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# Heybridge U3A

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#### From the Chairman

It was great to see so many of you at the meeting in May. Bernard had put out 99 chairs. There were some which were not taken but Plantation Hall looked full. Who was the speaker? It was John Whittingdale MP, the Member of Parliament who represents most (but not all) of our members at Westminster.

John, who is a "full time" MP, described his work in an easy and relaxed manner without using any notes (or microphone). He talked about his constituency work both in Parliament and in Maldon, where he has his home. He also talked about his parliamentary committee work, where he is the current Chairman of the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee. His role as Chairman of this committee gives him the power to summon any witness to attend a hearing, as well as an opportunity to gain a little personal media coverage on TV and radio.

There were many questions following John's talk, which he answered clearly and concisely. He also remained happily chatting to members during the tea break, even though he had another engagement to attend. It was a privilege for us to have such a high profile and likeable speaker to come and visit our U3A.

We as a local organisation are taking a stall at the Heybridge Fete on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, with the aim of promoting the U3A in general and our U3A (and what it does) in particular. If you can and would like to help, let me or any one of your committee members know before hand.

I look forward to seeing you on June 10<sup>th</sup> - usual time - usual place.

Peter Thorpe. ([thorpe101@btinternet.com](mailto:thorpe101@btinternet.com))

#### From the Editor

This advance copy of the June News Sheet is being circulated to all members who have provided their email addresses to the Membership Secretary. If you have an email address and have not received an emailed copy of this News Sheet please let me or the Membership Secretary know, preferably by email (Email address below). A limited number of printed copies of the News Sheet will continue to be available at each Heybridge U3A Monthly Meeting for those who do not have access to

email. We also wish to reduce the number and cost of copies that have to be printed. Therefore, in future, no copies will be posted.

The Diary on the last page has, again, been updated to the end of July 2011. 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 their group, The Heybridge U3A or the U3A movement as a whole, then please contact me with the information that could be included in the News Sheet.

As we now have some 20 groups, I must have your copy by the last Friday of the month. Late copy adds to the time I have to spend assembling this News Sheet each month. Please continue to send details to me, preferably by email, at [ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk) with 'Heybridge U3A' in the title. Alternatively talk to me at the Monthly Meeting.

Last month this News Sheet, due to the volume of interesting articles, had to have its font size reduced to 9.5pt. I have only one comment and that was 'They had no trouble reading the printed version'. If you had any difficulty reading that News Sheet please let me know. Those who read it digitally can always enlarge it in the Adobe Reader.

An interesting letter was received on the subject of wasted seedlings. Due to this letter a Seedling Exchange was arranged and took place at the May Monthly Meeting. The seedling exchange was reasonably successful and more time in promoting it will be needed next year, possibly starting a month earlier. The idea of a produce exchange will also be considered later in the year. The concept of exchange may also apply to other items.

Back numbers of the Heybridge U3A News Sheet can be read on our WEB SITE <http://www.heybridgeu3a.org.uk>

I am considering leaving off the telephone numbers of the COGs from the report section as they are already listed in the News Sheet on page 2. If you prefer to keep the current arrangement, please let me know. I am also looking at the possibility of putting the email addresses in the same table. I need to resolve a number of technical issues.

Ian Newman.

## 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
Family History	Lesley Pomphrett	01621 817733
French Conversation	Vicky Anfilogoff	01621 840532
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
Ten Pin Bowling	Janette Lett	01621 879697
Theatre	Gill Bridle & Janet Morley	01621 892587 & 892626
Threads & Fabrics	Anne Thorpe & Pat Newman	01621 850828 & 01621 891184
Walking	Elizabeth Eastwood	01621 850618
Weekenders	Marilyn Corbett	01621 817518
Wine Group	Jackie Jones	01621 817117

## Heybridge U3A Monthly Meetings

The next Monthly Meeting is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June starting at the normal time of 14.00, in the Plantation Hall, Heybridge. At the June Meeting we will be hearing about the Tower of London as seen through an eye of a child. Our speaker, Heather Leonard, will be talking about the "Ghosts in the Tower of London" – spooky!

The July Meeting will be a Strawberry Tea with a similar format to last year. See also 'From the Group Co-ordinator'.

Keith Lovell will give the talk at the August meeting with a subject 'History through old Essex Advertisements'. A list of potential subjects for the Monthly Meetings are as follows:

- September: Hyland House
- October: Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity
- Paddy Lacy
- Talk & Songs

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

The main subject of this article is the Strawberry Tea, which is being held at the Main Monthly Meeting on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. I have spoken to several groups who have agreed to put on displays at this event. So far the following groups have confirmed their participation: Computer, Threads and Fabrics, Petanque, Family History, Photography, Scrabble and Local History. Could the others please let me know if they would like to take part, or not as the case may be. Those who attended last year thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and I have heard many of them telling new members what a good time we had. I would like to propose that we use the same format as last year with display tables round the main hall and three of the larger groups in the Meeting Room. In order to keep the computer and screen away from accidental knocks, and for one month only, we will have the signing in table in the main hall. The centre of the main hall will consist of tables and chairs for chatting and eating.

As all of our groups now provide Ian with interesting and informative articles, it does mean that I can make my article so much shorter, which is easier for me and I know will please our Editor!!

Gill Thorne 01621 852294.

[gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk)

### Membership Secretary

The number of paid up members has now crept up to 142, with a further seven expected to renew their membership. If you have sent your payment by post but have not yet received your membership card, it will be available for collection at the Monthly Meetings. If you would like me to post it to you please let me have a SAE. New members are welcome and, if you are not a member and wish to join, please contact me on 01621 843581 or by e-mail

[jennyparker14@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyparker14@hotmail.com) .

Alternatively, you can contact Angela Pleasance on 01621 850310 or by email.

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Jenny Parker.

## REPORTS

### Art (Painting) Group

It now seems likely that the Painting COG, Michael, must close the group to newcomers for the time being. The reason is that at the most recent Friday afternoon session, even with several of our "regulars" absent, we had to rearrange the furniture in the Claydon Room in order to squeeze everybody in. Of course, painters do occasionally leave the group, so we never say never to those who would still like to join us.

Meanwhile, the unseasonably hot weather has brought on the garden flowers early. These, as well as colourful fruit from local stores, have provided several of us with ideal subjects for a still life or two.

Some of our members, not content with spending at least three Friday afternoons a month painting, have joined additional classes offered by visiting tutors.

Has Heybridge ever witnessed such a sudden flowering of creativity before? I doubt it!

Gill Carpenter.

### Bird Watching

We went to the part of Rainham Marshes that is owned by the RSPB and joined one of their Friday bird watcher walks. Whilst waiting for the walk to start we watched the Goldfinches on the feeders. They are very pretty birds. There was quite a large group of us but with three experts from the reserve, we could all see and hear what was going on.

The day wasn't just about birds, it was more of a nature trail. We saw Common Lizard and a very pretty edible flower called Salsify. When we started out from the visitors centre the first sound we heard was not birdsong but very tiny Marsh Frogs. What a noisy bunch they were! Swifts, Swallows and Sand Martins treated us to an Ariel display right in front of us. We could have watched them for hours. A Cuckoo flew over us on its way into a thicket of bushes, the Reed Bunting was a right poser, just sitting having his picture taken. Reed and Sedge Warblers were spotted as we walked along, together with a Wren and a Common Whitethroat.

What an enjoyable three hours we had. I can't wait for our next visit.

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, we are planning to visit Hanningfield Reservoir. The exact time has yet to be arranged. I hope you can and join us. To find out more phone Maureen on 01621 869871 or email [symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk)



Reed Bunting

(Author Jill McGregor)

### Bridge Group

For details about any bridge duplicate session please contact me, Liz, on 01621 843208 or email me at [lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net](mailto:lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net)

### Computer Group

The Computer Group met on the 19<sup>th</sup> May and spent most of the session discussing various ideas for the Strawberry Tea presentation.

The main aim of the Computer Group is to encourage everyone to enjoy using their computer and to share our combined knowledge. An example of shared knowledge is the use of the screen save button discussed at the last Computer Group meeting. We are always delighted to welcome new members (You need only be a learner or may have skills from which we can all learn). We are, therefore, proposing to demonstrate several basic procedures at the July Monthly Meeting, i.e. going on line and the sending and receiving of emails. How you collect and store data. It is always interesting to try different search engines, i.e. Google, Ask Yahoo, etc and see the results. This will also be illustrated.

Members of the group will show how you can access Google earth, street view and possibly look at some members' childhood addresses to see how the property and area have changed over the years.

A number of presentations, demonstrating some of the Computer's Group's activities, will be shown including how the monthly Newsletter is produced.

Look forward to seeing you at the next Computer Group meeting at 14.00 on the 16<sup>th</sup> June in the Claydon Room.

Audrey.

### **Coastal and Marine Group**

Thank you for coming along to the Heybridge Basin with all your ideas and information for our planning meeting. It was a beautiful afternoon so we enjoyed the sunshine and the river and, as it was high tide, the boats coming out of the lock.

Our June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a visit to Southwold and, as Jane has kindly provided us with a great deal of information, we have decided that it would make a delightful day out. We can arrange to car share with a proposed departure time of 09.00. There is a vintage bus (like the ones we went to school in!) that does a hop on hop off circuit of Southwold, so we could use their park and ride, relax, and take in the sights. Hopefully, we shall be able to arrange a visit to the lighthouse. Also, I feel that the fish and chips along the river bank will call us for lunch! Please let me know if you would like to come along.

For July 15<sup>th</sup>, it was suggested that a trip along the Deben would be interesting. We could have an afternoon cruise of 2 hours for £10 per person and, although the boat takes up to 54 passengers, we need to have at least 20 people to be able to book in advance. Please let me know if you are interested as we shall need to book and pay in advance.

If any of you are interested in a trip on a barge, an afternoon trip is £20 per person on the Decima leaving from the Heybridge Basin for a cruise to Osea Island – barges are quite slow movers!! Again, this would have to be booked in advance, so please let me know if this appeals. We are still looking for ideas for those trips you have always wanted to do.

Brenda. 01245 400492.

### **Discussion Coffee Morning**

It's hard to believe a year has passed since we sat in the sunshine beneath the wisteria in Margaret Clark's garden, but there we were again, enjoying our coffee morning and sampling the scrumptious strawberry and cream tarts. Our next meeting will be at 11.00 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at Linda Etherton's house. Details will be available as usual at the next Monthly Meeting or contact me on 01621 854885.

Margaret Brown.

### **Family History Group**

At our May meeting, Kay, from Blackwater Family History Group, showed us the DVD of her family history called "So You Think You Are Royal", which was produced by the BBC. The whole programme was based on a journal written in 1902 by Kay's 3 x Grandmother telling the story of the 'family secret' told to her by her own mother about her life and the link with King George IV. It is an amazing

journal full of all the clues needed to do the research. Kay had already done most of this, but the television researchers were able to confirm this and fill-in the gaps. This really did show us how important it is for us all to write down our own personal memories. We might not be related to a King but in, say, 100 years time it could tell our future generations about our way of life, which will be very different from theirs. Kay then talked about the Genes Reunited Website, which is where she linked with her cousin who lives in Scotland and who was shown on the DVD with her. Kay also brought along her family tree which she has made. It was about eleven feet long!!

After we finished with the DVD Kay showed us the information we can get from the Free BMD Website and also how easy it is to order certificates on-line. All in all it was a very interesting meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 10.30 to 12.30 at my house as usual. If you are interested do join us.

Lesley Pomphrett.

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

### **French Conversation**

We continue to have lively and interesting conversations in this group and, because we are deliberately keeping the numbers to 'round the kitchen table' size, everyone has to join in and there is no hiding place for the less confident among us! Topics of conversation are wide ranging, as there is not a 'set subject' at a meeting, which we feel will expand our vocabulary and understanding. Although the emphasis is on talking and communicating we still manage to go down grammatical 'byways' from time to time. We have now reached saturation point and will need to put any possible new members on a 'stand by' list; we also now have the first man to join our group (what a brave chap!). We all seem to be thoroughly enjoying the meetings which we are trying to keep to two a month but, as I have previously reported, these are very much diary based and decided at each meeting. Hopefully, it is extending our knowledge of French and, who knows, you might just one day read this report written totally in French!

The next meeting will have taken place by the time you read this with a further one on 21<sup>st</sup> June at 16.00 at Gill's.

Vicky Anfilogoff. 01621 840532.

### **Gardening Group**

We had a very windy, but enjoyable, visit to Porters Farm at Kelvedon. The garden was full of interesting plants, ironwork, and even the remains of an old fishing smack. We had a tour by the owner, who had designed and developed the whole garden since 1995. We recovered from the wind eating a most delicious tea in the barn.



My thanks to everyone who came. We had a good-sized group of about 24. The pond, a feature of the garden, is shown in the photograph below.



(Author Pat Yates)

Our next visit is to Feeringbury Manor, also fairly local, at 14.30 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. This costs £5 for entry, with tea and cake £2.

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

### Local History Group (LHG)

Unfortunately, due to insufficient numbers, we had to abandon our May meeting. I hope that we will be able to arrange our visit to the Southend Pier museum for a later date. It would be helpful if I could have an idea of who is interested so there will be a sign up sheet at the next U3A Friday Monthly Meeting.

Dates for your diary:

- 21<sup>st</sup> June: Visit to Mersea Island museum for a special exhibition on 'the happiest days of your life'. We will meet there for 14.00. Cost: 50p each. This concessions is for our group with a booking of 10-15 people. There is a very good cafe nearby. We will try to arrange car sharing for this.
- 19<sup>th</sup> July: A guided walk in Maldon with a specialist Green Badge Guide. Cost: £3 each [we need a minimum of 10 people]. Plenty of places for refreshments afterwards.
- 16<sup>th</sup> August: Mundon. A guided walk taking in Mundon church and the petrified 'forest'. Donations for the church of £2 each person are asked for our group. We need 10-15 people. We may be able to arrange for tea at Mundon Hall farm.

All are welcome and I will have sign-up sheets at the next U3A Friday Monthly Meeting for all of these. I would also like to collect payment at the Friday Monthly Meeting.

If you'd like to come, or need more information, but can't make the 10<sup>th</sup> June meeting, please contact Carol Greenhalgh as soon as possible.

Carol.

[george.smeed@virgin.net](mailto:george.smeed@virgin.net) or telephone 01621 840339.

### Luncheon Group

There is no report but see Diary for dates only..

Beth.

### Petanque Group

Another Bank holiday Monday has made us miss another Monday Session. We should be free of Monday Bank Holidays until we reach August. We meet again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. I hope that the weather remains dry and does not change to be wet on a Monday as dry weather is ideal for being outside playing our game of French Boules on the Promenade. See you all again soon.

Barbara Barbrook.

### Photography Group

Thirteen members met on the Hythe Quay at Maldon on an overcast afternoon in May. We could not meet in our usual room as Plantation Hall was being used as a Polling Station. Our intention was to find interesting and unusual shots in the park and along the river. The sun did eventually come out but, by then, it was time to go home! It will be "enlightening" to seeing what we made of our photo-shoot opportunity!

We are having a talk on PhotoShop at our June meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> at 14.00). My son Andrew will show us how he used it professionally when he worked in the studio at Pearsons, the educational book publisher.



(Author John Howchin)

If you are interested in digital photography come and join us. Our aim is to enjoy and to improve our photography together.

Peter Thorpe.

[thorpe101@btinternet.com](mailto:thorpe101@btinternet.com)

### **Reading and Books Group**

This month there were several people from the group on holiday so this left a small group to discuss the John Grisham novel 'A Painted House'. We thought we would try a story by this very popular and prolific American novelist. The story is told by a seven year old boy, Luke Chandler, who lives with his family in an unpainted house on rented land in Arkansas.

It is September 1952 and the cotton is ready in the fields for picking. The Chandlers and a band of hill people and Mexicans must bring in the cotton that is their livelihood and the guarantee of their survival on the land. Heat, rain, fatigue, a killing and the unravelling of a family secret, threaten to destroy the Chandlers' hopes and will transport Luke abruptly from Childhood innocence to adult experience.

Four of us attended our discussion but only two of us had managed to finish the book! We found the book slow going and a rather depressing read. On a positive note, it does leave you with a feeling of how lucky we are to be living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with all our creature comforts!

Our book this month is 'The Memory Keepers Daughter' by Kim Edwards. If you would like to join us, please contact Anne Lees for more details.

The next meeting takes place at Plantation Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> June at 14.30.

If you wish to join us please contact Ann Lees on 01245225153 for any information you may require.

### **Scrabble**

We had two boards in play on 24<sup>th</sup> May. After one game we moved playing positions a bit. We then had tea and a chat before a final game, which brought us up to home time.

There is still a bit of confusion about our date and time each month as one player went today, the last Tuesday, to find she was on her own. So all Scrabblers please note that we meet in the Meeting Room at Plantation Hall at shortly after 1.30 pm (official start is 2.00 pm, but we have "setting up time" of 30 minutes) on

- THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH.

The next gathering will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. I hope to see you there.

Ruth Tyler.

### **Ten Pin Bowling**

The second session of the Heybridge U3A ten pin bowling group was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May at Madison Heights. I, as group co-ordinator, did not attend and Gill Thorne kindly took the reins. Four attended and had one game. There were several strikes and a few spares but, by all accounts, everyone enjoyed themselves.

The next session will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 14.00. Please be there at 13.45 to enable us to change into shoes etc. There is a small charge but well worth it for the fun we have.

Anyone wishing to join us please come along. If you prefer you can telephone me beforehand on 01621 879697 or email me at [lettsnooks@talktalk.net](mailto:lettsnooks@talktalk.net)

### **Theatre**

There is nothing new except to reiterate that the Theatre Group will be going to the Dinner Ladies' production at the Mercury Theatre on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. A report on this production will appear in the July edition of the News Sheet.

Janet Morley.

### **Threads and Fabrics**

Our June meeting was just four days after the Royal wedding so what else could we be discussing but the clothes worn by those attending. The bride's dress (if you can still remember it by the time this News Sheet is published) was thought to be very elegant, beautifully cut and tailored but, "Oh dear", some of the guests, especially their hats, proved to us that money does not necessarily buy elegance however famous the milliner. In some cases the more exclusive the maker, the weirder the confection. We discussed the pros and cons of the large brimmed hat versus the fascinator (Ed. Gentlemen ask a lady who will know) and decided that the latter had more chances of going wrong. Who will ever forget the one that looked as if it had escaped from a giant's buffet or the hull of a derelict, sinking ship stuck to another lady's forehead, as pointed out in Saturday's newspapers. Considering the chances of producing something completely disastrous, I think that for once nobody at the meeting felt inspired to make a fascinator – but I may be wrong!

If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact Anne Thorpe or Pat Newman.

### **Walking**

The rain held off again for our Hanningfield reservoir walk on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May but, unfortunately, the early, warm spring meant that the bluebells we had hoped to see in profusion had been and gone! However, the walk itself was enjoyable if unspectacular with views of the water and wooded paths to walk through.

The next outing should have more varied aspects. It is a walk around Coggeshall, mostly along the Essex Way, taking in historic buildings along with the countryside.

Meet at the free car park in Stoneham Street at 14:00 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The walk is approximately 3 miles.

All are welcome to join us. Please let me know if you would like to come (email [e.m.e@talktalk.net](mailto:e.m.e@talktalk.net) or 850618) and if you need transport or could car-share.

Elizabeth.

### **Weekenders**

On 14<sup>th</sup> May, five Weekenders went to see 'Anything Goes' by the Witham Operatic Society and it was an extremely enjoyable evening. I would suggest that more folk should try these amateur productions as they do need support but are always well produced and a lot of hard work goes into their creation. It would appear that the most popular date for the Sunday Lunch at Oliver's Nursery is the 19<sup>th</sup> June so I shall be booking a table for this date. If anyone else would like to join us there will be sheet available at the June Monthly Meeting.

Our next outing is to Woodbridge on the 8<sup>th</sup> July and I am sorry that this clashes with the July meeting, which includes a Strawberry Tea, but at the time of booking I wasn't aware that the tea was included. The trip is now fully booked but I would ask those of you who are going to let me have payment at the June meeting. Payment of £20.50 can be in cash or a cheque made payable to Stan's Coaches. At the June Monthly Meeting there will be a sheet available, which asks you to state your desired pick up point if you have not already done so.

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Coffee Morning at The Lock Café.
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Coffee Morning at Perrywood's Nursery.
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August: Coffee Morning at Birch gallery and Tea Room.

Please contact Marilyn Corbett on 01621 817518 for further information.

### **Wine Group**

There was no meeting in May as the planned visit to New Hall Vineyard was postponed until September.

The next planned visit is on the 8<sup>th</sup> June to the Colchester Wine Centre in Gosbecks Road. This will be an informal visit to the tasting bar where a member of staff will give us a brief tutorial on the wines that are available for tasting. Advice on any of the wines available for purchase in the shop will also be provided.

Please contact me if you are interested and did not put your name and telephone number on the list at the May Monthly Meeting. Car sharing will be recommended as

parking is limited. We will probably aim to meet up in Tiptree at 14.00 then travel as a group to Colchester.

Jackie Jones [jachjones@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jachjones@tiscali.co.uk) or telephone 01621 817117.

### **On the Notice Board**

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.

The following items of News, including U3A Head Office Information Notices that can be seen on the Notice Board at the June Monthly Meeting or have been available at a recent Monthly Meeting.

- Jazz Appreciation Study Day this month in Leeds.
- South East U3A Forum Summer School; June 28<sup>th</sup>/July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is to be held at the University of Chichester. (see me for details).
- National Conference and AGM to be held 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September at the East Midland Conference Centre at Nottingham University. The programme includes five excellent speakers, air con facilities and conference is a celebration of the U3A movement! The cost ranges from £360 residential or £120 non-residential.
- U3A 201 Diary.

Every month we receive information from Head Office keeping our Group informed of events happening throughout the UK. So, if you are interested and would like further information please contact me.

Brenda on 01245 400492.

### **From Members**

If you have something, articles, comments, requests, that you would like to be included here in the News Sheet. (Editor)

### **Letter to the Editor**

Heybridge U3A Editor

There are no letters to the Editor this month.

## Diary of Meetings and Visits.

For details see articles and co-ordinators above'

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>6th June</b>	6 Petanque 14.00	7 Threads 14.00	8 Wine Tasting 14.00 (Tiptree)	9 Walking 14.00	10 Monthly Meeting 14.00	11 Weekender Coffee at Lock Cafe, Heybridge Basin 10.00	12
<b>13th June</b>	13 Petanque 14.00 Gardening 14.30	14 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	15 Book Group 14.30	16 Computer 14.00	17 Coastal and Marine 09.00 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00	18	19
<b>20th June</b>	20 Petanque 14.00	21 Local History 14.00 French Conversation 16.00	22 Theatre Group at the Mercury Theatre	23 Family History 10.30	24 Copy to Editor Bird Watching 10.00 Luncheon TBC Painting 14.00	25 Heybridge Fete 11.00	26
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	27 Petanque 14.00	28 Scrabble 14.00	29	30	1 <sup>st</sup> July Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	2	3
<b>4th July</b>	4 Petanque 14.00	5 Threads 14.00	6 Wine Tasting 14.00	7 Photography 14.00	8 Monthly Meeting 14.00	9	10
<b>11th July</b>	11 Petanque 14.00	12 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	13 Book Group 14.30	14 Walking 14.00	15 Coffee Morning 11.00 Coastal and Marine 14.00 Painting 14.00	16 Weekender Coffee at Perrywoods 10.00	17
<b>18th July</b>	18 Petanque 14.00 Gardening 14.30	19 Local History 14.00	20 Theatre group	21 Computer 14.00	22 Bird Watching 10.00 Luncheon TBC Painting 14.00	23	24
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	25 Petanque 14.00	26 Scrabble 14.00	27	28 Family History 10.30	29 Copy to Editor Painting 14.00	30	31