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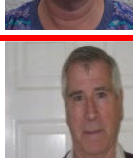
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August Needlecraft

September Painting 2

October Petanque

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NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

From the Chair

It was good to see so many of you at the August monthly meeting, where there was much singing along to the musical entertainment provided by John Hayes before we tucked into strawberries and cream. Many thanks to Jan for organising a very enjoyable afternoon.

In the May News Sheet, I wrote about the new Data Protection Regulations which came into effect recently. These require us to gain your consent to keep the personal information you supply on your annual enrolment form and use it only for the following purposes:

- To store it securely for membership purposes
- To communicate with you as a U3A member
- To share with group leaders for those groups that you are a member of
- To send your address to the Third Age Trust for you to receive the magazine 'Third Age Matters' (unless you request to unsubscribe)

In future years, we will gather this consent by asking you to tick a box on the annual enrolment form. Unfortunately, it was not possible to do this for the current year as the new requirement was not known at the time of re-enrolment. We therefore had to ask existing members to complete and return a tick box form giving this consent. Many thanks to the majority of you who have already returned this. If you have not yet given your consent, please complete the form attached with this mailing and return it to the membership secretary as soon as possible. If you cannot print the form, please ask for a copy to be posted to you..

I appreciate that this may seem like unnecessary bureaucracy, but the committee is required to act within the law, so please help us to do so.

Jenny Parker

From the Editor

The design of the Heybridge U3A News Sheet, and the reports that it contains, continues as a full-page layout in a large font. 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 editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

From the Membership Secretary

Membership continues to grow slowly so please keep spreading the word about U3A and its activities. Most new members join on the recommendation of an existing member so if you enjoy yourself, please spread the word!

Don't forget that I have a supply of In Case of Emergency cards for you to complete and keep on you at U3A events and outings.

Philippa Moody E-mail membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Interest Groups Coordinator

The new Needlecraft Group had its first meeting at my house in July and went very well. Five members came out of a potential six and we will meet next month at my house. We will then arrange meeting the following month at another member's house. We had 3 crotchetiers and 2 cross-stitchers and a nice mix of experienced and new as well as very different projects.

The "Be in the Audience of a Show" Group is taking a while to establish. I missed a dot from the COG Patrick Higham's email address which delayed contact by other members. I did send another email to those members on the list and hopefully we can get this group up and running very soon. There is no limit as to how many people can be in this group so please make yourself known to either myself or Patrick if you are interested in joining.

Hilary Furniaux groupsco-ordinator@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

Monthly Meeting Speaker Programme for August to December 2018

Fri Aug 10 th Andy Bennett	Social History through an Austin 7.
Fri Sep 14 th Colchester Zoo its history, modern day role and conservation arm 'Action for the Wild'	
Fri Oct 12 th History of Surnames -	Charlie Haylock
Fri Nov 9 th History of Harrods -	Eve Regelous
Fri Dec 14 th Heybridge Xmas Party	U3A Ukulele Group

I always welcome your comments, if you enjoyed a speaker, or not. Feel free to speak to me at our monthly meeting or send an email to the address below. It helps me to plan future meetings. Please let me know of any talks you may have heard and think others would find interesting

Jan Brown E-Mail speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

GROUP REPORTS

Art Group

Our last meeting was on an extremely hot day so there were a good number of artists appreciating the air-con. But this did not stop members from painting summery subjects. Surprisingly there were no sporting pictures after all the tennis and football on the television, but perhaps everyone was sated after the immense amount of coverage on the box. The picture is of one of our members enjoyably investigating a 19thC French painting.



For information about this group contact Tina Martin

Bird Watching Group

There was no meeting in July and the next outing is on Friday 28th September
For more information, please contact Maureen Lenoir

Cards and Paper Crafts

Unfortunately the group did not meet in July as I had a fall and was unable to host the meeting.
We should be ok for the August meeting.

Thank you. Lesley Linda Please contact Lesley for details.

Creative Writing Group

The Pond, our subject for the month, was interpreted as both the Atlantic and the more mundane water that you would find in a garden. It inspired a variety of tales and reminiscences and we now have two running stories.

We decided not to meet in August but will congregate again on September 26th at Barbara's house. We also decided to repeat an exercise that we did some years ago when we chose a few random words to bring into our writing. The words this time are:

Perpendicular; procrastinate; splintered; secret; fabric; iota; and bamboozled.

Choosing the words brought up another word which I could not find in my dictionaries – gongoozle. I have now found it in Wiktionary, which states that it possibly arose from Lincolnshire dialect, in which *gawn* and *gooze* both mean *stare* or *gape*. It gives the meanings:

1. To leisurely watch the passage of boats, from the bank of a canal, lock or bridge.
2. To observe things idly.

I'm pleased I wasn't making it up!

I hope that my building work and holiday will both be finished in time to meet at my house again in October.

For information about the group, please contact Angela Pleasance.

Croquet Group

I was away for both of the July Sessions, and Yvonne very kindly stepped in for me. Both Thursdays were very hot, but, eight turned up for the first Thursday and ten for the second, and they played for the full two hours, well done. The lawns were parched and a 'golden colour (like our own gardens) and so the balls ran fast! I gather much hilarity ensued, no one managed a 'Hoop in One'. Many thanks Yvonne and Audrey for covering for me. We play for gentle exercise, good company and fun.

Anne Newson:

Discussion Coffee Morning Group

We met on 20th July at Marilyn's house. It was, of course, another lovely day so we were able to sit outside in the shade admiring her garden.

Delicious savoury snacks and for those with a sweeter tooth a variety of biscuits were provided for us, a relaxing discussion followed. Lesley told us about her U3A visit to the Poppy Factory and explained how the poppies were made.

Our next meeting will be at 11 am on Friday 17th August at Jean Murray's house.

Margaret Brown

Family History Group

Despite the debilitating heat, it was a really good turnout for this month's meeting.

Sue told us the sad story of her grandfather who died after a railway accident, when employed as a guard at one of the main London railway stations (possibly Euston).

During a pea souper fog in 1936 he heard an approaching train, and not seeing it, (but hoping to avoid it), he lay down on the track. The train glanced his back injuring his spine. Days later he died of his injuries. After less than a week, the railway admitted liability and paid the widow a substantial amount of just over £250 which would now be worth approximately £16,500.

We were amazed – compared to today's standards; it would have taken a long inquest and at least 10/12 months to finalise, and possibly a counter claim by the railway. Sue also had the last birthday card he sent to his wife.

Liz brought in an old fashioned button hook (very early 20th century) for doing up the many, many buttons on some boots. This one was very special as it came from the drapers her ancestors owned and ran for several years. The store started in a small way and culminated into a large establishment.

Linda had a nice surprise from the British Model Flying club at Melton Mowbray, where an ancestor she has been researching was a prominent member. She was given a warm welcome when she visited the museum some months ago and the latest edition of their magazine features her ancestor, plus giving her a mention. I did promise I wouldn't mention tea bags, or toilet rolls - so I won't.....

There will be no meeting in August, but I will see you on 27th September in the Claydon room, Plantation Hall. Jean Rogers

French Group

French Conversation

We were pleased to welcome a new member to our July meeting, taking our total group membership to 11. After we had all got to know each other, we had a lively discussion about what we had done and what we planned to do during the summer months.

As the group is getting too large to meet in members' homes, we decided to book the Plantation Hall for our September, October and November meetings with a view to possibly meeting there on a permanent basis. . ***Our first meeting there will be on Wednesday 12th September at 10.00 a.m.*** The cost for 3 x 2 hour sessions is £45, payable in advance. I therefore propose to collect £4.50 from all members at our September meeting to cover the rental and refreshments for the three months.

In the meantime, Pat Newman has kindly offered to host our next meeting on **8th August.**
J'espère vous y voir!

French Improvers

In July, seven of us met at Carol's house, where we enjoyed excellent homemade scones (*merci, Carol!*) and managed to speak quite a bit of French. We started by talking about the various sporting events taking place (the British Grand Prix, Wimbledon, the World Cup and the Tour de France), before moving on to talk about what we had done in the previous weeks. Finally, we started to look at the use of the imperfect tense – new for some, revision for others – which is used to say how things used to be and to talk about what we were doing when something else happened.

Please note there is no meeting on the 4th Monday in August as it is a Bank Holiday.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 24th September – venue t.b.a

For further information about either French Group, please phone Jenny Parker

Gardens Group

Looked like there were only 3 of us made it to the Brightlingsea Gardens but we were really glad we made the effort. They were easy to locate and two of the gardens were next door to each other with the third just over the road. They were quite different from each other but with equally enthusiastic owner/gardeners. One had big borders, a Hosta corner, a lovely Robinia tree providing welcome shade and served refreshments.



Next door they had three garden 'rooms', one with lawn and lush beds, one like a green grotto with pond and the final one with white blossoms. Over the road the garden certainly had the 'WOW' factor and had been created from an old sand pit, with terracing, sculptures and clean lines.

Our last visit for this summer will be on Sunday 16th September at 2pm to Sandy Lodge in Halstead. This is a three-quarter acre garden, very peaceful, with stunning views over the countryside.

Pat Yates.

Local History Group

Rayleigh, so near but so little known about. Very few of us had ever been to Rayleigh let alone have any idea of its history. The excellent guides from the Rayleigh museum were very happy to expand our understanding of Essex history, showing us some interesting film, leading a guided walk and giving us access to their very well set-out museum. [It's amazing what can be found above a Pizza Express!] The weather was not too hot and our groups not too large and the walk not too long. Rayleigh is mentioned in the Domesday Book. Raleigh Mount is one of the highest points in Essex and is where there once was a Motte and Bailey castle, built in Norman times.

Rayleigh's last remaining mill, dating from 1809, has been very well restored and is now a popular place for weddings. One of our guides is the great grandson of the last miller and is now a trustee. Other places of interest included a Dutch style cottage, Martyr's Memorial and the Holy Trinity Church and parish rooms. For those who like markets and are sad to see the demise of the Maldon market, Rayleigh has a charter from 1181 for a weekly market which is said to be still thriving!



We'll next be finding out about traditionally hand-made bricks, and learning something of the places that have been built and are being restored using these. Our visit to the brickworks at Marks Tey is booked for the afternoon of 21st August. In September we will be visiting the twin churches at Willingale

Rayleigh Mill

Please contact Carol for more information. Carol Greenhalgh

Music Appreciation Group

It didn't take long for the connecting theme of this month's music selection to become apparent: all the pieces have been used in TV adverts or programmes, or in films. We had fun remembering which product or old programme was referenced though it seems few group members watched as much TV in their youth as I did!

We started with the Largo from Dvorak's *Symphony No 9* (Hovis advert), then on to the Prelude from *The Birds* by Respighi (Going for a Song) and *Eliza's Aria* from the *Wild Swans* ballet (Lloyds Bank advert). We heard *A Little Suite* by Trevor Duncan (Dr Finlay's Casebook), Winifred Attwell playing *The Black and White Rag* (Pot Black), Mozart's *A Musical Joke* (Horse of the Year Show), *At the Castle Gate* (The Sky at Night), *Trumpet Hornpipe* (Captain Pugwash), Brian Eno's *Another Green World* (Arena), *The Liberty Bell* (Monty Python's Flying Circus), The Intermezzo from *The Karelia Suite* by Sibelius (World in Action) and many more. We realised that a very wide range of classical and modern music has been utilised by television and how evocative many themes are. Some very old memories were brought to the surface by some of the music we heard!

We agreed to move our meetings to the third Wednesday of each month (rather than the second), so our next get together will be on Wednesday 15th August at 2pm

Philippa Moody

Needlecraft

Our very first meeting was on 16th July with 5 out of a potential 6 members attending. We had 3 crotchetiers and 2 cross stitchers and a nice mix of experienced and new as well as very different projects. Unfortunately this group is full as it is at my house but if you are interested in joining us please let me know and I will start a waiting list.

Hilary Furniaux

Painting 2

We had another new member for our group last month and there are now a few members who enjoy painting flowers. Other people are doing Landscapes or Buildings or animals and there is no limit to the variety of objects that one can find. I went to an Art exhibition in a Church in Maldon last weekend and saw an amazing array of pictures that a Maldon group had painted over the past year. Some had already been sold so that must be very satisfying to find that your work has-been appreciated by another person and will hang up in someone's house as I have quite a collection on my staircase and in some of the rooms.

We will be meeting again on Monday 13th August from 2-4pm. This is just a reminder as some of the groups do not meet for this month but we have booked the Claydon Room as usual the second Monday of the month...

Barbara Barbrook

Patchwork Group

We are on our summer break during August and our next Patchwork meeting will be on Monday September 10th at 2:00 pm at the West Maldon Community Centre.

For more information contact Anne Thorpe.

Petanque Group

Well we survived the Beast from the East and kept playing Petanque.....and now we have been faced with the Dragon from the South! Very hot conditions on the Prom, and really not a lot of shade, but we battled on, and had great games and surprisingly good attendances. The ice creams were excellent too. Thank you to Roger and Chris for helping me out again, yes I am really moving....July 30th is getting closer thank goodness.

Dian

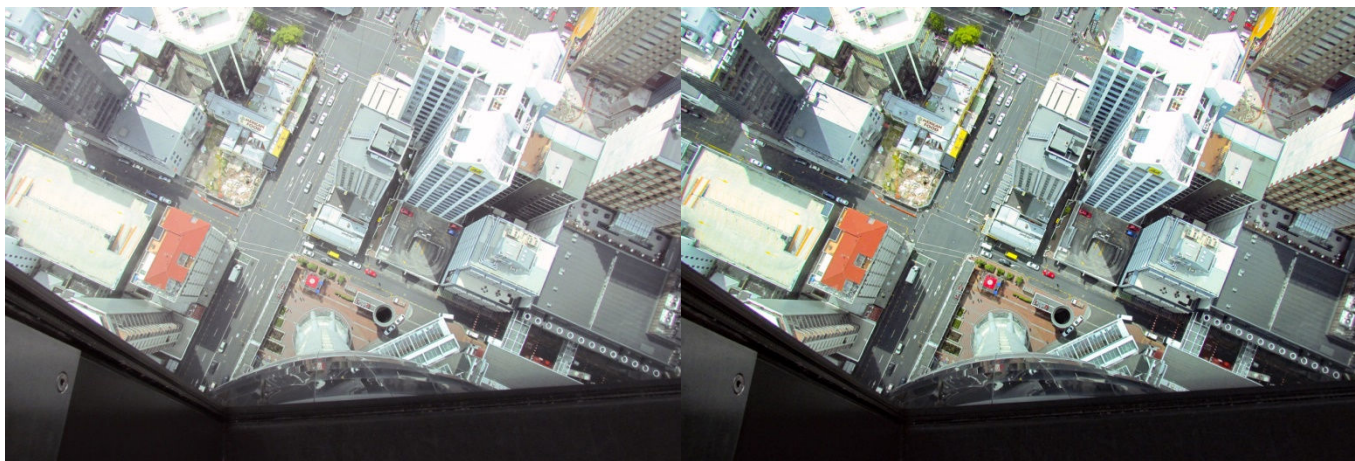
Photography Group

We met in our usual venue to view and discuss the assignment photographs taken during June. The assignment subject was the strangely titled "Any level but eye level". The object was to explore images taken low down or from a high level, but not from the normal standing view finder position. We had a good number of photos to view, covering a wide range of subjects. Low down (ground level) was the most popular view point; most of the shots were plants and garden subjects. Ken's shot of the Chapel of St. Peter-on-the-Wall, was taken at floor level, it was well exposed considering the tricky lighting conditions and was very eye catching with its sparing use of colour.



Ken Russell St. Peter-on-the-Wall

After the break we examined how to use editing software to remove haze and mist from landscapes and to improve the clarity of photographs taken through glass. The software used was Lightroom CC, but a similar technique is now available with the popular Photoshop Elements, version 14 and above. Jill had kindly allowed us to demonstrate the effect on her high level image, taken through thick blue tinted glass, of a street scene below. We watched the "haze" gradually disappear on the projector screen, just by using a simple "slide control".



Author Jill McGregor Before -

After

We are not meeting during August. Our next meeting will be on the **6th. September 2018**. If you are interested in photography or want to understand more about your camera or cameraphone, you are welcome to come along and join us. We meet in the West Maldon Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm.

Peter Thorpe

Reading and Books Group

We had a long and enjoyable discussion about our book of the month which gave us plenty of food for thought regarding customs, attitudes and behaviour in Afghanistan, particularly regarding women.

Our next meeting will be on Wed. 15th August at 2pm at Jackie's house in Tiptree. We shall be discussing "The Jeweller's Wife" by Judith Lennox

If you are interested in joining the group, please email or telephone Margaret Hurst

Scrabble Group

The select few that made it to Angela's for Scrabble in July were kept cool with a fan and plenty of water, and were treated to a welcome ice cream in the break between games. The little grey cells were working surprisingly well considering the unrelenting heat. There were a few raindrops in Heybridge Basin later!

There will not be a meeting in August and we will resume on the 25th September, venue to be notified in the next news sheet. If you would like to join us please let me know, we have several Scrabble boards available and are happy to encourage new players. My contact details are on the list of CoGs Linda Etherton

Technical Computing Group

The July meeting took place at my house. I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming a new member to our group who is 'Patrick'. The first half of the meeting was taken up with the re-installation of Photoshop Elements 14, to the U3A Laptop, this was necessary to replace an outdated edition already installed, once completed, Photoshop was tested, and found to work in a much improved way than it did with version 13 that was previously installed.

After the tea break at approx. 3.15 we went on to examine a faulty external 3.5 inch drive, after thoroughly testing it we came to the conclusion that the actual USB Caddy is faulty, but the Hard Drive is o/k, as the data can be seen if it is connected to another computer. I will update you next month with the outcome.

Our next meeting will be on August the 9th

Colin Mason

Ten Pin Bowling

It was a very warm day for our meeting at Madison heights on 10th July. There were 7 of us playing in two lanes. We were all, especially the 3 ladies, finding it a bit hot and stuffy. Our scores were not as good as usual, but the boys still managed respectable scores with Graham being the highest scorer just pipping Geoff by one point to 125. After three games we decided tea and biscuits were just the ticket with some light banter and good conversation!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no meeting in August as several people are away and the likelihood of the Bowling Alley being overrun during school holidays.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th September, usual time of 1.45 for 2pm start, at Madison Heights. New members always welcome.

Lynne Morrison

Ukulele Group UKE3A

As our Musical Director is on holiday this month she has left us with a list of songs to practise for our next gig which will be the December meeting of our U3A. I am happy to tell you that we will by then have Christmas in mind and we have sorted out the music for your entertainment and they will inevitably happen to be Carols. So when we are looking at a few months' time we should be proficient and we do need to learn perhaps some new chords and the tunes with words of those pieces on our list. The next meeting will be at Barbara's house at the normal time. We have received special thanks from the organiser of the event we attended at Galleywood, and they have sent us a small donation towards our expenses and our refreshment box which provides us with tea or coffee and biscuits which keep us going at our regular meetings.

Barbara Barbrook

Walking Group

Our walk in July was around the village of Wickham Bishops. Happily, the temperature was more gentle than in recent days and the walk had only a few slight inclines with nature's air conditioners giving plenty of shade, so there were no worries about the heat. The walk went through Sparkey Wood and around some fields, passing horses and sheep providing variety and interest.

As usual, there will be no walk in August. The next walk, hopefully, will be on Thursday 13th September providing a leader can be found. Any offers?? Linda Wells.

Weekday Lunch Group

We had our first lunch meeting at the Pavilion Cafe, Heybridge on Tuesday 3rd July. This was a very pleasant get together. We enjoyed our lunch and had a lively discussion with everyone suggesting various places in our area which they know and enjoy.

It looks as if we will have plenty of choice for all types of venues for the future.

Our next lunch will be on 7th August at 12.30. Jean Perrott

Weekenders Group

Eleven members of the group, not including me, met at the New Pavilion on Saturday 14th July. It is a familiar venue and I'm sure the service, coffee and chat were up to the usual good standards.

ATTENTION U3A MEN! The weekenders group was set up for U3A members who live alone and would like to meet with likeminded people on the occasional weekend. New members of either sex are most welcome. The group enjoy the company of our current male members and would appreciate a few more! Do come and join us for coffee, or call me for more information

Dates and details of our next meetings.

Saturday 11th August, - Another new venue – we meet at West Street Vineyard, Coggeshall. CO6 1NB, at 10.00

Saturday 15th September – We meet at the Osea View Café at 10.00.

Saturday 13th October – This time we meet at the Sunny Sailor on the Fullbridge, Heybridge at 10.00.

'Tina, the Musical' 18th October - Minibus fare for our journey to The Aldwych Theatre in London is now due. I hope to collect your cheques, for £16.25 made payable to Heybridge U3A on Friday 10th August. We will meet at 10.30 at the Tesco bus stop. I will have the tickets with me. Seating arrangements and other details later. Please contact me if you need directions or a lift. Pat Smith

Yoga Group

YOGA . We learn to balance, strengthen our muscles and relax. Yoga is for all ages, male and female.

YOGA Beginners. The next session begins Wednesday 19th September at 2pm in the Plantation Hall, for five weeks which costs total £12.50.

Following dates are 26th Sept. Then 3rd-10th and 17th October.

Contact Gloria Bomford COG YOGA.

Be in the Audience of a Show

The original idea of the “Be in the Audience of a Show” group was to recreate the good old days of going to shows in television and radio studios and meet the stars (possibly)

The world has changed from when I could get 10 or 20 tickets for free and share them out with the members of a works social club, get a coach and go together for a good night out.

For TV and Radio shows nowadays, the request for tickets for the shows have to be made by each individual due to the terms and conditions of the broadcasters (probably to thwart ticket touts) - usually you will need to provide ID and get there early to claim a seat because they do over book - finally be prepared to travel 'longish' distances to the studios or theatre and the max allocation is invariably two (maybe three) tickets per application. This makes the idea of a night out together as a group difficult -

HoweverLet's do some lateral thinking - why limit the group's ambitions to TV and Radio shows, but let's include local theatre trips as well, especially to Southend, Chelmsford and Colchester and then “Be in the Audience of a Show” together.

I cordially invite all those interested to contact me by email, or the Group Co-ordinator, and get this group up and running.

patrick.higham@virgin.net

CYBERCRIME** AWARENESS PRESENTATION – WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER



The Maldon Cluster of U3As (Maldon, Blackwater, Heybridge and Limebrook) is organising an event to raise awareness of cybercrime on Wednesday 24th October at the West Maldon Community Centre (time to be advised).. Admission is free but there will be a charge for refreshments. Places will be allocated to members on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed

nearer the time.

To reserve a place, please e-mail treasurer@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

**** Cybercrime is defined as a crime in which a computer is the object of the crime (Hacking, phishing, spamming) or is used as a tool to commit an offense (child pornography, hate crimes). Criminals who perform these illegal activities are often referred to as hackers.**

The Poppy Factory

Nearly a century ago, when Major George Howson MC opened his factory in 1922, he had but one dream: “to give the disabled their chance.” Thousands of wounded soldiers, sailors and airmen were returning from The Great War without the means of earning a living and Howson was sure he could do something about it.

And, boy, did he do it.....

Earlier in the month, we were privileged to be able to witness, first-hand, the incredible story behind The Poppy Factory.

How can I describe the introductory presentation – interesting, moving, shocking, emotional and awe-inspiring? We learnt how the poppy became the national symbol of remembrance, how the poppies were initially made in France, how the ‘unknown soldier’ was chosen and how the work of the Poppy Factory supports our modern-day disabled service men and women.

Did you know...

- At the burial of the unknown soldier in Westminster Abbey, not only were royalty and MP's present but also 100 women who had lost not only their husbands in the war, but also all their sons.
- The British Legion and The Poppy Factory have no connection with each other apart from the British Legion being the only customer of the Poppy Factory
- The factory makes 36 million poppies each year – and rising.
- Machinery was designed specifically for men who had lost an arm so that two people could operate the heavy embossing press in tandem.
- The team also assembles 3,000 small wooden crosses per day, with variants for other main faiths and agnostics.
- After Remembrance Sunday, the wooden crosses from the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey are taken, along with the wreaths from the Cenotaph, to be burnt. The ashes used to be taken to France to be scattered on the Commonwealth graves, but nowadays they are scattered in a secret location in this country.

<https://www.poppyfactory.org>



Making Poppies



Royal Garland



Surround for the Unknown Soldier Tomb

FRINTON ON SEA

Wednesday 5th September

£15.00 per person

FRINTON'S CROSSING COTTAGE, GARDEN AND RAILWAY MUSEUM

We will start our day at the Railway Museum.



Once occupied by the keepers of Frinton's iconic railway gates, today Frinton's Crossing Cottage houses an impressive selection of artefacts and archive material that tell the story of the local area in surprising detail. Situated in a well-maintained, gold medal winning, cottage garden, the grounds also include a wildlife area and information board. In 2009, the railway signal box was moved into the Garden and became another exhibit housing a snapshot of railway technology in a bygone age.

We will also be visiting the adjacent Heritage Museum.

After that, the day is yours....

With a reputation as an exclusive resort, Frinton retains an atmosphere of the 1920/30's. Tree-lined Connaught Avenue - the 'Bond Street of Essex' - leads down to the elegant Esplanade and cliff-top greensward, with its colourful Victorian-style beach huts. The sandy beach is quiet and secluded. The sea front is still lined by many Victorian style beach huts, reminiscent of the days when the town was a favourite retreat for the aristocracy and even royalty.

There are plenty of places to eat - including Frinton's first, and only, pub - The Lock and Barrel.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL!

**Friday 7th December 2018 –
Saturday 8th December**

Here is a fantastic opportunity to step aboard Cruise and Maritime's lovely cruise ship, 'THE MAGELLAN'.

No need to worry about sea-sickness! We board the 'Magellan' on Friday afternoon, enjoy a delicious five course dinner followed by a fabulous show. Stay overnight with breakfast the following morning. Included in the price are welcome cocktails and half a bottle of wine per person with the meal – and all without putting to sea at all!

Twin cabin, inside - £99.00 per person

Twin cabin, outside - £109 per person

Single cabin, inside - £109 per person

Single cabin, outside - £119 per person

Diary of Meetings and Visits For details see articles and co-ordinators above

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30-Jul	30 Petanque 14.00	31	1-Aug Ukulele 14.00	2 Croquet 10.00	3 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	4	5
6 Aug	6 Cards & paper 14.00 Petanque 14.00	7 Weekday Lunch 12.30	8 French Conversation 10.00	9 Technical Computing 14.00	10 Monthly Meeting 14.00	11 Weekenders West Street Vineyar 10.00	12
13 Aug	13 Petanque 14.00 Painting 2 14.00 Patchwork No meeting	14	15 Reading & Books 14.00 Music 14.00	16 Croquet 10.00	17 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	18	19
20 Aug	20 Petanque 14.00 Needlecraft 14.00	21 Local History 14.00	22	23	24 Painting 14.00	25	26
27 Aug	27 Bank Holiday	28	29	30	31 Copy to Editor Painting 14.00	1 Sep	2
3 Sep	3 Petanque 14.00 Cards & paper 14.00	4 Weekday Lunch 12.30	5 Ukulele 14.00	6 Croquet 10.00 Photography 14.00	7 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	8	9
10 Sep	10 Petanque 14.00 Painting 2 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	11 Ten pin 14.00	12 French Conversation 10.00	13 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	14 Monthly Meeting 14.00	15 Weekenders Osea View café 10.00	16 Gardens Sandy Lodge Halstead 14.00
17 Sep	17 Petanque 14.00 Needlecraft 14.00	18 Local History 14.00	19 Reading & Books 14.00 Yoga 14.00 Music 14.00	20 Croquet 10.00	21 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00	22	23
24 Sep	24 Petanque 14.00 French Improvers 14.00	25 Scrabble 14.00	26 Creative Writing 14.30 Yoga 14.00	27 Family History 10.00	28 Painting 14.00 Bird Watching 10.00	29	30