here to London and exported to mainland Europe. Today a collection of shops, galleries, restaurants and the Concert Hall fill the old buildings.

TO COME:

Monday 7th October – HIGHGATE CEMETERY

Thursday 7th November – FREEMASONS HALL, LONDON

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

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Apr	1 Petanque 14.00 Cards & paper 14.00	2 Weekday Lunch 12.30	3 Ukulele 14.00 Yoga 14.00	4 Photography 14.00 Anne of Cleves trip	5 Painting 14.00 Committee Meeting 10.00	6	7
8 Apr	8 Petanque 14.00 Painting 2 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	9 Ten pin 14.00	10 French Conversation 10.00	11 Technical Computing Walking 14.00	12 Monthly Meeting 14.00	13 Weekenders Strawberry Tea Room 10.00	14
15 Apr	15 Petanque 14.00 Needlecraft 14.00	16 Local History	17 Reading & Books 14.00 Music 14.00	18 Croquet 10.00	19 Good Friday Coffee Morning 11.00	20	21 Easter Sunday
22 Apr	22 Easter Monday	23 Scrabble 14.00	24 Creative Writing 14.30	25 Family History 10.00 Bird watching Fringringhoe	26 Painting 14.00 Copy to Editor	27	28
29 Apr	29 Petanque 14.00	30	1 May Ukulele 14.00	2 Photography 14.00 Croquet 10.00	3 Painting 14.00 Committee Meeting 10.00	4	5
6 May	6 Petanque 14.00 Cards & paper 14.00	7 Weekday Lunch 12.30	8 French Conversation 10.00	9 Technical Computing Walking 14.00	10 Monthly Meeting 14.00	11 Weekenders Tiptree tearooms 10.00	12
13 May	13 Petanque 14.00 Painting 2 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	14 Ten pin 14.00	15 Reading & Books 14.00 Music 14.00	16 Croquet 10.00	17 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	18	19
20 May	20 Petanque 14.00 Needlecraft 14.00	21 Local History	22 Creative Writing 14.30 Events Outing Earsham Hall	23 Family History 10.00	24 Painting 14.00 Bird watching 10.00	25	26
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