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Monthly meeting Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Refreshment Group Rota

September Creative Writing

October Croquet

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December French

Please provide 3 people to serve refreshments

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# NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

## From the Chairman

Last month I promised to tell you all about the Annual Conference. It was the first time that Heybridge U3A had sent a representative to Conference, so I was unsure of what to expect. If I had to sum it up in two words I would say friendly and informative.

I arrived on Tuesday afternoon and, on signing in, was allocated my room; I was in a student hall a few minutes' walk from the conference centre. All I want to say about that is that next time we should book early enough to get into the hotel! But it was only two nights.

After delegates had settled into their rooms there was a brief welcome by Pam Jones, the National Chairman, and then time to mingle before dinner. Everyone was very friendly; conversations would be started as soon as one sat down, the usual opener being, 'Where are you from?' Our badges, rather cleverly, had our Christian names in large print and our U3A in much smaller print. Dinner was followed by entertainment from a 12 strong guitar group from a local U3A.

The next morning, after another welcome by the Chairman, we had the first of two presentations. From a list of seven subjects I had chosen, 'Give and take a hand - U3A+'. This is the name being given to the efforts that are being made to keep, or make, U3As open to people with various challenges: mobility, sensory or age-related difficulties. This was very interesting and I will be talking to the committee about how we can identify and support those members who need a little more assistance to allow them to continue to enjoy their U3A experience.

Next was a fascinating talk by Nick Hawes, a reader in Autonomous Intelligent Robotics in the School of Computer Science at the University of Birmingham. His tongue-in-cheek title was 'I for one welcome our new robot overlords.' His insight into artificial intelligence (AI) was illuminating and reassuring.

In the afternoon the second presentation I attended was, 'Maintaining a Vibrant U3A' and I will be talking to the committee about that subject. In the middle of this talk the presenter gave out strips of paper and we practiced origami, which made me wonder why we do not have an Origami group!

After the presentations there was a chance to drop in on various members of the National Executive Council. I went first to see John Ellison, the Treasurer, intending to move on, but found myself caught up in the problems of other U3As and stayed there. This session gave me reassurance that our committee is among the more knowledgeable and capable ones; we have avoided many of the problems faced by other U3As by working together and doing things properly.

On Thursday there was a talk by Dr Victoria Williamson on how music can help people with 'wellbeing challenges'. She showed remarkable videos of stroke victims being helped to walk and dementia patients singing with gusto.

The AGM itself was un-contentious and we dutifully ratified the people who had been elected to various positions. Jeff Carter of Rickmansworth and District U3A is our new East of England Regional Trustee. 226 representatives of 210 U3As attended the AGM, and there were about a third as many again non-voting members.

Conference ended with a talk about the discussions that are going on about the future governance of the U3A.

I came home with quite a few ideas and I recommend that we try to send delegates as often as possible.

Angela Pleasance Chairman E-mail [chairman@heybridgeu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@heybridgeu3a.org.uk)

### **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 September and October. 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](mailto:editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk)

### **From the Membership Secretary**

There were no new members in August so our membership remains at 152. New members are always welcome – if you know someone who would like to find out more about our U3A, please 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](mailto:membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk)

### **Interest Group Coordinator**

We would still like to hear from anyone who feels that they could coordinate a Computer Group. As it would be self-help group it just needs someone to book the Claydon room or another venue, write a piece for the monthly newsletter, keep a register and collect a small donation to cover the room hire. If there is anyone out there who could help could you please contact me or anyone on the committee and we will see what the response is from the members.

Peter Thorpe has now taken over the running of the Photography group which now meets at the West Maldon Community Hall on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm.

Are there any members who have bought a laptop, or already own one, who would like to do a five session course learning to do fast typing on the Qwerty keyboard as in the old typewriters when it was called touch typing. When typing documents or long emails it is a great time saver and the cost would be minimal. It would just need you to practise in between sessions. There will be a sheet in the meeting room for you to sign if you are interested, maybe to start at the end of September.

Coordinator of Groups Barbara Barbrook Tel: 01621 855605 or email [c.barbrook@sky.com](mailto:c.barbrook@sky.com)

## **Programme for August - December 2016**

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 [speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk](mailto:speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk)

### **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](mailto:angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk)

## GROUP REPORTS

### Art (Painting) Group

Due to holidays there will be no Art/Painting news until the publication of the October newsletter. For information about the group contact, Michael Kempen: Email [Michaelrkempen@gmail.com](mailto:Michaelrkempen@gmail.com)

### Bird Watching Group

There was 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](mailto:symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk)

### Cards and Paper Crafts

The next meetings are Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm

Please contact Lesley for details. E-mail [Lindawoonton@sky.com](mailto:Lindawoonton@sky.com)

### Creative Writing Group

The Creative Writing Group enjoyed a very pleasant 'Garden Party'.  
Next month we shall be hearing about 'An Unexpected Guest'.

For details of this group contact Angela Pleasance [angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk)

### Croquet Group

We have managed to play on both Thursdays again this month, as summer has arrived! The lawns are now in very good condition, although still with surprising lumps and slopes that fool us from time to time. On the second meeting I shocked myself by getting a 'hoop in one'; however, my game went downhill after that as I seemed to hit the ball from one boundary to the next, whilst everyone else played well throughout. Much fun (and some frustration) was had by all. I still don't think there is any fear of us reaching anywhere near Olympic standard yet! If anyone would like to join us we hope to play until the end of October this year, so please contact me. We play on the first and third Thursday of each summer month; the aim is gentle exercise, good company and fun.

Anne Newson: phone 01621 858807 or E-mail [annenewson@uwclub.net](mailto:annenewson@uwclub.net)

### Discussion Coffee Morning Group

We met at my house on 19<sup>th</sup> August. I think everyone was happily fed and watered and we enjoyed a pleasant light hearted discussion on topical matters.

The next meeting of minds will be at 11.00am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Margaret Clark's house.

Margaret Brown: Email [mbandmeg@btinternet.com](mailto:mbandmeg@btinternet.com)

## Family History Group

There was no meeting in August although some members undertook their own research at the Essex Records Office – always a pleasant, air-conditioned experience in the heat of summer!

Our next meeting will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.00 at the Plantation Hall, Heybridge.

Unfortunately, I will not be there as I am moving house that day (!!!) but if any new members would like to come along I know the group will make you most welcome – and make you a cup of tea!

For further information please contact: Liz Cawdell E-mail [ecawdell@btinternet.com](mailto:ecawdell@btinternet.com)

## French Group

### Conversation



Our August meeting began as usual with a news update, when everyone talked about interesting things they had seen or done during the previous month. With September fast approaching, we then moved on to discuss “La Rentrée”, when French children go back to school and adults return to work after the summer break. Like our ‘Back to School’, it is accompanied by endless advertising, leading to frenzy of consumerism to ensure that le petit Pierre or la petite Françoise are not outshone by their classmates.

*Notre prochaine rencontre sera mercredi le 14 septembre à 10h00 chez Linda.*

### Improvers

At our August meeting we read about two potential pitfalls when exchanging greetings with French people. The first is whether to address them by the familiar ‘tu’ or the more formal ‘vous’. While ‘tu’ is always used for family, friends and children, ‘vous’ is reserved for strangers and those you know less well, The dilemma



lies in deciding when you know someone well enough to change from ‘vous’ to ‘tu’. Get it wrong and you could cause offence! The second relates to ‘la bise’, the kiss on the cheek that French people give each other when they meet. But how many kisses should you give?

Apparently, in most regions of France it is two, but in some areas it is three or four. The writer wonders whether this means people need to arrive at work at least 10 minutes early in order to exchange the appropriate number of kisses with their colleagues. You also need to know which cheek to kiss first – get it wrong and you might end up with a broken nose!

*Notre prochaine rencontre sera lundi le 26 septembre à 14h00 chez Eddie.*

For further information about either French Group, please E-mail [jennyparker14@hotmail.com](mailto:jennyparker14@hotmail.com)

## Gardens Group

Unfortunately Little Mynchens did not open when we planned to go –that was a first, it has never happened before. Thankfully Yvonne found out in time, so we didn't have a wasted journey.

Our last visit for this year is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm to Snares Hill Cottage at Stebbing. We went there once before, and found it full of interest. The most impressive feature is a natural swimming pool, but there are also a Victorian folly, a Roman temple and plenty of sculptures

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](mailto:pat.yates@tesco.net)

## Italian Conversation

This Italian Conversation Group meets twice a month, usually on the first and third Monday of the month, at 10 am at my house. We are a small but friendly group of varied abilities who meet to practise speaking Italian. We discuss many and varied subjects, including holidays, family triumphs and interesting items in the news, as well as occasionally revising points of grammar.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September                      Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October                         Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Janice Slight    E-Mail [janice.slight@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janice.slight@tiscali.co.uk)

## Local History Group

Ideal weather conditions prevailed for our guided walk of Colchester, with Sir Bob Russell. Some of us had before taken a guided walk of this historic town but we were all very well entertained and informed throughout our afternoon together. Sir Bob is a very good story teller and shared his knowledge of town history with great enthusiasm. Our donation will go towards a statue of the Taylor sisters. Jane Taylor is reputed to have written 'Twinkle, twinkle little star' whilst living in Colchester.



For all those who have booked to come to Coggeshall on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September [a THURSDAY], we shall be meeting outside the Grange Barn. We can park there from 11 a.m. and those doing the guided walk should be there for then. We shall all then meet outside Grange Barn for 2 p.m. to commence our visit to Grange Barn and afterwards to Paycockes [Note: I am told there are very good cakes at Paycockes!].

We are back inside in October for a talk about 'The great Essex earthquake'.

Carol Greenhalgh Email [carol.georgesmeed@gmail.com](mailto:carol.georgesmeed@gmail.com)

At Colchester Linda Etherton

### Patchwork Group

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

New members are welcome; please contact Anne Thorpe on E-mail [anne.thorpe@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.thorpe@btinternet.com)

### Petanque Group

As from September, Moira and I will be taking up the Co-ordinator reins from Barbara who, for the past six years, has done a wonderful job in running and organising our U3A Petanque Group. This will be a hard act to follow and we have a lot to thank Barbara for as her dedication is second to none. Well done Barbara!

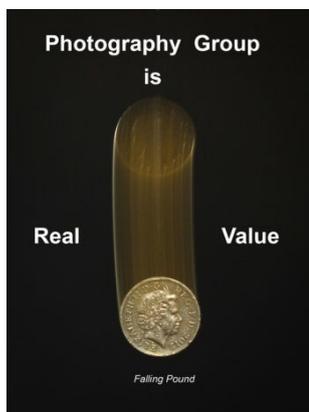
Lovely hot weather and good attendance in July and August, has produced fun games, a lot of ice cream and happy players. The group always welcomes new players so, just pop along to Maldon prom on a Monday afternoon about 1.30pm to begin playing at 2.0 pm, and join in the fun!

Our season runs from April to October.

Dian Bayley E-mail [dianbayley@aol.com](mailto:dianbayley@aol.com) Moira Penhallow e-mail [moirapen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:moirapen@hotmail.co.uk)

### Photography Group

We did not meet during August, but we will meet again on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>. September at 2.00pm in the Jubilee Lounge of the West Maldon Community Centre. During the break, we have had a change of CoG and Peter, ably assisted by Jill on the financial and administrative bits, will take over from Norman, who wishes to take a well-earned break. Norman has worked hard, diligently guiding the group through a tricky time, skillfully balancing our membership with our finances, whilst overseeing a move to our new venue and throughout keeping us together, informed and entertained. Many thanks Norman, job well done.



Our meeting in October will be very special, when we look forward to a visit from Steve Hedges a highly talented local professional photographer, who will demonstrate and discuss his exceptional work. Several of us have been on photographic courses run by Steve. His enthusiasm is infectious and his knowledge seems boundless. This will be a meeting which will not be forgotten.

We welcome new members who enjoy photographs. Whether you use a camera phone, a full frame SLR or just like looking at photographs, why not come and join us for afternoons of fun, friendship and learning - truly, the U3A way.

Peter Thorpe E-mail [thorpe101@btinternet.com](mailto:thorpe101@btinternet.com)

Falling Pound P.Thorpe

### Reading and Books Group

Our book this month was Small Wars, by Sadie Smith. Set in the war-torn island of Cyprus in 1956, it is the story of a young Major in the British Army and the effect of the war on him, his wife and family. Initially infatuated with the glory of war, he becomes disillusioned when he learns of atrocities committed by soldiers under his command, only to be told by his superiors to turn a blind eye. Brutalised by his experiences, his relationship with his wife deteriorates, but when she is seriously injured in a bomb attack, he ignores orders to leave her bedside and return to his platoon. Dismissed from the army for desertion, he returns to England with his family where he gradually re-builds his life and his marriage. While some really enjoyed it, others were less keen. A member who listened to the audio-book found her enjoyment spoilt by the childish way in which it was read. Others found the ending rather wishy-washy. However, everyone agreed that it was a well-written and well-researched book which evoked the period very well

Jenny

The next meeting will be on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2.15pm at Plantation Hall Heybridge.

### Scrabble Group

The few of us that braved the heat in August were glad of the air-conditioning in our room, and time seemed to fly past. One of our number was certainly on good form - Gill Thorne producing some fiendish words and high scores. 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](mailto:ethertonbikes@aol.com)

### Technical Computing Group

We had a very interesting meeting at Peter's house where, amongst other items, Peter demonstrated a Digital Projector he had purchased for his own use. He was able to connect it to his laptop, and the U3A's computer. The reproduction was amazing; the detail reproduced of photographs displayed every detail. We went onto talk about some of the problems associated when installing programs onto a computer.. The meeting ended at about 4.30pm

I would like to thank Ann and Peter for their kind hospitality.

Our next meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Any member interesting in joining our small group, please contact me first. Colin Mason E-mail [colin@mason20.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:colin@mason20.wanadoo.co.uk)

### Ten Pin Bowling

Despite the weather being far too nice for being inside, we had nine players on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August. We played in 3 lanes and played 3 games each. As usual the highest scorer was Graham who blasted his way to a score of 159, which he considered was not nearly good enough! I suggested he might try a lighter ball as we had to have several re-sets to the pins during his turn!

The ladies were not playing so much to form, we blamed the heat! Several of us still managed over 100 which is pretty good. As we keep saying 'It's all a bit of fun' and we all enjoy ourselves I hope!

New members always welcome.

Next meeting is at Madison Heights 1.45 for 2pm start on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Lynne Morrison E-mail [lejmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:lejmorrison@gmail.com)

### Threads and Fabrics Group

The photos are examples of work being done on the afternoon.



Tassels K. Hughes



Figures K. Hughes

Next Meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>

Pat Newman E-mail [jan.newman@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jan.newman@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Ukulele Group UKE3A**

**D**ue to holidays there will be no Ukulele news until the publication of the October newsletter. 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](mailto:robinrcarpenter@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Walking Group**

**T**he planned walk for September 8<sup>th</sup> will be at West Mersea led by Linda - details have been sent out.

Linda Wells: E-mail [wellsbarge@gmail.com](mailto:wellsbarge@gmail.com)

### **Weekenders Group**

**E**arlier this month a few members went to Izumi for a Chinese lunch and more recently five of us went to The Indian Summer restaurant in Heybridge and enjoyed some Indian cuisine. Unfortunately we found out that this restaurant is due to close in two weeks' time and will become a daytime only Italian restaurant but who knows it could be another venue for our Saturday morning coffee. We now have a Wilkins Farm Tour to look forward to and hope the weather will be kind.

Dates for your Diary

Coffee Morning Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am at the Waterside Cafe & Bar, Little Braxted Lane, CM8 3EX

Coffee Morning Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am at Oliver's Nursery

Coffee Morning Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am at Perrywoods Nursery

Coffee Morning Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am at Wilkin's Tea Rooms

Marilyn Corbett: E-mail [mars42@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Fire of London (cost £7) and we have staggered entry to this exhibition at 2.00 p.m. and 2.15 p.m.



Coach plus entry to 'Fire! Fire!' Exhibition £22.00 per person

**PAYMENTS DUE NOW PLEASE**

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

If you have already paid a £5.00 deposit, balance of £22.50 DUE BY MONTHLY MEETING, FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**FULL PAYMENT £27.50 BY MONTHLY MEETING, FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

## COMING SOON.....

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

#### **WALKING TOUR OF THE JEWISH EAST END AND VISIT TO BEVIS MARKS SYNAGOGUE**

THIS TOUR IS NOW FULL – I AM HOLDING A WAITING LIST

Cost: £25.00 per person (excluding lunch)

By: Monthly Meeting, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October



DECEMBER:

#### **TOUR OF TILBURY PASSENGER CRUISE TERMINAL AND ON BOARD VISIT TO CRUISE SHIP 'MAGELLAN'**

At present, there are insufficient numbers to run this tour – watch this space!

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

#### **HINDU TEMPLE, NEASDEN**

A chance to explore the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. We will visit the 'Understanding Hinduism' Exhibition, explore the Mandir, the Haveli, be able to observe the 'Arti Ceremony' and do a spot of shopping at the Indian supermarket.

Day includes a special Gujarati Buffet lunch served in the Shayona restaurant, if required

Cost: t.b.a



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

## Noticeboard

### From the Third Age Trust

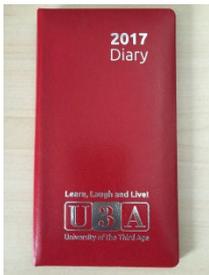
**Chairman's article** - originally printed in Third Age Matters, the chairman would like to hear from members with ideas on the future of the Third Age Trust, please see the board at the main meeting or look online for the full details.

**Be a ScamSmart Investor.** Advice from the Financial Conduct Authority More information from [www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart](http://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](http://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](mailto:secretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk).

The order will be sent off in September 2016.

### A Celebration of 1,000 U3As

To mark reaching the milestone of **1,000 U3As**, a special event is being held on the **22<sup>nd</sup> November** at **Friends House**, London.

**Eric Midwinter** (founder of the U3A movement) and **Baroness Frances d'Souza** (Speaker of the House of Lords) will be addressing the hall.

Tickets cost just £5, and are available now via Eventbrite.

To book, just visit [u3a1000.eventbrite.co.uk](http://u3a1000.eventbrite.co.uk).

## 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](mailto:patriciaharding45@tesco.net) or by phone 01621 843099.

Dorreen Linton is organising a visit to Fulham Palace and Gardens.

This will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Chelmsford U3A Special speaker meeting

Sir Paul Murse FRS Director of the Francis Crick Institute

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

2.15pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Doors open 1.30pm

Christ Church, New London Road, Chelmsford

Tickets £2 Contact: Tony Boniface 01245 266316

## Study Day Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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
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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**

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

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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 Gardens 14.00
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	21 Book Group 14.15	22 Family History 10.00 Local History Coggeshall 10.00	23 Bird watching 10.00 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	30 Copy to Editor  Painting 14.00	1-Oct	2
3-Oct	3 Italian conversation 10.00 Petanque 14.00	4 Threads 14.00	5 Ukulele Group 14.00  Cards & Paper 14.30	6 Croquet 10.00 Photography 14.00	7 Committee meeting 10.00  Painting 14.00	8 Weekender Olivers Nursery 10.00	9
10-Oct	10 Petanque 14.00 Patchwork 14.00	11 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	12 French Conversation 10.00	13 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	14 Monthly Meeting 14.00	15	16
17-Oct	17 Italian conversation 10.00 Petanque 14.00	18 Local History 14.00	19 Book Group 14.15	20 Croquet 10.00	21 Coffee Morning 11.00  Painting 14.00	22	23
24-Oct	24 Petanque 14.00 French Improvers 14.00	25 Scrabble 14.00  Study Day 09.00	26 Creative Writing 14.30	27 Family History 10.00	28 Copy to Editor Bird watching 10.00  Painting 14.00	29	30
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