

# Heybridge U3A News Sheet No.10/2018 November 2018

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November Photography

December Reading & Books

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Please provide 3 people to serve

refreshments

#### **Your Committee**

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#### **NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

#### From the Chair

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#### **Committee News**

am sure you will be pleased to know that two of our newer members have expressed an interest in standing for election as Chairman at the March 2019 AGM. Clearly, only one person can be Chair, but the other could fill our long standing vacancy for Vice Chair, which would be very beneficial.

The other piece of good news is that Liz, our Events Co-ordinator, having said she intended to step down at the AGM, has now decided to stay. She has already planned a full programme of events for the coming year, which will be revealed in due course!

Finally, Linda, our Secretary, is still undergoing treatment following her recent operation, and would be very grateful if someone would come forward to act as Minutes Secretary until she feels stronger. This would entail attending the monthly committee meeting, which takes place at the Plantation Hall from 10 to 12 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, and recording the key points of the discussion and, where applicable, the action to be taken.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations

Now that we are more confident that our U3A will have the necessary committee members to continue, we are starting to think about how to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding in March 2009. Clearly, we will need a celebratory banner and birthday cake but it is also an opportunity for some reminiscing. If you have special memories you wish to share or stories to tell, please email them to me so that we can put together a display for the AGM.

Jenny Parker

#### From the Editor

The design of the Heybridge U3A News Sheet, and the reports that it contains, is a full-page layout of 16 pages in a large font. 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.

There will not be a news sheet in January so will CoGs please include dates of meetings around Christmas, New Year, and January into the reports submitted for the December news sheet by 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Please send reports for the February news sheet by25<sup>th</sup> January.

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

Contact Geoff Hadley editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

#### From the Membership Secretary

We have welcomed seven new members since the beginning of October so we now have 161 members. Well done for spreading the word about the benefits of the U3A ethos of living well, learning and laughing! Don't forget I have "In Case of Emergency" cards for you to collect and carry on outings. If you have any special need about which we could help, please let me know in confidence. It could be an obvious sight or hearing loss or perhaps something less visible. We will do our very best to help and ensure that you get the most out of your membership.

Philippa Moody <u>membershipsecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk</u>

#### **Interest Groups Coordinator**

Due to my sciatica I have been unable to arrange visiting with any Groups in recent weeks. It has improved significantly enough now so I will be contacting Group Co-Ordinators soon to arrange a visit.

The COG for Local History will be stepping down so we are looking for someone willing to take on this role. If you are interested please contact me or Carol Greenhalgh

Hilary Furniaux <u>groupsco-ordinator@heybridgeu3a.org.uk</u>

#### Monthly Meeting Speaker Programme for November to March 2019

Fri Nov 9<sup>th</sup> History of Harrods - Eve Regelous

Fri Dec14<sup>th</sup> Heybridge Xmas Party U3A Ukulele Group

Fri Jan 11<sup>th</sup>"For Better or **Far** Worse"

Toni Neopard and Kate Bord

Fri Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Day in the Life of a Thames Tug Richard Thomas

Fri Mar 8<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. and Exhibition of Groups within our U3a

I always welcome your comments, if you enjoyed a speaker, or not. Feel free to speak to me at our monthly meeting or send an email to the address below. It helps me to plan future meetings. Please let me know of any talks you may have heard and think others would find interesting

The results of the surname enquiries by Charlie Haylock will be e-mailed with the November news sheet and for those without email send a sae to me if they want a copy.

Jan Brown <u>speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk</u>

#### GROUP REPORTS

#### **Art Group**

e haven't enjoyed the company of a guest tutor at our Friday afternoon painting sessions for **V** some while now. So we are very grateful to Barbara for taking the time and trouble to research and circulate details of all the art series currently showing on TV, including times and dates when they can be seen. It is invariably interesting to see how other artists work, be they professionals, gifted amateurs or hobbyists like ourselves. Even if we don't necessarily care for others' styles or subject matter, there is always something they can teach us, some tip or wrinkle worth picking up on. Meanwhile, the other burning issue of the day is the choice of venue for our Christmas lunch. I think the jury is still out on that one.

Gill Carpenter.

For information about this group contact Tina Martin

#### **Bird Watching Group**

e met on a very cold morning at the Birch causeway before heading to Abberton for the rest V of the morning

Not much to see today except a great white egret, a bird some of us had not seen before, we are used to seeing more of the little egrets around our coast and rivers.

As we made our way to the Island hide, a kestrel was hovering a few feet above. We always love to see any birds of prey as they are great to watch when they are hunting. The best hide today was Hide Bay as there was plenty to see with lots of Teal, Pochard and little grebe plus Grey Lag and Canada geese.

Again we spotted a couple of great white egrets together with little egrets standing on the edge of a waterfall looked like they were waiting for a snack!!

We finished our morning with a visit to the cafe for a warm drink and a chat...



**Kestrel Hovering** 

Egrets at the waterfall

Val

Next month we meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and I will send email out later

For more information, please contact Maureen Lenoir

#### **Cards and Paper Crafts**

All four of us met up again this month and enjoyed a couple of hours making various cards including a new baby card. Next month will see the start of Christmas cards for us all I am sure. Maybe even making gift boxes Linda Lesley Woonton

#### **Creative Writing Group**

There were five members when we met at Barbara's home on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. As usual there was a mixed bag of offerings this month on the theme of "Harvest Moon". The theme was chosen at the September meeting as there had just been one. However, as Sue had missed that meeting, she shared her piece, inspired by the seven random words from last time, concerning a (fictional?!) guilty secret, creeping downstairs in the wee smalls and a chocolate cake! Barbara read a poem, The Harvest Moon by Ted Hughes, as well as an account of a holiday in Bournemouth she'd enjoyed when younger. Audrey read part three of a story about April Cottage and its former owners and featuring a pub called - guess what - yes, The Harvest Moon. Like all good story tellers she left us wanting to know what happens next. Philippa shared a short but beautiful poem, full of imagery and description, she'd written after being captivated by the recent Harvest Moon. Stuart's contribution was a love story inspired by Neil Young's song "Harvest Moon". It was about a life changing accident, and involves a (real) revolutionary new treatment that's drawn from a recent news report.

For the next meeting we will all be writing a children's' story. Now there's a challenge, if ever there was one!

For information about the group, please contact Angela Pleasance.

#### **Croquet Group**

We played our last games of croquet this month and fortunately the weather was dry and sunny although colder. Gill and Geoff both managed a 'hoop in one' on the first session, well done. The second session started with the lawns rather wet, but as the sun warmed up and dried the lawns the speed of the balls altered, which made play interesting! However Gill managed two 'hoops in one' very well done, our 'star' player of the month. We finished the season with an informal lunch at Forresters when Linda was able to join us. I would like to thank the 'boys' who come early each session to help set the lawns up, which makes my job a lot easier. We will now hang up our mallets until next year.

Anne Newson:

#### **Discussion Coffee Morning Group**

We met at Linda's house on 19<sup>th</sup> October. It was lovely to see her looking more like her usual smiley self after being unwell. We had an enjoyable morning and refreshments were gratefully received.

Our next meeting will be at Lesley Pomphrett's house at 11.00am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Margaret Brown

#### **Family History Group**

t was good to see an almost full complement attend the meeting this month.

I couldn't go to the last meeting, but by all accounts the History of Surnames by speaker Charlie Haylock was extremely interesting and very well received by the family historians. The only complaint from Liz was she couldn't write fast enough to record all the information!

A subject which not unexpectedly popped up was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WW1.

It seems to be that most of us have (or know of) a distant relative who served/died in this war.

My own uncle, William Richard Prior (known as Dick) died 1918 in Arras aged 20. I once made an emotional visit to the pristine cemetery in Arras where his name is displayed on a vast memorial along with thousands of these boys - for the majority were *just boys* - who have 'no known grave'.

Marjorie showed us a picture of the war memorial in Woodgrange Park cemetery, Manor Park where the name of her ancestor Charles Jesse Hill is listed. He fought in the King's Royal rifle Corps, and died of his injuries (after coming home) in March 1919 aged 39.

The cemetery which is non-denominational and has always been privately owned has become overgrown and derelict. Sold to a building company some 10+ years ago and beyond the jurisdiction of the council, parts of it (the pauper's graves) have now been built upon.

My own paternal grandparents are now under a block of flats!



Woodgrange Cemetery

Jean Rogers

#### French Group

#### **French Conversation**

Our meeting opened with us chatting about what we had done since our last get together. Following on we read the fable, in poem form, written by the 18thC French 'fabulist' Jean de la Fontaine, "La Coche et la Mouche" – about a fly (la mouche) who claims that without his efforts buzzing around and biting the horses, the heavy coach would never have reached the top of a steep hill. The French have used this story to create an expression "faire la mouche du coche" which translates as a busybody – someone who fusses around but usually achieves nothing, other than annoying everyone else. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am in Plantation Hall

#### **French Improvers**

The group met at Peter's house this month.

■ We discussed – in French - some of the activities we had each done since our last meeting. Gerry's visit to Uzbekistan was of particular interest and gave us an insight into how the country had been rebuilding its identity since independence from the Soviet Union.

We then had a go at translating a French dialogue between two mums having a weekend gettogether and planning to compete in the annual Paris marathon race.

George Farrow

La prochaine rencontre sera lundi le 26<sup>th</sup> Novembre à 14h00.

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

#### **Local History Group**

We had a full house for our October talk by Essex historian and author Kate Cole.

I guess most people were as intrigued as I was by Kate's theme: Southend Kursaal and Al Capone's Car.

Kate didn't disappoint. In fact there was so much more to this unusual story than the title suggested that we were gripped for the full hour of her talk.

We learned that Kate's Welsh great-grandmother Mary Ann Hopkins was a bit of a contortionist, but her fans didn't know that.

After running away from home to join a circus, Miss Hopkins eventually found herself touring the fairground booths and "freak shows" of America with the likes of escapologist Harry Houdini and a variety of bearded ladies, mermaids, dog-faced boys and suchlike.

Her act was very unusual in that she somehow contrived to fold herself in half backwards and balance her top half, from the waist up, on a shelf where she posed for up to 12 hours a day as the famous half-a-lady.

Kate still doesn't know how her great-granny achieved this, but presumes her lower half and legs must somehow have been suspended horizontally behind her while she engaged in friendly conversation with her fans.

Gentlemen were invited to poke underneath the shelf with their walking canes to ascertain there was no more of her hiding there. And somehow she managed to keep this bizarre act going through several decades and three pregnancies.

Eventually she returned to Britain - as did her son Harry, Kate's great uncle, who became intrigued by the weird and wonderful exhibitions staged at the famous Kursaal in Southend.

Harry organised the importation and exhibition of Eric the Whale, and its awful smell of formaldehyde etc, that people loved to be photographed with, particularly on its inside! Perhaps Harry's greatest coup was to buy and to ship over to England - in the teeth of much hostility from Chicago's criminals and the US cops - the armoured car belonging to Al Capone following the imprisonment of the notorious gangster for tax evasion. The magnificent motor was exhibited at the Kursaal to great acclaim for a couple of seasons in the 1930s.

I suspect Kate left us all wishing we had ancestors half as illustrious and half as feisty as hers. Gill Carpenter.



Our last meeting for this year is on Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> November at our usual time of 2 pm in the West Maldon Community Centre. This is our time for gathering together ideas for the year to come and also for sharing particular items of interest. This year we will also be looking for someone to take on COG duties!

Kate Cole Carol Greenhalgh

#### **Music Appreciation Group**

#### Dido to Anna Nicole - a brief journey through 400 years of opera

This month we took a brief look at opera. We used a fairly broad definition of the genre – for most of us these days our only exposure to stories told in song is to see a west end musical, so we included a couple of tracks of some classic musicals including *The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables* and *Tommy*. Despite their popularity the music was usually complex, descriptive and well written. Our main programme however was from classical operas.

Although we did not hear the music in chronological order, we covered nearly the full span of opera history. We heard Purcell's *When I Am Laid in Earth* (in a fantastic performance by Jessye Norman), Handel's *Rinaldo* and an aria from Vivaldi's *Il Giustino*. All roads seemed to lead to Mozart however, and we heard The Queen of the Night's famous coloratura aria and *Papageno/Papagena* from *The Magic Flute* as well as a chorus from *The Marriage of Figaro*. The nineteenth century produced many great composers of opera, of which we heard a good selection including Verdi, Donizetti, Bizet, Mascagni and Wagner, but by the end of the century Puccini had arrived and he seems to have overtaken many in popularity. We heard several of his arias, including the most famous of all, *Nessun Dorma*. We also heard a very amusing aria from *The Tales of Hoffmann* sung by a mechanical doll character that needed winding up at intervals.

The twentieth century did not feature to the same extent but the most recent opera we heard, *Anna Nicole*, was premiered in 2011 and written by living composer Mark Anthony Turnage. This tells the true story of a Playmate of the Year called Anna Nicole Smith who married an 89 year old millionaire. We heard the scene entitled *PARTAY!* - the name says it all!

Philippa Moody

#### Needlecraft/

our of us met at my house this month. Cross stitch seems to have been abandoned this time in favour of crochet which may be easier on the eye. It was accompanied by tea and biscuits and plenty of chat to go with it. Next month's meeting at my house.

Hilary Furniaux

#### Painting 2

The Sky Arts Programme on TV - The Landscape Artist of the year 2018 has now produced the second one in a series of nine programmes that is sent out in Sky Arts on Tuesday evenings at 8pm when six or seven artists, some of whom are professional, compete for the chance to take part in a semi-final and the winner for the series gets £10,000 and a commission to paint a picture chosen by the judges. It is interesting to see the different styles of Watercolour painting and some amateurs are also asked to compete and one is chosen each week. The series of Watercolour challenge with Hannah Gordon has also started at 9.0am each weekday. The Autumn leaves provide us with inspiration for those who like to paint trees as the colours are amazing at present. We are still missing 3 members due to holidays and health problems but we hope to be up to full strength by the November meeting which is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm in the Claydon Room

Barbara Barbrook

#### **Patchwork Group**

The next meeting of the Patchwork Group is on 12<sup>th</sup>November 2:00 pm at the West Maldon Community Centre.

For more information contact Anne Thorpe.

#### **Petanque Group**

October, Season of Mellow Fruitfulness, so the poets say, but with Autumn comes lots of leaves! My thanks go to Roger, Graham and Mick who have helped me with the clearing of leaves as well as the usual raking of the Terrain, which is done throughout the year, before we start playing. This October we welcomed our newest player, Norman, who has made his mark, and has been given a nick name already....Storming Norman!



See you on the Prom Dian

As of October 29<sup>th</sup>, our Winter starting time (we play all year now!) is 1 0'clock. Sorry if this is a bit of a rush for some of you, but the light fades so quickly this time of the year, hence the earlier starting time and of course the clocks change too. So wrap up well, and bring gloves, scarves, woolly hats and of course a warm coat cos the wind does blow on the Prom, especially this time of the year. Ice Creams have made way for hot Coffee and Chocolate.

#### **Photography Group**

We met at our usual venue to view and discuss the three photos that we had taken during September for the "food" assignment. As usual our members had taken photographs of the subject with a wide range of interpretation.

I stood in for Peter at the meeting as he was unable to attend. Peter has decided to stand down as COG for the time being. The meeting decided that I would act as COG until Peter is able to resume his position.

After the break we then had a general discussion on all things photographic ranging from the history of cameras to the settings we use when taking photographs.

It was decided that the subject for the November meeting would be "Autumn".

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 meet in the West Maldon Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00pm.

Norman Grove

#### **Reading and Books Group**

Most of us enjoyed the book (About a Boy by Nick Hornby) and we had a good discussion about it. Our next meeting is on Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> November at 2pm when we will be discussing "Moon Tiger" by Penelope Lively at Margaret's home in Maldon

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

#### **Scrabble Group**

We managed a group of four at Linda's house in October and played a couple of good games. The tiles were not favourable for Elizabeth on the second game, however, and the hostess was pleased to get a winning score! We managed to fit in refreshments and a good chat.

The venue for the next session was not decided, so any volunteer would be welcome.

If you would like to join us please let me know: we have several Scrabble boards available and are happy to encourage new players. My contact details are on the list of CoGs

Linda Etherton

#### **Technical Computing Group**

Although our numbers of members who attended the meeting at my house were reduced, we had a successful two hours attempting to fix a problem with a "member's desktop computer, The complaint was that 'it took ages to boot up' which it did, in fact it took over 5 minutes to come to a stage where any typing could be attempted. We checked the machine for hardware faults which seemed o.k. The conclusion was reached that it had been 'bitten' by a virus. It did have an anti-virus program installed, but it appeared that some nasty things had got through. We decided to install a 2019 copy of Kaspersky, which took over twenty minutes to install and we tried to do a full scan, but after ½ an hour it had only got 2% through the scan, and had already found eight bad things. The member took it home and continued with the scan. I am glad to report that after about 24 hours the scan completed, and all faults were removed and all now works much faster, and is "working satisfactorily".

Colin Mason

#### Ten Pin Bowling

ine people arrived for bowling on 9<sup>th</sup> October. I had a mild foot sprain, so Simon kindly stood in for me

No outstanding scores this time, over the three games played, but John was the highest scorer with 121 in the final game.

We are having a joint Christmas meal at Henri's Bistro with the Petanque group on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. PLEASE NOTE: We will play in the MORNING from 10 until 12 followed by the lunch which will be from the a la carte menu. Regrettably this will be for Ten Pin Bowling and Petanque players only as we will be quite a large group. Please let me know ASAP for lunch numbers.

Next meeting is at usual time 1.45 for 2pm start on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Please ring me if you would like to join us, you will be most welcome. Lynne Morrison

#### **Ukulele Group UKE3A**

think it is fair to say we Uke3A strummers did our late COG Robin proud when we played at a musical evening staged in his memory recently at the Tollesbury Centre. With the assistance of guest uke player Ben, Robin's 16-year-old grandson, we even agreed to go on first as warm up act for a roomful of more experienced musicians - and won hearty and sustained applause for our efforts.



Uke3A playing at the recent memorial gig for Robin.

Now it is back to the drawing board, in other words planning the repertoire for our next "public" performance, singalong carols for the Heybridge U3A Christmas party. We last played carols for Heybridge U3A three Christmases ago and they seemed to be well received, so we've decided to use the same selection with just one or two different numbers added to the mix. So please, get those singing voices tuned up in readiness

Gill Carpenter.

#### **Walking Group**

Our group gathered at Hatfield Peverel church and enjoyed a country walk of around 3miles. It was a lovely warm autumn day with the walk taking us mostly alongside fields and through copses towards Ulting and then to Nounsley before returning to our start. There was a bit of country road walking and one ploughed field to cross (happily the footpath was well trodden). We followed this with a cuppa and more chatting at the nearby pub/restaurant, The Wheatsheaf.

Our next walk will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November starting at 2pm as usual, weather permitting.

For information about upcoming walks contact Linda Wells.

#### **Weekday Lunch Group**

his month we had been recommended to try the Wheatsheaf Pub, at Hatfield Peverel which lived up to its reputation, particularly for those with a sweet tooth !!!

It is very easy to get to and has a roomy car park which is good for large groups.

We spent some time planning our next few venues but that didn't stop us all from having our usual lively chats.

Our next lunch will be at Prezzo's in Maldon at 12.30 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Jean Perrott.

#### **Weekenders Group**

The Weekenders group have had an unusual month! The owner of the Sunny Sailor pub took my booking for coffee at 10.00 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> though he was moving out that weekend, and the pub was to be closed. However, we had a good morning – some at the New Pavilion and the rest of the group at the Barge Tearooms on the sunny and warm Hythe.

Then on 18<sup>th</sup> October, the minibus booked to take a group to see 'Tina the Musical' at the Aldwych in London, failed to turn up as the owner/driver had made an emergency rush to Southend hospital. However again, a Thom's minibus arrived and we were off in good time for a reasonable journey, spoiled only by our coach crashing with a London Fire Engine! Fortunately, though shaken, no-one was hurt and we all enjoyed the powerful story of Tina Turner's triumph over adversity told through a breath-taking show.

#### Dates and details of our next meetings.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**- By popular request, Weekenders will meet at '*RESOURCEFUL'*; the Barge Tea-Room on The Hythe in Maldon, at the usual time of 10.00. Car sharing is recommended, so please let me know if you need a lift or can offer one.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December-** We are booked in at The Bell, Woodham Walter for a Christmas lunch at 12.00 (for 12.30). Please let me have your choices from the menu by the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact me if you need a lift. Dave has also offered to collect and take members to the meal.

Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup>- We meet once again at The New Pavilion in Heybridge at 10.00 for coffee.

Pat Smith

#### Yoga Group

A reminder to Yoga students that the session that began on 31<sup>st</sup> October finishes on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6 weeks this time. Wednesdays 2pm Plantation Hall.

One place is now available so consider Yoga in your New Year Fitness Scheme. Become fitter and more relaxed 2019.

Gloria Bomford COG

### THE PLUME LECTURE

Setting up libraries in the long seventeenth century

A TALK BY
GILES MANDELBROT

LIBRARIAN AND ARCHIVIST
LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY
ON
SATURDAY
10TH NOVEMBER 2018
AT 7.30pm in

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MARKET HILL, MALDON, ESSEX

FREE ADMISSION ALL WELCOME

## GUIDE DOG TRAINING CENTRE, REDBRIDGE Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 £25

The Guide Dogs story started in 1931 with two amazing British pioneers, Muriel Crooke and Rosamund Bond. These remarkable women organised the training of the first four British guide dogs from a humble lock up garage in Wallasey, Merseyside.

Today Guide Dogs is the world's largest breeder and trainer of working dogs.

Our two-hour afternoon tour includes an introduction to the history of guide dogs and you will have the opportunity to meet some of our training dogs.

There may also be the opportunity to visit the Royal London Hospital Museum in the morning.



#### ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA at

The Royal Albert Hall

Sunday 17 March 2019, 2.30pm

£48.00 (including programme)

A nostalgic celebration of much-loved songs and duets from the classic musicals of the golden age of Hollywood! Featuring the ever-popular music of Rodgers & Hammerstein, Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Lerner & Loewe, Leonard Bernstein and much more!

Indulge in a trip down memory lane with classic songs from:

My Fair Lady, The Wizard Of Oz, The Sound Of Music, Guys & Dolls, The King & I, Hello Dolly!, On The Town, Calamity Jane, Top Hat, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, High Society, West Side Story... and many more!

#### ANNE OF CLEVES HOUSE & LEWES ANTIQUE SHOPS

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 £25.00

Anne of Cleves House is an outstanding example of a late medieval building. More than five hundred years old, it also played a part in the story of one of England's most famous kings, Henry VIII. At Anne's house you can explore how the Tudors and Elizabethans lived, worked and relaxed at home.

Free time in the afternoon to visit Lewes' many antique shops or maybe a visit to Lewes castle.... (Not included)





INVITATION TO VIEW' EARSHAM HALL, BUNGAY Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

£35.00 (including refreshments at Earsham Hall)

Earsham Hall is one of the finest country mansion houses in Norfolk. It has a rich and varied history dating back in part to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century.

From 1948 until 1973 the Hall was let as a Boarding and Day school and has been in the hands of the present owners, the Dereham family, since 1976.

After the tour, we will head off for our usual lunch at a local hostelry! (not included)

#### For more details, contact the Events Secretary (details on the front page)

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

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29 Oct	29 Petanque 13.00	30	31 Yoga 14.00	1 Nov Photography 14.00	2 Committee Meeting 10.00 Painting 14.00	3	4
5 Nov	5 Petanque 13.00 Cards & paper 14.00	6 Weekday Lunch 12.30	7 Ukulele 14.00 Yoga 14.00	8 Technical Computing 14.00 Walking 14.00	9 Monthly Meeting 14.00	10 Weekenders Resourceful Fullbridge 10.00	11
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17-Dec	17 Petanque 13.00 Needlecraft 14.00	18	19 Reading & Books 14.00 Music 14.00	20	21 Coffee Morning 11.00 Painting 1 4.00	22	23
24-Dec	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 Family History 10.00	28	29	30