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From the Chairman

I am certain that you would like to join me in congratulating our U3A Quiz Team for winning the "Brains of Essex" quiz. It was held in Chelmsford and organised by the Association of Essex U3As. I would like to personally thank the eight members of our quiz team for demonstrating their knowledge, their skill and for giving our "young" U3A the respect that it so rightly deserves.

Talking about young U3As, there must be something in the air around Maldon. During September another U3A was born. It is called Limebrook U3A, it will hold its Inaugural Meeting in October and I am proud that we (as a relatively new U3A ourselves) have been able to play a small part in enabling it to be formed. I am especially grateful to those of our members who attended the first meeting to answer questions from potential new members about the benefits of joining the U3A. On a personal note, I was pleased to be asked to talk to the meeting about "Interest Groups", a subject that represents the very heart of all U3As. I consider that the U3A concept of friends having fun whilst learning from each other in an interest group is "simply brilliant". Long may all U3As thrive and prosper.

We must thank Chris Edwards for stepping-in at very short notice as our speaker at the September meeting. Chris gave us an interesting and informative talk with a PowerPoint presentation on some of the nautical artefacts held in several of the properties owned by the National Trust. Unfortunately, Ceri Loewen who was booked to give us a talk on Hyland House was unable to attend.

I look forward to seeing you on October 14th - usual time - usual place.

Email thorpe101@btinternet.com or phone 01621 850828.

Peter Thorpe.

From the Editor

Due to the volume of material this month, I have had to reduce the text size to 9pt.

I would like to draw your specific attention to the following:

- The next Gardening Group visit is prior to the next Monthly Meeting (See Gardening Section of the News Sheet). Also, the start time of 14.00 and not the usual 14.30.
- The Shared Learning Project detailed in the Notice Board section has a 31.10.2011 closing date.
- Essex U3A Quiz champions. See page 7.
- Help needed for Poppy Appeal. See Page 7.
- New Group. Creative Writing. See Reports Section of News Sheet.

This advance copy of the October News Sheet, by the time that you read this column, will have been circulated to all members who have provided their email addresses to the Membership Secretary. If you have an email address and have not received an emailed copy of this News Sheet please let me or the Membership Secretary know, preferably by email (Email address below). A limited number of printed copies of the News Sheet will continue to be available at each Heybridge U3A Monthly Meeting for those who do not have access to email.

The Diary on the last page has been updated to the end of November 2011. It is important that you, as COG's, members of Groups or just members of Heybridge U3A, keep me up to date. If anyone has an interesting story, relevant pictures and anything that relates to The Heybridge U3A or the U3A movement as a whole, then please contact me with the information so that it can be included in the News Sheet. This is especially true when activities or a visit is planned or confirmed and relates in some way to their group.

I repeat that I must have the bulk of your copy by the last Friday of the month to enable me to assemble the News Sheet for delivery by email approximately five days before the Monthly Meeting. If space becomes tight, as it did earlier this year, late submissions may not be included in that month's News Sheet. Please continue to send details to me, preferably by email, at ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk with 'Heybridge U3A' in the title. Alternatively talk to me at the Monthly Meeting.

Back numbers of the Heybridge U3A News Sheets can be read on our WEB SITE <http://www.heybridgeu3a.org.uk>

It is considered that communication via this News Sheet, the only method that reaches all members, will ensure that all Heybridge U3A Members, especially those who have recently joined us, can also have the opportunity to participate in any of our activities. The News Sheet can also be used to sound out the views of other members on any relevant subject.

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

Ian Newman.

Heybridge U3A Monthly Meetings

The next Monthly Meeting is on Friday 14th October starting at the normal time of 14.00, in the Plantation Hall, Heybridge. At the forthcoming October meeting, we will hear about the Helen Rollason Heal Cancer Charity

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

- November 2011: Paddy Lacy
- December 2011: Talk & Songs
- January 2012: The Secret Lives of Garden Birds

- February 2012: M.J. Scollan. Stories from a former Police Officer.

From the COGCo (Group Co-ordinator)

Since the last News Sheet, I have attended quite a few of the groups to which I belong. A dinner at 'Ruby's' with Weekenders, a visit to New Hall Vineyards with the Wine Appreciation Group, a visit to Snares Hill Cottage with the Gardening Group, three games of Ten Pin Bowling, a session at the Computer Group all of which will be covered by the various COGs.

I then took myself off to Italy for 9 days and missed a lunch with the Luncheon Group and a session of scrabble but returned just in time to send this very short article to Ian. I



think you might agree that a lunch in the sun overlooking trulli houses was preferable to lunch at the New Times!!

Trulli Houses

We have a new member who is willing to set up a group for Fly tying (fishing). He has tied trout flies for some 55 years and would like to share his experience and help others engage in this interesting hobby. Many people who fish for trout never tie their own flies often because they think it is difficult, requires nimble fingers, or is a black art. This is far from the truth. Some people just tie flies and never fish. He knows of a couple of ladies that tie flies for their husbands.

He would be quite happy to host the group in his house where he could accommodate up to six. (one would be a good start !!!)

If anyone is interested please let me know and I will put you in touch with Chris.

Email gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01621 852294.

Gill Thorne

Membership Secretary

We were pleased to welcome two new members in September, taking our total membership to 160. If you are a non-member who would like to find out more about the Heybridge U3A, you are welcome to attend a monthly meeting (held in the Plantation Hall on the 2nd Friday of each month at 14.00) as a guest. There is no need to book, just turn up and sign in.

May I remind all existing members to please let me know of any change in your contact details (address, phone number or email) so that I can update your membership record. If you have not yet received your 2011/12 membership card please collect it at the next monthly meeting or ask someone to collect it for you. Alternatively, if you send me a SAE, I will post it to you.

For any queries regarding membership, please

Email jennyparker14@hotmail.com or phone me on 01621 843581.

Or, If I am not available, please

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

Jenny Parker.

Group Names, Co-ordinator, Contact Telephone

Group Name	Co-ordinator (COG)	Telephone Number
Art (Painting)	Michael Kempen	01621 892974
Ballroom Dancing	Joint with Maldon Jo Robson *	* 01621 828236
Bird Watching	Maureen Lenoir	01621 869871
Bridge	Lisbeth Bazzard	01621 843208
Coastal & Marine	Brenda Dewar	01245 400492
Coffee Morning	Margaret Brown	01621 854885
Computer	Tina Abeysekera	01621 858635
Creative Writing	Angela Pleasance	01621 850310
Family History	Lesley Pomphrett	01621 817733
French Conversation	Vicky Anfilogoff	01621 840532
Gardening	Pat Yates	01621 892866
Local History	Carol Greenhalgh	01621 840339
Luncheon	Dave Mason	01621 858635
Petanque	Barbara Barbrook	01621 855605
Photography	Peter Thorpe	01621 850828
Reading & Books	Ann Lees	01245 225153
Scrabble	Ruth Tyler	01621 856212
Ten Pin Bowling	Janette Lett	01621 879697
Theatre	Gill Bridle & Janet Morley	01621 892587 & 892626
Threads & Fabrics	Anne Thorpe & Pat Newman	01621 850828 & 01621 891184
Walking	Elizabeth Eastwood	01621 850618
Weekenders	Marilyn Corbett	01621 817518
Wine Group	Jackie Jones	01621 817117

REPORTS

Art (Painting) Group

Unfortunately, I have not had a report from the Art (Painting) Group this month. Please, therefore, contact Michael Kempen (See below) Editor.

For further information, email m.kempen@sky.com or phone 01621 892974.

Bird Watching

It was our first group get together since June and the day was sunny. Fingringhoe Wick is such a lovely peaceful place, only thing missing was the Birds! We went into the hides, which give a wonderful view of the river, but the tide was still out so it was not easy to identify the waders along the shore. The large lake seemed quieter than expected but we did see some of our old friends; the Mallards, Coot and Little Grebe.

On our walk around we did see a wonderful Ariel display by a Kestrel, one of our more common Birds of Prey.

Fingringhoe Wick is such a great Nature Reserve. We



enjoyed our time there.

Next meeting is Friday 28th October for a visit to Blue House Farm, time to be arranged.

If you would like to join our happy group please email or phone me.

Curlew in sea of lavender

(Author Jill McGregor)

Email symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01621 869871.

Maureen.

Bridge Group

Unfortunately, I have not had a report from the Bridge Group this month. Please, therefore, contact Liz Bazzard (See below) Editor.

Email lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net or phone 01621 843208.

Computer Group

There were 13 members of the Computer Group including a new member named Chris Denham. Colin Mason gave us an insight into how to overcome the problem if our computers try to lock us out and the use of a safe mode. He also reinforced the need to back up our work. Colin also has kindly donated a printer for the group's use. Personally I find it very interesting how each of the lap top computers can be so different in accessing the various programmes. This point was brought home by Ruth showing Ian how to address an envelope directly from WORD. We all have various strengths and weaknesses, which is why we all enjoy the group so much. We each learn from each other.

Our next meeting will be in the Claydon room at Plantation Hall at 14.00 on Thursday 20th October. If you would like to

learn more about your computer or just swap your knowledge please come along and join us.

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

Tina Abeysekera

Coastal and Marine Group

It is time to get together and plan our adventures for next year. Where would we like to visit? Do we have the support when minimum numbers are required? We have enjoyed some interesting outings and have been fascinated by tales of adventures told to us by our Speakers. There is a lot more out there!!

We will be meeting on Friday 21st October at the Blue Boar at 14.00 for a brainstorming session!!! I will be looking forward to seeing you all.

Email brendadewar@btinternet.com or phone 01245 400492.

Brenda.

Creative Writing

Six of us met on Wednesday 28th September. Although our number was small, there was plenty of diversity in the stories, article and poem that had been written. Four contributions were on the theme set last time: 'Simple'. There was also a poem about a beloved cat and the start of a fantastic science fiction story. We are looking forward to hearing more of this next time. It was a good start for this new group.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at my house at 14:30. If you would like to join the group, please telephone me.

The subject for next month is 'Ghost', which could be appropriate as we approach Halloween.

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

Angela Pleasance

Discussion Coffee Morning

We had another pleasant morning with refreshments courtesy of Gill. Conversation was, as always, diverse, usually topical, sometimes serious and occasionally too saucy to be quoted here!

Next month we will be meeting at Margaret Clark's house on Friday 21st October at 11.00. Full details, as usual, at the next Monthly Meeting.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Email mbandmeg@btinternet.com or phone 01621 854885.

Margaret Brown.

Family History Group

At the start of our September meeting, we welcomed three new members into our group. They have all found quite a lot about their family history and it was really interesting to hear their stories. I am sure they are going to have a lot more to tell us later.

Norman showed us how to use SEAX, which is the website of Essex County Records in Chelmsford. This is a huge site containing a vast amount of local information. I know a few

of us have gone into SEAX but I certainly did not realise how much information is available there. Sharon, one of our new members, showed us how to find the full 1911 census on the Ancestry website, which is not easy to find. It was a very enjoyable meeting and I think we all learnt something new.

Please make a note that our next meeting will be Thursday 13th October, the second Thursday instead of the fourth at the usual time of 10.30 to 12.30. Angela's sister is coming to tell us about her family history and explain how she found her information. She cannot make the fourth week. In addition, the 27th October is during the half term holiday and I shall be having the grandchildren to stay – believe me it would be impossible to have a meeting with three little ones racing round and bombarding us with questions.

Please phone if you need information or directions.

Email lesleypommy@hotmail.com or phone 01621 817733.

Lesley Pomphrett.

French Conversation

It is with regret that I have to tell you that Vicky has taken on other commitments and is unable to continue as the COG of this Group. However, there are several of us who would like to continue to practice our French. A meeting has been suggested for all interested parties to be held on Monday 17th October at 10.00 at the Lock Cafe in Heybridge Basin. If you would like to keep this Group going please come to this meeting, have a coffee, look at the boats and between us decide how to continue. I will be at the next Monthly Meeting on 14th October, so please let me know if you can come and if you have any ideas.

Email gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01621 852294.

Gill Thorne

Gardening Group

We had a lovely afternoon at Snares Hill Cottage (after a bit of advanced parking practice!). The garden was on a large sloping site and full of surprises. The owner was very creative and practical. He had made many features including wind chimes from old ironwork, a beautiful copper fountain, a belfry complete with bell and a brick wall to support a pair of church gates bought on E-bay. The garden's highlight was a natural swimming pool kept incredibly clear by the reed beds. What with the beautiful old country kitchen and jungly conservatory we were very reluctant to leave.



Snares Hill Cottage (Author Pat Yates)

Our last visit of the year is to Writtle College, CM1 3RR on Monday 10th October at the earlier time of 14.00. We will have a talk and a walk on autumn colour by Tom Cole, Head of Faculty. As a donation is required I suggest £2 each. Tea will be available in the restaurant. This visit comes before the next Monthly Meeting so there will not be a reminder as in the form to sign. I would be grateful if you would phone or e-mail to let me know if you would like to come so I can advise them of the number to expect.

Email pat.yates@tesco.net or phone 01621 892866.

Pat Yates.

Local History Group (LHG)

Our meeting in September was at Plantation Hall where Jane Pearson gave an interesting talk on 'Weddings in Essex before 1753'. Many of the customs appeared to be quite complex but, at the same time, informal. There was a lively response from members and a first hand account of a present day Chinese marriage, equally complicated, which made a good comparison with the talk topic.

Thelma

The Local History group will be having a general meeting at the Plantation Hall on Tuesday 18th October at 14.00. This will be an opportunity for planning further activities. Members are invited to bring their ideas and together with snippets of their own local history knowledge, research, any relevant interesting picture and/or item. Contact Carol Greenhalgh nearer the time for more information.

Email george.smeed@virgin.net or phone 01621 840339.

Carol Greenhalgh

Luncheon Group

Firstly, all of us from the Luncheon Group wish Beth a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her soon. Beth had booked lunch for us at 'The New Times' in Tiptree. There was plenty of room in car park but then the pub was not that busy. Eleven of us sat down to lunch but I found it a little strange that the waitress was buzzing round asking what main meal we all wanted when some of us had not even sat down let alone looked at the menu or the specials board. She then proceeded to ask if anybody wanted a starter before taking the orders. There was not a vegetarian course on the menu but a footnote said one was available if you asked the waitress. One would assume that there would not be much choice for a vegetarian. The food was, in my opinion, good and reasonably priced, so maybe one place for a return visit.

Our next lunch will be on Friday 28th October at the 'Wheatsheaf' Pub in Hatfield Peveral starting at 13.00. It will be great to see you at our regular lunches and hopefully some new faces. I have already booked our Christmas lunch, which will be on Friday 16th of December at the 'Ship Inn' at Heybridge Basin. This will be at the later time of 13.30 to allow time for the members of the Coffee Morning Group to join us if they so wish. The menu for the Christmas meal will, hopefully, be ready and available at the October Monthly Meeting.

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

Luncheon Group – Temporary COG

Dave Mason

Petanque Group

Now we are all poised for our match against Blackwater U3A



and I will let you know how we fared in the next News Sheet. The weather looks fair so hopefully it will not be raining.

Petanque Group.

(Author – Christine Ainsworth)

We will soon be hibernating for the winter and the 24th October will be our last game until March. Some people in the group would like to play in the winter, so please contact Alf Bell if you would like a game. There is no booking involved but you do need at least another person to play, and Alf is keen to continue during the winter. Blackwater continue playing fortnightly but for me personally it gets too cold!

Alf's phone number is 01621 840158.

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

Barbara Barbrook.

Photography Group

Our October assignment is "Flying Objects" (including – "Objects that Fly!") and having allocated two months for this project we look forward to some original and, I hope, amusing interpretations of this subject. Our assignment for the November meeting is a little different from previous topics in that the three photographs have to be of the same subject, with one image in colour, one in monochrome and one in a sepia tone.

Norman Grove has set-up our own Photo Group U3A on Flickr. He also showed us how we can open, use the website and access our group member's photos. It is very encouraging how many members have already chosen to set-up a Flickr page. Not all members of the group want to have their photos accessible on the internet. We fully understand their point of view and will continue to project their pictures in the usual way.



On the slipway. (Author – Peter Thorpe)

(This photograph was copied for this News Sheet from the original image on Flickr).

If you are interested in digital photography come and join us. Our aim is to enjoy and to improve our photography, together.

Email thorpe101@btinternet.com or phone 01621 850828.

Peter Thorpe

Reading and Books Group

Our book this month was 'Shadow of the Wind' by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Overall, this was a very much enjoyed book.

Set in post war Spain, it was colourful and fast moving. Hidden in the heart of the old city of Barcelona is a 'Cemetery of Forgotten Books'. It is a labyrinthine library of obscure and forgotten titles. One cold morning in 1945 the central figure, Daniel, then aged 10 years is allowed to choose one book from the dusty shelves. He takes 'Shadow of the Wind' by Julien Carax. As Daniel grows up several people seem inordinately interested in his find. A race to find out the truth behind the life and death of Julien Carax begins.

We struggled at times to keep a handle on the mix of characters in the book. However, each was well characterised and, in the main, they linked well together. The story evoked the feel of post war Barcelona so well but the translation, it was felt, left something to be desired. Carlos Ruiz Zafon, we are told, writes scripts for Hollywood films and this ability was apparent in this well written and interesting tale.

This month we celebrated the round figure birthdays of Eileen Barker and Anne Thorpe. Pat Yates also celebrated her birthday on the day of the meeting but, as yet, she has not reached the magic round number. We indulged in a chocolate cake filled with fresh cream and a nice cup of tea to celebrate. Our birthday girls blew out their candles and we wished all three many happy returns of the day.

We have also been able to welcome two new members into the group, which gives the group a total membership of twelve.

The next Book Group meeting is on October 19th at 14.30 at Plantation Hall, Heybridge.

Please contact Ann Lees if you wish to join us.

email: annlees@yahoo.com or phone 01245 225153.

Ann Lees.

Scrabble

Although the weather was just right for being out in the sun we had seven players at our monthly Scrabble session, one of which was Val coming for her first game.

We meet next on Tuesday 25th October. All members are welcome.

Email r.tyler936@btinternet.com or phone 01621 856212.

Ruth Tyler

Ten Pin Bowling

The ten pin bowling group met again on the 13th September. I was not able to attend so Gill was good enough to head this month's meeting. Thank you Gill. Eight members turned up and played in two lanes. Apparently few strikes and spares but fun was had by all.

Our next meeting is the 11th October at 13.45 for 14.00.

More information can be obtained from me, Janette.

Email lettsnooks@talktalk.net or phone 01621 879697.

Janette

Theatre

I have finally received a refund on the Betty Blue Eyes' tickets and will be returning £25.00 to all those who reserved tickets. I will distribute these at the October Monthly Meeting. Will you please make a point of seeing me (Janet) to collect your refund.

Janet

I shall give out the War Horse tickets at the October Monthly Meeting in plenty of time for our trip on 8th December. The coach is booked and will cost £13.00 each. However, as I have previously explained, we received a larger discount than I expected for the tickets. The good news is that we only need to pay £5.00 each. Details about pick-ups and times will follow in the November News Sheet.

Gill

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gillianbridle@btinternet.com or phone 01621 892626.

Threads and Fabrics

Although I am writing this in the middle of September, Autumn seems to be already upon us and we are thinking of warmer things to make. In fact one of our members brought in a baby vest with her that she was knitting. Another was finishing the pretty quilt, which she exhibited in July (to demonstrate how they are constructed). As usual, we were all making different things which added to the pleasure of the afternoon. I think that I must be the slowest embroideress in the area. I am still working on the embroidery on net, which I



showed at our last exhibition in July. It is turning out to be a greater challenge than I imagined but I think that I am winning! If I keep working at this rate it might just be finished in time for next years A.G.M. It is fun (for me) trying so many new techniques at once. The photo with this article shows how far I've got.

(Author Pat Newman)

If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Anne Thorpe or Pat Newman.

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

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

Walking

Our September walk took us from Heybridge Basin along the seawall and back around the gravel pits in pleasant, early autumn conditions. We then returned for a planning session to identify suitable walks for the next few outings.

The October walk will be along the Roman River Valley in Layer (http://www.essex.gov.uk/Travel-Highways/Public-Rights-Way/Documents/Roman_River_Valley_4.pdf) on Thursday 13th October meeting at 14.00 in New Cut Lane. I haven't received the paperwork on this walk yet so please contact me nearer the time for information.

Do let me know if you can join us, if you need transport or can car share. All welcome.

Email e.m.e@talktalk.net or phone 01621 850618.

Elizabeth

Weekenders

Firstly my congratulations to the team constituting some Weekenders and others who won the 'U3A Brain of Essex' competition recently and to the Weekender quiz team who came second in the Maldon quiz. We had an enjoyable coffee morning at Oliver's Nursery on the 17th September and came up with some ideas for the coming months, notably a Christmas lunch. Don't really like mentioning the 'C' word so early (Bah humbug!) but restaurants do get booked and Christmas cards are in the shops already. Other suggestions were for trips with Stan's Coaches, which are also getting booked. Therefore, we need to get our skates on making decisions.

Dates for your diaries:

- Saturday 15th October: Coffee morning at Peartree Pantry at 10.00.
- Saturday 12th November Coffee Morning at Hyde Hall at **10.30**. Please note the time.

Email mars42@btinternet.com or phone 01621 817518.

Marilyn Corbett.

Wine Appreciation Group

Seven members of the Wine Appreciation Group enjoyed a visit to New Hall Vineyards on Sunday 4th September for the 37th Annual English Wine Festival. We met up at the coffee stall and browsed around the well stocked plant stalls before visiting the barns in which there were various art and craft stalls. Some of us took a tractor ride around the vineyard and we all visited the Winery and Press House display before heading to the food hall, which turned out to be yet another barn. After lunch it was time to sample the wines with the tasting glasses, which were given to us at the entrance. Most of us agreed that the wines were light and ideal for sipping on a warm sunny evening in the garden. The dancing displays held our attention; particularly the belly dancers but the Boudica Samba band and dancers had to make a run for the barns at the end of their performance due to the onset of rain. Sadly, our visit was cut short by the heavy rain. In spite of this we all enjoyed the visit.

The next meeting will be at my house, on Wednesday 19th October. This will be followed by a visit to Langford Village Hall on the weekend of 26th/27th November for "Grape Passions Christmas Wine Tasting Weekend".

Email jachjones@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 817117.

Jackie Jones.

Essex U3A Quiz Champions

Using our bus passes we made our way to Chelmsford for the Annual Essex U3A Quiz. We were full of enthusiasm and a certain amount of trepidation and, when in the hall, the competition looked like serious quiz teams. In fact, we all had a very enjoyable afternoon, dredging deep for information that we thought was long forgotten. The atmosphere was friendly and relaxed, tea and cakes very welcome, and everyone tried their best. To our surprise and delight we won! It really was great fun. The only disadvantage of being the winners, we have to supply the tea and cakes for next year! We left the hall all wearing our winner's medals with pride and the trophy will be presented to Heybridge U3A at our October Monthly Meeting. That could mean more cakes!!! Many thanks to Elizabeth for organising the team.

Brenda

On the Notice Board

If you are planning to put something on the notice board that is not group related, and it is available prior to the first Friday of the month, the Editor would be pleased to include it in this section of the News Sheet.

The following items of News, including U3A Head Office Information Notices that can be seen on the Notice Board at the July Monthly Meeting or have been available at a recent Monthly Meeting.

- Museum of London. Project involves repacking of artifacts, cataloguing etc. Start 28th September then weekly until 7th December: 10 meetings. Contact valerie.saunders523@btinternet.com for more information.
- U3A Christmas Concert on Wednesday 14th December 2011, at St John's Waterloo, London SE1. (14.30 to 16.30.) A mixture of traditional and contemporary arrangements for The Mosaic Chamber Choir, the Brandenburg Brass and Organ. Tickets - £16 each includes mulled wine and mince pies. Apply to Third Age Trust, 19 East Street. Bromley, Kent. BR1 1QE.
- The Marriage of Figaro by Mozart A new screening date for the film at Odeon, Covent Garden will be on Tuesday, 17th January 2012. 12.45 -16.45. Tickets £12.50; Maximum two per applicant. Address as above.
- The Sixth Shared Learning Project at the British Library – The Restoration of Green London. The Project starts on Monday 9th January 2012 and lasts until April. Afternoon sessions at 2 to 3 week intervals. Applications close 31.10.2011. For more information email Kay.denny@btopenworld.com
- A Shared Learning Project at the British Postal Museum and Archive, will involve research and project sessions will take place fortnightly Tuesday afternoons in Clerkenwell, January to March. Applications close 31.10.2011. For more information please email alan.clayden@ymail.com
- A Shared Learning Project with Kings College London; Nurses' Stories about women who chose to become nurses in the nineteenth century. Meetings fortnightly

January to March on Friday mornings. Applications close 31.10.2011. For more information please email johnjeanmorgan@greenbee.net

For more information contact Brenda on 01245 400492, or see the notice board.

Every month we receive information from Head Office keeping our Group informed of events happening throughout the UK. So, if you are interested and would like further information please contact me:

Email brendadewar@btinternet.com or phone 01245 400492

Brenda

From Other U3A's

Maldon U3A have organised another meeting at Mundon Village Hall on Wednesday, 2nd November when we will showing a presentation of our Kent holiday. I also have Harry Brickwood from Rayleigh giving us a gardening talk and presentation.

The meeting starts at 14.30.

Letters to the Editor

I hope you can spare me a few column inches to say "thank you" to all our members who sent me cards when I moved into Wantz Haven a few weeks ago. I felt very humbled by the many good wishes, too many to thank you all personally, but they helped me over a very stressful and tiring time.

I really like my small apartment, and so enjoy sitting having breakfast watching my windows being cleaned and the lawns and hedges cut, all by what seems like magic.

I am now at 5, Wantz Haven, Princes Road, Maldon (just before the Council Offices). Please if you are in the vicinity do call, the kettle is always on.

My new phone No. is 01621 856212. E-mail r.tyler936@btinternet.com

Bye and thanks again.

Ruth Tyler

Poppy Appeal 2011

This year marks the 90th Anniversaries of the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal. Maldon & Heybridge raised a record £26,000 last year. Sadly, the services of the Legion and the funds raised by the Poppy Appeal are as urgently needed now as in previous years - as Afganistan all too clearly demonstrates. This year we are appealing for more Collectors at Morrison, Tesco and Wicks as they have generously offered us 350 hours of collecting time. Our current team of collectors is not large enough to cover these on their own. Our main need is for the weekends of 29th/30th October, 5th/6th and 12th/13th November. In some return for the sacrifices made by others for us please volunteer, if only for a couple of hours.

Please contact Sholto Morton on 01245 222353 or sholto.morton@talktalk.net Thank you

Diary of Meetings and Visits.

For details see articles and co-ordinators above.

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10th October	10 Petanque 14.00 Gardening 14.00	11 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	12	13 Walking 14.00	14 Monthly Meeting 14.00	15 Weekender Coffee at Peatree pantry 10.00	16
17th October	17 Petanque 14.00 French Conversation 10.00	18 Local History 14.00	19 Book Group 14.30 Wine Appreciation 14.00	20 Computer 14.00	21 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00 Coastal and Marine 14.00	22	23
24th October	24 Petanque 14.00	25 Scrabble 14.00	26 Creative Writing 14.30	27 Family History 10.30	28 Copy to Editor Luncheon 13.00 Painting 14.00 Bird Watching	29	30
31st October	31	1 st November Threads 14.00	2	3 Photography 14.00	4 Committee Meeting Painting 14.00	5	6
7th November	7	8 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	9	10 Walking 14.00	11 Monthly Meeting 14.00	12	13
14th November	14	15 Local History 14.00	16 Book Group 14.30	17 Computer 14.00	18 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 14.00 Coastal and Marine TBC	19 Weekender Coffee at Hyde Hall 10.30	20
21st November	21	22 Scrabble 14.00	23 Creative writing group 14.30	24 Family History 10.30	25 Copy to Editor Painting 14.00 Luncheon TBC Bird Watching	26 Wine Appreciation	27 Wine Appreciation
28th November	28	29	30	1 st December Photography 14.00	2 Committee Meeting Painting 14.00	3	4