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From the Chairman

I expect that all of us know someone who, on coming up to retirement says, "I shall re-decorate the house, sort out the garden and then just sit and relax." Unfortunately these people miss out on so much in the next few years (and they will be only a few). But people like Roger Booty will be going into his retirement knowing that he has a very great shareable interest which will keep him happily occupied for years to come.

When I first heard the title of his talk, 'Musical instruments', I really did not know what to expect, but wow! it was so interesting. Roger has a collection of what can only be described as mechanical musical boxes dating from the late 19th C. All the ones he brought are powered manually, larger ones are driven by pedal power, but there is a severe limitation on the range of music available. One of his delightful anecdotes was about the church which had a musical instrument, but it could only play one verse of one hymn!

Study Day, on Tuesday 29th October, is a perfect example of what education should be about. More than 20 session leaders are sharing their expertise and knowledge, freely, to nearly 250 U3A members from across Essex. By the time you get this Newsletter, I am hoping that the basis for another Study Day next year will have been laid.

Joyce Woodham: phone 01621 841066 or Email woodham359@btinternet.com.

From the Editor

With the Essex Association of U3A's Study Day now over I feel as if a break is in order. For me, it will mean that I will have fewer emails. At peak before the Study Day I was receiving over 50 incoming emails of which half needed action or a reply. For the News Sheet, we will not have a January Issue, the same as last year. For those preparing the monthly reports, will need to have and provide dates for the Page 8 Diary that covers the period, December 2013 to February 2014, inclusive.

A stop press report on the Study Day can be read on page 7 of this News Sheet.

The Diary on the last page has been updated. Please keep me up to date with any interesting stories, relevant pictures or anything that relates to The Heybridge U3A, inter-action with other U3As or the U3A movement as a whole.

An email copy, to those who have provided an email address, of this News Sheet and future News Sheets should reach all 2013/2014 members. If you have not

received a digital copy please let me know. An email to me will be best as it will allow me to check that no unwanted characters or spaces have been inserted or omitted in your email address.

The Events Secretary has put in place a number of special visits. Please read her report, read the notice board, put your names down on the sheet and most important of all, provide a cheque for the appropriate amount.

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

Membership Secretary

There were no new members in October, so membership remains at 173. New members are always welcome. If you are not a member and would like to find out more about the Heybridge U3A, you are welcome to attend a Monthly Meeting (held in the Plantation Hall at 14:00 on the 2nd Friday of the month) as a guest. There is no need to book, just turn up and sign in.

Third Age Matters Magazine

The next copy of the U3A magazine is due out in mid November and, unless you have asked for your name to be removed from the mailing list, will be posted to your home address. If you do not receive your copy, please let me know.

Jenny Parker

For any queries regarding membership, please

Email jennyparker14@hotmail.com or phone me on 01621 843581. Or, If I am not available, please contact Angela by Email angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk or phone on 01621 850310.

From the COGCo (Group Co-ordinator)

I have nothing to report this month.

Gill Thorne: Email gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01621 852294.

Heybridge U3A Monthly Meeting

The speaker at our next Monthly Meeting, on November 8th will be Tim Shepherd, with a talk on the RNLI. The venue, as usual, will be Plantation Hall, Heybridge, starting at 14.00.

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

- December Tony Bertolla, Spontaneous Christmas verse.

- January:- Dudley Chigwell New Zealand Flora and Fauna.
- February:- Kathleen Morgan, will talk about Nelson Mandela.
- March:- Bill Prier, a retired Essex Police Officer.
- April:- Leila Sullivan will give a talk on "Her Irish, Victorian Grandparents".

Group Name, Co-ordinator, & Contact Phone Number

Group Name	Co-ordinator (COG)	Telephone Number
Art (Painting)	Michael Kempen	01621 892974
Bird Watching	Maureen Lenoir	01621 869871
Coffee Morning	Margaret Brown	01621 854885
Computer	Ian Newman	01621 891184
Creative Writing	Angela Pleasance	01621 850310
Family History	Lesley Pomphrett	01621 817733
French Conversation	Jenny Parker	01621 843581
Gardening	Pat Yates	01621 892866
Italian	Janice Slight	01621 853393
Local History	Carol Greenhalgh	01621 840339
Luncheon	John Harrison	01621 854851
Patchwork	Anne Thorpe	01621 850828
Petanque	Barbara Barbrook	01621 855605
Photography	Peter Thorpe	01621 850828
Reading & Books	Carole Overy	01621 893450
Scrabble	Tba	
Solo Whist	Dave Mason	01621 858635
Spanish	Dave Wilson	01621 840945
Technical Computing	Colin Mason	01621 854906
Ten Pin Bowling	Glenn Cousins	01621 816721
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

Events Secretary

Foundling Museum

There are now no places left for the Foundling Museum visit on 7th November. We meet at Plantation Hall at 09.30 for our first London trip. If you are a National Trust

member please bring your card with you. We may get a small discount!

Fish and Chip Supper

Join friends and make some new ones at a fish'n'chips supper at Plantation Hall on Friday January 17th from 18.00 to 21.00. Relax and enjoy a game of Scrabble, Pictionary, Rummikub, Jenka or just chat while waiting for the meal to arrive. The cost is approximately £7.50, for the evening, including the meal. Don't let lack of transport, or reluctance to venture out on a January evening deter you! I will arrange for anyone who needs it to be collected and taken home. Please bring your own drinks!

Royal Opera House, Thurrock

Please check with me if there are any places left for our visit on April 25th 2014 to the Royal Opera House workshop at Thurrock. On this occasion we make our own way to Thurrock, so car sharing is highly recommended. A good meal may be had at *The Fleet* pub before the tour begins at 15.00. The tour costs £7.00 and lasts for 45 minutes. Cheques please anytime from now to January 2014, when directions will be available and meals booked.

Royal Greenwich.

May 30th 2014, a guided tour, starting from Plantation Hall at 08.00.

Please see details in the committee room and sign up for what promises to be a very interesting London trip, including Greenwich, The Cutty Sark and a cable car ride. Cost approx £38.00

Ely

A visit on the 7th June 2014 to the beautiful city of Ely is proposed. Lots to see and do there; enter the cathedral, known as the 'ship of the fens', enjoy a stroll by the river, perhaps a visit to the weekly market and/or inspect the house where Oliver Cromwell lived (admission £4.10).

Apart from the above, the cost will be for coach only- approximately £15.pp . Please add your name to the list.

Looking forward to September 2014

A visit is planned to the Historical Dock Yard at Chatham for their famous 1940s event. Details later.

If you are interest in any of the above please add you name to the appropriate list in the committee room or contact me.

Pat Smith; Email patcleary98@sky.com or 01621 856569

REPORTS

Art (Painting) Group

We very nearly had a full house for the last Friday painting session in October. It was good to see all the chairs taken and everybody enthusiastically putting down their latest ideas in paint, pen, pencil and ink.

Two members were conspicuous by their absence. We miss Jo, who has had to deal with a host of family problems throughout the summer. And now, sadly, we

hear that Lynne has been taken seriously ill. We all wish them both well and look forward to their return to the fold in happier times.

Report by Gill Carpenter

For information about the group contact, Michael Kempen: Email m.kempen159@btinternet.com or phone 01621 892974.

Bird Watching Group

We changed our get together to Heybridge Basin as the forecast was awful for our group get together. Wrong...it was warm and sunny as we walked around the Lakes before going onto the sea wall.

We did see Finches, Wheatear and Reed Warblers round the lakes which were great. The tide was out but lots of the Waders were searching for tasty treats on the shore line. We needed our binoculars to see the Golden Plovers, Dunlin, Lapwing, Curlews and Godwit, see Jill's Photo.



Godwits: Author Jill McGregor

As we walked back we saw a Rock Dove (thought it was a Pigeon) sitting on a concrete pile. We had enjoyed our morning but the bacon sandwich sitting in the sun at the end of October made it special. Not sure about next month yet but get in touch with me.

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

Computer Group

The Computer Group will not meet in December this year. The January meeting will be back as usual.

The October subject followed in the same theme as the September meeting of the Computer Group. This time it was icons that can be found above the 'file' and 'home' tab. The icons undertook such jobs as 'save', 'undo', 'redo', 'quick print' and many more. These icon commands were not as well known as those seen last month. All experimented with these icon commands with varying success. All said that they would try and experiment and practise at home.

If you would like the help of a more experienced computer user to enable you to get more from your own computer please come along to our next meeting. Normally the Computer Group Meetings are held in the Claydon Room in Plantation Hall on the third Thursday of each month when you will be made welcome. Just come along.

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

Creative Writing Group

Unfortunately, I could not make the October meeting but I am told I missed a good afternoon. There were several stories about a bench, including a very moving one. I am sorry that I missed this group. Our thanks go to Yvonne who hosted the session.

The group decided that the writing for the next month should be inspired by something in your home, so start looking around and being inspired.

The meeting in November will be back in my house (hopefully!) at 14:30 on Wednesday 27th.

Angela Pleasance: Phone 01621 850310 or email angela.pleasance@hotmail.co.uk.

Discussion Coffee Morning Group

Eight of us had an enjoyable morning on the 18th October, kindly hosted by Lesley. The next coffee morning will be at 11.00 on Friday 15th November at Linda Etherton's house.

Margaret Brown: phone 01621 854885 or Email mbandmeg@btinternet.com.

Family History Group

There was no meeting in October. The next meeting will be Thursday 28th November from 10.30 to 12.30 at my house.

If you would like to join our group please see me at the Monthly Meeting.

Lesley Pomphrett: phone 01621 817733 or Email lesleypommy@hotmail.com.

French Conversation Group

During our October meeting we read a piece on the seasons and then went on to discuss the return of the children at the beginning of the new school year. In France it seems that the whole thing is much more dramatic, as according to the article most of the population is inclined to translocate for the whole of August. So the preparations for the annual return to work and school are far more condensed than here. There was one phrase in a sentence which amused us all, "Les médias regorgent de la pub pour les bonnes affaires". One can imagine the goings on in French hostels between close friends separated for the summer.

It sounds naughtier than it is, 'pub' is short for publicity or newspaper adverts and 'bonnes affaires' just means good bargains.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday in each month.

Report by Pat Newman.

For further information please contact Jenny.

Jenny Parker: email jennyparker14@hotmail.com or phone 01621 843581.

Gardening Group

Garden visits have ended for this year. They, hopefully, will recommence again in the New Year. Watch this space.

Pat Yates: Email pat.yates@tesco.net or phone 01621 892866.

Italian Conversation

Unfortunately, due to my husband's on-going health issues, I had to cancel October's Italian meetings. His treatment means that until the New Year meetings have had to be rescheduled.

The next meeting for the Beginner's Italian Group will be on Monday 11th November.

The next meeting for the Advanced Italian Group will be on Monday 2nd December.

Janice Slight: Email janice.slight@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 853393

Local History Group (LHG)

Beryl Claydon came up trumps for our October meeting with her recollections of life pre-war and wartime. She had many absorbing anecdotes for us that sparked off lots of memories of younger days among her audience. Several of these were shared with the whole group but stories continued in small groups afterwards.

Our meeting in November is a general one when members are invited to bring something of local historical interest to share- a picture, artefact or anecdote maybe. We hope by then to have more events confirmed for 2014. The meeting will start at 15.00 in the Committee Room.

Please let me know if you would like to come as space is limited. Please email or leave a message on the answer-phone.

Carol Greenhalgh: phone 01621 840339 or Email george.smeed@virgin.net.

Luncheon Group

Eighteen of us met at 'The Bell' in Woodham Walter on Friday 25th October 2013. Both Geoff and Margaret Hadley had had a Flu jab on Thursday and there was a bad reaction to it such that they were unable to join us.

There was a comprehensive printed menu with additional chalkboards for main dishes, for which a printed "Specials" menu was also provided including desserts. Portions are quite generous, all freshly cooked and delicious to boot.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal and the whole experience.



Looking ahead for 22nd November, I have booked 'Scrimshaws' attached to 'The Whalebone' pub in South Woodham Ferrers. They have two ranges of "Senior Citizen's Midweek Specials, 3 choices at £4.25 each, and 6 at £4.95 each. There is a wide range of Starters and Desserts available from the standard mid-week menu.

Half the table of Half the Group after the meal:

The other half of half below Author John Harrison



For December, our Christmas lunch is booked for the Friday the 20th at The 'Hurdlemakers' in Woodham Mortimer, with a pre-Christmas menu.

If, on reading this, anyone would like to join us for either November or December, please contact me, phone or e-mail, details below, or speak to me at Friday's Monthly Meeting.

Any queries please speak to me at Friday's Monthly Meeting, phone or e-mail.

John W Harrison: email johnwharrison@sky.com or phone 01621 854851.

Patchwork Group

The next meeting of the Patchwork Group will be in the Claydon Room on Monday the 11th November at 14.00.

Anne Thorpe; Email Anne.thorpe@btinternet.com or phone 01621 850828.

Petanque Group

The long awaited match took place on the last day of September and a large group of Blackwater U3A members came to our normal Monday meeting day and the weather was kind to us. Once again they were the dominant players in most games but Jenny and Simon won both their games with Christine A in the second game. Total points were (Heybridge) 84 with Blackwater 114. We were good, but they were the best overall. Well done to all players for an exciting afternoon. We were unable to play one session this Autumn due to rain

otherwise it has been mild and very pleasant to play in the Autumn sunshine. We are having our last game on 28th October, until the Spring of 2014 when we will commence playing on Monday 17th March.

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

Photography Group

We like to share our photographs with each other and we generally have a theme in the form of an assignment for the following meeting. October, however, was slightly different because we had two sets of images to view, taken by different members in very different locations.

Jill McGregor has recently returned from a trip to South Africa. She went to experience life among wild beasts in their natural habitat (from the comparative safety of a Land Rover driven by a local guide!). When an experienced wild life photographer such as Jill is given such an opportunity, she really produces some superb shots (in camera of course). Armed with the proper equipment and infinite patience Jill captured hundreds of pictures and chose to show us about 70 slides to illustrate her story. Not only did we see images of the "big five", but Jill also included a variety of shots of birds not seen in the fields and wetlands of Essex. With so many images to choose from, it was hard for me to decide which shot would best illustrate the quality of photographs in the set. I finally chose to use a photograph taken at night of a leopard. In this composition there is a strong visual connection between the wild-one and the photographer and as I was not involved at the time, I am intrigued to know exactly what was going through the minds of each of the participants. I know if it had been me behind the camera, my pulse rate would have been way above normal.



Leopard at night: Author Jill McGregor

The second set of photographs was presented by Jenny Parker. The pictures, taken under water by Graham, were of some very colourful and unusual fish. Jenny knew the names of most of the species. There were so many it was like a kaleidoscope of vivid colour - most impressive. Jenny showed us Graham's waterproof Lumex compact camera used to take the photographs. It

was surprisingly similar to the type of Lumex camera many of us use, but I strongly recommend that none of our members try using theirs under the sea!

Thanks to Jill, Jenny and Graham for some excellent photos and an enjoyable afternoon.

The assignment for the November meeting is "Autumn Colours".

The aim of our group is to enjoy, improve and share our photography together, so if you are also interested in digital photography, come and join us. You will be made welcome whether you are completely new, experienced or just want to discover your "photographer's eye".

Peter Thorpe: Email thorpe101@btinternet.com or phone 01621 850828.

Reading and Books Group

At our October meeting we discussed the 'Snow Child' by Eowyn Ivey. Her first novel takes place in Alaska, in 1920, a brutal place to live and especially tough for recent arrivals, Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart and seek to change their lives, but Jack is breaking under the weight of the farm work and she is crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of fun during the season's first snow, they build a child out of snow. Next morning the snow child is gone, but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl through the trees.

All members of the group agreed the setting is richly described, the author is very good at painting a picture. But, the mystery of the little girl Faina divided the group between those who believed it was a clever mixture of fantasy and reality and those who thought it detracted from the story of the lives of the two main characters. This created much discussion particularly about the book's ending.

It was agreed to have our Christmas lunch this year at the Chequers in Goldhanger on 4th December. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th November in Plantation Hall at 14.30

For further information contact Carole Overy.

Email: caroleovery@sky.com or phone 01621 893450.

Scrabble Group

Seven members attended a scrabble game at Beryl's on 22nd October and had two good games with a tea break between. Thank you Beryl for your hospitality. We are meeting at the same place on Tuesday 26th November and if you would like to attend please let me know.

It is possible, if there is enough interest, to start playing again in the Meeting Room at the Plantation Hall. If there is anyone else interested, please let me know.

However, what is really needed is for someone to be the CoG of this group. This entails booking the meeting room, collecting money and providing tea and coffee for the meeting. If you are not able to attend all meetings I am sure someone would deputise on occasions. I await an offer.

Gill Thorne: Email gillthorne2@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01621 852294.

Solo Whist

There is no report this month as our next meeting will be after the publication of this News Sheet.

We have arranged to meet again at the same venue (i.e No 1) on Monday (note day), the 4th November at 14.00.

Looking forward to seeing familiar faces and who knows maybe a new one or two.

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

Spanish for Beginners

I will keep members informed as to future courses.

David Wilson. Email - d.wilson09@btinternet.com or phone 01621 840945.

Technical Computing Group

The October meeting took place at Peter's house, and as proposed, an in depth discussion took place about various software back-up programs that are currently available in the market place. These programs are either bought, or are free, such as Microsoft Backup, which most computers have already installed. Later in the afternoon our new member, Ken, gave a very interesting insight into video editing software, applications in which he has considerable expertise.

The next meeting of the group will take place on the 14th of November, at my house.

On behalf of the group, I would like to thank Ann & Peter for their hospitality.

Colin Mason: Email colin@mason20.wanadoo.co.uk or phone 01621 854906.

Ten Pin Bowling

Eleven members (including one new member to the group) attended the October meeting, playing on three lanes. Top scorer was Jenny Parker with 159, which I think I am right in saying, is the second highest score of all time. Average score over the 33 games played was 89, exactly the same as last month, so I guess we are keeping up the standard. I have to report that Maureen beat me again in one game!

Please refer to the diary for dates, including our extra dates on Mondays. Please also note that the December meeting on Tuesday 10th will be held in the morning, at 10.00, followed by lunch at Izumi. If you wish to attend this lunch please book with Lynne Morrison, if you have not already done so, by phone 01621 891288 or email lynne-morrison@supanet.com.

Diary dates:

The Tuesday 12th November and Monday 25th November, both meet at 13.45 ready to start bowling at 14.00. The Tuesday 10th December meet at 09.45 ready to start bowling at 10.00.

Glenn Cousins. phone 01621 816721 or Email maureencousins@btinternet.com

Threads and Fabrics Group

In October, the main thing on my mind was crochet, as I had in a moment of abstraction, volunteered to teach it at the Study Day. It is amazing how many things beside the stitches themselves one has to think of. On the morning of the Day, ten brave ladies came together in a classroom at The Plume School to try to learn, in two hours, what would normally take a week of afternoons. It normally takes three to four hours to master the basic chain. But thanks mainly to Linda's enthusiastic help, we I hope managed to get most of them to the stage, where with practice, they will sort out their tensions and their hooks will start to fly. I congratulate them on their hard work and concentration.

The photo this month is a topical one, a nice squashy crocheted pumpkin cushion.



Pumpkin: Author Pat Newman

The meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Please contact Anne Thorpe or Pat Newman.

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

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

Walking Group

A dozen or so of us brave people faced the elements for a walk along the sea wall at Goldhanger for our October outing. Despite the wind and rain showers and a non-existent path (clearly marked on the OS map), we made it back to the tea room for much appreciated refreshments.

The November walk will be around Blake's Wood and Lingwood Common in Danbury. There are hills and suitable footwear should be worn. We will meet at the

Community Centre car park at 13:30, as it gets dark so early, on Thursday 14th November.

Please let me know if you can join us.

Elizabeth: Email e.m.e@talktalk.net or phone 01621 850618. (Mobile 07581029816).

Weekenders Group

We have had some pleasurable coffee mornings throughout the year and I am pleased to say they are always well supported. Please note the change of time for the December coffee morning. There will be some interesting new venues for 2014. Our Christmas lunch is now booked so we have that to look forward to as well.

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 14th December; Coffee at Hyde Hall at **10.30**. Please note the time
- Saturday 11th January 2014: Coffee at 'Salty Dogs', Goldhanger at 10.00.

Marilyn Corbett: Email mars42@btinternet.com or phone 01621 817518.

Wine Appreciation Group

There was no meeting in October. The next group meeting will be on Saturday 23rd November, at Langford Village Hall for the Christmas Wine Tasting Event organised by "Grape Passions". As usual, we shall meet in the car park at 11.00.

Jackie Jones: Email jachjones@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01621 817117.

Association of Essex U3A's Study Day

The Study Day 2013 is now History and the Planning Committee relieved that there were no major problems. Being one of the committee members this year I leave it to others to make comment on its success. From all reports it was. Some facts and figures. There were 297 applications with 237 applicant planned to attend. About 25 Delegate Badges were not used. With Session Leaders, Session Assistants, Helpers and Committee Members brings the approximate total attending on the day to more than 240 people. All attending were given an introductory sheet and a Feed-back sheet. 142 Feed-back sheets were returned on the day. There were two members of Heybridge U3A who were Session Leaders, one Session Assistant and two on the Committee. With those attending the day, both as Delegates and Helpers, 22 in number, meant that 1 in 6 of our total membership did something towards a, in my view, a great day. A big thank you to everybody.



Study Day. Gathering at the start of the day.

By next month's issue I will have analysed the Feed-back sheets and I will report the results. Your views, for those who attended, in whatever form, to go into the December issue, would be appreciated.

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

On the Notice Board

A welcome to a New Year of music for U3A Members.

Following on from the delightful concerts for this autumn, we now have a list of presentations of over 80 operas available to us. Paul Foss of Bristol U3A has very kindly offered to make this available to U3As.

Each presentation is of a single opera or operatic works of a composer or covers opera history and are all designed to fit into a 90 minute session. Most also have a handout. I have a list of the CDs, so if any Group wish to take advantage of this, please contact me, or email Paul directly at paulfoss123@btinternet.com.

Other music for U3A Members

December 4th. – U3A Christmas Concert at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Hill, London. Tickets £18 each.

Our National Conference "Learn, Laugh and Live" and AGM is 13th – 16th September at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham.

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

Diary of Meetings and Visits

For details see articles and co-ordinators above.

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4th November	4 Solo Whist 14.00	5 Threads 14.00	6	7 Photography 14.00 Foundling Museum 9.30	8 Monthly Meeting 14.00	9 Weekender Coffee Wilkin's Jam Factory 10.00	10
11th November	11 Patchwork 14.00 Beginners Italian 10.00	12 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	13 French Conversation 10.00	14 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	15 Painting 14.00 Coffee Morning 11.00	16	17
18th November	18	19 Local History 15.00	20	21 Computer 14.00	22 Painting 14.00 Luncheon 12.30 Bird Watching	23 Wine Tasting 11.00	24
25th November	25 Ten Pin Bowling 14.00	26 Scrabble 14.00	27 Creative Writing 14.30	28 Family History 10.30	29 News Sheet Copy to Editor Painting 14.00	30	1 st December
2nd December	2 Advanced Italian 10.00 Solo Whist 14.00	3 Threads 14.00	4 Books Christmas Lunch	5 Photography 14.00	6 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	7	8
9th December	9 Patchwork 14.00	10 Ten Pin Bowling 10.00	11 French Conversation 10.00	12 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	13 Monthly Meeting 14.00	14 Weekender Coffee Hyde Hall 10.30	15
16th December	16	17	18 Books 14.30	19	20 Painting 14.00 Luncheon 12.30 Bird Watching Coffee Morning 11.00	21	22
23rd December	23	24	25	26	27	28	29