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#### From the Chairman

It is extraordinary how a matter of seemingly trivial importance can take up an inordinate amount of time in a committee meeting. On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 the Essex Association of U3As Committee met for a routine meeting. Something, which was not on the Agenda, gave us a lot of discussion. It was the Essex Association quiz trophy. I had not seen it before, but the problem was that all the spaces on the plaque attached to the trophy had been used up for the inscription of the various winners (including Heybridge U3A). We all studied the trophy from different angles, hoping to find somewhere to put a new plaque. But there was none. Someone suggested that all the inscriptions should be re-engraved with a smaller font. A knowledgeable member said that was impossible, so we decided to take the chance of spending a lot of money on a new trophy. A member of the committee was asked to take on this expensive task. She now reports that she has bought an identical new trophy at the cost of £11! And it has a plaque with the inscription ' Association of Essex U3A, Brain of Essex Quiz.' Whoever wins the quiz will be the proud holders of the trophy for a year. How about it being us next year?

Joyce Woodham: phone 01621 841066 or Email [woodham359@btinternet.com](mailto:woodham359@btinternet.com).

#### From the Editor

The Diary on the last page has been updated to the end of September 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 or omitted in your email address.

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

The Social Secretary has put in place a number of special visits. Please read her report, read the notice board, put your name down on the sheet and most important of all, provided a cheque for the appropriate amount.

Ian Newman: Email [ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01621 891184.

#### Membership Secretary

We were pleased to welcome one new member in July. As one member withdrew, our current membership remains at 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [jennyparker14@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyparker14@hotmail.com) or phone me on 01621 843581. Or, If I am not available, please contact Angela by

Email [angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk) or phone on 01621 850310.

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

It is really good to belong to Groups in our U3A. Last week I had sparkling wine, coffee and gateau at a new vineyard in Coggeshall with the Wine Appreciation Group, two lovely garden visits at Woodham Walter and Danbury with the Garden Group, and lunch with guest speaker Ken Crowther, suggested by a member of the Coffee Morning Group.

Gill Thorne: Email [gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01621 852294.

#### Heybridge U3A Monthly Meeting

The speaker at our next Monthly Meeting, on August 9<sup>th</sup> will be Beryl Claydon. As you know she has written a very comprehensive book on Heybridge. We do hope that you will be able to come to the meeting in support of 'one of us'. 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:

- 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	Ian 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 & Pat Newman	01621 850828 & 01621 891184
Walking	Elizabeth Eastwood	01621 850618
Weekenders	Marilyn Corbett	01621 817518
Wine Group	Jackie Jones	01621 817117

**Social Secretary**Canal Trip

There are still a few spaces on the canal trip on 11<sup>th</sup> September. We board *The Princess Victoria* at Paper Mill Lock at 11.00, 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 is £16.00. Please make cheques payable to Heybridge U3A, (groups).

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

Foundling Museum

A NEW date for our visit to the Foundling Museum in London is now the 7<sup>th</sup> November. I hope everyone who has signed up for the trip can make this date.

This is a very interesting and unusual museum. Admission is £5.00pp. We will be picked up at Plantation Hall at 09.30 to reach London by 12.00. As well as all the fascinating items to see at the museum, we are invited to a small concert (details later). We should be back to Plantation Hall by 18.00. Further details on the notice board.

There is an excellent cafe at the Museum.

The coach will also drop off and pick up at the British Museum for those who would prefer this alternative.

Cost of the coach if 35 travellers - approx £12.50 p.p. Cheques to Pat Smith by 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Please add your name to the list in the committee room.

Royal Opera House, Thurrock

There are also a few places left for the visit next April 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! Date booked, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

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. The tour begins at 15.00 and costs £7.00 and lasts for 45 minutes. Twenty persons maximum on the tour.

Please add your name to the list in the committee room and give your cheque, made payable to Heybridge U3A (groups), to me or to a member of the committee.

Royal Greenwich. May 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, a guided tour, starting from Plantation Hall at 08.00.

We meet our guide at 10.30 at the Blackheath Gate of Greenwich Park and after time to buy morning refreshments we'll enjoy the iconic view over the river. We will tour the compact Queen's House and peek inside the National Maritime Museum to see a beautiful ceremonial barge of the sort immortalized in the Canaletto painting that inspired Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee River Pageant. There's a café in the museum for lunch or you can picnic in the park or visit a nearby pub or café.

After lunch we visit the Cutty Sark where lifts take you between decks and you can also go below the ship to fully appreciate the magnificent shape of the world's last clipper.

Next a short coach transfer ready for the final treat of the day - a return 360° flight on the new Emirates Air Line Thames Cable Car from The O2 to the Royal Docks and back again without getting off. It's gentle gliding in glass gondolas that seat up to 10 people and it really is great fun. There will be time to buy refreshments before heading home at 17.00. Cost of the Trip £24 (plus coach fare to be advised).

Please add your name to the form in the committee room to show interest.

## Ely

A visit on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 coach only- Approx £12.pp 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](mailto:patcleary98@sky.com) or 01621 856569

## **REPORTS**

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

Unsurprisingly, the steamy weather has seen slightly fewer painters than usual congregating in the Claydon Room for our Friday afternoon sessions.

Let's hope that when the missing members return from the beach, from foreign climes, or the garden, or from watching sport on the telly, they bring with them sufficient artistic inspiration to see them through the duller days of autumn and winter!

Meanwhile, for the loyal hardcore of the group, the ideas just keep coming. Recent sessions have seen works inspired by family photographs and by visits to the quirkier corners of the UK, alongside the ever popular country views and seascapes. And as the scope for ideas widens, so the standard of workmanship just keeps going up and up. Long may it continue.

Report by Gill Carpenter

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

### **Bird Watching Group**

It was a lovely morning as we meet at Abbots Hall Farm. We started by making our way to the man made breach that gives Abbots Hall a large area of wetlands. We did see Long-Tailed Tits, Green Woodpeckers, Yellow Wagtail plus a Grey Heron flying overhead on the way. The tide was out so we went to the wetland hide to see what was about. As we approached we could see a Warbler in the reeds and with help from our books identified it as Sedge Warbler. It was lovely and cool inside the hide so we settled down to watch the Little Grebes, Shoveler, Gadwall and Pochard Ducks, Moorhens and Cootes. We spent ages watching a Tufted Duck and her tiny chicks diving together like sequence swimmers. I hope you like Jill's picture.



Abbots Hall farm is worth a visit as it has lovely walks and peaceful gardens to wander round

There is no meeting in August but we plan to visit Minsmere on the 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Maureen: Email [symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01621 869871.

### **Computer Group**

We met again on the third Thursday in July when it was decided that the computer group would not make a room booking for the December 2013 session. A question was raised about screen brightness and how to change it. It was agreed that a short introduction into how this could be achieved would be prepared for the next Computer Group meeting. As usual we continued with 'one to one' for the rest of the 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 15<sup>th</sup> August at 14.00 where you will be made welcome.

Ian Newman: Email [ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01621 891184.

### **Creative Writing Group**

July saw us listening to a variety of stories and reminiscences about smells, with one story about a detour left over from the previous month. We did not have time for the game I had intended playing, to the relief of some present.

We are going to give ourselves a holiday in August but have set the subject for September. This is to be "Is the spare bed made up?" or, "an unexpected visitor". There is plenty of time to produce something on this subject, and the summer holiday might provide inspiration.

Next meeting: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, my house at 14:30.

Angela Pleasance: Phone 01621 850310 or email [angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Discussion Coffee Morning Group**

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



Margaret Brown: phone 01621 854885 or Email [mbandmeg@btinternet.com](mailto:mbandmeg@btinternet.com) .

### Family History Group

At this month's meeting we started to talk about how people seem to go missing from one census to the next. We know they are somewhere but where are they? After discussing mis-spelling of names etc. Chris and Linda suggested using Electoral Rolls. We looked on Ancestry to see what we could find and you do need to know which parish the person was living in, but Chris and Linda have traced ancestors this way, so it can be done, but with a lot of patience!

We also talked about how difficult it can be to read the original pages that you get shown on the computer, i.e: handwriting and shadows. Chris said it is possible to get clearer pictures by putting the image on to Photoshop and enhancing it. This is something the rest of us had not thought about, or can do. Perhaps the Family History Group should join up with the Photography Group for some Photoshop lessons!!!

I am sorry but due to a hospital appointment I must cancel the August meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 26th September 10.30 to 12.30 my house as usual.

Lesley Pomphrett: phone 01621 817733 or Email [lesleypommy@hotmail.com](mailto:lesleypommy@hotmail.com) .

### French Conversation Group

July was our month for discussing sport. Wimbledon had just finished and the 100th Tour de France was in progress, although I must admit that my main interest in the latter is due to the beautiful scenery rather than the sporting prowess of the cyclists. I suspect that I am not alone. One of our members had been in France at the right time and had the five second thrill of their passage through their road. Most of us had seen some of the tennis. We thought that the honours were even between England and France as Andy Murray had won the men's final and Marion Bartoli had won the woman's final. Even I with my notorious lack of interest in watching sport on television watched the latter with enjoyment.



1906 Tour de France (Wikipedia)

This month we will be meeting, as usual on the second Wednesday.

Report by Pat Newman.

Jenny Parker: email [jennyparker14@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyparker14@hotmail.com) or phone 01621 843581.

### Gardening Group

It was a beautiful afternoon for our last visit. Elwy Lodge was one of the best gardens we have seen. There was so much of interest, and the view far across the fields was perfect. Kingsteps was a nice garden, but not amazing like the first one. However, we very much enjoyed tea and cake in the shade of a lovely tree in the centre of a large lawn. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 14.00 we have a visit to Beeleigh Abbey. This is the normal monthly open day, but we will be lucky enough to have a tour accompanied by the gardener himself. If you need a lift please let me know.



and



Enjoying the Gardens: Author Pat Yates

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

### Italian Conversation

Due to holidays and other commitments only one member managed to make it to the Beginner's Italian, but nonetheless we did some useful revision. The Advanced Group had a reasonable turnout considering the time of year, and even had a new lady from Limebrook U3A join us. We started the meeting as usual with general conversation about what we had each been up to since we had last met. Listening to the rest of us struggling through our various anecdotes gave our new member the confidence, and she soon joined in. We then went on to work through various phrases in different tenses of Italian. We also discussed ideas for subjects to study in future meetings.

The next meetings for the Beginner's Italian Group will be on Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> September and for the Advanced Italian Group will be on Mondays 19<sup>th</sup> August and 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Janice Slight: Email [janice.slight@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janice.slight@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01621 853393

### Local History Group (LHG)

We had the best of weather for our Maldon Ale Trail walk with local historian Stephen Nunn. This was not your usual pub crawl but a very informative one when we took in the locations of many of the drinking places of Maldon's past and some that still function as pubs. Stephen is a very good story-teller so we had a very enjoyable time. Of course, some of us finished the evening by having a drink in the garden of the Blue Boar.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August we shall be visiting the Galleywood Heritage Centre for a talk and guided visit, taking in parts of the common and the site of the old race course. This visit will start at 13.30 and includes about an hour of walking. The cost will be £5, including tea and cake, to be paid in cash by the August general meeting. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join us, numbers permitting.

On 17<sup>th</sup> September we shall be visiting Cressing Temple for a guided visit of this wonderful site. The cost will be £10.50, including tea and cake, to be paid by cheque by the end of August. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join us. We can take a large group on this visit.

Carol Greenhalgh: phone 01621 840339 or Email [george.smeed@virgin.net](mailto:george.smeed@virgin.net).

### Luncheon Group

Twelve of us met at The Griffin in Danbury on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

The parent company of the catering tenant had very recently changed the menu so Dean, the manager, had to quickly decide which of the main courses were available within the fixed price two course meal deal, with a drink, that had previously been agreed. This still gave an adequate selection to satisfy everyone, together with a wide choice of starters and desserts. The crowning desert being a really freshly made Baked Alaska which two of us thoroughly enjoyed. We all enjoyed the excellent food and service.

I have booked The Rare Cow in Writtle for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at **12.30**. I presently anticipate a good turn out for this venue, there being a *Fishy Friday* offer of fish and chips with a drink for £5.95. Today's twelve all expect to be there. All regulars have been e-mailed the details. Please check the list in the Committee Room on 9<sup>th</sup> August (Monthly Meeting) or contact me.

John W Harrison: email [johnwharrison@sky.com](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> August at 14.00.

Anne Thorpe; Email [Anne.thorpe@btinternet.com](mailto:Anne.thorpe@btinternet.com) or phone 01621 850828.

### Petanque Group

We were looking forward to some "south of France type weather" this summer and when it came this month we found that it was possible to play but needed a sun hat and sunglasses. One week, ten people turned up to play, and twelve played the next week. In spite of some away on holiday, there has been very good attendance. A few have said that they are coming to try out petanque. The rules are very easy to learn so if you fancy two hours of fresh air and exercise with congenial company come along and see for yourselves. If you want to know why it is so enjoyable you will find that you soon want to join in. Long may this lovely weather last.

Barbara Barbrook. Email [c.barbrook@sky.com](mailto:c.barbrook@sky.com) or phone 01621 855605.

### Photography Group

Photography is something we all can share, as most people own a digital camera. It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to our group meetings, where we enjoy sharing our knowledge and skills with each other. This is the U3A way and everyone benefits from the improvement in the style and quality of their own images. As well as discussing various photographic techniques, every month we decide on an assignment subject to be viewed at the following meeting. It is seeing and discussing our creative interpretations of these subjects that make our meetings so fascinating.

The assignment for July was "contrast". We had images contrasting a wide range of subjects, including: new and old; shapes; colours; lighting etc. The variety of interpretations never fails to impress me, but in reality, the different photographs are a reflection of the preferences and the personalities of our members.



Several Contrasts: Author – Peter Thorpe

For August we have decided on an assignment with a wide range of subject possibilities - "summer". Now that we have



enjoyed some better weather I feel certain that there will be many contributions for us to share. I expect that there will be plenty of smiles as well.

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 [thorpe101@btinternet.com](mailto:thorpe101@btinternet.com) or phone 01621 850828.

### Reading and Books Group

Our book group meeting for July was held on one of the hottest days of the year, but fortunately the air conditioning was working perfectly and we were able to enjoy our discussion afternoon. Our book for July was called "The Man who forgot his Wife" by John O'Farrell.

The book tells the story of Jack Vaughan, who when on the tube one day, realises that he doesn't know where he is. More worryingly, Vaughan doesn't know who he is. As he begins to recover Vaughan discovers that his wife Maddy has filed for divorce but when Vaughan meets Maddy to finalise the divorce, he falls in love with her all over again

John O'Farrell's main character is a complacent mildly flawed middle-aged man who takes his life and his wife for granted. It is clear from the title that the book is intended to be a comedy but only some members of the group felt it worked.

One of the themes in the book is the question "are we simply the sum of our memories"? If we could wipe the slate clean, could we, like Vaughan, be transformed into thoughtful, considerate people. Opinion on this issue was as divided as the views of those who enjoyed the book and those who did not.

Our next meeting will be held in Plantation Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 14.30m. I shall be on holiday but one member has agreed to collect the new books from the library to be discussed at the September meeting.

For further information contact Carole Overy.

Email: [caroleovery@sky.com](mailto:caroleovery@sky.com) or phone 01621 893450.

### Scrabble Group

The Scrabble Group did not meet this month.

Gill Thorne: Email [gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01621 852294.

### Solo Whist

The Solo Whist group will resume our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month as from September 4<sup>th</sup> at 14.00. For venue please contact me. See below. Looking forward to seeing returning players and hopefully some new faces.

Dave Mason: phone 01621 858635 or Email [tina@tina832.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:tina@tina832.orangehome.co.uk).

### Spanish for Beginners

I will keep members informed as to future courses.

David Wilson. Email - [d.wilson09@btinternet.com](mailto:d.wilson09@btinternet.com) or phone 01621 840945.

### Technical Computing Group

Due to personal reasons and the absence of two further members it was decided to cancel the July meeting of our group. The next meeting will be on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August.

Colin Mason: Email [colin@mason20.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:colin@mason20.wanadoo.co.uk) or phone 01621 854906.

### Ten Pin Bowling

Eight members met for the July meeting. Top scorer was Graham Parker with 173. The lane he played in, with three others, managed four games and in their last game all scored over 100. The exciting news is that Christine Norris became the first member of our group to score a 'Turkey' (3 strikes in a row). Unfortunately, this was at the very end of the game and did not maximise her score but nevertheless very well done! Average score over the 28 games played was 102. One of the members playing was my wife, Maureen, who, as most of you will know, is disabled. She played using a frame which enabled her to roll the ball down the lane. So come on, there is no excuse for any of you not to play.

The next session will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 13.45, ready to start bowling at 14.00.

Glenn Cousins. phone 01621 816721 or Email [maureencousins@btinternet.com](mailto:maureencousins@btinternet.com)

### Threads and Fabrics Group

I had to miss the last meeting so Anne has prepared our report for August. The patchwork quilt, that you see below, is being made by one of our members. Sue's quilt, started 40 years ago, with off-cuts from liberty prints and Laura Ashley dresses, and with a little help from U3A members, is now almost finished.



Sue's Quilt: Author Peter Thorpe

The next meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Please contact Anne Thorpe or Pat Newman.

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Or Pat by Email [ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01621 891184.

### **Walking Group**

Our July walk was around East Mersea. We parked at the Cudmore Grove Country Park and followed the road back to the pub, then headed north to the coast overlooking the Pyefleet Channel. Just one wrong path taken before we found the almost-hidden signpost to the pathway we needed! The only minor obstacle then was the herd of fierce-looking sheep encountered on a narrow bridge.



Ovine Obstacles: Author Graham Parker

Those safely negotiated, we followed the path around the seawall and back to our cars.

The next walk will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August around the Roman River Valley ( see Essex County Council website for details). We have done this walk once before so some people may remember it. Park along New Cut Lane in Layer-de-la Haye (turn left off the main road just past the school), meeting at 14:00 as usual.

After the walk we can drive on to the Birch tearooms if you so wish.

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

Elizabeth: Email [e.m.e@talktalk.net](mailto:e.m.e@talktalk.net) or phone 01621 850618. (Mobile 07581029816).

### **Weekenders Group**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> July a group of Weekenders enjoyed a warm Summer afternoon and evening listening to the opera Carmen performed live plus a picnic in the orchard at Wickham Bishops. Everything perfect except for the odd flying biter. Last month there were quite a few trips out with Stan's Coaches and although only a few attended each one, I believe everyone had a good time. If anyone has any ideas for things to do please let me know. Maybe a meal out at Zara's would be a possibility. Please let me know and we can decide a date and time to suit.

Dates for your diary:

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

Marilyn Corbett: Email [mars42@btinternet.com](mailto:mars42@btinternet.com) or phone 01621 817518.

### **Wine Appreciation Group**

In July we met up at the English Wine Barn, in West Street, Coggeshall, for afternoon tea with a glass of English Sparkling Wine. It was a warm sunny afternoon and we enjoyed the view of the vineyard from the raised terrace, whilst opting to stay inside the cool air conditioned dining room. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, when we will be finding out about the white wines of South Africa. The meeting will be in Jackie Jones' house in Tiptree, at 14.00 (Note changes in date, time and venue).

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

### **Association of Essex U3A's Study Day**

The information for the Study Day, together with additional information about acrylic painting, 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.

As predicted, the popular subjects have filled very quickly. Some two thirds of the Study Day places have now been taken.

If you require any further information, help or if you need to discuss anything, such as subjects still available, please contact me or contact the secretary of the Study Day; Doug Harryman, at [doug.harryman@talktalk.net](mailto:doug.harryman@talktalk.net).

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

Ian Newman: Email [ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01621 891184

### **From other U3A**

None

### **On the Notice Board**

Our National Conference "Learn, Laugh and Live" and AGM is 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham.

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	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 Weekender Coffee Museum of Power. 10.00	11
<b>12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	12 Petanque 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	13 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	14 French Conversation 10.00 Wine Tasting 14.00 Book Group 14.30	15 Computer 14.00	16 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	17	18
<b>19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	19 Advanced Italian 10.00 Petanque 14.00	20 Local History 13.30	21	22	23 Painting 14.00 Luncheon 12.30	24	25
<b>26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	26 Bank Holiday	27	28	29	30 News Sheet Copy to Editor Painting 14.00 Gardening 14.00	31	1 <sup>st</sup> September
<b>2nd September</b>	2 Beginners Italian 10.00 Petanque 14.00	3 Threads 14.00	4 Solo Whist 14.00	5 Photography	6 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	7	8
<b>9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9 Petanque 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	10 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	11 French Conversation 10.00 Social group 11.00 Book Group 14.30 Gardening 14.00	12 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	13 Monthly Meeting 14.00	14 Weekender Coffee Olivers Nursery 10.00	15
<b>16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	16 Advanced Italian 10.00 Petanque 14.00	17 Local History 13.30	18	19 Computer 14.00	20 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	21	22
<b>23rd September</b>	23 Petanque 14.00	24	25 Creative Writing Group 14.30	26 Family History 10.30	27 News Sheet Copy to Editor Painting 14.00 Luncheon 12.30 Bird Watching	28	29

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