



# Heybridge U3A

## News Sheet No. 2010/6

### June 2010

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#### From the Chairman

The purchase of the projector, our highest priority asset has caused Ian and myself a great deal of frustration over the past weeks. Our frustration was not which model to buy, it was not raising the money, it was not deciding where to buy it, or was it not being able to buy it locally. Perversely, our frustration was caused through trying to get a large national computer sales company to take our money. We were recognised by the company (as a charity/business) but not by their external credit guarantee company who claimed that the rejection was nothing to do with the size of our bank balance, it was simply that we “did not score enough points”, so - no cheques, cash only!

The humiliating experience of having a cheque refused caused me to reflect on what we were doing and why we were doing it. I realised that the vast majority of people have never heard of the U3A simply because they were still in their “Second Age”. Those adult humans who are in the financially competitive, acquisitive and breeding phase of their life cycle and who cannot, and do not wish to, see what is coming! We are told that we know when we have reached our “Third Age”. What we do not know is that it can be the greatest opportunity we will have to be ourselves, to be able to do things just because we can, to discover the simple pleasure of learning new things together in friendship without the external pressures of targets and exams. I also realise that the U3A has given me many new friends, nice people that I probably would never have met. It has given me a purpose to do things without thinking of profit and it has rekindled old interests, which could have passed on by. The Third Age Trust is a success. There are 760 U3As and approximately a quarter of a million members in the UK and it is growing fast. I am glad I joined. It is one of life's best kept secrets and it seems that only those who know that they are in their “Third Age” are able to understand what the secret is. Why not pass it on and spread the knowledge!

Stuart Baldwin, our speaker at the May meeting, also discussed life cycles. He was the son of a bee

keeper and a life long bee keeper himself. He gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation with amazing photos and was obviously an authority on his subject. I was interested to learn that bees make honey to enable the colony to survive through the winter and that over the centuries humans have stolen vast quantities of this vital liquid and given them back sugar water to make do with instead. If I were a bee I would sting those who attempted to steal my stash, but luckily I am not a bee!

The July meeting takes the form of a Strawberry Tea. We also hope that most of the groups will have displays showing us what they do/learn/create/enjoy etc. With the exception of the painting group who had a superb display of their work at the AGM, it will be the first time all groups can “show case” their activities together. Please support your COG's and lets show-off what we can do!

Peter Thorpe

#### From the Editor

This News Sheet is again being circulated to all members who have renewed their subscriptions and their email addresses have been provided to the Membership Secretary. If you have an email address and have not received an emailed copy of this News Sheet please let me know.

I would like to promote articles in the Monthly News Sheets, articles that are not associated with any of the Groups. I would like to invite any member to provide a short article, on any subject, that would be of interest to other members. They could range from interesting aspects, such as trips away from home, through to aspects associated with your previous or current job. If you wish to discuss this further, please see me at the Monthly Meeting.

I have, after the Groups sections included a section on what can be found in the quarterly U3A News Magazine. There is much more that has not been highlighted. As a record and to prompt members to use and read the items that can be found on the Notice Board I have listed the items that were

displayed on the Monthly Notice Board in May. If you find it useful, or otherwise, please let me know.

The Diary on the last page has been updated through to the end of June. It is important that you as COG's, members of Groups or just members of Heybridge U3A, keep me up to date. If anyone has an interesting story, relevant pictures or activity that relates in some way to The Heybridge U3A or the U3A movement as a whole, then please contact me. We can discuss how and what can be included in this News Sheet.

Most will know the publication procedure. Copy should be with me by the last Friday of the month. Please continue to send details to me, preferably by email at [ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk) with 'U3A' in the title. Typed copy can also be provided. Alternatively, phone me on 01621 891184 or see me at the monthly meeting to decide other methods of providing copy. Publication will take place some seven days later.

Ian Newman.

### Heybridge U3A Meetings

The next meeting is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, starting at the normal time of 14.00, in the Plantation Hall, Heybridge. This month is to be an "Antiques Road Show" where Mark Stacey will be talking about our antiques. You are invited to bring up to two of your "antique" items. Mark will make a selection for discussion and valuation from the items brought by members to the meeting. We will be having a Strawberry Tea in July when Groups can promote their activities. At our August meeting Roger Becket will give a talk about Barges.

### From the COGCo (Group Co-ordinator)

To those who attended the main meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April you will be aware of an advance notification that we will not have a speaker at the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July and that a strawberry tea is being arranged. We have suggested that this will be an informal meeting with a Group theme. We hope to have a projector up and running and will do a presentation, courtesy of the many ideas from the Computer Group. Tables can be set up for any group who want to display their talents. The Threads and Fabrics group and are very keen will be providing a display of their work. This will add a great deal of colour to the afternoon. Please do not think I am putting too much emphasis on colour but in the current climate it is very heartening. The Bird Watching group will have a display of photos and the Photography Group will be doing a project with photos, obviously. The Petanque group will set up a display of rules, map of the Promenade Park and a set of boules. I have spoken to a member of the Painting Group who will arrange a display of

paintings, and one member of the Scrabble Group will arrange a small display based on "words".

I would really like as many of the COG's as possible to attend and, hopefully, encourage members who are not part of any group to show an interest.

I have spoken to quite a few of the COG's but, if I have not managed to speak to you, please contact me at the end of the June meeting with any ideas that you have.

Gill Thorne 01621 852294

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### Group Names, Co-ordinator, Contact Telephone

| Group Name         | Co-ordinator (COG)                  | Telephone Number            |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ballroom Dancing   | Joint with Maldon Jo Robson *       | * 01621 828236              |
| Bird Watching      | Maureen Lenoir                      | 01621 869871                |
| Bridge             | Lisbeth Bazzard                     | 01621 843208                |
| Coffee Morning     | Margaret Brown                      | 01621 854885                |
| Computer           | Tina Abeysekera                     | 01621 858635                |
| Esperanto          | Peter Groves                        | 01245 227018                |
| Family History     | Joint with Blackwater Roger Smith * | *01621 843054               |
| Gardening          | Pat Yates                           | 01621 892866                |
| Local History      | Carol Greenhalgh                    | 01621 840339                |
| Luncheon           | Beth Jeffries                       | 01621 853403                |
| Maritime & Coastal | Brenda Dewar                        | 01245 400492                |
| Painting           | Michael Kempen                      | 01621 892974                |
| Petanque           | Barbara Barbrook                    | 01621 855605                |
| Photography        | Peter Thorpe                        | 01621 850828                |
| Reading & Books    | Ann Lees                            | 01245 225153                |
| Scrabble           | Ruth Tyler                          | 01621 869865                |
| Theatre            | Gill Bridle & Janet Morley          | 01621 892587 & 01621 892626 |

| <b>Group Name Continued</b> | <b>Co-ordinator (COG)</b> | <b>Telephone Number</b>     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Threads & Fabrics           | Anne Thorpe & Pat Newman  | 01621 850828 & 01621 891184 |
| Walking                     | Elizabeth Eastwood        | 01621 850618                |
| Weekenders                  | Marilyn Corbett           | 01621 817518                |

### **Membership Secretary**

If you are not a member and wish to join, please contact Lisbeth Bazzard on 01621 843208 or by email [lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net](mailto:lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net). You can also write to her at 2, Silver Street, Maldon, Essex. CM9 4QE or speak to her at the monthly meeting.

### **From the Treasurer**

Will all members bring with them their membership cards to their group meetings so that the COG's can confirm that all have renewed their 2010/2011 membership.

Barbara Barbrook

## **REPORTS**

### **Art (Painting) Group**

The Painting Group was pleased to welcome two visits by local artist Vasant during May. Vasant has a beautifully delicate touch with watercolours and, watching how he creates his colourful landscapes, was a real eye-opener for those of us unfamiliar with his work.

Newcomers are always welcome to join us, although comfortable working space is becoming rare! Somehow we always manage to squeeze more painters into the Claydon Room. As the weather improves there has been talk of a trip or two into the countryside for fresh inspiration.

If you think painting might be your "thing" why not pop in between 14.00 and 16.00 any Friday, except the second Fridays when there is the U3A monthly meeting, to see what this friendly group are up to.

Gill Carpenter.

### **Bird Watching**

We had a wonderful day for our outing to Old Hall. It was a year since we last visited the area. The weather was kind to us again. (very lucky). We chatted to other bird watchers and found we had missed seeing the Spoonbills that had been on the lake right in front of us. (We did see them flying away). It was a pity as I don't remember seeing them on our last visit. I think we were too busy watching the Avocet chicks swimming around with

their proud parents. They are such an elegant bird. We also saw lots of hedgerow birds and could hear their songs as we walked along. It was so peaceful there that I am sure we will be back again soon. If you would like to join us ring Maureen on 01621 869871 or email [symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk). There is no Birdwatching in June as I am away but hope to get something organised for July.

Thanks Maureen.

### **Bridge Group**

The next duplicate bridge session will again be at 2, Silver Street on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July (builders allowing!). Please let me know if you can participate. Liz 01621 843208, [lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net](mailto:lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net)

### **Computer Group**

Eleven members of the group met on the 20th May. The subject this month was the well-known computer program, Power Point, and its use as a presentation tool.

Ian opened the proceedings by explaining that Power Point is saved as a single file. You can use any text or font size, add pictures to illustrate the point you are making and change its colour or size. Splitting into three groups, we were asked to suggest different subjects and prepare a concept presentation. As you can imagine a lively discussion ensued. We all eventually agreed the basic format that we would follow. As usual, the afternoon was most instructive.

Ian and Peter advised the group of the progress made regarding the purchase of the projector. Watch this space. There could be good news by the end of this month.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 1300.

Audrey.

### **Coastal and Marine Group**

I think that I can say that we all enjoyed our visit to Harwich and the RNLI Lifeboat Station. We were made very welcome and enjoyed a presentation illustrating the work of the RNLI. Question time was very interesting with many diverse queries and enlightening answers. It was then time to "try out the boats". We all managed to clamber on the in-shore lifeboat located in the station (not in use for the time being) and make a close inspection of how it all worked. The RNLI employs a full time, and very patient, mechanic so we had answers to our not-so-technical questions! Work was in progress on the deck outside so we did not think that we would be able to board the larger and more powerful off-shore lifeboat moored alongside. However, they kindly held up the work to allow us to board and have a

really good look around. It was fascinating and the technology – wow!! The Skipper was there to answer our many questions but eventually we had to drag ourselves away as the workmen were waiting for us to clear the decks so they could continue working. I would like to thank everyone for their generosity when the bucket was passed around! The RNLI relies on donations to exist.

Some of us then retired to the Half Penny Pier to enjoy lunch in the sunshine, whilst some took lunch on the Green. It was the perfect day to eat “al fresco”. Some of us then wandered around the town to absorb some of its naval history, and to walk off our lunch!! We may be able to organise a conducted walking tour of Harwich with our own guide. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

We are now looking forward to our trip to Dunwich on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Let's hope that the weather is as good. I will be in contact about car sharing. If anyone else would like to join us, please let me know.

Brenda Dewar. (01245 400492)

### **Discussion Coffee Morning**

It was a lovely day for our get together on 21<sup>st</sup> May. The sun was very warm with hardly a cloud in the sky. We sat beneath the pergola in Margaret Clark's garden with the wonderful wisteria hanging down all around us. It was beautiful.

I hope the weather will be as kind for the next coffee morning, which will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00 and held at Sally Bond's house. Details at the next monthly meeting or please telephone me, Margaret Brown, on 01621 854885.

### **Family History Group**

For those interested in Family History Group as part of the Heybridge U3A please put your name and telephone number on the list which will be available at the back of the hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> June Monthly Meeting.

I will be having a meeting at my house on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June starting at 10.30 so all those interested can get together. We will then see if a Heybridge U3A Group is feasible.

Maps (you WILL need a map) of how to find my house and my telephone number will be available from Marilyn Corbett.

If you are a beginner that is OK (I am too), but if you have been involved in Family History and have some knowledge to share, please come and join us. We need you.

I am unable to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> June meeting but look forward to meeting you all on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Lesley Pomphrett: [lesleypommy@hotmail.com](mailto:lesleypommy@hotmail.com)

### **Gardening Group**

Olivers was a spectacular garden and, although we



got a little rained upon when we arrived, the sun came out later to make the garden even more beautiful. Mrs Edwards was very happy to answer all our questions. She e-mailed me later to say that she had enjoyed meeting us all, and that the mystery plant was Iris japonica, the name of which she remembered later (that happens to me all the time).

Our next visit is to somewhere completely different - Little Foxes, a small, award-winning garden in Thorpe Bay. This will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 14.30, and costs £4.50 including tea and cake. Details as usual in the programme or yellow book.

Pat Yates. 01621 892866 or [pat.yates@tesco.net](mailto:pat.yates@tesco.net)

### **Local History Group (LHG)**

For our May meeting we took the opportunity of reviewing what we had done so far and our plans for the future. It turns out we have done quite a lot and the consensus of opinion is that we should carry on in the same manner, with a mixture of visits, talks and the occasional meeting where we share research, stories, photos, ideas etc. We are all completing a short questionnaire to help Carol [our COG] with future plans.

At the May meeting our members again came up trumps. We had a wonderful tale of Tolleshunt D'Arcy in the very cold winter of the early sixties. This was told by Gill, a teenager then, and her memories included some of the Victorian-like characters and their fate during that time. Bill had done some research since our trip to the Stow Maries aerodrome. He shared with us the stories he had uncovered of personnel stationed there during WW1, really bringing home the human aspect of the times. Beryl came armed with a fascinating insight to the story of the family run Osborne bus company that served the area until recent times. Carol had a snippet on the early story of the Blue Boar. Its oldest part is where we have our



meetings. Ellen again magically produced just the right things, old maps, postcards etc. to further illustrate and expand on the stories. Not everyone had brought things but all who came added to the discussion so that we all had a most enlightening, and fun afternoon.

Dates for the diary:

- 15<sup>th</sup> June: Visit to Tiptree Jam Factory Museum [not only about jam!], followed by a visit to their cafe. Note: *We meet there at 10.00.*
- 20<sup>th</sup> July: Visit to the Combined Services Museum, 14.00.
- 17<sup>th</sup> August: Talk on Essex Regiment by Mac Macpherson, 14.00.

All welcome. Please let Carol know if you wish to come or need more information: 01621 840339 or [george.smeed@virgin.net](mailto:george.smeed@virgin.net)

### **Luncheon Group**

A large group of us went to Goldhanger and had a very pleasant meal at The Chequers last month. Later in the month we went to a lovely pub called The Cuckoo at Radley Green and enjoyed a lovely meal out in the country.

Dates for June and July are:

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Bluebridge Restaurant at Writtle (2 course menu for £10.95).
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July: The Peldon Rose..

Beth 01621 853403.

### **Petanque Group**

We now have two more members who have bought their own sets of Boules. These are still available at the Leisure clothing shop opposite Wenlock Way. Weather permitting we shall be playing every Monday (except Bank Holidays) during the summer. Everyone is welcome to come and play or just watch. Barbara Barbrook

### **Photography Group**

There was a good attendance at our first group photo-shoot meeting at Heybridge Basin. I look forward to seeing how many different photos were taken in the same place at the same time (same lighting conditions etc.). I expect that we will see landscape pictures, people pictures and some close-ups. I also hope that for the first time that we will be able to see our photographs projected onto a screen, a large photo always beats a small photo for visual impact!

Such is the impact of technology that at least two of our members have pages on "flickr" and some of their photos of the trip to the "Basin" are on the internet already. If other members are interested, we could use the internet connection available to us

in the Claydon Room and look at how to use "flickr", both to view other people's photos and as a place to show our pictures on the world wide web!



Author – Angela Pleasance

If you are interested in photography and want to join us, we normally meet in the Claydon Room of the Plantation Hall, on the first Thursday of each month at 13.00 (lunch time!). We have a fun time and you are welcome.

Peter Thorpe

### **Reading and Books Group**

As a group, we had decided to read at least one classic book as part of our programme and from the books of Thomas Hardy we picked "Under the Greenwood Tree". Most of the group found this more challenging than the books of modern fiction we had previously selected, due in part to the fact that it had been written in a form of English no longer spoken. Some of the themes like social change and "You can't stand in the way of progress" seemed just as significant today, whilst other aspects where life revolved around the rhythm of nature, seemed less relevant.

Next month's book is "We need to talk about Kevin" and new members are welcome to join us. To find out more ring Ann Lees on 01245 225153.

The next meeting takes place at 14.30 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at the home of Elizabeth Eastwood. If you are interested in joining us please ring Ann Lees on 01245 225153.

### **Scrabble**

We had a really pleasant afternoon for our May meeting, with two games each on two boards being played, interspersed with copious cups of tea and biscuits together with the inevitable chatter. All very happy and relaxing. We always welcome new members to uncompetitive, friendly games, from 2.00pm for a couple of hours.

The June and July meetings are as advertised in the last News Sheet (see below for those who cannot

find last months News Sheet), and in August we are invited to Jan Ollie's home on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. Her phone number is 01621 815223. Please always phone the hostess to let her know if you are able to go.

- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the home of Marilyn Corbett; 01621 817578.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at the home of Beryl Claydon; 01621 852082.

Ruth Tyler 01621 869865

### Theatre

Our visit to *Blood Brothers* at the Cliffs Pavilion Southend is going ahead as this News Sheet is being published. A report on this theatre trip will be included in the July Edition of the News Sheet.

The tickets for the next theatre visit for the show 'Dreamboats and Petticoats' on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> August are now fully subscribed and I hope to have these to distribute at the July meeting. The coach will pick up at 09.00 in Great Totham and then around 09.05 at Plantation Hall, Heybridge. This will give everybody a chance to do what they want before the show starts at 15.00. The show finishes at 17.20 and the coach will then pick up at the Playhouse Theatre. I hope everyone is looking forward to this event. Gill Bridle 01621 892587.

### Threads and Fabrics

We had another enjoyable meeting in May. Members brought knitting, patchwork and two different sorts of work on canvas. One was the picture in last months News Sheet and the other a cushion cover in bright colours with a geometrical



pattern. The piece of work that I am picturing this month is the Puppy Quilt, which is for a young child. It is not only colourful, but witty and when finished will be both a lovely and unusual piece of work. By the time this News Letter is issued, we will also have had our June meeting. I wonder what surprises this meeting will bring.

Anne and Pat

### Walking

Our May walk took a small group of us around part of the Tollesbury saltings. The path along the sea wall took us past the 'managed retreat' where the area was deliberately flooded in 1994/95 to provide an extra 21 hectares of salt marsh to act as an extra defence against flooding. Gnarled shapes of trees, that could not stand salt water, remain standing. We finished our outing with a visit to the Lighthouse for a welcome cup of tea.

The next walk will be around Goldhanger Creek. Meet outside the Chequers at 14:00 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a short/medium length walk along the sea wall then loop back across the fields to the village.

After the walk, anyone who has the time and inclination may come back to my house in the Basin for coffee and a planning session for future walks-please bring ideas and any maps you have!

I look forward to a good turn-out.

Elizabeth

01621 850618 or email me at [e.m.e@talktalk.net](mailto:e.m.e@talktalk.net)

### Weekenders

Eight Weekenders enjoyed coffee and a chat in the brilliant sunshine at the Lock Cafe, Heybridge Basin on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The glorious weather allowed us to sit outside, which was probably fortunate for the other users, as our chatter was somewhat diluted.

Dates for you diary:

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Meeting at 10.00. Pear Tree Pantry, near Ernest Doe and Sons on the Hatfield Peveral / Maldon Road;
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June - A Jazz Night at Wickham Bishops Village Hall;
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Meeting at 10.00. Perrywood Nursery, Tiptree.

If you would like more details of these events or of Weekenders please call me, Marilyn Corbett on 01621 817518.

### U3A News Magazine

Issue 90 (May 2010) of the quarterly U3A News Magazine has arrived and you are invited to collect your copy at the monthly meeting. Brenda does not want to carry them home again. If you have not have time to read all of this publication some of the more interesting articles have been highlighted.

Family History news on page 20 and very interesting articles on pages 31 through to 34.

Web resources on page 24.

The book group may like to review the book reviews starting on page 40.

Should the U3A change its name? Read the letters on pages 50/51, for and against, and let us hear what your views are in the letters to the Editor.

If you think that other sections should have been included, please speak to the Editor. You may like to review the next quarter's U3A news Magazine.

### On the Notice Board

The following items of news appeared on the Notice Board at the May Monthly Meeting.

- U3A Parker Pen for £3.00.
- The "Olympics" for U3A; Exploring your Local Waterway.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 13.45 to 16.45 at the University of London. Cost £6.00.
- Science, Technology and Society Network. Annual Seminar at Abergavenny from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August.
- U3A Travel Writing Competition. Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010.
- U3A Resource Centre.
- U3A Jazz Appreciation Network Holiday to Rimini. 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 28<sup>th</sup> June.

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

If you think that a notice should be repeated in full in the next News Sheet please contact the Editor.

### Other News Sheets from other U3A's

The editor of this News Sheet also receives the Maldon News-Letter each month. If you, especially COG's, would like me to pass it on, then please contact the Editor. The copy is only available from the Editor in .pdf format.

### Millau Viaduct by Gill Thorne

Just over 4 years ago I was amazed by the photos of the Millau Viaduct in France, the "bridge above the clouds". Having watched a programme called Megastructures which detailed the idea for the



bridge over the River Tarn to connect two motorways and make the journey to Spain far easier (together with all the details of the actual building) myself, my late husband and

two friends decided we had to see it for ourselves.

As it was about 600 miles away and too far for a day trip we decided to make a holiday of our trip. That is another story but the actual experience of this incredible bridge was breathtaking. Various friends were very envious and we know of many others who have now been there themselves. This bridge was designed by Norman Foster (the architect of the Millennium Bridge).

From about 5 miles away we could see the bridge in the distance, the sun came out, the temperature rose and the bridge grew larger. We arrived at the bridge and approached the toll booths. Unbelievably there was not a



single vehicle in front of us so having talked to the lady in the tollbooth about where to go afterwards to see the bridge we proceeded along the bridge, going very slowly, with nothing ahead of us. At the far end we travelled for about 5 miles, came off the motorway and drove through the mountains to a "panorama" above the village where we could see the whole bridge across the valley. We stayed there for ages just marvelling. It was the highlight of our holiday.

One of the most important factors in the building of this bridge was that there were no major accidents and I would suggest that if this programme is shown again it should not be missed. Although I have a



number of photos there are about 1000 images on Bing. I appear to have a slight obsession with bridges. I love them, and pictures are

another obsession. Unfortunately I have no artistic talent so can only wonder at others.

(Technical Data from the Editor)

The structural type is a seven pylon, cable-stayed, fan arrangement bridge. Construction took place between October 2001 and December 2004 with up to 480 workers on site at a cost €400 million. There are six main spans, each 342m long, with a maximum pylon height of 340m and 270m above valley bottom (water level). The overall length is 2.5km. Material quantities included, concrete 127,000m<sup>3</sup>, steel 5,000 tonnes and earth moving 300,000m<sup>3</sup>.



| Week Commencing       | Monday  | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                 | Thursday                      | Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June  | 7<br>Petanque<br>14.00                        | 8                            | 9                         | 10<br>Walking<br>14.00        | 11<br><b>Monthly Meeting</b><br><b>14.00</b>  | 12  | 13     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> June | 14<br>Petanque<br>14.00                       | 15<br>Local History<br>14.00 | 16<br>Book Group<br>14.30 | 17<br>Computer<br>13.00       | 18<br>Coffee Morning<br>11.00<br>Painting<br>14.00<br>Coastal and Marine<br>11.00                   | 19  | 20     |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> June | 21<br>Petanque<br>14.00<br>Gardening<br>14.30 | 22<br>Luncheon Group         | 23                        | 24<br>Family History<br>10.30 | 25<br><b>Submit News Sheet text</b><br>Painting<br>14.00  | 26<br>Week–ender<br>Coffee Pear Tree Pantry,<br>10.00 &<br>Jazz Night<br>W. Bishops | 27     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> June | 28<br>Petanque<br>14.00                       | 29                           | 30<br>Scrabble<br>14.00   | 1<br>Photography<br>13.00     | 2<br>Committee Meeting<br>10.00<br>Painting<br>14.00  | 3   | 4      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July  | 5<br>Petanque<br>14.00                        | 6<br>Threads<br>14.00        | 7<br>Bridge Group         | 8<br>Walking<br>14.00         | 9<br><b>Monthly Meeting</b><br><b>14.00</b>   | 10  | 11     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> July | 12<br>Petanque<br>14.00                       | 13                           | 14                        | 15<br>Computer<br>13.00       | 16<br>Coffee Morning<br>11.00<br>Luncheon Group<br>Painting<br>14.00<br>Coastal and Marine<br>11.00 | 17  | 18     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> July | 19<br>Petanque<br>14.00<br>Gardening<br>14.30 | 20<br>Local History<br>14.00 | 21<br>Book Group<br>14.30 | 22                            | 23<br>Painting<br>14.00   | 24<br>Week –ender<br>Coffee at Perrywood Nursery,<br>Tiptree<br>10.00               | 25     |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July | 26<br>Petanque<br>14.00                       | 27                           | 28<br>Scrabble<br>14.00   | 29                            | 30<br><b>Submit News Sheet text</b><br>Painting<br>14.00  | 31  | 1      |

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