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Monthly meeting Friday 12th August

Refreshment Group Rota

- August Computer
- September Creative Writing
- October Croquet
- November Family History
- December French

Please provide 3 people to serve refreshments

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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

From the Chairman

I hope you all enjoyed our members' afternoon last month; my thanks to all the performers and helpers.

Later this month I am going to our National Conference in Nottingham - the first time Heybridge U3A has sent a delegate. I'll tell you all about it when I return.



Heybridge U3A had a table at the Community Festival in Plantation Hall on 31st July. We had a display of photographs on our notice-board, with more photos on the table for people to browse. We had things on the table to illustrate some of our activities - boules, a ukulele, books, a home-made penguin card - with some news-sheets and leaflets. We also used the adjoining table for more bird photos and leaflets, as that exhibitor had not turned up. I hope that we might have raised awareness of the organisation and even encouraged some new members. My thanks go to all the willing volunteers that manned the stall during the afternoon, and special thanks to Linda for organising the display board.

Angela Pleasance Chairman E-mail angela.pleasance@hotmail.com

From the Editor

The design of the Heybridge U3A News Sheet, and the reports that it contains, continues as a full-page layout. I would ask contributors to limit their photos to pictures of U3A generated activities and not copy pictures from Websites as, when published, this may be contrary to Copyright laws. Information about the Committee Members and their reports can be found in the first few pages. The back page shows the Diary for the months of August and September. Please keep the Editor up to date with any interesting stories, relevant pictures or anything that relates to the Heybridge U3A, the Association of Essex U3As or the U3A movement as a whole. Please send details to me by email with 'Heybridge U3A' as the subject.

Contact Geoff Hadley, 01621 852494 or by Email editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

From the Membership Secretary

We were pleased to welcome 2 new members and one visitor to our July meeting, taking our total membership to 152. New members are always welcome – if you know someone who would like to find out more about our U3A, encourage them to attend a monthly meeting as a guest. There is no need to book – just turn up and sign in.

Jenny Parker E-mail membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Interest Group Coordinator

The photography group. Norman has resigned as coordinator of the photography group and Peter Thorpe has agreed to take over the group again with the help of the Treasurer doing the accounts. Now you are meeting at the West Maldon Community Centre, we wish you well in the continuation of the group.

We are hoping that someone will come forward to coordinate the Weekenders group soon as Marilyn wishes to hand over to another person by the end of the year.

We are also looking for another person to run the Computer group as it has closed for July and August and we are looking for a new coordinator to start the group again in September.

Coordinator of Groups Barbara Barbrook Tel: 01621 855605 or email c.barbrook@sky.com

Technical Adviser Help required

We are still seeking a Technical Adviser with some IT skills who would be able to

- a) look after our equipment, such as the laptop, projector and microphone, ensuring that they are set up as required for our monthly meetings
- b) advise the Committee on IT issues such as computer and website.

If you are able to help, please contact angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk

Programme for August - December 2016

August: Peter Jones will talk to us about 'How to do Everything and Be Happy'. Peter comes very highly recommended and talk should be amusing as well as interesting.

September: Tracy Mackness from the Giggly Pig Company is going to tell how she came to keep pigs and start her company selling sausages. She will be selling her sausages after her talk

October Paul Clancy, a magician will be entertaining us with the illusion of magic and mystery. Not to be missed!

November Linda and Peter Wells Living on a barge in France A talk with slides about their experiences

December: The Dengie Duo, who are Jon Greaves and Angela Gardner, will entertain us with songs from the fifties, sixties and seventies as well as traditional Christmas fare. This afternoon promises to put us in the party mood.

Jan Brown jviv5454@yahoo.co.uk

Badges and Lanyards:

If anyone has a U3A badge that they are no longer using please can you return it to Linda Etherton or any other member of the committee?

Linda

GROUP REPORTS

Art (Painting) Group

We're still fairly thin on the ground, being high summer, but the group generally is a lot more accomplished and confident than some members were, say, a year or two ago. At the end of each session most of us find a little time for a stroll around the room to admire each other's work. I can't count the number of times I've heard: 'Yes, well, I've had plenty of practice.' Or: 'Yes, well, I think I know what I'm doing now.' Anyone with any doubts about the benefits of joining U3A and working in a group has only to visit one of our Friday afternoon painting sessions to see the high standard of workmanship now being achieved.

For information about the group contact, Michael Kempen: Email Michaelrkempen@gmail.com

Bird Watching Group

July is a very quiet time of year for bird watchers. The wonderful plumage of the breeding season has faded to eclipse. This just means that the adult birds look tired and threadbare after putting in all the hard work of raising their families. They moult their breeding plumage and put on the feathers of the autumn and winter season. For example a blue tit in your spring garden and poor mum still feeding a baby in July.



However, our group went to Tollesbury Wick this month on a lovely summer's day. We walked out to the hide seeing mainly the usual things – black headed gulls, greylag geese and lapwings as we walked. In the hide we could see mallards, a shell duck, an oyster catcher and coots with their babies.

Our best sighting of the day was as we left the hide. Across the mash we saw four **young hares** leaping and boxing and just enjoying themselves”.

There will be no meeting in August but we will be out again in September to see the first of the migrants moving south.

If you would like to know more about our group contact Maureen Lenoir E-mail symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk

Cards and Paper Crafts

The next meeting is Wednesday 7th September at 2.30pm

Please contact Lesley for details. E-mail Lindawoonton@sky.com

Creative Writing Group

We met today and our title for this month was 'The Result' or 'A Result'. Nobody felt that there was anything more to say about Brexit at present as we are still waiting for some action on that score.

One member had invented two characters about two years ago and the title today was used to add another chapter to the story about a lady who answered an advertisement for a live in housekeeper with an elderly gentleman who needed help with housework and companionship. This week she had spent time one morning lying in bed thinking how she would change the furniture in her bedroom.

Another member wrote about an evening on the balcony by the water listening to a conversation between two seagulls. Another new member had arrived with a story about a battle with an unusual illness which she had conquered by checking the diagnosis and being very brave at one stage. Having moved from London to Goldhanger we hope she enjoys the countryside and the local people.

Lastly another member recalled a conversation with an old friend about a mutual friend who had been in the army with him, who had died a few years ago and the need of the more elderly among us to reminisce with another person particularly when living alone.

The topic for next month is "A Garden Party".

Barbara Barbrook

For details of this group contact Angela Pleasance angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk

Croquet Group

We have managed to play on both Thursdays again this month, the weather being in complete contrast (rather warm) to last month. I must make a correction on my last month's report: Graham scored a hoop on a 'jump shot' not a 'drop shot'! I think it is fair to say that we are all improving and even becoming a bit more tactical. Although there is mention of trying to get croquet back into the Olympics, I do not think there is any fear of us reaching anywhere near that standard! If anyone would like to join us please contact me, you would be most welcome. We play on the first and third Thursday of each summer month; the aim is gentle exercise, good company and fun.

Anne Newson: E-mail annenewson@uwclub.net

Discussion Coffee Morning Group

There was a small gathering this month, mainly due to holidays. We met on 15th July at Yvonne's house and enjoyed the refreshments kindly provided and we chatted away. We were lucky to have a pleasant breeze coming in to the conservatory on what was a very warm day.

The next meeting will be at 11.00am on Friday 19th August at my house

Margaret Brown: phone Email mbandmeq@btinternet.com

Family History Group

This month, we welcomed new member, Brian, to our group. I hope we didn't put him off researching his family through 'information overload'! The committee has agreed to our purchase of a 'family history web directory', for which we thank them. This book will be a great help in finding the more obscure records online and hopefully help us to break down the infamous brick wall with which every family historian is familiar! We have again visited the Essex Records Office in Chelmsford for a study day – each session takes us a little further back.

No meeting in August.

Next meeting: Thursday 22nd September, Plantation Hall. 10.00 – 12.00

For further information please contact: Liz Cawdell E-mail ecawdell@btinternet.com

French Group

Conversation



As our July meeting fell on the day when Theresa May became Prime Minister, we read an article from Le Monde to see how the French regard her. Dubbing her the new Margaret Thatcher, the article likened her to Angela Merkel, not only because of their determination and political acumen, but also because they are both of the same generation, both are vicars' daughters and both are childless.

Barbara then told us about her 85th birthday celebrations and we sang a belated '*Joyeux Anniversaire*' to accompany the birthday cake which Pat N kindly provided. *Merci, Pat! Notre prochaine rencontre sera mercredi le 10 août à 10h00 chez Linda*

Improvers



Holidays and child care commitments meant only four of us met in July but, even so, we managed to cover a range of topics, including the origins of La Marseillaise (the French National Anthem) and the different words you can use in French if you need the loo. Interestingly, our word 'loo' comes from the French phrase 'garde à l'eau' (mind the water), used in the olden days when people emptied chamber pots out of the window in to the street below. The French, however, use le WC (pronounced vey-sey), which comes from the English 'water closet', as well as 'les waters', clearly also English in origin. 'Les toilettes, svp?' is another common way of asking where the toilets are but beware – if someone says they are going to 'faire sa toilette' it simply means they are going to have a wash.

Notre prochaine rencontre sera lundi le 22 août à 14h00 chez Carol S

For further information about either French Group, please E-mail jennyparker14@hotmail.com

Gardens Group



It was another sunny afternoon for our visit to Little Myles. This was a large garden full of interest and surprises round every corner. It was deservedly very popular, but luckily they still had plenty of cake left, and we managed to find a table in the garden to enjoy our tea.

Our next visit is on Sunday 21st August at 2pm to Little Mynchens, near Saffron Walden. This is an artistic garden behind an old thatched cottage, with imaginative planting, sculptures, topiary, stumpery and painted trees.

Everyone is welcome, whether you are a member of this group or not. Please let me know if you need a lift.

Pat Yates on E-mail pat.yates@tesco.net

Italian Conversation

There was plenty in the news to discuss this month, not least of which was the result of the Referendum and the possible implications, in particular how it might affect Italy and Britain. In Italy, the party // *Movimento Cinque Stelle* was calling for a referendum. Another topic of conversation at this time of year is the summer holiday, as various members have either been or are planning to go away.

Dates for your diary:-

Monday 1st August

Monday 15th August

Monday 5th September

Monday 19th September

Janice Slight E-Mail janice.slight@tiscali.co.uk

Local History Group



The cool of the beautiful interiors and the shade of the verdant trees gave us some welcome relief from the sun on one of the hottest days of the year. We were made very welcome at All Saints in Braxted Park and St Nicholas in Little Braxted. The Rev. Ernest Geldart, a renowned architect, was responsible for much of the late 19c/20c decoration and stained glass in both churches. St Nicholas' is almost top-to-toe arts and crafts stencilling, quite breath-taking. Did you know that the wall surrounding Braxted Park is thought to be the longest brick wall in Essex? It is currently being restored at a cost of more than £1m.

All Saints Gt Braxted

Linda

We are walking in Colchester, with Sir Bob Russell, in August. The list is full for this, but for those that have paid; we shall meet for 2 p.m. at the Colchester Arts Centre, [previously the St Mary on the Walls church] almost next to the Mercury Theatre.

It looks like we can go ahead with our guided walk in Coggeshall on the 22nd September. This will be in the morning before our visit to the Grange Barn and Paycockes. Contact me for details.

Carol Greenhalgh Email carol.georgesmeed@gmail.com

Patchwork Group

The patchwork group will not be meeting in August.

From September we will be changing the venue to the Linton Room in the West Maldon Community Centre. Our next meeting will be on 12th. September from 2.00 - 4.00 pm

New members are welcome; please contact Anne Thorpe on E-mail anne.thorpe@btinternet.com

Petanque Group



We had an excellent annual game of Petanque in Heybridge Basin in lovely weather. 18 people took part followed by a Raclette meal in the back garden, concluding the day with a French atmosphere. Thank you to the food providers with three Raclette machines and lovely desserts. A good time was had by all. The following week we were back on the Promenade but it was a really hot day and we had to shelter under the lime trees in between our throws of the boules. We

still managed nearly two hours and one team finished the game and sat on the bench exhausted waiting for the rest to finish when we all went for ice creams.

After six years as coordinator, I am handing over the reins to Dian and Moira who will continue as coordinators from the beginning of September. I have enjoyed my time with the help of some members who volunteered for little jobs to make organisation easier and I hope the group will continue as it has been a very strong group and I shall continue to play as and when I can. Good luck and all the best.

Barbara Barbrook E-mail c.barbrook@sky.com

Photography Group

There were 9 members at our July Meeting in the Jubilee Lounge of the West Maldon Centre.

We viewed and discussed the photos taken for the assignment which was to attempt using different settings to see how we got on and to take 1 photo using Auto, 1 Photo using Aperture priority and 1 photo using Shutter priority of the same subject in order that we can compare the results at the next meeting. The results were quite interesting.

The assignment this month is to take photos of an object moving at speed (showing either a sharp image with a blurred background or a blurred image with a sharp background). Alternatively, three pictorial photos taken during the two months prior to the September meeting.

Why not join us? We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00 p.m.

By regularly meeting together and sharing our photos, we learn how to get better results from our own equipment. Our aim is to make all of our meetings entertaining, friendly and informative.

Peter Thorpe E-mail thorpe101@btinternet.com

Reading and Books Group

This month's book *Skeleton Road* by Val McDermid was surprisingly enjoyed by most of the group who in the main have not been fans of the detective novel. A skeleton is discovered at the top of a Gothic building in Edinburgh and DC Karen Pirie needs to identify these bones. The investigation gathers momentum and she finds herself drawn into the intrigues and betrayal of the Balkan wars. The story takes us to war scarred areas of Croatia where the people endured unspeakable acts of violence. Included in the story, was a vivid description of the destruction of the beautiful and historical city of Dubrovnik. Someone in the name of justice and revenge is taking the law into their own hands. The truth is more shocking than anyone could have imagined. We all agreed that this was a pacy well researched story. Val McDermid, it was agreed, is a prolific clever author whose other books may well be chosen to be read by those in our group.

Two places in this group are available for anyone wishing to join us. If you are interested, please contact Ann Lees 01245225153

The next meeting will be on 17th August 2.15pm at Plantation Hall Heybridge. Ann

Scrabble Group

Two boards were played when we met in July, in a very convivial atmosphere. However the tiles certainly weren't always with us. Each player wants to make the best score they can so we plot and plan hoping to play a particular word. Then another player cheekily puts down a word just where you had planned to put yours! Despite a few anguished complaints it's all very good humoured - why not come and give it a try, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Plantation Hall, 2 -4 pm. Contact Linda Etherton for more information by E-mail: ethertonbikes@aol.com

Technical Computing Group

We had another interesting meeting at my house on Thursday the 14th of July, although there were only three members at the meeting due to other holiday commitments we attempted to improve the image quality of the Heybridge U3A projector. It was dismantled as far as we were able to, without the risk of causing any damage, A number of very small connecting plugs with wiring from various components within the projector terminated onto a printed circuit board and these plugs were found to be very brittle due to the heat generated when it is in use. If we had attempted to remove these it would have rendered the projector unusable. We cleaned what optics where accessible with no appreciable improvement. The workshop manual we downloaded from the internet stated that a unit called a 'DMA', which contains multiple mirrors, would need replacing, which was considered not to be an option.

The projector was returned for use by groups etc.

Colin Mason E-mail colin@mason20.wanadoo.co.uk

Ten Pin Bowling

There were 12 of us playing on Tuesday 12th July and we split between 3 lanes. Good scores were reached with Graham as top scorer with 150, closely followed by Jackie with an impressive score of 147 (her personal best) and Geoff with 141.

After 3 games we had our usual tea and biscuits and chat.

Please consider joining us if you would like to. We could do with more players and we have good fun!

Next meeting is Tuesday 9th August at 1.45pm for 2 pm start. Madison Heights.

Lynne Morrison E-mail lejmorrison@gmail.com

Threads and Fabrics Group

Our July meeting was on a glorious day which put us in the mood to discuss our Summer projects, both useful and decorative. Hopefully we will be able to put them all into action. I am looking forward to starting mine. Watch this space.

Pat Newman E-mail jan.newman@tiscali.co.uk

Ukulele Group UKE3A

These days we happy strummers seem to spend most of our monthly Wednesday sessions polishing up our repertoire for yet another gig. We must admit that our little concert for the recent Heybridge U3A tea party was a re-run of the material we provided for the Heybridge Basin Regatta - with the benefit of a little more polish. Next comes a similar gig for the Essex Wildlife Trust's open day at its Langdon Hills reserve on August 7th. So you can see what a great advertisement we are for the U3A movement generally! Then, mercifully, after nearly everyone has had their holidays, we must crack on with a new repertoire before we all get bored with doing the same material over and over again. So, what next? Well, looks like we'll need a few more singalong numbers, for a start, for the WRVS gig in October.

If you'd like to have an input into your friendly neighbourhood uke group - and it is an easy instrument to play compared to most stringed varieties, call me now on 01621 859060 if you are interested.

Robin Carpenter. E-Mail robinrcarpenter@yahoo.co.uk

Walking Group

We were blessed with a very pleasant day for our walk around Copt Hall Marshes. Ten of us started with a look around the 15th Century church of St. Nicholas which suffered damage to the tower during the somewhat unusual earthquake of 1884 but it has since been restored. Continuing our walk we were able to see the site of the historic German Zeppelin L33 Airship that crash landed on 24th September 1916, being over 680 feet long and 75 feet wide meant that it stretched over two large fields and blocked the lane. We walked down the track towards the National Trust land and on to the raised sea wall where we were able to enjoy the wonderful views accompanied by the song of the Skylarks flying over the marshes. We continued along the sea wall to the bird hide and took a well-earned rest. After a short break we resumed our walk back along the sea wall through Copt Hall Farm and on to the car park. Due to the lack of a local tea shop we were able to conclude the day in Roger and Chris's garden where we were able to enjoy tea, coffee and cake.

There will be no walk in August. The planned walk for September 8th will be at West Mersea led by Linda - details will be sent out a fortnight beforehand.

Linda Wells E-mail wellsbarge@gmail.com

Weekenders Group

This is just a reminder for those of you going to Izumi that the date is 9th August to meet at about 12.30pm. For the Indian Summer Restaurant, Friday 26th August I shall book for 7pm so please let me know whether or not you can come?

Dates for your Diary

Coffee Morning Saturday 13th August 10.00am at the White Elms Nursery, Bicknacre

Coffee Morning Saturday 10th September 10.00am at the Waterside Cafe & Bar, Little Braxted Lane

Marilyn Corbett: E-mail mars42@btinternet.com

Information and details of events

Further Information and details of events

The following events are planned for this year. Please note that members are asked to pay for outings in full, six weeks before the trip date. If the trip later proves not to be viable, the money will be refunded in full.

Tuesday 6th September **SANDHURST MILITARY ACADEMY**

Join us for a trip to the world famous Sandhurst Military Academy. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Academy taking in the Royal Memorial Chapel, the Museum Room, the Indian Army Memorial Room, Le Marchant Room and the Prestige Rooms in the Old College. After lunch (facilities on site) we will take a short coach tour of the grounds.

Morning coffee/tea is included plus a trip to the souvenir shop!

Cost £33.50

ONLY TWO SPACES LEFT ON THIS TRIP!!

Thursday 6th October **MUSEUM OF LONDON**

Today, we will travel to the Museum of London to discover 450,000 years of London history. We will be able to visit the City Gallery and see the Lord Mayor's Coach, the London 2012 Cauldron, visit the Roman and Medieval galleries and the War and Plague exhibitions

This year the museum is staging a special interactive exhibition commemorating the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London (cost £7) and we have entry to this exhibition at 2.00 p.m.

Entrance to the Museum is free (a small donation would be gratefully received though).

Option A) Coach only plus free museum entry £15.00 per person

Option) B Coach plus additional entry to 'Fire! Fire!' Exhibition £22.00 per person

FULL PAYMENT DUE AT MONTHLY MEETING, FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST or by post (email me for address)

Tuesday 1st November **SHEPHERD NEAME BREWERY, Faversham**

Beer has been brewed at this brewery since at least 1573! During this tour, we will be able to take a look behind the scenes on an award-winning guided tour that will give us an insight into the history, tradition, pride and passion that goes to make Shepherd Neame beers. We will also visit the Old Brewery Store which houses displays of bygone pub signs (U3A Local History group, take note!!) Hop picking memorabilia and a collection of historic delivery vehicles – plus a tutored tasting of several ales and lagers! Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to take a stroll down Abbey Street, said to be England's finest medieval street! A spot of Christmas shopping maybe?

Cost: (based on 30 passengers) £27.50

***Please note, a £5 non-refundable deposit is required for this trip**

DEPOSITS DUE NOW PLEASE

BALANCE DUE BY MONTHLY MEETING, FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER or by post (email me for address)

COMING SOON.....

Thursday 17th November **WALKING TOUR OF THE JEWISH EAST END
AND VISIT TO BEVIS MARKS SYNAGOGUE**

DECEMBER date t.b.a **TOUR OF TILBURY PASSENGER CRUISE TERMINAL AND
ON BOARD VISIT TO CRUISE SHIP 'MAGELLAN'**

Wednesday 18th January **HINDU TEMPLE, NEASDEN**

***** SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE LOBBY *****

Noticeboard

From the Third Age Trust

Chairman's article - originally printed in Third Age Matters, the chairman would like to hear from members with ideas on the future of the Third Age Trust, please see the board at the main meeting or look online for the full details.

The **National Subject Advisor for Humour** has written a farewell newsletter, displayed on the board at the meeting or it can be found on the website www.u3a.org.uk. a new National Subject Advisor is being sought.

Be a ScamSmart Investor. Advice from the Financial Conduct Authority More information from www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart or see the flier

A Talk on the Wild Side: to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust U3A groups are invited to an event designed for us at one of four of the wetlands sites, the nearest being at Barnes. More information on venues, dates, and admission from www.wwt.org.uk/wetlandcentres

U3A Stays Sharp at the Royal Society 7th June 2016

If you would like to see and hear the talk given by Professor Faragher at the above event which was entitled 'Live Longer, Live Well – Seize the Day' go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_prg77TVOQQ



2017 U3A Diaries £2.00

The secretary is taking orders for the 2017 U3A diary. Please add your name to the order form at the main meeting and hand your payment to the secretary or email your request to secretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk.

The order will be sent off in September 2016.

Chelmsford Cathedral

Quaker Tapestry Exhibition 20th August – 3rd September Opening times Monday to Saturday 10.00 to 16.00 Admission is free. Groups Welcome

Please phone Cathedral Office 01245 294498 to arrange times

From Other U3As

Blackwater U3A

Blackwater plan to start a Cookery group in September to coincide with the start of the new school term and to have one, two hour meeting per month. Cooking will take place in the Upper Plume school student kitchen. We understand the hire cost for this to be £20 per hour so, for 10 people, cost per head is likely to be around £4 (plus food costs!).

As soon as we know which evening(s) we are looking at, I'll let you know. In the meantime, I would be pleased if you would circulate your members, put it in your newsletters, etc. so we can get some idea of how many people are interested. Please pass all names and phone numbers direct to Pat by email at patriciaharding45@tesco.net or by phone 01621 843099.

Dorreen Linton is organising a visit to Fulham Palace and Gardens. At present there are nine places available.

This will take place on Tuesday 13th September.

We will be leaving WMCC at 8.30 a.m. and expect to arrive at Fulham at 11 a.m.

The history tour will begin at 11.30 a.m. lasting 90 minutes

Lunch will be between 1 – 2 p.m.

A garden tour has been arranged 2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. (Botanical and walled) 75 minutes

There will be time for a drink and look in the shop 4 – 4.30

4.30 leave and expect to be home at 6.30

The cost is £25p.p. Cheques payable to Blackwater U3A.

Contact Dorreen on dorreen@ianlinton.demon.co.uk

Chelmsford U3A Special speaker meeting

Sir Paul Nurse FRS Director of the Francis Crick Institute

2001 Nobel Prize winner for physiology and medicine speaking on: "Doing Science

2.15pm Thursday 15th September 2016 Doors open 1.30pm

Christ Church, New London Road, Chelmsford

Tickets £2 Contact: Tony Boniface 01245 266316

Study Day Tuesday 25th October

Morning Groups

Art 1
Art 2
Art 3
Art 4
Digital Photography
Patchwork
Family History 1
Hand Chimes 1
Computing 1
Writing 1
Astronomy
Country Dancing
Exploring Drama
Geology
Maths
Trains (History of)
Trees
Ukulele
Wine Tasting

Afternoon Groups

Art 1
Art 2
Art 3
Art 4
Digital Photography
Patchwork
Family History 2
Hand Chimes 2
Computing 2
Writing 2
Canals
Crochet/Lace
First Aid
Latin
Parliament
Trains (Model)
Philosophy
Poetry
Singing
Jazz Appreciation

ALL DAY GROUPS

REPEATS
DIFFERENT AM & PM

The following Activity sections are full.

Whole Day – Patchwork

Morning Geology

Afternoon - Computing (Tablets), Crochet/Lace, Latin and Philosophy

AR Ukulele for beginners

PH Hand chimes

PL Crochet and Lace

PN Latin

PQ What is the point of Philosophy?

Two subjects have been withdrawn:

AD/PD Painting 4 Acrylics and Collage

PG Family History (afternoon session)

Group Name, Co-ordinator & Contact Phone Number & Email

Group Name	Co-ordinator (COG)	Telephone Number & Email
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Cards and Paper Crafts	Lesley Woonton	01621 858135 Lindawoonton@sky.com
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Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1-Aug	1 Petanque 14.00 Italian conversation 10.00	2 Threads 14.00	3 Ukulele Group 14.00 Cards & Paper 14.30	4 Croquet 10.00 Photography 14.00	5 Committee meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	6	7
8-Aug	8 Petanque 14.00	9 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	10 French Conversation 10.00	11 Technical Computing 14.00	12 Monthly Meeting 14.00	13 Weekender White Elms Nursery 10.00	14
15-Aug	15 Petanque 14.00 Italian conversation 10.00	16 Local History 14.00	17 Book Group 14.15	18 Croquet 10.00	19 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00	20	21 Gardens Group Saffren Walden 14.00
22-Aug	22 Petanque 14.00 French Improvers 14.00	23 Scrabble 14.00	24	25	26 Copy to Editor Painting 14.00	27	28
29-Aug	29 Bank Holiday	30	31 Ukulele Group 14.00 Creative Writing 14.30	1-Sep Croquet 10.00 Photography 14.00	2 Committee meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	3	4
5-Sep	5 Petanque 14.00 Italian conversation 10.00	6 Threads 14.00	7 Cards & Paper 14.30	8 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	9 Monthly Meeting 14.00	10 Weekender Waterside Cafe 10.00	11
12-Sep	12 Petanque 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	13 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	14 French Conversation 10.00	15 Croquet 10.00	16 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00	17	18
19-Sep	19 Petanque 14.00 Italian conversation 10.00	20 Local History 14.00	21 Book Group 14.15	22 Family History 10.00	23 Copy to Editor Painting 14.00	24	25
26-Sep	26 Petanque 14.00 French Improvers 14.00	27 Scrabble 14.00	28 Creative Writing 14.30	29	3 Committee meeting 10.00 Bird watching 10.00 Painting 14.00	1-Oct	2