

Heybridge U3A News Sheet No. 6/2013 July 2013

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From the Chairman

There are many things that I wish that I could do, and now I have found another skill that I dearly would like to have, and that is the art of 'story-telling'. Our Speaker, Martin Lloyd, for the June meeting has the skill *par excellence*. He kept us all enthralled with his stories about passports for three-quarters of an hour. He gave so much detail that there were very few questions afterwards, but I noticed that he sold many of his books as a result of the interest that he had roused. It was a meeting well worth attending.

We are now moving onto a different stage in the growth of the Heybridge U3A in that Pat Smith, our Social Secretary, is planning a range of activities that we can do as a whole group. We are hoping that this will mean that we all get to know more of the members of *our* U3A and not just the people that we meet in our interest group. Our first outing is a cruise on the Chelmer and Blackwater Canal on 11th September. It is the kind of outing that can only be done in a group, so please come and join us and get to know more people and the history of our local canal.

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From the Editor

The Diary on the last page has been updated to the end of August 2013. Please keep me up to date with any interesting stories, relevant pictures or anything that relates to The Heybridge U3A, inter-action with other U3As or the U3A movement as a whole.

An email copy, to those who have provided an email address, of this News Sheet and future News Sheets should have reached all 2013/2014 members. If you have not received a digital copy please let me know. An email to me will be best as it will allow me to check that no unwanted characters or spaces have been inserted.

Please see page 7 for the update about the Essex U3A Study Day.

lan Newman: Email ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 891184.

Membership Secretary

We were pleased to welcome 3 new members in June taking our total membership to 171.

New members are always welcome. If you are not a member and would like to find out more about the Heybridge U3A, you are welcome to attend a monthly meeting (held in the Plantation Hall at 14:00 on the 2nd Friday of the month)

as a guest. There is no need to book, just turn up and sign in.

Jenny Parker

For any queries regarding membership, please

Email <u>jennyparker14@hotmail.com</u> or phone me on 01621 843581. Or, If I am not available, please contact Angela by

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

From the COGCo (Group Co-ordinator)

Just before I went on holiday I was advised that Ruth has given up the position of CoG of the Scrabble Group. I would like to thank her for running this Group for over 3 years and wish her all the very best for the future.

For further information on this group, see under heading Scrabble Group.

Gill Thorne: Email <u>gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk</u> or phone 01621 852294.

Heybridge U3A Monthly Meeting

Our next Monthly Meeting, on July 12th, will feature pupils from The Plume School and their presentation of the Performing Arts. Venue; Plantation Hall, Heybridge, starting at the normal time of 14.00.

A list of other potential subjects for the following Monthly Meetings are as follows:

- August 2013: Beryl Claydon, a well known member of Heybridge U3A, talking about her book on Heybridge.
- September Roger Slade, Shackleton in Antarctica.
- October Roger Booty, 'Mechanical Musical Instruments'.
- November Tim Shepherd, Talk on the RNLI.
- December Tony Bertolla, Spontaneous Christmas verse.

Group Names, Co-ordinator, & Contact Phone Number.

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Art (Painting)	Michael Kempen	01621 892974		
Bird Watching	Maureen Lenoir	01621 869871		
Coffee Morning	Margaret Brown	01621 854885		
Computer	lan Newman	01621 891184		
Creative Writing	Angela Pleasance	01621 850310		
Family History	Lesley Pomphrett	01621 817733		
French Conversation	Jenny Parker	01621 843581		
Gardening	Pat Yates	01621 892866		
Italian	Janice Slight	01621 853393		
Local History	Carol Greenhalgh	01621 840339		
Luncheon	John Harrison	01621 854851		
Patchwork	Anne Thorpe	01621 850828		
Petanque	Barbara Barbrook	01621 855605		
Photography	Peter Thorpe	01621 850828		
Reading & Books	Carole Overy	01621 893450		
Scrabble	tba			
Solo Whist	Dave Mason	01621 858635		
Spanish	Dave Wilson	01621 840945		
Technical Computing	Colin Mason	01621 854906		
Ten Pin Bowling	Glenn Cousins	01621 816721		
Threads & Fabrics	Anne Thorpe &	01621 850828 &		
Walking	Pat Newman Elizabeth Eastwood	01621 891184 01621 850618		
Weekenders	Marilyn Corbett	01621 817518		
Wine Group	Jackie Jones	01621 817117		

Social Secretary

There are still a few spaces on the canal trip on 11th September. We board *The Princess Victoria* at Paper Mill Lock and after our cruise meet at Ulting for a guided visit to the ancient Church.

A ploughman's lunch will be served on board. The cost of the trip £16.00. Please make cheques payable to Heybridge U3A. All cheques should be handed to me or a Committee Member on or before the next Monthly Meeting, which is on Friday 12th July, to confirm your seat.

More details on the notice board or contact me by phone or email.

IN THE PIPELINE

We are hoping to visit the Foundling Museum in London at the end of October 2013. Formerly the Foundling Hospital, the museum was the UKs first home for abandoned children. Founded by Thomas Coram 270 years ago, the museum tells the history of the hospital in documents, paintings and photographs. Included are the 'tokens' left by mothers with their babies, as a means of identification should they ever return for their children.

In addition, paintings and sculptures by artists including Hogarth, Reynolds and Gainsborough are set amongst the furniture and fittings of the time.

A very interesting and unusual museum. Admission to museum is £5.00. There is an excellent cafe. Cost of the coach if we have 35 travellers is approx £11

Provisional Bookings

Next April 2014, a visit is provisionally booked (25th) to the Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop at Thurrock, there to 'Discover the fascinating world of the scenic artists and craftspeople who create stunning sets and scenery for the world-famous Royal Opera House'. It is well worth a visit! We will all make our own way to Thurrock by 13.30 when a very good meal can be had in *The Fleet* pub before the tour begins at 15.00. The tour costs £7.00 and lasts for 45 minutes. 20 persons, maximum on the tour.

A visit in June 2014 to the beautiful city of Ely is proposed. Lots to see and do there; enter the cathedral known as the 'ship of the fens', enjoy a stroll by the river and perhaps a visit to the weekly market and/or inspect the house where Oliver Cromwell lived (admission £4.10). Apart from the above, the cost will be for the coach only is approx £12.00pp if a 35 seater coach is filled.

If you are interest in any of the above please add you name to the appropriate list in the committee room or contact me.

Pat Smith; Email patcleary98@sky.com or 01621 856569

REPORTS

Art (Painting) Group

No doubt there will be quite a buzz at the next couple of meetings about the new Study Day Art Group in acrylics offered by U3A member Mike Wills. Although our members mostly work in watercolours or pen and wash, it is always good news to hear of another option available to us.

Meanwhile, numbers are up again at our regular Friday meetings, resulting in much jollity, gossip and laughter as well as hard work. Our session on June 21st threatened to overrun due to frighteningly heavy rainstorms which flooded the car park within minutes and nearly gated us in our Plantation Hall 'studio'. Were we bovvered? I don't think so!

Report by Gill Carpenter

For information about the group contact, Michael Kempen: Email m.kempen@sky.com or phone 01621 892974.

Bird Watching Group

We again had an extra outing this month as we thought we would go back to Blue House Farm to see the three owl chicks that hatched during the first week of June. We went early in the evening so that we should be able to see the parents hunting. No such luck, but we did see the chicks in the nest and watched one of the parents (we think it was the female) feeding them a meal of some furry titbit, possibly a Water Vole. We thought we would also enjoy a walk as it was a dry evening.

On the way to the first hide we went through a flock of sheep with their lambs. One of them had a pair of tiny lambs. They were sweet. We watched Little Egrets and Tufted Ducks on the water and Barnacle Geese in the fields near the railway line before heading back for another look at the owls before heading home.

We had a warm day for our monthly outing to Chigborough Lakes. It was a lovely place to walk around but we were there to see what was about from the hide. We had not seen so many Little Egrets together before. They nest in the trees with the Grey Heron and it's wonderful to think they have made it their nesting place.

The large lake had lots to see, a pair of swans with two fluffy grey cygnets came over to check us out before swimming off to the far side where there were Gadwall, Tufted, Pochard and Mallard Ducks swimming around. One we had to look up in our book as it was new to us. We think it was an Egyptian Goose. It had light feathers and red legs.

We hope you like the picture Graham has taken.



Egyptian Goose: Author: Graham Parker

This month we will be visiting Abbotts Hall Farm. Abbotts Hall Farm on 26th July. If you would like to join our friendly group please contact me.

Maureen: Email <u>symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk</u> or phone 01621 869871.

Computer Group

We met again on the third Thursday in June when we revised what we had studied the previous month. The subject revised was how to make a secure second copy of their important files. These would include their photographs, music WORD files etc. A copy of the visual aid material is

available for those who would like it. As usual we continued with 'one to one' for the rest of the session.

Next month, we will look at how to save important emails.

This will be followed by any general questions and the 'one to one' session. So if you would like the help of a more experienced computer user to enable you to get more from your own computer please come along to our next meeting which will be held in the Claydon Room in Plantation Hall on Thursday 18th July at 14.00 where you will be made welcome.

lan Newman: Email ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 891184.

Creative Writing Group

The Creative Writing group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 14:30 at my house. It is a free group and all are welcome Experience is not required.

This month we had the subject, "I once made a ..." This produced a variety of pieces and one member showed us some of the beautiful things she had made over the years. A sprig of rosemary generated the assignment for next month – smells; possibly how certain smells can trigger a memory, or we can widen the subject to smells in general. I am looking forward to hearing lots of olfactory stories.

Angela Pleasance: Phone 01621 850310 or email angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk.

Discussion Coffee Morning Group

Thanks to Jean Murray for her hospitality on 21st June, when lovely jam doughnuts appeared along with the tea/coffee.

We will not be meeting in July. Our next coffee morning will be at Marilyn Corbett's house, at the usual time of 11.00 on Friday 16th August.

Margaret Brown: phone 01621 854885 or Email mbandmeg@btinternet.com .

Family History Group

Our Group maybe small but we are full of enthusiasm. This month we talked about websites that are there for us to gather information from, including National Railway and Breweries which have lists of employees going back to the 1800s, and Norman showed us the Free Reg. website.

Dorothy has finally managed to get past her "brick wall" at last. During her investigations she came across a website called "The East of London Family History Society. With Norman on the computer, we looked at this site, and, as we all have ancestors who lived in London, we were amazed about the amount of information that was available. Well done Dorothy for finding this.

Marjorie has a photo of her relatives who were in WW1 (father and four sons in uniform). She showed us this photo at our last meeting and, although she is having problems finding out which Regiments they were in, she amazed us with the information she has managed to gather from this one photo. She also talked about the hospital uniforms that injured soldiers wore when they were back in England recuperating during WW1 and then showed us a photo of

her Grandfather wearing one. None of us had seen this before.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 25th July at 10.30 to 12.30 at my house, as usual.

Lesley Pomphrett: phone 01621 817733 or Email lesleypommy@hotmail.com .

French Conversation Group

In last month's news sheet I reported that we had been given the task of putting our favourite recipe into French. Coincidentally, to our amusement, we all turned up with a recipe for a different course. No, we hadn't been colluding. We then read in turn and translated a short article from "Le Figero" entitled ,roughly in English, 'Kate Middleton appears for the last time before her confinement', on the appearance of the royal family on the balcony after the Trooping the Colour ceremony.' It always amuses me that a nation which strived so hard to remove their own Royalty is so interested in ours.

This month we will be reverting to our normal week and meeting on Wednesday the 10th of July.

Report by Pat Newman.

Jenny Parker: email jennyparker14@hotmail.com or phone 01621 843581.

Gardening Group

It was a very chilly and windy day in Burnham for the Moroccan garden, but they had lots of cosy places to sit, where we enjoyed our tea and cake, and didn't want to leave. The houseboat was something completely different, although some of us were more interested in peering through the windows than in the planting!



Allium. In The Round: Author Ian Newman

Our next visit is on Thursday 18th July to Elwy Lodge and Kingsteps, in Woodham Walter and Danbury. I will be at Elwy Lodge at 14.00. I thought we would go to this one first, as it says home-made teas at the second one, which we should get to at tea-time, (most important). If you don't have a Yellow book for directions or will need a lift, please let me know.

Pat Yates: Email <u>pat.yates@tesco.net</u> or phone 01621 892866.

Italian Conversation

Due to holidays and other various commitments both groups were rather depleted in number this time, but that meant we were able to do a more 'one to one' session and focus on particular points to help the individual member. So, although limited in numbers, the meetings still proved to be useful revision for those who did manage to make it.

The next meetings for the Beginner's Italian Group will be on Monday 1st July and 5th August.

The next Meetings for the Advanced Italian Group will be on Monday 15th July and 19th August.

Janice Slight: Email janice.slight@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 853393

Local History Group (LHG)

The report for Hylands House will be reported in next month's News Sheet.

Dates for the diary:

- 16th July (18.00) for the Maldon Ale Trail Walk
- 20th August (13.30) at the Galleywood Heritage Centre

Carol will be emailing details to members of the group but please contact her if you are interested if space available.

Carol Greenhalgh: phone 01621 840339 or Email george.smeed@virgin.net .

Luncheon Group

Fifteen of us met at *Le Bouchon* in Heybridge on Friday 28th June. The midweek lunch menu has recently been restructured with each course separately priced rather than the previous two course fixed price menu. I had already spoken to John the Owner about this change and he explained this had been done following customer comments from people only wanting a single course. The pricing is still competitive with a good selection range for Starters, Mains, and Desserts, some of us enjoying all three.



The Luncheon Group at Lunch

Davide, the original General Manager, who had a leading role in setting up *Le Bouchon*, has moved on to a new venture. The new chef, who amongst other locations, has worked at Waterside, in Chelmsford. We all enjoyed the usual excellent food and service.

For those who were feeling the heat, there is air conditioning in the main restaurant, and, before our next visit (whenever that may be) there will be air conditioning in the private room that we have previously used.

I have booked The Griffin in Danbury for Friday 26th July at 12.30. (note the earlier time). I presently anticipate there will be eighteen of us. Anyone uncertain, and/or any others please check the list in the Committee Room on 14th June or contact me.

I have already e-mailed the menu to regulars and at present no pre-selection is required.

Any queries please speak to me on Friday, phone or e-mail.

John W Harrison: email johnwharrison@sky.com_or phone 01621 854851.

Patchwork Group

The next meeting of the Patchwork Group will be in the Claydon Room on Monday the 8th July at 14.00.

Anne Thorpe; Email <u>Anne.thorpe@btinternet.com</u> or phone 01621 850828.

Petanque Group

Well the weather has been much more like summer recently so we have enjoyed some good weather for our Monday afternoon games on the Maldon Promenade. We have had about twelve people each week and some very strong competition has made our games exciting. As we choose the teams by picking a card, means that the teams are mixed and not matched so that we are playing with different members each week. We are looking forward to our change of venue next Monday and will report on our game, which will be followed by our annual raclette meal. This is made by melting raclette cheese onto cold meat and potatoes using a raclette appliance as they do in France for family occasions.



Raclette: Author Gordon McLeay

We are doing it as an excuse for a social get together. More next month.

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

Photography Group

The assignment for June was a photo taken from an unusual angle. This subject proved to be harder than it at first appeared. The images included: a broom head; a row of bicycles; plants; buildings taken with the camera twisted; the underside of boats and cars; and a pair of stripy socks with toes!



Stripy Socks: Author - Linda Wilks

It never fails to amaze me how our members' minds work. We use our cameras to create fun images as well as for recording those important events like holiday memories and family landmarks. I am certain that our members even try to make their record shots look more interesting by using some of the techniques we discuss together. With modern digital cameras, sorting out most of the boring stuff using the cameras inboard computing power to automatically adjust the focus and exposure, we are left free to make all of our pictures interesting to the viewer. For those who really want to create something special, we can learn how to take complete control of our digital camera and work using the traditional manual methods of old.

The aim of our group is to enjoy, improve and share our photography together, so if you are also interested in digital photography, come and join us. You will be made welcome whether you are completely new, experienced or just want to discover your "photographer's eye".

Peter Thorpe: Email <u>thorpe101@btinternet.com</u> or phone 01621 850828.

Reading and Books Group

I have picked up the reins from Ann Lees who has conducted the role of Co-ordinator for four years. Thanks Ann for all your work in making this such a success0ful group.

Our book this month was the 'Reluctant Fundamentalist' by Mohsin Hamid. It's a political thriller and begins with the narrator, Changez, confiding his life story to an American stranger in a Lahore cafe. We learn that Changez is a highly educated Pakistani who worked as a financial analyst for a prestigious firm in New York. Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America, but after a failed love affair and the 'September 11' attacks, his western life collapses and he returns, disillusioned and alienated, to Pakistan.

All of this Changez reveals in a one-sided conversation with the mysterious stranger and the conversation goes back and forth over his developing concerns about cultural identity and American power.

The book sparked some lively and interesting discussion, particularly as we are not told exactly what happens at the end. Does the American shoot Changez, or does the waiter kill the American? One member suggested that perhaps the American did not really exist and the conversation all took place in Changez' mind. Very thought provoking.

The next meeting takes place at Plantation Hall, Heybridge on Wednesday 17th July at 14.30.

For further information contact Carole Overy.

Email: caroleovery@sky.com or phone 01621 893450.

Scrabble Group

As only three members turned up for the meeting on 25th June no decision on its future of the Scrabble Group could be made.

As this was the last of three sessions already paid for, it was thought best not to book the meeting room for the next three months.

What I am now asking is for someone to head up this group, i.e. to be the CoG. I am also asking the present members to come forward with ideas. Do you want this group to continue in members' homes as a couple of years ago or do you want a break and start again in the winter, or what??? It is your group so please let me know.

Gill Thorne: Email <u>gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk</u> or phone 01621 852294.

Solo Whist

There was no meeting this month. The next solo whist meeting will be on the first Wednesday of September, being the $4^{\rm th}$.

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

Spanish for Beginners

The last meeting was on June 27th, the final one in the present short course. I will keep members informed as to future courses.

My thanks to those who have attended, hoping that you have enjoyed and found useful the topics we have covered.

David Wilson. Email - <u>d.wilson09@btinternet.com</u> or phone 01621 840945.

Technical Computing Group

The above meeting took place at Peter's house, where we began by looking at the Bios of a laptop computer, where we looked at information provided, and settings it would be possible to alter if necessary. Any adjustments must be undertaken with extreme care, as this could stop a computer from starting. We further investigated the 'Msconfig' command which can be entered from windows. Start up programs can be disabled to help increase the starting speed of windows. We finished off the afternoon by looking at Peters desktop to try to find out why his card reader had

stopped working on every card put into it. It was decided that the reader was faulty and needed replacing.

The next meeting will be on the 11th of July at lan's house.

We would like to thank Anne and Peter for their hospitality.

Colin Mason: Email <u>colin@mason20.wanadoo.co.uk</u> or phone 01621 854906.

Ten Pin Bowling

There were just five members at the June meeting, including one new member to the group, many being absent due to holidays and in my case having had a tooth removed just one hour previously! Top scorer was Simon Morrison with 112. Average score over the ten games played in total was 82. A thank you to Lynne Morrison for running the session and providing the score information.

The next session will be on Tuesday 9th July, 13.45 ready to start bowling at 14.00.



Author: Barbara Barbrook

Glenn Cousins. phone 01621 816721 or Email maureencousins@btinternet.com

Threads and Fabrics Group

Our June meeting was, as usual, a busy one, to which we were pleased to welcome a new member. Several new skills had been learnt since May including embroidered pin tucks, some minute printed pictures, were being enhanced with embroidery, which we were told were part of a tiny book. At one end of the table we were sorting out knitting problems and at the other end the theme was animals in tapestry, appliqué and crochet. The picture this month is of a crochet cat for which I have been working out the pattern in preparation for the U3A Study Day. I wonder what July will bring.



Crochet Cat: Author Pat Newman

The next meeting is on the 2nd of July.

Please contact Anne Thorpe or Pat Newman.

Anne by Email anne.thorpe@btinternet.com or phone 01621 850828.

Or Pat by Email ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 891184.

Walking Group

Our June walk, described as 'a country walk but with the town always in sight' began and finished in the centre of Coggeshall. We left the town and followed the Essex Way past the remains of the Abbey with its small associated chapel (founded in 1140) but now in private ownership, then on past the mill and the massive Grange Barn. The path took us to a footbridge over the Blackwater (not much bigger than a stream here) and back to our starting point by the town clock tower and the café to enjoy welcome refreshments.

July's walk will be around East Mersea, starting at Cudmore Grove Country Park and looping around the beach and seawall. Meet at the Cudmore car park at 14:00 on Thursday 11th July. Cost of parking is £2.20 so full cars advised!

Please let me know if you can join us and if you need or can offer transport.

Elizabeth: Email <u>e.m.e@talktalk.net</u> or phone 01621 850618. (Mobile 07581029816).

Weekenders Group

At our last coffee morning at Wilkins Jam Factory Tea Room someone suggested looking at the 'What's On' section of the free monthly Life Magazine for things to do. So, if there is anything of interest to anyone please mention it at our meetings. Seven of us enjoyed lunch at Izumi's this month and two members went to Kew Gardens and I hope they had a good day out. There are more trips to look forward to in the future. Can I remind those going on the Camden Lock trip to have their cheques ready at the next U3A meeting.

Dates for your diary:

 Saturday 13th July; Coffee at The Horseshoe Nursery, Bicknacre at 10.00.

- Saturday 10th August; Coffee at The Museum of Power, Langford at 10.00.
- Saturday 14th September; Coffee at Oliver's Nursery at 10.00.

Marilyn Corbett: Email <u>mars42@btinternet.com</u> or phone 01621 817518.

Wine Appreciation Group

Our next meeting will be afternoon tea with a glass of sparkling wine at the Coggeshall Wine Barn in West Street, Coggeshall on Wednesday 17th July. We shall meet there at 2.30pm.

Looking forward to August, we shall again be attending the Colchester Wine Company Tasting Session on Saturday 10th August at 11.00 to find out all about the wines of South Africa. Places are limited and have to be booked and paid for in advance. Please let me know if you wish to attend. As usual we shall be car sharing.

Jackie Jones: Email <u>jachjones@tiscali.co.uk</u> or phone 01621 817117.

Association of Essex U3A's Study Day

The information for the Study Day has now been issued and is available to all members. First it has been sent to all Heybridge U3A members with email addresses as supplied to the Membership Secretary. Group Co-ordinators have been requested to provide copies to members who do not have email. Hard copies will also be available at the monthly meetings.

I stress again that if you want to participate in a specific session then you must get your applications in as soon as possible as popular subjects fill very quickly. I have been informed that over 50% of the Study Day places have now been taken.

If you require any further information, help or if you need to discuss anything to do with the above please contact me or contact the secretary of the Study Day; Doug Harryman, at doug.harryman@talktalk.net.

Please note that we have two members leading Study Day sessions.

Ian Newman: Email ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 891184

From other U3As

None

On the Notice Board

Our National Conference "Learn, Laugh and Live" and AGM is $13^{\text{th}}-16^{\text{th}}$ September at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham.

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8th July	8 Petanque 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	9 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	10 French Conversation 10.00	11 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	12 Monthly Meeting 14.00	13 Weekender Coffee Horseshoe Nursery 10.00	14
15 th July	15 Petanque 14.00 Advanced Italian 10.00	16 Local History 18.00	17 Book Group 14.30 Wine Tasting 14.30	18 Computer 14.00 Gardening 14.00	19 Painting 14.00	20	21
22 nd July	22 Petanque 14.00	23	24 Creative Writing Group 14.30	25 Family History 10.30	26 News Sheet Copy to Editor Painting 14.00 Luncheon 12.30 Bird Watching	27	28
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5 th August	5 Beginners Italian 10.00 Petanque 14.00	6 Threads 14.00	7	8 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	9 Monthly Meeting 14.00	10 Wine Tasting 11.00 Weekender Coffee Museum of Power. 10.00	11
12 th August	12 Petanque 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	13 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	14 French Conversation 10.00	15 Computer 14.00	16 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	17	18
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Diary of Meetings and Visits

For details see articles and co-ordinators above.