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# NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

## From the Chair

Those present at the October monthly meeting were treated not only to an excellent talk on English cheeses, but also to the opportunity to sample several different types.

Jane Robinson was an excellent speaker who ably answered the many questions asked.

Following my appeal for members to come forward to fill vacant committee posts, I am pleased to announce that Hilary Furniaux has been co-opted to the committee with a view to seeking election as Groups Co-ordinator when Barbara stands down next March. Thank you, Hillary, for volunteering. We still have a vacancy for a Vice Chair and it would be great if one of you were to follow Hilary's example. Please do contact me if you would like to know more

Jenny Parker

## From the Editor

The design of the Heybridge U3A News Sheet, and the reports that it contains, continues as a full-page layout. I would ask contributors to limit their photos to pictures of U3A generated activities and not copy pictures from Websites as, when published, this may be contrary to Copyright laws. Information about the Committee Members and their reports can be found in the first few pages. The back page shows the Diary for the months of November and December 2017.

Please note that E-mail details of Group Co-ordinators will no longer be included with individual group reports. However, you can still find them in the list on page 15 of the News Sheet.

Please keep the Editor up to date with any interesting stories, relevant pictures or anything that relates to the Heybridge U3A, the Association of Essex U3As or the U3A movement as a whole. Please send details to me by email with 'Heybridge U3A' as the subject.

Items for inclusion into the December News sheet need to be sent in by 24<sup>th</sup> November.

There will not be a News sheet in January. Items for inclusion into the February news sheet should be sent in by 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 which can cover information from December and January meetings.

Contact Geoff Hadley, 01621 852494 or by Email [editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk](mailto:editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk)

## From the Membership Secretary

Other local U3A Groups renew their annual membership at different dates. I am aware that both Witham and Tiptree have autumn AGMs and others are held throughout the year.

So our **Dual Members** (who belong to another group and pay a reduced membership fee to Heybridge) must let me see their new membership cards from their other group as soon as possible. Without this I am afraid you will not be eligible for the reduced membership fee of £13 when we renew in March.

Thank you for your co-operation. If you have any queries, please contact me.

Philippa Moody E-mail [membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk](mailto:membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk)

## Interest Groups Coordinator

There were three people interested in the Dressmaking group so the sheet will be out at the November main meeting in case there are any more people interested in this group.

The Silver cinema for the month of November has not yet been posted but will be available at the main meeting.

The next give away of books will be by Dilly Court about life in the East End of London in the year of 1850 and around the 30 years after that. There was a great deal of poverty around that time and makes interesting reading

Barbara Barbrook Email [groupsco-ordinator@heybridgeu3a.org.uk](mailto:groupsco-ordinator@heybridgeu3a.org.uk)

## Monthly Meeting Speaker Programme for November to March 2018

10/11/17 'Work of a Magistrate' Dawn Roche

08/12/17 Xmas Party David Price and Maralyn Singing duo

12/01/18 "Man of Hats!" Colin Banks

09/02/18 Graham Bendell The Life of a Gamekeeper. Graham worked for many years at Braxted Park

09/03/18 AGM and displays showing what goes on within the different groups of Heybridge U3A

Jan Brown E-Mail [speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk](mailto:speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk)

## Heybridge U3A Website

This is our new website <https://u3asites.org.uk/heybridge>

Please take a look – and let us know what you think.

By popular request, we are keeping our original website as an archive for all the News Sheets that have been produced since the start of our U3A in 2010. If you are interested in seeing how our U3A has progressed over the years, visit [www.heybridgeu3a.org.uk/news.html](http://www.heybridgeu3a.org.uk/news.html)

Jenny Parker

## GROUP REPORTS

### Art Group

Trying to organise the art group's annual Christmas lunch is a bit like trying to herd cats! Thanks to some members' late holidays and other absences, it is almost impossible to gather a full complement of painters to discuss where and when to celebrate the festive season. After two or three attempts on successive Fridays, and concerned that time was passing and we might be faced with a 'no room at the inn' scenario, our COG Tina finally called for a show of hands at our last October meeting and the Swan in Maldon High Street proved to be the eatery of choice. Then it was back to the painting, with autumn leaves a colourful and popular choice for many.

Gill Carpenter.

For information about the group contact, Tina Martin 01621 858646

### Bird Watching Group

The bird watching group went farther afield this month and visited Minsmere nature reserve in Suffolk.

We started out by walking to the Bittern hide, hoping to see one of these elusive long legged marsh birds. Although we had never seen one, we have heard their distinctive call before - it's a very loud boom which has been compared to a fog horn. As there were none to be seen at the Bittern Hide, we moved on to the next hide as we had been told Bitterns has been seen there. The hide was full of excited groups all watching the reeds as a Bittern was hiding among them. Luckily for us, he decided to come out of hiding and show himself - what a treat for us all! We stopped for lunch before carrying on to the circular walk that took us along the beach and a path with gorse bushes that had a number of Stonechats flying around in the sunshine. What a great day we had, wonderful bird sightings, sunshine and great company.

Unfortunately, we were missing Jill and her super-zoom camera, but here are some photos taken by Pat and Jenny.

**There will be no group outing November as it clashes with other U3A events.**

Hope to see you all for Christmas lunch on 14<sup>th</sup> December



Stonechat



Barnacle Goose



Bittern

For more information, please contact Maureen Lenoir on 01621 869871

### **Cards and Paper Crafts**

**W**e will be meeting on Monday November the 6<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 4pm. and December the 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4 pm .  
No meeting in Jan 2018. Our next meeting will be February Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm- 4 pm

We now have a new member called Hilary who is also a left hander; I think it must be a joining necessity!!!

Please contact Lesley for details. 01621 858135

### **Creative Writing Group**

**W**e had six people for the Creative Writing Meeting this month. On an unusually warm and sunny afternoon we spent a very relaxed and pleasant couple of hours reading and listening to some very individual interpretations on John Keats' poem "Ode to Autumn".

As usual the writings were entertaining and diverse in nature and there was lots of friendly chatter. One member wrote of a visit to a friend's new house and the changing landscape on the journey, another of a trip to Heybridge Basin and a pumpkin sculpture of a boat, a childhood harvest and a walk along a river. Love or hate autumn, it is now upon us and there was talk of snuggling up in front of log fires in pubs, and the joy of cosying up indoors after a brisk walk in the cold.

The afternoon ended with tea and biscuits and a stroll around my garden to look at an old apple tree which had featured in an earlier assignment

The next meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.30pm. The title is "The Anchor's in the Fire". The venue is Angela Pleasance's house.

Sue Farrow

### **Croquet Group**

**W**e finished the season this month having managed to play with very little interruption by the weather. The day before our last game it rained heavily all day and I was beginning to think we would not be able to play, but I received a call to confirm that the groundsman had agreed we could play providing we had no more rain. As it turned out the weather improved and the sun even came out a few times. No one did anything spectacular, but we all had fun. After play we retired to the Club House for an informal lunch to finish the season. The boys (Roger in particular) have been great in setting out the lawns before play, which helps a lot, thank you. We also have the Maldon Croquet Club to thank, for allowing us to play on their lawns and for the use of their equipment, without which we would not have a Croquet Group.

I think it fair to say that an element of competitiveness does creep in, when tactics come to the fore, but most of the time we laugh a lot and enjoy the company, and dare I say, have some gentle exercise into the bargain!

The mallets are now hung up until next year, when we hope Maldon Croquet Club will let us play on their lawns again, for which we are extremely grateful

Anne Newson: phone 01621 858807

### **Discussion Coffee Morning Group**

The meeting which was due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> October was cancelled due to the members having other commitments on that day i.e. visiting The Peoples Post and taking holidays etc!

Our next coffee morning will take place at 1100 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Linda Etherton's house.

Our coffee morning for December is planned for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 11.00

Margaret B

### **Family History Group**

We were a very small gathering of just four at this month's meeting. Thank you to Marjorie and Linda who sent their apologies.

Discussion ranged from the difficulty of breaking down 'brick walls' to finding ancestors who are 'missing' in the various 10-yearly censuses.

The next meeting of the Essex Society for Family History will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at the Galleywood Heritage Centre. The title of the main presentation will be 'Essex Churches, then and now'.

The next meeting of the Essex History Group will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Essex Records Office. The title of their presentation will be 'Recipe Books and Family History'.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the Claydon Room, Plantation Hall, Heybridge.

PLEASE NOTE: no meeting in December. January meeting will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Group -Coordinator: Liz Cawdell 07902294741

### **French Group**

#### **French Conversation**

We started as usual by exchanging news of where we had been and what we had done during the previous month. This took over an hour as there was so much to talk about.



We then read an article about animals in captivity which had some shocking statistics – did you know that elephants in zoos have half the lifespan of those living in the wild? The article contained a lot of new vocabulary which we will put into practice next month when our subject for discussion will be

'Les animaux en captivité – qu'en pensez-vous?' (Animals in Captivity – what do you think about it?).

**Notre prochaine rencontre sera mercredi le 8 novembre à 10h (venue TBA)**



## French Improvers

In October, we read an amusing article by Salianne ([saliannefrenchfocus.com](http://saliannefrenchfocus.com)) about expressions used in colloquial French.



One such was 'poser un lapin à quelqu'un' which translates literally as 'to put a rabbit down for someone'. What it actually means is to stand someone up. Another one was 'faire du lèche-vitrines' (literally, to lick the shop windows) which is rather a novel way of describing window-shopping.

**Notre prochaine rencontre sera lundi le 27 novembre à 14h chez Val**

Jenny Parker

For further information about either French Group, please phone Jenny Parker 01621 843581

## Gardens Group

**T**here will be no more meetings for the Garden group until next March, so I will include something in the February News sheet about the planning meeting.

Pat Yates. 01621 892866

## Local History Group/

**W**ell, any ideas of witches with warty hooked noses were soon dispelled and we soon all learned the difference between witches and heretics and how the myth of flying broomsticks came about [they'd be flying Dysons today]. In Elizabethan and Stuart times the assizes in Essex had by far the highest number of convictions for witchcraft of all the Home Counties. In these parts witches were hanged, although not for the first conviction, and heretics were burned at the stake. So, if we didn't know before, we know now that Stephen Knight, who was burned at the stake by the Old Maldon Ironworks, was a heretic and not a witch [wizard?]. For me, the current BBC drama Gunpowder is proving to be extra interesting as a result of this talk.

We shall be having our planning meeting in November and there's still time to put forward ideas for our next year's programme. This will also be a chance for our members to contribute an interesting story or picture or artefact, or all three! Let me know if you'd like to do this.

Please contact Carol for more information. Carol Greenhalgh 07585593028

## Patchwork Group

**O**ur next meetings will be on. November 13<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December. New members are welcome; please contact Anne Thorpe 01621 850828

## Petanque Group

Time flies when you are having fun, and this Petanque season has been great fun. Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> was an amazing turnout, with 22 members all eager to play, and we certainly had good games despite being rained on round about 3 o'clock. The week previously, we all got soaked when rain, thunder, and lightening stopped play, but we are a hardy bunch and came back for more the following week. As I have mentioned before, our attendances have been really great, with many members happy to help with raking the terrain and my "Games Organising Lady, Chris," sorting out the games format each time. I would also like to thank Moira who has kindly stood in for me on many occasions when I was unable to be there. As the official season is coming to the end soon, I would like to thank all members, for turning up, whatever the forecast and making our Monday Prom Sessions such fun! Our end of Season Lunch , takes place at Henry's(Madison Heights,) on October 30<sup>th</sup>, sitting down to eat at 1 o'clock. Just to remind players, we will be playing Petanque at 10 o'clock....before our lunch. I have mentioned to many members, that I will continue to keep Monday afternoons free for Petanque (starting at 1 o'clock) throughout the winter months obviously weather permitting.....We have had good weather in the winter months in the past, but wrap up warm! I look forward to seeing you all for Winter Petanque down on the Prom.

Best Wishes Dian Bayley 01621 840660

## Photography Group

Our October meeting was amazing; we enjoyed a record number of 45 images taken by 15 members for the assignment called "Personal Choice". The range of subjects chosen was huge, some members took photos especially for the assignment and others searched their photo collections for favourite shots. The images were an indication of members preferred subjects and they included: landscapes; streetscapes; wildlife; flowers; boats; people; railways etc. It is very pleasing to feel that our new members are welcomed and are happy to quickly join in and share their photos with the group. It is the U3A way to learn from each other in a relaxed and friendly environment. Our members use a wide range of camera types; in fact the image I have chosen to accompany this piece was taken by a new member on his phone and shared with us at his first meeting. How good is that?



After a quick break for a cup of tea, we had a short demonstration on how one of the macro shots of an insect had been produced using a technique called photo stacking. The final image of a shield bug, in focus from tip to tail, was created using multiple images blended together in Photoshop. The demonstration started a lively and interesting discussion which continued to the end of the meeting.

We will meet for the final time in 2017 on 7<sup>th</sup>.December. We are not meeting in January and our first meeting in 2018 will be 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018! If you are interested in photography or want to understand more about your camera or cameraphone, you are welcome to come along and join us. We normally meet in the West Maldon Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm.

Windmill Reflection Brian Harris

Peter Thorpe 01621 850828



### **Reading and Books Group**

**W**e discussed "Us" by David Nicholls at our October meeting, and there was an interesting discussion about the characters in the book. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15pm in Jean's home at Great Totham - we will be discussing "Silas Marner" by George Eliot.

We will not be meeting in December as the usual date is too close to Christmas.

If you are interested in joining the group, please email or telephone Margaret Hurst on 01621 850494

### **Scrabble Group**

**T**he group met at Linda's house in October and we were pleased to welcome Angela along for our afternoon's games. The pace of a scrabble game depends on both luck and the ability to form a word in, on occasion, inauspicious circumstances - a full set of consonants or vowels can be tricky. Skill lies in 'seeing' where a word can be played and trying not to leave too many openings for your opponents. Frustration may set in however if, say, a triple word score becomes possible and you don't have suitable tiles to play there to take advantage of it.

The ins and outs of a Scrabble game are no doubt good exercise for the brain at the same time as being good fun. There is always time for a cuppa and a chat. Why not give it a try? We will be meeting at Angela's house in November but there will not be a meeting in December.

Please contact Linda Etherton if you need directions or more information. Please see the list of CoGs for details.

Linda Etherton.

### **Technical Computing Group**

**O**ur meeting this month took place at Alex's home, and was spoken to by Peter Thorpe, who gave us all an insight into close up digital photography in conjunction with computers. He showed us a setup which consisted of a small table, on which a digital camera could be fixed. He further demonstrated how the camera controls were displayed on the computer screen, then, using the computer mouse, a photograph can be taken, and immediately the taken image is displayed on the computer display. The main benefit of this setup is that the camera does not have to be touched, thereby not disturbing any settings. The program Peter used was called 'Adobe Lightroom.

I would like to thank Ann and Alex for their hospitality.

Our next meeting is on November the 9<sup>th</sup>

.If you are interested, please call me on. 01621 854906 or 07974 343581

Colin Mason (Cog)

### **Ten Pin Bowling**

**T**his month's meeting saw just eight of us playing in two lanes. Geoff just pipped Roger as top scorer by 2 points with 126 in the second game. We had a discussion following play, over tea and biscuits about winter play. We decided to have two sessions a month up to Easter. We will play as usual on the second Tuesday at 2 pm. and on the fourth Tuesday at 10 am. This hopefully will fit in with other activities players may have. The only exceptions will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December when we will play in the morning followed by a lunch at Henri's Bistro. There will be no play on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December for obvious reasons!

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1.45pm for 2pm start

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9.45am for 10am start

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.45am for 10am start followed by lunch for those who wish to.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1.45pm for 2 pm start

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9.45am for 10am start

Please join us; new members will be made very welcome, no experience necessary, a sense of humour helps!

Lynne Morrison 01621 891288

### **Ukulele Group UKE3A**

**N**ew tunes and new strumming patterns formed the basis of our September and October meetings following our short summer break. New member John was welcomed to the group in September and quickly got into the swing of things. I have now been asked - and have agreed on behalf of all - to provide the entertainment for the Heybridge U3A's 2018 Christmas party. We all thoroughly enjoyed playing and singing carols for the 2015 Christmas party (was it really that long ago?) and look forward, health permitting, to a re-run, hopefully with a few new numbers!

Call me if you'd like to join us on 01621 859060.

Robin Carpenter.

## Walking Group

Our walk this month took us around Tiptree. On it, we discovered that Tiptree is not just jam but has some very substantial properties and some gentle quiet roads and fields to meander along. We did walk by some of the Wilkins company strawberry troughs and also where the migrant pickers are housed during the season. Our walk was found and led by Roger and Christine and they also managed to book us into the local pub/restaurant for tea and 'gateaux'.



We really enjoyed a delightful autumn day and a walk encompassing a variety of landscapes. A great job well done – thanks from us all.

A Pleasant walk around Tiptree Linda Wells

Our next walk will be on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, starting as usual at 2.00pm. An email will be sent to all walkers with the details about 2 weeks beforehand

The walkers will be having their Christmas lunch on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12:30. If the weather is good enough, we shall have a walk along the sea wall beforehand, probably starting at 10.30am. The walking group will not meet during January and for those interested, we shall probably join the gardens group in February. Please contact the coordinator for more information. Linda Wells. 01621 85741

## Weekenders Group

In September we met in Goldhanger for a walk which took us from the Church, across fields to the sea wall, along the sea wall, then up Fish Street and into the pub for coffee. Once again we were lucky with the weather!



A group from Weekenders saw and enjoyed *Beautiful* at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, in October - the story, with music of the early life of Carol King. As a bonus it was a beautiful day with super views of the Thames at high tide.

Then on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October the group enjoyed coffee and a chat at The Braxted Bakery.

At Goldhanger sea wall Yvonne West

### Dates and details of our next meetings.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10am**, we meet for coffee at 10am at *Perrywoods Garden Centre*.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** our Christmas lunch is booked at *The Bell Woodham Walter* at 12.00. The cost is £26.00 per head. The pub require a £10.00 non-returnable deposit by 20<sup>th</sup> November and a menu pre-order by 29<sup>th</sup> November. The pub Christmas menu will be on show at the monthly meeting and I will need to have your £10.00 deposit by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – cash if possible please.

Please contact me if you have a query or if you will need a lift to any meeting. Pat Smith 01621 856569

## The People's Post

Next time I post a letter I will look at the pillar box with more interest. The history of the designs and colours used, the introduction of a prepayment system for letters (aka a stamp) rather than payment on receipt, stories of post boys on horses armed with blunderbusses, long distance mail coaches and delivery systems which required houses to be numbered to modern drones potentially dropping off mail from the air. All this and more was related to us by our wonderfully informative Blue Badge Guide Doug.



Early Post box

Mail Rail

Philippa Moody

Starting at the Museum of London we undertook a short walking tour of the original postal district (BT still have their HQ there), then a drive round some former coaching inns in the Holborn area before arriving at Mount Pleasant sorting office, adjacent to the new Postal Museum which is full of interesting artefacts. Then, below the sorting office, a trip on the Mail Rail, an underground line constructed in 1927 from Paddington to Aldgate to speed up distribution of mail around and from London. Originally driverless, the line which closed in 2003, now offers visitors a 20 minute journey with a running commentary, explaining how the system worked with trains leaving every four minutes as mail arrived on conveyor belts from the sorting offices above the stations. A most enjoyable trip but a word of warning to the very tall, broad or claustrophobic – this may not be for you! The coaches are very cramped and the tunnels are sometimes very small.

It was a great day out, full of interest and information.

Philippa Moody

## EVENTS AND OUTINGS

FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

### BURY ST EDMUNDS CHRISTMAS MARKET

£20 per person

Join us on a wonderful trip to Bury St Edmunds Christmas Fayre, voted the best in the country in 2016. With colourful stalls selling local produce and crafts as well as traders from around the UK and mainland Europe, traditional fairground rides and on-stage entertainment, there will be something for everyone. Visit the Cathedral and climb the tower or visit the Medieval Fayre in Moyse's Hall Museum.



## WINDSOR CASTLE

FEBRUARY 2018 - exact date / cost t.b.a

SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LOBBY



COMING SOON: March 2018

**Chartwell** is a country house near the town of Westerham, Kent in South East England. For over forty years it was the home of Winston Churchill. He bought the property in September 1922 and lived there until shortly before his death in January 1965.



### Events, Trips and Tours in 2018:

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| February | Windsor Castle             |
| March    | Chartwell                  |
| April    | Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Club |
| May      | The Poppy Factory          |
| June     | QEI Olympic Park           |
| July     | Brighton Pavilion          |



## On the Notice Board

### Secretary's notes

The 2018 U3A Diaries have now been received and most of those ordered have been given out. The remainder will be available for collection from Linda Etherton at the November main meeting.

The website for the Third Age Trust, <https://www.u3a.org.uk> has recently been re-vamped. If you have previously logged in as a member you will need to create a new password. The login section is at the bottom of the Home page. Go to 'create an account' and complete your details. One section says U3A Group - put in Heybridge. Where it asks for Region select East of England in the drop-down box. Any member of a U3A can register on the website.

### Polo Shirts and Sweatshirts

The Petanque and Croquet groups have bought polo shirts and sweatshirts in purple, and these are obtainable for individuals or groups from Personalise, 86 Newland St, Witham CM8 1AH (01376 521020 [www.personalise-uk.co.uk](http://www.personalise-uk.co.uk)). They have the Art Work saved so you would not have to pay extra for that, just for the clothing required with money when booked. For orders these are the prices, for polo shirts S M L and XL singles £14.99 for 2-6 £11.99 and for 7-23 £10.50. For Sweat shirts S M L. and XL the prices are £17.99 and for 2-6 cost is £15.99. Below is a photograph of the two items.

Barbara Barbrook 01621 855605



We have been asked by a local charity, to bring the following IT support sessions to your attention. For further information, please contact Community 360.

### Community 360



*i-tea*

**Every Thursday 14.00 – 15.30 at Baptist Church, Maldon CM9 5HD**

We provide FREE help and support using and setting up laptops/tablets for emails, internet browsing, shopping on-line and social media platforms.

Bring your own or use ours!

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

| Week Commencing | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   | Sunday |
|-----------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|--------|
| 30-Oct          | 30<br>Petanque<br>10.00                              | 31  | 1 Nov<br>Ukulele<br>14.00                                       | 2<br>Photography<br>14.00  | 3<br>Committee Meeting 10.00<br>Painting<br>14.00             | 4  | 5      |
| 6-Novt          | 6<br>Cards & paper<br>14.00<br>Petanque<br>13.00     | 7   | 8<br>French Conversation<br>10.00                               | 9<br>Technical Computing<br>14.00<br>Walking 14.00                           | 10<br>Monthly Meeting 14.00                                   | 11<br>Weekenders Perrywoods Garden Centre<br>10.00 | 12     |
| 13 Nov          | 13<br>Petanque<br>13.00<br>Patchwork<br>14.00        | 14<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>14.00                      | 15<br>Reading & Books<br>14.15                                  | 16   | 17<br>Painting<br>14.00<br>Coffee Morning<br>11.00            | 18   | 19     |
| 20 -Nov         | 20<br>Petanque<br>13.00                              | 21<br>Local History<br>14.00                        | 22<br>Creative Writing<br>14.30                                 | 23<br>Family History<br>10.00  | 24<br>Painting<br>14.00<br>Copy to Editor                     | 25   | 26     |
| 27-Nov          | 27<br>Petanque<br>13.00<br>French Improvers<br>14.00 | 28<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>10.00<br>Scrabble<br>14.00 | 29  | 30   | 1-Dec<br>Painting<br>14.00<br>3<br>Committee Meeting 10.00    | 2  | 3      |
| 4-Dec           | 4<br>Petanque<br>13.00<br>Cards & paper<br>14.00     | 5   | 6<br>Ukulele<br>14.00   | 7<br>Photography<br>14.00  | 8<br>Painting<br>14.00<br>Monthly Meeting 14.00<br>Xmas Party | 9  | 10     |
| 11-Dec          | 11<br>Petanque<br>13.00<br>Patchwork<br>14.00        | 12<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>10.00                      | 13<br>French Conversation<br>10.00<br>Weekenders Lunch<br>12.00 | 14<br>Bird watching & Walkers<br>Lunch 10.30<br>Technical Computing<br>14.00 | 15<br>Painting<br>14.00<br>Coffee Morning<br>11.00            | 16   | 17     |
| 18-Dec          | 18<br>Petanque<br>13.00                              | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22<br>Painting<br>14.00                                       | 23   | 24     |
| 25-dec          | 25   | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29<br>Bird watching<br>10.00                                  | 30   | 31     |