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#### NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

#### From the Chair

recently attended a one day Workshop entitled 'Keeping it Legal' organised by the Third Age Trust. As well as equal opportunities and safeguarding, it covered what U3As need to do in order to comply with the new **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** which come into effect later this month. Amongst other things, these require us to:

- process the information you supply lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner
- use it solely for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes
- ensure the data collected is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary
- ensure the data is accurate, kept up-to-date and not kept longer than is necessary
- ensure the data is processed in accordance with your individual rights and in a manner which ensures appropriate security of the data
- obtain your consent to obtain, retain and use the personal information you supply.

The Enrolment Form has recently been amended and now asks members to give the committee permission to use the data they supply for the following membership purposes:

- To store it securely for membership purposes
- To communicate with you as a U3A member
- To share with group leaders for those groups that you are a member of
- and, unless you request to unsubscribe, to send your address to the Third Age Trust for you to receive the magazine 'Third Age Matters'.

Existing members who recently joined or renewed their membership will have completed the old enrolment form, which did not contain the above statement.

### We are therefore asking you to please complete a Privacy Statement, giving us permission to use the information you supplied for the purposes listed.

An electronic version is attached and paper copies will be available at the monthly meeting. Completed forms should be returned to the Membership Secretary.

This Privacy Statement does not allow us to divulge your information to other members.

However. some interest groups find it useful to share personal contact details e.g. email address, phone no, home address.

In such cases, the CoG will ask you to sign a separate privacy statement, indicating which of these, if any, you consent to share within the group..

Thank you all for your co-operation.

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 but in a larger 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 May and June.

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

A number of last year's members have moved away, or are not well, so our enrolled numbers are currently a little under those at the end of last year. However it is possible some may yet decide to rejoin - if you know anyone who has not yet renewed their membership, please encourage them to do so.

Fortunately recently we have welcomed eleven new members so please make them feel welcome and part of our friendly groups. Analysis of the way they heard about us shows that nearly everyone joined because of a friend who is already a member so clearly you are our best ambassadors!

As the Chairman has said, we have amended our membership form in the light of new regulations and we are asking existing members to complete the Privacy Statement sent out with this newsletter and return it to me at a meeting or by post.

Many thanks

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

#### **Interest Groups Coordinator**

ast month I put forward the idea of a few new groups. To date there has been interest in Sewing, Small Projects, Crochet, Embroidery and Knitting. I have decided to combine Crochet, Knitting & Embroidery into 1 group as there are 5 of us and all of these can be done together. I am still in the process of sorting out which day each month the group will meet but it should be up and running very soon. Only 2 people, including me, expressed interest in the Sewing Group so we will be joining the Dressmaking Group which we may have to rename. There was no interest at all in the Marquetry Group.

I have received a suggestion for a new group called "Be in the Audience of a Show". This would entail travelling to London to be part of the audience of a television show.

I have also received a suggestion for a new group called the Lunch Group. This would be meeting one weekday to have lunch together and chat rather like the Weekenders Group.

I will have a sheet out in the foyer for those who wish to put their names downs for either of these groups.

If any Member would like to join one of the groups mentioned above or has an idea for a new Group please either speak to me after the meeting or contact me using the details below.

Hilary Furniaux Groups Co-Ordinator@heybridgeu3aorg.uk

#### Monthly Meeting Speaker Programme for May to June 2018

Fri May 11<sup>th</sup> David Vroobel The magic and beauty of precious stones. David will answer questions and give free jewellery valuations after his talk.

Fri June 8<sup>th</sup> Spencer Christy Lauriston Farm, Goldhanger. An organic,

community benefit farm..

Fri July 14<sup>th</sup> John Hayes Blackwater U3A Songs for Summer

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 E-Mail speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

#### GROUP REPORTS

#### **Art Group**

Several of our members seem to be away on cruises as I write this. I hope they are seeking, and finding, inspiration for their next masterpieces while on their foreign travels! Those of us left behind are working as diligently as ever and I have spotted some very original subject matter while stretching my legs at the end of recent sessions. Circumnavigating the Claydon Room towards the end of each session is a habit most of us indulge in - not just to revive numb legs after a couple of hours of sitting still, but to explore, admire, and perhaps be inspired by what our fellow painters have been getting up to. Our art group has a permanent waiting list of would-be members, so to remedy this Barbara is currently working on the possible launch of a new Monday afternoon group. If you are interested in joining please speak to Barbara on 01621 855605..

Gill Carpenter.

Barbara has started Painting 2 which takes place on the 2nd Monday of the month, see her report. For information about the group contact, Tina Martin 01621 858646

#### **Bird Watching Group**

riday 27<sup>th</sup> April turned out cold wet and windy. Not ideal bird watching weather. So our CoG came up with the suggestion that we skip the long walk to the hide and went for a coffee instead. We met in the Tea Rooms at Heybridge Basin and watched rain and birds from there. I was asked by the CoG if I had some photos from my latest trip I could show the group. This I did but I had been whale watching not bird watching. Here are a couple of pictures I showed them.



Patting a baby grey whale Jill

Mother takes baby visiting Jill

The group has a visit planned to Fingringhoe to listen to the nightingales on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. This too is weather dependant and it is raining hard as I write!

For more information, please contact Maureen Lenoir on 01621 869871

#### **Cards and Paper Crafts**

We have had problems getting together because of bank holidays as we meet on a Monday. Our next changed date is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May then Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

We are all trying new ideas and see how we all get on.

Thank you. Lesley Linda Please contact Lesley for details. 01621 858135

#### **Creative Writing Group**

We welcomed Patrick Forsyth as a guest this month. Patrick, a successful author and member of Maldon U3A, started writing business manuals at the request of his boss. His daughter prompted him to write a travel book and a few years ago he took up the challenge of writing a novel. 'Long Overdue' was set partly in Maldon and following that a second novel, 'Loose Ends' has just been published. He is a member of several writing groups, has had many non-fiction books published and writes regularly for magazines.

After we had heard our 50 word pieces (which had been a challenge for some of us) Patrick talked to us about his experiences as a writer. It was a fascinating insight into the world of writing for profit as well as pleasure. As a result we chose 'Inspiration' as the subject for our next assignment.

The next meeting will be at Barbara's house at 2:30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Angela Pleasance 01621 850310

#### **Croquet Group**

Infortunately, the Croquet Group were unable to start the season, as planned! The lawns had been so wet the groundsman was not able to cut the grass and mark the lawns in time for our first game of the season. Hopefully with the drier weather all will be well to start in May, let's hope so.

Anne Newson: 01621 858807

#### **Discussion Coffee Morning Group**

We met on 20<sup>th</sup> April at my house; I hope the refreshments were enjoyed by all.

We had an interesting morning of discussion and before we knew it two hours had flown by.

Our next meeting will be at 11am on Friday 18th May at Linda Etherton's house.

Margaret Brown 01621 854885

#### **Family History Group**

A smaller meeting than usual but still lots of interesting discussion.

<u>One step nearer the grave</u>: Linda has been contacted by an Administrator in Cape Verde who has promised to find the grave of her sailor ancestor who was shipped ashore to die of TB. She

has also visited the newly-launched British Model Flying Association Museum at Melton Mowbray and donated history of her inventor ancestor.

A sad letter has come to light from WW1 prisoner: Pat was sent a copy of a loving letter written by her ancestor from the German Camp to his wife and new baby.

<u>A small Bible was rescued from Southend rubbish tip</u>: Research by Jean revealed it had belonged to M. Byford and was a bequest from the will of George Williams, founder of the YMCA.

<u>Foundries in London</u> are being researched by Dot whose ancestors for several generations worked in iron and metal foundries. Liz is stepping down as CoG of this group and Jean Rogers has kindly volunteered to take over this role.

Our next meeting is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00 a.m. in the Claydon Room, Plantation Hall, Heybridge.

Liz Cawdell 07902294741



#### **FRENCH CONVERSATION**



We were pleased to welcome a new member in April, when we read and discussed an article from a French magazine entitled < Quelques conseils pour garder la forme après 60 ans> (Advice for keeping fit after 60).

Things you should do are bien manger (eat well); bougez (keep moving); détendez-vous (relax); soyez curieux de tout (take an interest in everything); voyagez (travel) and stimulez votre mémoire (no translation needed!) Finally, you should

apprendre une nouvelle discipline (learn something new) and se perfectionner sur les sujets que l'on aime (become more proficient in subjects you like) – and where better to do it than at les universités de troisième âge (U3As)?

Did you know that the U3A movement originated in France?

Notre prochaine rencontre sera mercredi les 9 mais à 10h chez Pat Newman

#### **FRENCH IMPROVERS**

We were a select group of four who met at George's house in April, which gave us plenty of opportunity to chat. We also read an article entitled 'Quand faut-il se laver les mains?' (When should you wash your hands?), from which we learnt that mobile phone screens can be 10 times dirtier a toilet seat! According to an expert, this because the more a surface is touched, the dirtier it becomes. Things touched by a number of people, such as the flush lever in public toilets, or the keyboard of a shared computer, are even more contaminated. The solution? Wash your hands thoroughly with soap for at least 30 seconds or, even better, use a liquid gel or wet wipe.

Il n'y a pas de réunion en mai parce que le 28 est un jour ferié.

La prochaine rencontre sera lundi le 25 juin

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

#### **Gardens Group**

had a really beautiful afternoon for our visit to Ulting Wick, and the garden looked lovely.



Beautiful displays Linda and Pat.

Our next outing is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm to Ardleigh Gardens, near Colchester. There will be two gardens to visit.

Please have a look at the Yellow Book for details.

If you would like to come for the first time, you will be very welcome

Pat Yates. 01621 892866

#### **Local History Group**

Prue Jones was our guide for our Chelmsford history walk. We started off in the cathedral. It became a cathedral in 1914 and is the second smallest in the country. The cathedral originates from the church of St Mary which dates from the 11C. We saw the magnificent ceilings and several very interesting monuments and banners and learnt about Coade stone, an artificial stone with which some of the pillars were rebuilt after a collapse. A copy of a map by John Walker, dating from 1591, gave us an idea of how the centre of Chelmsford looked at that time and we sought out some of the blue plaques and notable places in the area. We finished our walk at Springfield basin where the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation terminates, where you could imagine how it would have looked in the bustle of its heyday.



Chelmsford Cathedral

Jenny Parker

Shire Hall

Jenny Parker

We will be going to Colchester in May, to visit the Roman Circus Centre, where we'll also have lunch, and to the nearby St. John's Abbey Gatehouse

Please contact Carol for more information. Carol Greenhaldh 07585593028

#### **Music Appreciation Group**

In April we travelled from the sublime (Aria from The Goldberg Variations by Bach, played by Daniel Barenboim) ....... to the ridiculous (Rossini's Cat Duet, sung very seriously to the word 'Miaow' by Kiri Te Kanawa and Norma Burrows). Our aim is to hear a wide range of music and I think we succeeded!

Along the way we enjoyed music by some famous names such as Engelbert Humperdinck (the composer not the singer), Britten, Brahms, Vivaldi and Vaughan Williams, but we also heard some less well known pieces by Joseph Suk (who was Dvorak's son-in -law), Florence Price (the first African American woman to be recognised as a symphonic composer) and Lefebure-Wely, a French organist whom we feared might be very solemn but whose music entertained us greatly with a jolly 'Sortie in E b ' which frankly would not seem out of place on a fairground organ!

We treated ourselves to some popular tracks such as 'Soul Limbo' by Booker T and friends, 'Kalinka' by the Red Army Choir, 'Yellow' by Coldplay and we heard an interesting piece called 'The City and the Stars' by a Bristol based group called Spiro. One of our members recommended 'Skyfall' performed by a violinist called Caroline Campbell whose concert dress was a skin tight catsuit which certainly made a change from the normal black suits and gowns.

We usually listen to music via YouTube so we have video to watch and we restrict our choices to fairly short pieces so that we can hear a wide range. We welcome music suggestions and recommendations from all participants.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month and have room for one or two more if anyone would like to join us. Philippa Moody 01245 381379

#### Painting 2

We now have enough people to continue with the group which has started under the title Painting 2 Group. Our first meeting was very enjoyable as we were all established painters, but at our next meeting we will have two people who are starting afresh and we should be able to help them produce a picture which will be very satisfying. This is in the U3A tradition of helping people to learn a new activity or perhaps revise one learned years ago.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Claydon Room at 2pm.

Barbara Barbrook 01621 855605

#### **Patchwork Group**

We drew the raffle for our quilt at the main U3A meeting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. April. It has been received by a delighted recipient (not from our U3A I am sorry to say). A cheque for £407 was donated to Farleigh Hospice and I have received a thank you letter from their Community Fund raiser.

Dear Mrs. Thorpe

Thank you for your generous donation of £407 raised from the Heybridge Patchwork Group raffle. I am sure your friend that we supported would have been proud of such a beautiful quilt. Please do pass on our sincerest thanks to all that helped make it and to those who bought raffle tickets.

Our next Patchwork meetings will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

For more information contact Anne Thorpe 01621 850828.

#### **Petanque Group**

Well the Summer Season has started for us Petanque players, play starting at 2 pm. We have had excellent attendances, and good games, averaging 12/14 players at each session. My grateful thanks to Chris and Roger Norris, who have kindly stood in for me for the past few Mondays, I was unfortunately coping with an annoying Virus, thankfully well on the way out now.

Just to remind players, that there are two Bank Holidays in May, when there will be no Play on the Prom....the first one being Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>, and the second one at the end of the month on May 28<sup>th</sup> Best Wishes Dian Bayley 01621 840660

#### **Photography Group**

Once again we were unable to hold our previously booked meeting in the Jubilee Room at the WMCC. This time our room had been designated as a Polling Station for the Town Council election (the remainder of the WMCC was open as usual!). Undeterred, we decided to use our meeting time as a photo opportunity at Stow Maries Aerodrome. We were rewarded for our inconvenience with a glorious sunny afternoon, a welcome change from the gloomy days before and following our outing. The aerodrome had been greatly improved since my last visit with an impressive new visitor centre, museum and shop. There is a splendid collection of WW1 aircraft (capable of flying) which are well displayed in a dedicated hanger. The "Mess" is a pleasant cafe serving hot snacks and drinks in the original building used by the airmen for the same purpose a hundred years ago. The site is the only remaining WW1 aerodrome left in the UK and there are many buildings in an unsafe condition which are scaffolded and fenced off and awaiting refurbishment. It is a fascinating place for photographers as the site is also home to a huge variety of wildlife, but unfortunately they do not pose or stand still and wait to be photographed!



Our next meeting will be on the **7**<sup>th</sup>. **June 2018**. 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.

Peter Thorpe 01621 850828

#### **Reading and Books Group**

Longbourn" by Jo Baker and found it an interesting portrait of how life was for servants "below stairs". We had a lively discussion, followed by tea, coffee and biscuits. Our next book is "The Undertaking" by Audrey Magee, which is set in Germany during the Second World War. We shall be discussing this book at our next meeting on Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm at Elizabeth's home in Heybridge Basin.

If you are interested in joining the group, please email or telephone Margaret Hurst on 01621 850494

#### **Scrabble Group**

One thing you can be sure of, there will always be plenty of tea provided at Elizabeth's house, where we spent a pleasant afternoon taxing our brains over two games of Scrabble using two boards. We do allow people to check words in the Scrabble Dictionaries, as much as anything because at times self-doubt creeps in and you wonder whether you have the correct spelling, whether the word is allowable (words that have a capital letter are not), or if indeed you are actually making up a new word of your own (desperation may have set in at this point). It is best not to take these things too seriously.......

We plan to meet at my house in March: do get in touch if you would like to join us. Details of how to contact me are on the list of groups. Linda Etherton.

#### **Technical Computing Group**

During our April session, we adopted the standard U3A practice of 'self-help' to teach or help resolve each other's' issues. Thus, we debated many different subjects, crammed into 2 hours.

- One member has had problems with a new Tablet computer. It was not a well-known make, and gave trouble from the beginning. It was sold as a Windows 10 machine, but it transpired it was an upgrade (by the supplier) from a Windows 7 machine. This had not gone well, and left our member with a load of problems. The tablet did not have enough memory to drive the Windows 10 software. After much debate with the supplier, they agreed to refund all the money involved. Caveat Emptor. So our member, with fresh money in pocket, bought an "Android" Tablet instead (Android being an alternative operating system to Windows). So far, that is working well.
- This prompted much debate on device operating systems; Windows or Apple Mac for desktops/ laptops, plus Android or Apple IOS (and occasionally Windows too) for smartphones/tablets. Group members have several types, and each have their own favourites. And as in life, diversity can lead to complications.
- Next issue involved whether programs, or operating systems' upgrades "appear" on our computer automatically or not? Otherwise, we would need to pay for upgrades. Typically, operating systems and their programs are upgraded automatically for example within Windows 10, but Windows 7 would not be upgraded to Windows 10 without cash changing

hands. But other software may be free or maybe charged, depending on the individual program.

- How do we transfer large files from a Desktop or Laptop to a tablet or smartphone? One
  member found that difficult to achieve, despite following various instructions (e.g. via USB).
  The suggestion was to use Bluetooth system and utilise Wi-Fi to achieve this. Trials
  awaited.
- The use of Wi-Fi "extenders" to boost incoming Wi-Fi signals, to reach distant parts of the house was discussed. These are available from various suppliers (using powered boosters), but this debate was considering the (rather expensive) devices from BT, Google and others, using 2 or 3 boosters, linked to a single Wi-Fi identification throughout the house, so no ID changes are necessary as a device is moved from room to room.

Notes taken by Alex Lees

If you are interested, please call Colin Mason (Cog on. 01621 854906 or 07974 343581

#### **Ten Pin Bowling**

When we arrived for our usual meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April we had forgotten it was still the school holidays! Madison Heights was extremely busy and we had to wait for a short while for our two lanes to become available.

We were pleased to welcome Anne Champ from Maldon U3A who brought her own very smart bowling bowl so we knew she would be good, which she was!

10 of us played on two lanes and, despite the distraction of children drifting into our lanes, we managed quite well! Jenny undeterred was our highest scorer with 135.

Looking forward to a quieter time next month on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at the usual time of 1.45 for 2pm start.

Lynne Morrison 01621 891288

#### **Ukulele Group UKE3A**

We uke strummers are now seriously into rehearsals for our next gig - a short summer concert in June as part of anniversary celebrations for our fellow U3A members in Galleywood and Great Baddow. To keep things nice and straightforward a list of tried and tested material has been selected. In other words, nothing we haven't already played before. But just in case familiarity breeds contempt we must now use our limited practice time to polish, polish and polish some more.

So, in the spirit of the best (and the worst) Hollywood blockbusters I say: C'mon dudes, let's do this thing! I was impressed, when I took one of my ukes for an outing the other night, at just how many local people are learning to play this friendly little instrument. If you would like to be one of them just call Barbara, our COG, on 01621 855605. Gill Carpenter

#### **Walking Group**

Our planned walk for April was a stroll around the Essex Wildlife Trust reserve at Chigborough. However, inspection the previous day revealed paths which were muddy and waterlogged in places, so a quick change of plan was needed. Thirteen of us therefore met at Heybridge Basin and enjoyed a pleasant walk up the canal, returning via the sea wall. This led us conveniently to the Lock Tea Rooms for some welcome refreshment.

All in all, despite the lack of sunshine, it was a pleasant and companiable walk in good company.

Our next scheduled walk will be at Galleywood on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>, meeting at 1pm at the Horse & Groom on the common. All walks take place on the second Thursday of the month normally starting at 2pm.

Please contact the coordinator for more information. Linda Wells. 01621 85741

#### **Weekenders Group**

Coleman's Fishery, in Little Braxted Lane, is an excellent place to meet friends – another hidden and little known part of our county, with good tea, coffee and lake side walks. 12 weekenders met there on 12<sup>th</sup> April and enjoyed all the above with plenty of lively chat.

Dates and details of our next meetings.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. - We meet once again for 10.00 coffees at Abberton Reservoir Tea Rooms near Layer de la Haye. They have booked us in, but do not reserve tables.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**.-. Our June meeting will be at The New Pavilion, Heybridge at the usual time of 10.00

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2018.-**16 members have booked for the 2.30 production of the musical 'Tina' at the Aldwych theatre in London. I now have the tickets, to be handed out on the day, and the minibus is booked. Timing details later please contact me if you have a query or if you will need a lift to any meeting.

Pat Smith 01621 856569

#### Yoga Group

am pleased to announce that Bette Cumming has agree to continue teaching our group for a further five weeks, this follows the successful five week "Taster" period in March and April These are the dates for the next series of five lessons:-

#### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June plus 4<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm in the Plantation Hall.

Students must bring a small foam mattress, a pillow and a rug. Each week costs £2.50 payable for the period in advance.

We have a vacancy; please sign our list if you are interested. We welcome all ages, male and female, the gentle exercises benefit all.

Contact Gloria Bomford COG for Yoga 01621 330995

### **EVENTS AND OUTINGS**

# THE POPPY FACTORY

Monday 16th July 2018

## £30 per person (including donation)



The Poppy Factory was established in 1922 as an independent charity to provide employment for disabled servicemen after the Great War. The work consisted of making the poppies, crosses and wreaths for the annual Remembrancetide.

96 years on, the work continues.....

Our tour guide will give a presentation which covers the history of the poppy as the national symbol of remembrance, the heritage of the Poppy Factory and the history behind the founder's vision of supporting wounded, injured and sick ex-Service men and women.

We will then be shown around the factory and see how the crosses, poppies and wreaths are made. Time available in the Gift Shop to purchase your poppy souvenirs and support the work of the Poppy Factory.

We will stop for a pub lunch after our tour (not included) – details tbc



#### **CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!**

# Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Here is a fantastic opportunity to step aboard Cruise and

Maritime's lovely cruise ship, 'THE MAGELLAN'.

No need to worry about sea-sickness! We board the 'Magellan' on Friday afternoon, enjoy a delicious five course dinner followed by a fabulous show. Stay overnight with breakfast the following morning.

Included in the price are welcome cocktails and half a bottle of wine per person with the meal – and all without leaving Tilbury port!

Twin cabin, inside - £99.00 pp / outside - £109 pp

Single cabin, inside - £109 / outside - £119 pp

For more details of these events please contact Liz Cawdell, Events Secretary

07902 294741 eventssecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

#### On the Notice Board

#### **Blackwater U3A HISTORY**

The Blackwater U3A will be running two coach trips this year. Rochester Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Hatfield House Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of June. There are places available on both these trips. The Blackwater U3A are planning a coach visit to Rochester on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May leaving from West Maldon Community Centre at 8.45 and leaving Rochester at 4 pm for cost of £17 for the coach. As well as the famous of the famous castle and cathedral there are a number of excellent museums to see. On top of this there are some really interesting shops to visit. Interested. Contact Keith Davis. Joint History Co-ordinator and Treasurer of the Blackwater U3A. 01621 843217

Hatfield House 21<sup>st</sup> June. We are having a coach trip from WMCC to Hatfield House on Tuesday 21st June .The cost will be £31.50,this includes entry and a guided tour of the House at 11.15.We leave at 8.30.There is time for refreshments on arrival ,get your own lunch there and tea. Plenty of time after lunch to revisit the House or walk round the many gardens. If you would like to come please ring Dennis Eraut 01621 829758.

General Enquires Jim Skelly 01621 740799. james.skelly@btinternet.com

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

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

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30-Apr	30 Petanque 14.00	1 May	2 Ukulele 14.00 Yoga 14.00	3	4 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	5	6
7-May	7 Bank Holiday	8 Ten Pin Bowling 1400 Cards & paper 14.00.	9 French Conversation 10.00 Music 14.00	Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	11 Monthly Meeting 14.00	12 Weekenders Aberton 10.00	Gardens Ardleigh Gardens 14.00
14- May	14 Patchwork 14.00 Painting 2 14.00 Petanque 14.00	15 Local History 14.00	16 Reading & Books 14.00	17 Croquet 10.00	18 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00	19	20
21 May	21 Petanque 14.00	22 Scrabble 14.00	23 Creative Writing 14.30	24 Croquet 10.00	25 Copy to Editor Bird Watching 10.00 Painting 14.00	26	27
28 May	28 Bank Holiday	29	30	31	1 June Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	2	3
4 Jun	4 Petanque 14.00 Cards & paper 14.00	5	6 Ukulele 14.00 Yoga 14.00	7 Croquet 10.00 Photography 14.00	8 Monthly Meeting 14.00	9 Weekenders The New Pavilion 10.00	10
11 Jun	Petanque 14.00 Painting 2 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	12 Ten Pin Bowling 1400	13 French Conversation 10.00 Music 14.00 Yoga 14.00	Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	15 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	16	17
18 Jun	18 Petanque 14.00	19 Local History 14.00	20 Reading & Books 14.00 Yoga 14.00	21 Croquet 10.00	22 Painting 14.00	23	24
25 Jun	25 Petanque 14.00	26 Scrabble 14.00	27 Creative Writing 14.30 Yoga 14.00	28	29 Copy to Editor Bird Watching 10.00 Painting 14.00	30	1 Jul