

# Heybridge U3A News Sheet No. 2010/11 November 2010

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# From the Chairman

I cannot believe that another month has passed since I settled down to write something for the last News Sheet, but it has. In the past few days, H.M.The Queen has graced us with a visit and Plantation Hall has sent us booking forms for 2011 – *tempus fugit*!

At our last meeting we enjoyed a splendid talk by Peter Turrall about Marconi. As a society we do not seem to encourage people with Marconi's drive and enthusiasm these days. I cannot help thinking that we should curb our obsession with rules and regulations and set our natural creativity free once more. That grand thought takes me on to our own experiment regarding the seating at the Marconi meeting. In general it was popular, but we did have the tables angled incorrectly and that will be changed for the next meeting. We will also have some chairs at the front arranged in the traditional way for those who do not like sitting at a table or who want be able to see or hear better. We were pleased that most members felt that it was easier to chat over their cup of tea - I will have to make myself a bigger gavel to get your attention from now on!

The other day, I was discussing our progress as a new U3A with a former Chairman of Blackwater U3A and he was interested in how our groups were going. I mentioned that although we had a good range of group activity and that all of our COGs were extremely enthusiastic regarding the running of their own group; we were not creating many new groups at present. It seems that the U3A idea of everybody learning in a group, from each other, is hard to "kick-start". It is interesting to note that five of the present committee of seven members are also COGs. Perhaps the load is too unevenly spread and that more of our new members should consider starting a group. Gill, our Interest Group Co-ordinator, is very knowledgeable on how our groups operate and she will be delighted to help any member who wants to start-up a new group. Please discuss with each other what new groups we could add to our present list of groups. The wider the range of interests covered by our groups, the more we will enjoy membership of our U3A.

I hope that those members who have joined recently are pleased with what we have to offer as a U3A and I urge you all to spread the word that new members are always welcome.

I look forward to being with you all at the next meeting. We are expecting to have a dog as one of our guests whilst we are given a talk about the Canine Partners Charity.

Peter Thorpe

#### From the Editor

I have had no one come forward with any items that they no longer need or would like to acquire. However these pages are still open for members of the Heybridge U3A to use.

This advance copy of this News Sheet is again being 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 know.

The Diary on the last page has been updated through to the end of December. 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 or activity that relates in some way to The Heybridge U3A or the U3A movement as a whole, then please contact me.

Most will know the publication procedure. Copy should normally be with me by the last Friday of the month (However in December, the 17<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline so that the January News Sheet can be put to bed before Christmas). Please continue to send preferably details to me. by email at ian.newman@tiscali.co.uk with 'U3A' in the title. Typed copy can also be provided. Alternatively, phone me on 01621 891184 or see me at the Monthly Meeting to decide other methods of providing copy. Publication will take place some seven to ten days later.

lan Newman.

# **Heybridge U3A Meetings**

The next Meeting is on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November, starting at the normal time of 14.00, in the Plantation Hall, Heybridge. This month we have a talk on how dogs help people with disabilities. This will be presented by the Canine Partners Charity. In December Keith Baldwin will be providing a Christmas Package full of anecdotes and humour with excerpts from Dickens, Dylan Thomas and others. The New Year brings us a talk on the Farleigh Hospice in January and a historical talk on Henry John Hatch the first Chaplain to Wandsworth Prison.

# From the COGCo (Group Co-ordinator)

In my role as the above, I get most of my information from the interesting articles written by the COGs for the News Sheets, plus of course other snippets of information. All the groups are running well and the COGs are working hard so it is a case of no news is good news and I rarely have any problems to solve, just give my support.

I do try, in my articles each month to cover at least a couple of the groups and this month, I am pleased to advise that the Reading and Books Group have settled happily into their new home at the Plantation Hall.

However, I must pass on my thanks to Pat Yates who has chosen many beautiful gardens from the NGS booklet and made all the arrangements for private visits. The members of this group have a fount of knowledge. I have managed to visit all the gardens but one. At the end of September we visited a local garden and then proceeded to Pat's home where we were able to view her full and colourful garden which, although somewhat smaller than some of the ones visited was, nevertheless, a beautiful garden. She then made tea/coffee for us with lots of cakes (thanks to other members as well). Due to popular demand another garden/nursery has been added to this year's calendar in November and then there will not be any more gardens to visit until next April but we have many happy memories and look forward to next year.

I also managed to get to the Scrabble group in September, which I enjoyed very much. I do crosswords every day so I am interested in words.

I attended a Photography Group meeting as a visitor at the beginning of October where I found over 20 members (with about 5 unable to attend) with a veritable number of excellent photos and a great deal of enthusiasm. There were beautiful photos from bees and daddy longlegs to a leopard and lion at Colchester Zoo, via an avocet, a meerkat, a donkey, a camel and many other animals. Such diverse photos of animals (this being that month's project).

Some members are still talking about a Choir or group of singers but what we really need is someone to lead this. Any takers?

Some of the members do not belong to any group, or maybe only one, so if you have an interest that is not covered already please let me know. I will help you start a new group f you wish to become a COG. In mid October I spent a very enjoyable couple of hours with the Maritime and Coastal Group, as a visitor, and listened to a detailed talk (with slides) of sailing in the Pacific. See Brenda's article for full details.

Having been banned by my friends in the Coffee Morning and Weekender Groups from mentioning the C word (Christmas) as it is too early, I must tell you that several of the Groups are talking about celebrating. I know the Reading Group are talking about an evening out, and the Luncheon Club is

having a final 2010 lunch at the beginning of December. Weekenders are

planning a lunch at a Carvery in



early December. Perhaps some of the other groups would like to make an occasion of their meetings in December, even if it is only to have mince pies with their tea/coffee. Sorry about the sprig of holly but could not resist this.

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Group Names, Co-ordinator, Contact Telephone
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Computer	Tina Abeysekera	01621 858635		
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Family History	Lesley Pomphrett	01621 817733		
Gardening	Pat Yates	01621 892866		
Local History	Carol Greenhalgh	01621 840339		
Luncheon	Beth Jeffries	01621 853403		
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Painting	Michael Kempen	01621 892974		
Petanque	Barbara Barbrook	01621 855605		

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Photography	Peter Thorpe	01621 850828		
Reading & Books	Ann Lees	01245 225153		
Scrabble	Ruth Tyler	01621 869865		
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		

# **Membership Secretary**

If you are not a member and wish to join, please contact Lisbeth Bazzard on 01621 843208 or by email **lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net** You can also write to her at 2, Silver Street, Maldon, Essex. CM9 4QE or speak to her at the Monthly Meeting.

## REPORTS

#### Art (Painting) Group

The painting group enjoyed full houses for two of its Friday afternoon meetings in October when Maldon artist Jenny French demonstrated her unique watercolour techniques. It was interesting to see how Jenny has developed her own colour mixing techniques to create her highly individual landscapes and street scenes.

Some of us also learned a lesson in tidiness; Jenny keeps her brushes and the other accessories she needs attached to her easel and board with a clever arrangement of large clips.

All are welcome to join the Painting group in the Claydon Room of Heybridge Plantation Hall every Friday (except second Fridays each month) from 14.00 to 16.00. Just bring your art materials and maybe an ornament or some garden flowers or plants to draw.

You don't even need watercolour paints, which can be messy and difficult to control if you're not used to them. Pencils, gouache, paint sticks, charcoal, chalks or crayons will do equally as well. And, as we're all there mainly to enjoy ourselves, don't be afraid anyone will lean over your shoulder and criticise your efforts!

# Gill Carpenter.

#### **Bird Watching**

We had decided to visit Cudmore Grove on Mersea Island this month and Dougal, the park ranger, had agreed to walk and talk with us about the birds that we saw and his job at the park.

Starting with a pub lunch at the Dog and Pheasant, before meeting Dougal at 13.30 for the beginning of our walk, we were all looking forward to learning more about our field and wading birds. We started out at the ponds with a variety of Ducks like the Shoveler, Widgeon and Teal. We have seen these before but we still enjoyed watching them swim and splash around.

As the tide was now coming in we made our way to the shoreline to watch the waders feeding. There were three of the Plover family: Golden, Grey and Ring. Also Great Crested and Little Grebe, Curlews and Dunlin plus many many more. Dougal was also pointing out how to identify birds in flight. That was hard for most of us but we enjoyed trying.



Thanks to Dougal our Mersea visit was so enjoyable that we asked to go back again in the Spring.

For information please phone or email Maureen on 01621 869871 or symockturtle@yahoo.co.uk

#### Maureen

#### **Bridge Group**

A bridge duplicate session was held at Silver Street on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and was attended by enough bridge group members to play on 2½ tables. There were only 2 points between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. I invite members who would like to play at a bridge session on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 14:00 to please contact me Liz, on 01621 843208 or email me at lisbethbazzard@talktalk.net

# **Computer Group**

Nine members were present at the October meeting and everyone paid their dues so that the room, for the last quarter of the year, can be paid. Volunteers requested to help with the production of the diary page of the News Sheet and the distribution of same to members without an email address and not attending the monthly meeting, was requested. Tina and Audrey agreed to assist.

Several people have had trouble with their emails recently and Ian advised everyone that we should be aware of potential threats especially where money is concerned. A discussion about "Facebook" took place where several members are already active participants and have been acquiring new contacts. They were able to demonstrate these sites on their laptops.

Our monthly meeting seems to be developing into a computer surgery. We all come along with problems, queries, new ideas and there is always someone to provide the right answer. Jackie has agreed to do more research on Twitter and Facebook sites and advise us how to access them and let us know of any difficulties she comes across.

Looking forward to seeing you next time at 13.00 on the 18<sup>th</sup> November when we will continue learning and, hopefully, improve our computer skills.

# Audrey.

# **Coastal and Marine Group**

I should like to thank Glenn for arranging our September visit to the Museum at West Mersea. The weather was beautiful and some of us arrived early enough to enjoy lunch in the sunshine. Glenn had arranged for us to have a guided tour and the artefacts, along with interesting details of the history of West Mersea, were fascinating. We enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon and I can recommend a visit any time you are in the area.

For our October meeting we gathered at the Blue Boar to be transported to the warm waters of the Pacific courtesy of John Robson. John had sailed with his son from Gibralter to Tahiti, via the Panama Canal, in what seemed to be a very small boat! The slide show of photographs, together with John's commentary, took us all on board to enjoy their experiences. It was quite a sight to see such small boat travelling through the locks of the Panama Canal along with the huge tankers and cruise ships. The Pacific islands they stopped at gave us an insight to the varied geography and life on the islands. Most interesting for me was the Galapagos Islands, an area I should love to visit. I am sure that we should all like to thank John, (in his Tahitian shirt!) for a very interesting talk and a glimpse of warm and sunny ocean sailing.

Looking forward to sunnier weather, we have decided to use our next meeting (Blue Boar, 14.00 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November) to cast aside winter blues and plan our programme for next year. On the agenda, to be planned, is a Spring visit to the Greenwich Maritime Museum along with all your other ideas. It will be our last meeting until January when we have fascinating and amusing talk about The Royal Yacht Britannia.

Everyone welcome, so come along with all your ideas and enjoy a mince pie or two at the Blue Boar.

Brenda Dewar. (01245 400492)

# Discussion Coffee Morning

Six of us met up on 16<sup>th</sup> October when Linda Etherton was the hostess. She provided us with plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits. Our topics of conversation vary widely and we usually manage to pass on interesting and useful tips to one another and, of course, we also have some funny moments. The next meeting will be at Margaret Clark's house at 11.00 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

You can also telephone me, Margaret Brown, for information, on 01621 854885.

# **Family History Group**

Eight members met for the October meeting. We discussed trying to form a monthly programme starting with asking a member of the Blackwater Family History Group to come and show us how to make the most of the free sites available. If it is possible to do this for the November meeting I will let members know by e-mail or phone. Also, I will ask if anyone would come and show us ways of keeping our records and displaying our family trees on the computer. I am sure some of our more experienced members could help us with this. If any of our members would like to give a short talk on this please let me know.

Jean has been extremely helpful at our meetings and just before leaving Jean showed Alan how to find a relative on a census using Ancestry. Then how to find that relative on a free site in order to find the birth certificate and the page to ORDER that certificate. Alan's 'homework' is to produce that certificate at the next meeting! Good Luck Alan.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November (10.30 to 12.30) at my house. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome.

Lesley Pomphrett

# lesleypommy@hotmail.com

# **Gardening Group**

Five of us had a nice sunny day at Hyde Hall this month. This was to be our last visit but I have now arranged a talk on Winter Colour at Mill Race Garden Centre, Aldham, Colchester on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. This is a Tuesday and I think it is 14.00 but I will check. There will only be room for 15 people but this should be just about right. There is no charge but they would like us to buy at least a cup of tea, which I'm sure we can manage.

Gardeners Question Time is coming to Latchingdon on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to attend and want tickets please contact Jan Robertson from Maldon U3A on 01245225657.



Pat Yates, 01621 892866 or pat.yates@tesco.net

# Local History Group (LHG)

The Local History group descended upon the Burnham on Crouch museum last week where they were warmly welcomed by museum stalwarts Maggie and Pat who had opened up specially for us. Maggie gave us some interesting background to the museum and its collections, and some of Burnham and the Dengie's history: its people, domestic life, industries etc; all fascinating stuff. Part of the museum is given over to temporary exhibitions and we were able to see the current one about churches in Essex. We all then ventured to the main display areas where the range of exhibits ensured there was something to capture everyone's interest. Peter was much taken by the Bentall Plough; I am sure he would have been happy to dismantle it to bring back to the Maldon museum, or even his garden, if he could! Beryl was very pleased to find some photographs of barges from the Parker fleet to order for her collection [Beryl's family were Parkers]. Several of us were particularly interested to find out about piano making in Burnham. Burnham pianos were world renowned and had a unique type of frame made at the Mildmav Ironworks in Burnham. The museum is closed from the end of October until Easter when I am sure a return visit will be something to look forward to.

Paddy Lacey is coming to talk at our meeting in November at the Blue Boar. He has long been

involved with the Maldon museum and is also going to tell us about the railway and Maldon. If you would like to join us please call or e-mail Carol.

We aren't having a meeting in December but our meeting in January will be again at the Blue Boar. This will be a general meeting to share research and local history items and information. All welcome to join in even if you don't have things to bring.

Anyone interested should contact me on 01621 840339 or e-mail george.smeed@virgin.net.

Carol Greenhalgh.

# Luncheon Group

After some confusion, twelve people enjoyed the food at the Toby restaurant on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. From this experience I have learned that making our own arrangement for transport is probably the way to go. In future anyone needing a lift can contact me, but please inform me of any changes so I am not left waiting at Plantation Hall.

Christmas lunch is now booked for 22 people at The Duke of Wellington, Hatfield Peveral on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 13.00. I require a £5 deposit from those who have not already paid, which I will collect at the next monthly meeting. Please be aware that this deposit will be lost if you do not attend and you will have to pay the full amount if you drop out with less than three days notice.

Currently I am in contact with Colchester College for January 28<sup>th</sup>. Again they require a deposit. More news on this at the Monthly Meeting.

Beth 01621 853403.

# Petanque Group

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November we officially decided it might be too cold to continue into the winter, so we celebrated by having a pub lunch with eleven members. We then played afterwards from 14.00 to 16.00. However some people, who are keen, want to continue for a few more weeks. It all depends on the weather from now on. If you want to join for the winter session, Alf Bell is acting as the co-ordinator 01621 840158. The Petanque Group will be starting for the summer season on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

# Barbara Barbrook

# Photography Group

At our last meeting, we enjoyed the many photographs of animals that we had taken during the previous few weeks; they ranged from the tiniest insect to the largest of mammals. The pictures were of high standard and very original in composition. We also discussed colour, how we see it and use it in our photographs. If you are interested in photography and want to join us, we normally meet in the Claydon Room of the Plantation Hall, on the first Thursday of each month at 13.00 (lunch time!). We laugh as we learn and you are welcome.



Peter Thorpe

# **Reading and Books Group**

Our October read was 'The Golden Notebook' by Doris Lessing. First published in 1962, it chronicles the life and thoughts of Anna Wulf, a novelist and divorcee, whose first and only book was sufficiently successful to provide an income for her and her young daughter. Now with writer's block and disillusioned by unsatisfactory relationships, she seeks to find meaning to her existence by recording her experiences in four coloured notebooks, each relating to a different aspect of her personal, professional and These are interspersed between political life. chapters of a short, free standing novel entitled 'Free Women' which follows the experiences of Anna and her actress friend, Molly, in the changing political, intellectual and moral climate of the post war era.

Lessing's book received great acclaim when it was first published and was hailed as a landmark novel, which both changed and explained a generation. However, nearly 50 years on, our group could not connect with this long, dense and complicated novel. We found Anna to be over-analytical and selfabsorbed, and felt she would be better off if she got a job and spent more time with her child, which is what, after 500+ pages, she decided to do.

Our next meeting is at 14.30 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Meeting Room at the Plantation Hall, where we will be discussing Barack Obama's memoirs 'Dreams from my Father'. We welcomed two new members to our October meeting and are always pleased to see new faces. If you are interested in

joining the group, please ring Ann Lees on 01245 225153.

# Scrabble

Our Scrabble Meeting this month was a lively affair, with three boards in play and attracted the largest number yet, 12 players. Our Hostess, Beryl, always spoils us with homemade goodies and this time it was a delicious fruit cake. We enjoyed ourselves so much that we had an extra game, swapping a few players round so we could all have a chat!!

Our November Meeting is at Elizabeth Eastwood's (01621 850618) as previously advertised. We are having a break in December and, below, are the details of the first three months of 2011.

Please ring the Hostess the day before, if you are playing.

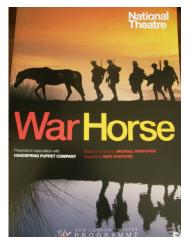
- 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011 Ruth Tyler (01621 869865).
- 23rd February 2011 Jan Olley (01621 815223).
- 30th March 2011 Reg & Vesta Wheatley (01245 224708).

Ruth Tyler 01621 869865

# Theatre

Recently a group from Heybridge joined with Blackwater Theatre Group to see the play "War Horse" at the New London Theatre in Drury Lane.

The play is set in World War One and is the story of a horse which is taken into the Army and the part it plays at the Front Line. We all know that World War One (WW1) killed some ten million fighting men but much less is known of the fate of a MILLION



horses sent to France between 1914 and 1918. Only 65,000 returned. "War Horse" gives a glimpse of the experiences that befell them.

The stage set is incredibly simple and the animals are portrayed by puppets (but do not think of children's puppets). It

does not take a lot of imagination to see them as real horses, their movements are amazing. It is a very powerful and moving story and if you ever get a chance to see this play I can thoroughly recommend it.

If you came to the October Monthly Meeting and heard Peter Turrall's interesting talk on Marconi you

may remember he showed a picture of "the first portable radio" which showed radio equipment carried on horseback during WW1. This, and what is portrayed in the play, really shows how invaluable horses were during this war.

# Lesley Pomphrett

We have had an excellent response to the Christmas Carol 'Singalong' at the Albert Hall on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December and all the tickets have been reserved. We will be distributing these at the next meeting on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. The 'Singalong' starts at 14.30, but the coach will pick up at Plantation Hall at 09.00 to allow everybody to do their own thing before the concert commences. The return time will be approximately 16.45.

It will be possible for people wishing to leave their cars in the car park at Plantation Hall to do so.

Janet Morley: email <u>dennis-morley@tiscali.co.uk</u> or 01621 892626.

# **Threads and Fabrics**

Our report this month is very short as we spent most of our time discussing which Christmas decorations we would prefer to make next month. December's meeting should be a very colourful one. We are all looking forward to making new things for our tables and trees.

Our next meetings is on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Anyone interested should talk to either Anne or Pat as usual.

Anne and Pat.

# Walking

A group of seven of us enjoyed the walk along the Stour from Dedham to Flatford. A little light drizzle on the way dampened nobody's spirits and all appreciated refreshments at the coffee shop when we arrived. After a walk around the mill and its environs we returned to Dedham walking part of the way along the other side of the river. The herd of bullocks we had to walk through were not too intimidating!

Our next outing will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November to Danbury Country Park. We will meet at the car park on the Woodhill Road pay & display (£2) at 13.30, a little earlier because of the shorter afternoons, for as long or short walk around the park as you wish.

In December we are planning to meet at the Maldon prom at 11:00 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December for a local walk. This will be followed by lunch at Izumi.

Please let me know if you can join us and if you would like transport on 01621 850 618 or email <u>e.m.e@talktalk.net</u>.

Elizabeth

# Weekenders

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, six Weekenders enjoyed a two mile walk to Sparkey Wood in Wickham Bishops, arranged by Sally Bond. This was followed by lunch at the Green Man pub in Little Braxted where two more members joined us.

When we had our monthly meeting at Wilkins Jam Factory on 16<sup>th</sup> October another walk was arranged for the end of the month but final arrangements had not been made at that time.

Can I take this opportunity to remind those going on Stan's Coaches that they will need to be at their chosen pick up points 5 minutes before the stated time. If anyone needs to confirm places and/or times please speak to me at the next U3A meeting. Also at this meeting I shall require the £5.00 deposit from those on the list for the lunch at the New Times on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

As no date was arranged for our December monthly meeting, and I will not be available after the 15<sup>th</sup> December. I have made an executive decision to have it on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and we can decide where to meet at our November get together. There are still places available for the Quiz Night at Maldon Community Centre and for the Jazz Night at Wickham Bishops Village Hall, both of these on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. Sheets will be available for these events at the monthly meeting.

Dates for the Diary page

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Weekender coffee at Peartree Pantry at 10.00.
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Weekender coffee morning at 10.00: venue to be arranged.

Marilyn Corbett 01621 817518

# 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 appeared on the Notice Board in October:

• Globe and Rose Theatre Dates.

# **U3A Magazine**

The U3A Magazine is now available and can be collected at next monthly meeting.

# **Members Article**

There is not enough room for a member's article this month but watch this space.

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8 <sup>th</sup> November	8 Petanque 14.00 weather permitting	9	10	11 Walking 13.30	12 Monthly Meeting 14.00	13 Weekender Coffee at Peartree Pantry 10.00 Jazz or Quiz evening	14
15 <sup>th</sup> November	15 Petanque 14.00 weather permitting	16 Local History 14.00	17 Book Group 14.30	18 Computer 13.00	19 Painting 14.00 Coastal and Marine 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	20	21
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	22 Petanque 14.00 weather permitting	23	24 Scrabble 14.00	25 Family History 10.30 Bridge Group 14.00	26 Submit News Sheet text Painting 14.00 Bird Watching	27	28
29 <sup>th</sup> November	29 Petanque 14.00 weather permitting	<b>30</b> Gardening 14.00	1 <sup>st</sup> December	2 Photography 13.00	3 Committee Meeting 10.00 Luncheon Group Painting 14.00	4	5 Weekender meal at New Times
6 <sup>th</sup> December	6 Petanque 14.00 weather permitting	7 Threads 14.00	8	9 Walking + lunch 11.00	10 Monthly Meeting 14.00	11 Weekender Coffee	12
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