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From the Chairman

Now that we are becoming established as an active U3A and part of the community, we are finding ourselves drawn into local events. As I write this piece the Heybridge Fete is yet to come. We are having a stall to promote the idea of the U3A and to show how we embrace those principles in our own U3A. I thank all of you who have agreed to help through the day. I have declined a last minute "offer" for us to run the Baby-Competition but I expect we will be pleased to help on the day with photographic assistance and advice!

Our U3A is an active member of the Association of Essex U3As which acts as a forum for local U3As to share ideas with each other. There is a local Shared Learning Project, based on Stow Maries Aerodrome, which is now getting underway. We have agreed, with several other local U3As, to be a part of it. It has been decided that the centre piece of the project is to be a large piece of "textile-art" (approx. 6 metres x 1 metre wide) depicting the history of the WW1 aerodrome. The U3As will design and create the artwork. When this is complete it will be permanently displayed in the tea room (formally the Sergeants Mess) which will, eventually, to be operated by Wilkins & Son. The U3As have also been asked to produce illustrated booklets of walks in the area which include the aerodrome and tea room! It was also decided that an illustrated diary should be produced as a record of the whole project. Photographs will be required for the design of the artwork, for illustrations in the walk booklets and the diary. If you, or your group, would like to be part of this historically important project please contact either Gill or myself.

At our meeting in June the speaker, Heather Leonard, introduced us to a fascinating insight into her childhood growing-up in a "house" built into the walls of the Tower of London. Her father, having spent a life in the army, was appointed as a Yeoman Warder (Beefeater) with strict instructions to keep the doors locked against the unauthorised. It was hard to comprehend how frightened she felt, after her marriage, living in a house with only one flimsy door and no fence to protect her from the "rest of the world"!

June seems to be a very busy time. Many of us are working in preparation for the Strawberry Tea meeting in July. I know that once again our COGs are

enthusiastically creating displays showing us what their groups do, learn, visit and experience. We thank in advance those who make this special event happen. We can once more look forward to friendly chatter, good company and summer refreshment.

I look forward to seeing you on July 8th at the usual time and place.

Email thorpe101@btinternet.com or phone 01621 850828.

Peter Thorpe

From the Editor

This advance copy of the July News Sheet is to be 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.

The Diary on the last page has been updated to the end of August 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 and anything that relates to The Heybridge U3A or the U3A movement as a whole, then please contact me with the information so that it can be included in the News Sheet. This is especially true when an activities or a visit is planned or confirmed and relates in some way to their group. It is considered that communication via this News Sheet, the only method that reaches all members, will ensure that all Heybridge U3A Members, especially those who have recently joined us, can also have the opportunity to participate.

I have, this month, sent out a reminder a couple days in advance of the dead line. Please let me know if this assisted you. I must have your copy by the last Friday of the month to enable me to assemble the News Sheet for delivery by email approximately five days before the Monthly Meeting. Please continue to send details to me, preferably by email, at ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk with 'Heybridge U3A' in the title. Alternatively talk to me at the Monthly Meeting.

Please read the Theatre Group Section as there is a theatre trip to London proposed that needs a response by the 8th July.

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

From comments that I have received, I am leaving the telephone numbers of the COGs and have added email addresses to each report section.

As a late item of news, The Heybridge U3A had a stall at the Heybridge Fete on Saturday 25th June. We were not



overwhelmed with enquiries but the knowledge base relating to the U3A presence in the area has been expanded. Can I, on behalf of the Committee, thank all those who assisted on the day.

(Author Ian Newman)

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Ian Newman.

Heybridge U3A Monthly Meetings

The next Monthly Meeting is on Friday 8th July starting at the normal time of 14.00, in the Plantation Hall, Heybridge. At the July meeting we will be enjoying a Strawberry Tea with a similar format to last year. This should be a very social meeting where we will be able to meet and see what our various groups indulge in during the rest of the 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
- November: Paddy Lacy
- December: Talk & Songs.

From the COGCo (Group Co-ordinator)

By the time you receive this News Sheet preparations should be well underway for the Strawberry Tea Meeting on 8th July. I look forward to seeing you there. This will be a new event for recent members and I do hope you will enjoy yourselves. If I have not yet met you then please come and introduce yourself and I will do my very best to make sure you have a good time. My part during that afternoon is to circulate but I have been involved with a presentation for the Computer Group and hope you will have a chance to see this plus all the other presentations by members of this Group. A lot of hard work has gone into showing what we have all learned over the last year. There will also be displays by many of the Groups which, I am sure, you will find very interesting. All the COGs will be happy to share their interests so please do not hesitate

Group Names, Co-ordinator, Contact Telephone

Group Name	Co-ordinator (COG)	Telephone Number
Art (Painting)	Michael Kempen	01621 892974
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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
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

to ask if there is something there which you would like to try.

Email gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01621 852294.

Gill Thorne

Membership Secretary

We were pleased to welcome three visitors to our last monthly meeting. One has already joined and we hope the other two will also do so. Four existing members have now renewed their membership, so our total number of paid up members is currently 147.

Membership cards, for those who pay by post, are available for collection at the monthly meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings, please ask someone to collect the card on your behalf or send me an SAE and I will post it to you.

New members are welcome and, if you are not a member and wish to join, please contact me.

Email jennyparker14@hotmail.com or phone 01621 843581.

Alternatively, you can contact Angela Pleasance:

Email angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01621 850310

Jenny Parker.

REPORTS

Art (Painting) Group

Members of the group are currently deciding whether, or not, they have a suitable contribution to display at the Strawberry Tea. We have some cracking artists in this group and everybody is always full of enthusiasm and so supportive of each other's efforts that we should each be able to produce something to give an idea of our capability.

Recently, there has been an emphasis towards landscape, mostly celebrating the joys of the English countryside, but with a few waterside scenes as well. Some of us have been trying new techniques and materials, and some have been concentrating on our preference for animals as subject matter or continuing the floral theme.

Our room in the Plantation Hall is usually bursting at the seams but it's full of energy (of the most gentle kind) and the sharing of ideas; and not just about painting!

Carol Greenhalgh

Phone Michael Kempen 01621 892974.

Bird Watching

We had lovely weather for our morning of bird watching at Hanningfield Reservoir. Tony, who is a volunteer for Essex Wildlife Trust, met us. As we made our way to the first hide we could hear the songs of Chiffchaff, Robin, Blackbird and Wren. From the hide we looked out onto the water where we saw six cygnets staying close to their parents. Above the water a Buzzard was being seen off by two Crows. It happened so fast we did not have time to

focus in with the telescope. On the water we had some of our favourites - Great Crested Grebe, Pochard, Greylag and a pair of Tufted Ducks.

The sun was shining on the shiny black feathers of a lone Black Swan. Not what we expected to see. Tony thinks it was blown off course and could be off again anytime to find a mate. It looked quite happy to us so perhaps will make Hanningfield it's home.



Black Swan.

(Author Jill McGregor)

On our walk to the second hide we were, again, surrounded by birdsong. But, this time, we were able to watch a group of Long Tailed Tits who were singing high in the trees.

We saw some old friends like the Oystercatcher, Lapwing and Common Tern but a wonderful surprise was a Little Ringed Plover, which I do not think we have seen before.

As we walked back to the centre for a cup of tea and a look around we all agreed it had been an enjoyable morning.

Next meeting will be in September the details of which have yet to be arranged.

Email symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01621 869871.

Maureen.

Bridge Group

On Monday 11th July, at 18.00, I am holding a duplicate bridge evening and would love the U3A members to come. I will serve light refreshments and wine to make up for dragging you out in the evening. I hope to have four, or even five, tables all having an evening of mixed ability and fun.

Please let me know if you can join me at the Bell, Silver Street, Maldon.

Email lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net or phone 01621 843208.

Lisbeth

Computer Group

The computer group met, as usual, on the third Thursday of the month in the Claydon Room of Plantation Hall. Although not a big group, those of us who had prepared

presentations for the Strawberry Tea presented our work. Various comments were made on how each presentation could be improved. Some were considered too long and others perhaps slightly too complicated. All spent a lively and productive afternoon. We rounded off with Ian giving us some homework for next time, which gave one member of the group a very large problem to overcome. We are all waiting to see his homework. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 21st July at 14.00.

Email tina@tina832.orangehome.co.uk or phone 01621 858635.

Tina Abeysekera

Coastal and Marine Group

We enjoyed a lovely day in Southwold. The weather was kind, which meant that it only rained whilst we were having coffee, and then again at lunch time! We shared cars and parked in Southwold, rather than use the old coach, as planned. After coffee, we 'window shopped' our way down to the beach front and along to the Pier. After an interesting walk round, we braced ourselves for a beautiful stroll along the beach, past the Lighthouse and the charismatic beach huts, to the Harbour. It is still a working



harbour, with a large RNLI Station and lots of fishing boats to admire. Lunch just had to be fish and chips, freshly cooked and delightful. Fully sated, we sauntered back along the river and downs to the town. We ended our visit in the Adnams Brewery Centre for afternoon tea and another look around. It was a very interesting and relaxing day.



Coastal and Marine Group at Southwold

(Author Jenny Parker)

Unfortunately, the suggested trip along the Deben for the July adventure was not well enough supported to book. It has, therefore, been decided that we would not book an August event, which brings us to September. Joyce has very kindly offered us a short voyage on her yacht Calidris; perhaps along to the Basin. This would be on Friday 16th September at 14.00 from the Fullbridge. We must know numbers for the day so, if you are interested, please add your name to the list at the next Monthly Meeting.

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.

Email brendadewar@btinternet.com or phone 01245 400492.

Brenda.

Discussion Coffee Morning

Our meeting on 17th June welcomed Janette Lett to our tea/coffee/cake/biscuit and, of course, deep meaningful discussion group. As usual we covered many different topics, some serious others hilarious.

If you would like to be involved our next meeting it will be held on Friday 15th July at 11.00 at my house. Although I will not be at the next Monthly Meeting there will be a sheet available with details of the venue, please feel free to telephone me if you need more information.

Email mbandmeg@btinternet.com or phone 01621 854885.

Margaret Brown

Family History Group

The June meeting started with a problem that our U3A member, Beryl Claydon, asked us to solve. This was to find the date of birth and the date of death of a gentleman who lived in Heybridge in the mid to late 1700's until the mid 1800's. This is not as simple as it sounds, as the records for the 1700 are not easy to trace. We all put our thinking caps on and had quite a discussion on this subject and which avenues to follow. Hopefully, we can find the answers for Beryl.

It was a very enjoyable meeting. We even talked about the "Skeletons in the cupboards" that you could find during your research.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 28th July, 10.30 to 12.30 at my house as usual.

Email lesleypommy@hotmail.com or phone 01621 817733.

Lesley Pomphrett.

French Conversation

Once again we have had a couple of very interesting meetings. Confidence is gradually growing with everyone now joining in conversations and discussions quite spontaneously which is great progress in such a short time. We are continuing to set topics for the following meetings to help everyone get ideas: vocabulary, etc., together. Our ultimate aim is that we will meet and chat together more informally just as one would when meeting friends for coffee. For those of you in the group, the next two meetings will be on Monday 11th July at 11.00 and Friday 29th July at 11.00. The venues will be confirmed at the next U3A Monthly Meeting.

Email anfilogoff@googlemail.com or phone 01621 840532.

Vicky Anfilogoff

Gardening Group

Our latest visit was to Feeringbury Manor and, after a grey morning, the sun came out just in time for us to enjoy a beautiful large garden full of surprises, which were quirky sculptures by the owners' son Ben Coode-Adams. We crept up close to watch baby swallows lined up on a fence being fed by their mother swooping past and dropping insects into the waiting beaks without landing. We



followed a trail round the garden discovering more and more sculptures. Tea on the lawn in the sunshine was a satisfying end to a lovely visit.

(Author Pat Yates)

The next visit is to Saling Hall, between Braintree and Gt Dunmow, on Monday 18th July at 14.30. The cost is £4, entry only, and details of the garden are in the programme or the Yellow Book. Lunch or tea can be found in Finchingfield or at The Blue Egg at Great Bardfield nearby. (Further details at next Month's Meeting).

Email pat.yates@tesco.net or phone 01621 892866.

Pat Yates.

Local History Group (LHG)

Twelve of the group ventured across the causeway to Mersea Island to visit the Mersea Island Museum in West Mersea. The enthusiastic volunteers of the museum made us very welcome when they opened their doors especially for us. This is a quietly bustling place, which is full of excellent displays depicting the life and times of the island. The special exhibition for this year is all about the island schools, of which several were in the houses of their teachers, and what it was like to be a child or teacher in past times. This was an apt follow up to our classroom experience in Braintree recently.

This museum has an impressive photographic archive (some 18,000 recorded on their database) to which Carol added three pictures and from which Beryl was given a contribution for the book she is working on. Several of the group were captivated by the filmed remembrances of a 'real local' and his authentic Essex dialect.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our guided walks on 19th July and 16th August (see last month's newsletter or call me). In September we will be welcoming Jane Pearson who is going to speak about 'Weddings in Essex before 1753'. Sign up sheets will be at the next Monthly Meeting [Strawberry Tea].

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Carol Greenhalgh

Luncheon Group

There is no report but see Diary for dates and venue.

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Beth Jeffries

Petanque Group

At the end of June we are planning to play our Monday afternoon Petanque game at Heybridge Basin on the drive of two members so that we can follow this with a Raclet meal. That is just a cheese melted on your meat and

potatoes in little pans, which slot into the Gourmet set which is basically a grill element. You can make crepes on the top, but we have not tried that yet. It makes a very pleasant afternoon (weather permitting) and just goes very well with the Petanque.

The following weeks we shall continue on the Promenade terrain. We were very pleased to welcome a new member who enjoyed the game with us. It is good fun, good company and good exercise. All are welcome.

Email c.barbrook@sky.com or phone 01621 855605.

Barbara Barbrook.

Photography Group

My son Andrew gave us an excellent talk on PhotoShop at our June meeting. He showed us how he used Photoshop professionally for those authors who required him to provide a special image for their book. We saw how he created a cover or an illustration by removing a face or replacing a whole person and blending two separate photos into one. He showed us on his Apple Mac computer how he used layers and selections, pallets and brushes, often spending up to two days to change a photograph so that it was very difficult to see what had been done. Who said that a camera never lies!

The July meeting will be the last opportunity to hand in prints for the Strawberry Tea meeting when we will also look at the May, "Maldon Quay" and the June "Landscape" assignments.

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

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Peter Thorpe



(Author Diane Horscraft)

Reading and Books Group

Our May book, 'The Memory Keepers Daughter' by Kim Edwards, proved to be popular with most of the group. It tells of a doctor who, in an emergency situation, delivers his own children when his wife, surprisingly, gives birth to twins. One of the twins is a girl with Downs Syndrome. In a shocking act of betrayal, he tells his wife their daughter

was born dead whilst secretly entrusting her care to an institution.

For many years this remains his secret but he finds out that the nurse he entrusted the child to, to take to the institution, keeps and cares for her. Ultimately, the truth is revealed and the long term consequences of this act of secrecy tears the family apart.

We regarded this, in the main, to be a well written story, sensitively dealing with stresses on the individuals in the story and the damage that keeping secrets can create. Ultimately, this story tells a tale of regret and finally redemption at a price.

We had several very interesting discussions around the issues this book raised, encouraged by Carole Overy with her list of thought provoking questions.

We continue to maintain our box of books for borrowing, one to which we all subscribe, bringing books we have read and wish to share. A number, now read by most of us, have been removed and will go to charity with other new titles taking their place.

Photographs have been taken of the group, which will go on display at the Strawberry Tea. It will give others who may be interested in joining our group a chance to see who is in the group and to put their names down on the list if they are interested.

We also discussed other authors and titles we might like to read and a list of these will go to the local librarian who will supply us with the books. This is a valuable and much appreciated service.

The next meeting will take place at Plantation Hall on 20th July at 14.30.

email: annlees@yahoo.com or phone 01245 225153.

Ann Lees

Scrabble

At our June meeting, despite the Wimbledon tennis much loved by the ladies, we had nine players using three boards. Games were interspersed with tea, biscuits and the inevitable chatter. The afternoon was orchestrated with thunder, lightening and heavy rain, which all added to the drama!!!

Our next session is on Tuesday 26th July, so please come and join us for a light hearted game or two.

Email tetherdown@sky.com or phone 01621 869865.

Ruth

Ten Pin Bowling

This is a relatively new group and I am pleased to say that we are increasing in numbers. At our latest session, which was on Tuesday 14th June, there were seven of us playing plus one spectator. Initially, we booked one game over two lanes. We split ourselves into two groups. One group of four playing with the guards up and the rest playing with the guards down. Respectable scores, plus strikes and spares, were had and we had enjoyed ourselves so all agreed to play another game. Again,

respectable scores but I think our shoulder muscles had taken a bashing by the end. During the second game a large number of splits were scored - that is when there are two pins left standing after the first ball but too far apart to get both down with the second ball. We will strive to change that next time. We sat around for the next half hour chatting over a cup of tea/coffee.

The next session will be held on the 12th July 13.45 for 14.00. If you would like to have a go please come along. We are all at different levels so there is no competition to worry about. Just fun.

Email lettsnooks@talktalk.net or phone 01621 879697.

Janette

Theatre

Our trip to the Mercury Theatre to see 'Dinner Ladies - Second Helpings' took place on Wednesday evening (22nd June). I think everyone enjoyed it despite the slight hiccup with our meal. I hope you all coped with your indigestion after having to gulp down your dinner - sorry folks! Personally speaking, I thought that the production was excellent and really amusing. There were two of the original cast in it and the actresses who took the parts of Victoria Wood and Julie Walters were exceptionally good, although I must say that the whole cast was brilliant. It certainly was a production worth seeing.

We have been offered tickets for the following show:

Betty Blue Eyes

Novello Theatre London

17th November 2011 14.30

£25 without transport (originally £59 tickets)

This is a very funny and well-reviewed Cameron Mackintosh musical based on the film 'A Private Function' that starred Michael Palin. It is set in 1947 at the height of rationing and the town council of Shepardsford, Yorkshire are illegally fattening a pig (Betty) for a dinner to celebrate the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Philip Mountbatten. Rejected as nobodies by the council, the chiropodist Gilbert and his social-climbing wife Joyce steal the pig but will that save Betty's bacon?

We have 29 seats reserved until 20th July. If you are interested, please let me know and bring a £25 cheque payable to 'Heybridge U3A Groups' to the next meeting on 8th July or post it if you cannot make the meeting.

If we have enough numbers, we will book a coach, which will be extra.

Email dennis-morley@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 892626.

Janet Morley

Threads and Fabrics

At our last monthly meeting (Yes, I did look to see how the ruff was made), I was asked if we all worked on the same project. My answer is normally NO as we all do our own thing. The exception is when we try something new. e.g. the Christmas decorations we have made the previous two winters, or if we are asked to help with an outside project, where some of us might get involved. Nevertheless, we

sometimes learn new skills if one of us is making an item we would like to copy. We also help to solve each other's problems. As I have written in the past, the ethos of our group is skill sharing over tea and a natter.

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Anne Thorpe by phone on 01621 850828 or Pat Newman by Email ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 891184.

Walking

Conditions for our June walk could not have been better with a perfect summer afternoon and, a walk that took us past historic buildings and through beautiful countryside. We all finished off with afternoon tea in the Secret Garden cafe. A must that should be repeated sometime!

The July walk will be a Burnham conservation walk, about 3½ miles and takes in Burnham Wick. We will meet at the clock tower on Burnham High Street at 14.00 on Thursday 14th July. There should be on-the-road parking close by and a choice of tea shops for post-walk refreshment.

Please let me know if you can join us and if you need transport or can car-share.

Email e.m.e@talktalk.net or phone 01621 850618.

Elizabeth

Weekenders

At our recent Weekenders meeting it was suggested a meal at Izumi's in Maldon would be a good idea and the date decided was Saturday 23rd July. Will anyone who I haven't contacted and would like to join us please let me know. Our next monthly meeting will be at Perrywood's Nursery in Tiptree.

Dates for your diary

- Saturday 16th July at Perrywood's Nursery, Tiptree at 10.00.
- Saturday 13th August at Birch Gallery and Tea Room at 10.00.

Please contact Marilyn Corbett for further information on:

Email mars42@btinternet.com or phone 01621 817518

Wine Appreciation Group

There will be no meetings of the Wine Appreciation Group in July and August this year. The next venue will be a visit to the 39th Annual Wine Festival and Open Day on Sunday 4th September at New Hall Vineyard, in Purleigh. This event is very popular and, as it is held at the weekend, there may be members of the Weekenders who might like to join us for a day out. There is an admission charge of £7.00, which includes your own tasting glass (to take home with you), and your first four tastings. There will also be craft stalls and tractor rides round the vineyard plus picnic areas. It is suggested that we car share. Do put your name on the list with your telephone number and I will contact you nearer the date.

Email jachjones@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 817117.

Jackie Jones.

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 July Monthly Meeting or have been available at a recent Monthly Meeting.

- National Conference and AGM to be held 17th – 19th September at the East Midland Conference Centre at Nottingham University. The programme includes five excellent speakers, air con facilities and conference which is a celebration of the U3A movement! The cost ranges from £360 residential or £120 non-residential.
- Marriage of Figaro: Film at Odeon, Covent Garden Cinema on Tuesday 15th November 12.45 - 16.45. Tickets: £12.50 each.
- Shared Learning Projects: Horniman Museum, Forest Hill, SE London. Documentation work for those interested in Natural History and archives. Start date 22nd September at 11.00, and thereafter fortnightly; total of 8 sessions. Closing date: 30th July. Contact hazel.thompson57@ntlworld.com for more information.
- Museum of London. Project involves repacking of artifacts, cataloguing etc. Start 28th September then weekly until 7th December: 10 meetings. Contact valerie.saunders523@btinternet.com for more information.
- Framing the Future: Museum of London at Docklands. Start: 16th August, then weekly until 22nd November. Project will involve interviewing Study Centre Visitors, entering data and analysing it. Training given. Volunteers will work in pairs as part of larger team and commit to one day a week. Contact linda.crook.uk@gmail.com - closing date 30th July. Others have found the work interesting and stimulating.
- U3A 2011 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:

Email brendadewar@btinternet.com or phone 01245 400492

Brenda

From other U3A's

The South Woodham Ferrers U3A Social Group have a few spare tickets for the Thursford Christmas Spectacular. It is a Matinee Performance on Wednesday 30th November 2011. The cost is £45.50p per head, which includes the best raised seats and includes the coach from South Woodham Ferrers. The coach will leave between 08.00 and 09.00. The exact time has yet to be confirmed. To book your tickets please telephone Janice on 01621 325399.

Diary of Meetings and Visits.

For details see articles and co-ordinators above'

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4th July	4 Petanque 14.00	5 Threads 14.00	6	7 Photography 14.00	8 Monthly Meeting 14.00	9	10
11th July	11 Petanque 14.00 French Conversation 11.00 Duplicate Bridge 18.00	12 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	13	14 Walking 14.00	15 Coffee Morning 11.00 No Coastal and Marine Painting 14.00	16 Weekender Coffee at Perrywoods 10.00	17
18th July	18 Petanque 14.00 Gardening 14.30	19 Local History 14.00	20 Book Group 14.30	21 Computer 14.00	22 No Bird Watching this month Luncheon The Sun Inn, Feering 13.00 Painting 14.00	23	24
25th July	25 Petanque 14.00	26 Scrabble 14.00	27	28 Family History 10.30	29 Copy to Editor French Conversation 11.00 Painting 14.00	30	31
1st August	1 Petanque 14.00	2 Threads 14.00	3	4 Photography 14.00	5 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	6	7
8th August	8 Petanque 14.00	9 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	10	11 Walking 14.00	12 Monthly Meeting 14.00	13 Weekender Coffee at Birch Gallery 10.00	14
15th August	15 Petanque 14.00 Gardening 14.30	16 Local History 14.00	17 Book Group 14.30	18 Computer 14.00	19 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00 No Coastal and Marine	20	21
22nd August	22 Petanque 14.00	23 Scrabble 14.00	24	25 Family History 10.30	26 Copy to Editor Luncheon TBC Painting 14.00 No Bird Watching this month	27	28