

Heybridge u3a

November 2023 News Sheet

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Next Main Meeting – Plantation Hall

Friday 10th November at 2.00 pm

Speaker – Mike Fogg

- “History of the Moot Hall”

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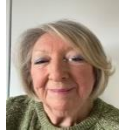


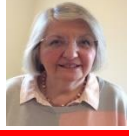



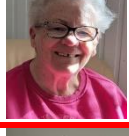
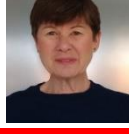

In the Claydon Room

Friday 1st December at 10.00 am

Main Meeting Refreshments Rota

November – Ten Pin Bowling

December – Christmas Party

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From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the November News Sheet.

November is here, the clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in. We have just had Fireworks Night. Who remembers Penny for the Guy, or pushing a glass milk bottle into the earth, standing a rocket inside, lighting the blue touch paper and retiring? Nowadays children would say "A glass milk bottle?" followed by "That's all very well, but have you considered the health and safety implications?" No, actually they wouldn't. Their faces would be full of glee at the thought of being let loose with a box of fireworks and a box of matches. However these days due to the march of health and safety, and the cost of fireworks, most people probably went to an organised display for their fireworks "fix" and in any event a plastic milk bottle from Tesco's would most likely have melted!

Lorraine & Brian editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

**** Special Note ****

Due to the on-going construction work at Plantation Hall, car parking is slightly reduced. If you are coming to the Main Meeting, please car share where possible. Also please note that the entrance to the hall is still via the fire doors opposite the children's play area.

News Sheet Deadline

Please remember all CoG reports, and anything else for inclusion in the news sheet, must be submitted to the Editors by the last weekend of the month. Unfortunately anything submitted after the deadline will not be included as it takes time to put the news sheet together.

News from the Committee

From the Chairman

Remembering our younger life is the topic of our Christmas party themed meeting in December. It is often easier to remember what we did in our teens than what we had for dinner last week. However it can be fun when we share photos and remember the music we grew up with. A lot of work has been done but we are still looking for someone who can supply suitable music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. As we have over 100 members there must be someone who can help and we also will need some ideas for refreshments. Please let me know how you can help.

Jackie Jones chairman@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

From the Speaker Secretary

I thought last month's speaker Marion Pettet was very interesting. She explained how much effort they had to put in behind the scenes to get a ballet show together. Their dedication is amazing.

Our next speaker will be Mr Mike Fogg who will be sharing information about our own Moot Hall, a building that traces its history to the 15th Century. As it is a steep climb to the top of the hall he will be bringing along some photographs for those of us that don't like heights!

December will be our Christmas Party, so let's all enjoy each other's company and have a bit of fun. This is put on for all of us to join in.

Our speaker in January will be Eve Regelous who will be telling us about the history of the Harrods store in London. I dare say many of us have not been to London for a while so please enjoy!

Lesley Woonton speakersecretary@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

From the Interest Groups' Co-ordinator

Well we are getting near "that time" again already, I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by and we are fast approaching the festive season. I have been back from holiday three weeks already, and now we are thinking about our Christmas arrangements for the next main meeting.

I do hope that you some of you would still like to consider volunteering for some of the things we have planned, as we are not able to do it all ourselves.

Moir Penhallow groupscsco-ordinator@heybridgeu3a.org.uk

News from around the Groups

Board Games

Only five of us were able to make the October meeting at Chris's house. Nevertheless, two very enjoyable hours of Upwords were played. I can't recall the winners; I do remember coming last in the first game, then with a slight improvement came 4th in the second.

If you're imagining five genteel females of a 'certain' age playing snakes and laddersthink again!

Winning is the main aim (not taught at school any more) and rivalry is very high.

Thank you Chris, for the tea/coffee and cake.

Jean Rogers

Cards & Paper Craft

The Craft Group met up this month as normal, very busy making Christmas cards for our family also a few items we could sell on our market stall at the main meeting. We are hoping people will have a look as it did well last month. And of course time for a cuppa and a chat.

Lesley Woonton

Croquet

This month we only had one session as Maldon Croquet Club have now closed the lawns until next year. Seven members attended, we had an interesting couple of games playing with four members on one lawn and three members on the other lawn. Rain threatened but it did not come to anything and we managed to play for our two hours. We will finish the season with our 'end of season lunch' on 1st November.

We play for gentle exercise, good company and fun on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each summer month.

Anne Newson

Discussion Coffee Morning

The usual lively discussions at the October meeting at Lesley's house were only slowed briefly for some tasty snacks and hot drinks. Lesley's 'Autumn' tree was beautifully decorated and sparked a discussion about whether members of the group were likely to put up decorations for Christmas. Responses ranged from not at all to the full-on decoration, depending on individual circumstances.

It was good to have our CoG back to join us and now her wrist is out of plaster. However I'm writing the report as Margaret's tablet is playing up.

The November meeting will be at Jean's on the 17th.

Linda Etherton

Family History

A good October meeting. The old long standing 'brick walls' have now been solved.

Marge's ancestor whose death has eluded her for so long (I've forgotten how long exactly) has now been solved. Instead of dying near to his family home for some reason (maybe visiting relatives) he died in Gloucestershire, we may never know why.

Ken may have presented a new problem.....we shall have to see.

Jean Rogers

Needlecraft

Only four of us were able to meet at Angela's this month. Others were absent due to ill health or enjoying warmer weather elsewhere. I continued with my eagle cross stitch, Angela was adjusting a dog coat, Lesley was knitting a child's cardigan and Linda was knitting a long term project. Hopefully a couple more of our members will be at the next meeting.

Hilary Furniaux

Patchwork

During the October meeting the group enjoyed seeing examples of Kawandi quilting – a technique that was new to most of us. Anne had prepared some sample packs for the group with instructions on the Kawandi process. Anne and Sue kindly donated pieces of Christmas fabric so that we could all start working on a mini quilt. It will be interesting to see the finished articles at our next meeting.

Jackie Voyez

Petanque

I have been away on holiday, but our good friend Chris Norris has kindly taken the group for me as she does most times. I couldn't do without her. She said that they played some lively games while I was away; there is always friendly rivalry and fun in the teams.

I would like to thank the group for all the help they give Chris, when I am away, raking and setting up the games. It does really make a difference.

Let's hope the weather holds for us to carry on through the winter.

Many thanks to all my team

Moir Penhallow

Photography Group

Our October meeting was held on Thursday 5th October via Zoom.

Seven members were in attendance, with apologies from four members who were unable to attend. We again had 30 photos covering a wide range of subjects to view and discuss all taken during the previous month. The subject being "Black & White".

Each month we load the photos on to Flickr for all to view.



St Mary's by Norman Grove



Washing Machine by Linda Etherton

The next meeting will be held on 2nd November 2023 meeting at 2.00 pm by Zoom. The subject this time is "Autumn Colours".

If anyone is interested in joining our meetings to see what the group is about please contact me and I will forward a link to our next meeting. All members of the u3a are welcome.

Norman Grove

Scrabble

At the October meeting the Scrabble group certainly fulfilled the u3a strapline of 'Learn, Laugh and Live', and managed to fit in a discussion on the benefits of air fryers as well as the expected games. Along with a supply of tea and delicious biscuits provided by the host we managed to exercise the little grey cells. Sometimes rather creative making-up of a word or two takes place or some inspired mis-spelling goes on, but it's all good-natured fun.

In November we expect to be back at Angela's, on the 28th at 2.00 pm. If you would like to join us please contact Linda Etherton, details in the list of groups.

Linda Etherton

Ten Pin Bowling

Well we are now getting back into the bowling swing of things. We have had good turnouts for our last two events with some reasonable scores attained. It does seem that for some a good first frame score tails off to a lower final score frame! The ball not doing what is supposed to do or is it just plain fatigue?

Best gents frame of the 5th October goes undeniably to Graham with a score of 160. It was pleasing to see John putting some good scores together with a final frame of 127. The highest ladies score went to Chris with a score of 132 followed closely by Linda and Hilary with her trick shots!!

On the 19th October Rob made a welcome return and despite his bad back scored the highest gents score of 174, one short of the 175 club. He did, however, have a bit of competition so he

didn't have complete domination on the day. The ladies had a difficult day with fairly even scores. Linda came out on top with a first frame score of 116.

Our next booked games are the 2nd and 16th November. Jackie is now back from Spain so we have the chance of equal gents and ladies numbers.

See you on the 2nd.

Peter Harvey

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Theatre & Cinema Group

The Theatre Group is still going well, we have outings to two tribute shows coming up. On Friday 3rd November we are seeing "Barbra Streisand" and on 1st December "Queen".

As before we book these shows once everyone has decided what they would like to see, then a bankers draft is paid into my account before we buy the tickets.

As there are quite a few of us now, we organise our get together at someone's house which is big enough to hold us all and coffee is on the menu!

Moir Penhallow

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Weekenders

A dozen Weekenders congregated at the Tiptree Jam Factory tearooms in October for a bit of refreshment and plenty of chat. The shop seemed to find favour with most of us too. We are aiming to go to Braxted Bakery on November 18th at the usual time of 10.00 am. Looking ahead to December, Perrywoods came out as favourite.

We usually meet once a month on the third Saturday. If you would like to know more, my contact details are on the list of groups.

Linda Etherton

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For your info....

We have received an email from Diana Rogers of Blackwater u3a. She runs a Scottish Country Dancing group at Langford Village Hall and says we are welcome to join in. She says Scottish Country Dancing is a thriving, friendly group that at the moment is suitable for both beginners and improvers. They meet on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at Langford Village Hall. For more information email diana.rogers2@btinternet.com

Wymondham u3a have prepared some special events to celebrate Life Long Learning and are offering places to members of all u3as across our region, although it would mean travelling to

Wymondham. We have been asked to pass the information on the attached posters to our members.

Please remember to bring any unwanted gifts, secondhand books (in good condition) or plants to our Market Place, which is held at our Main Meeting. It is an opportunity for members to donate items others for “sale” in exchange for a donation to Heybridge u3a funds. Please note that we cannot accept electrical goods.

There are a number of learning opportunities available to u3a members. Please see the attached poster “Online Learning Events” for full details.

Remember in 2024, u3a are holding a festival at the University of York between 17th and 19th July. More information can be found on the u3a website. To register interest or make enquiries email festival@u3a.org.uk

If you are a Facebook user, then you may like to know that Heybridge u3a has its own Facebook page which we would like to develop. Just search for Heybridge u3a on Facebook, then apply for membership. You'll be able to submit posts and read about what is going on in the group.

Maldon Nub News is the local online newspaper; their website is maldon.nub.news Alternatively the Maldon & Burnham Standard is available in newsagents and at maldonandburnhamstandard.co.uk. Both have plenty of information about what is happening in the local area.

A reminder about our local football clubs, who are Heybridge Swifts FC who play at Scraley Road, Heybridge and Maldon & Tiptree FC who play at Park Drive, Maldon. Admission per game is £5 for concessions.

To book a space at one of our local recycling centres visit www.loveessex.org.uk . This is mandatory for everyone except those visiting by foot or Blue Badge holders.

Caroline Community Radio is our local community radio station broadcasting on 94.7FM in Maldon and 104.7FM in Burnham, and on the internet. They play music from the 60s through to the present day, and have regular local news updates.

Have a look at the attached diary, which shows all of the interest groups run by Heybridge u3a . together with the location and time. Contact the relevant CoG (on the last page of the News Sheet) if you are interesting in joining any group.

Members of Heybridge u3a can join in the activities of any other u3a in our local “cluster group”, which comprises Maldon, Limebrook, Blackwater, Burnham, Dengie, Crouch Valley and South Woodham Ferrers and ourselves. Further details can be found at:

[ClusterGroupActivitySchedule.pdf \(maldonu3a.co.uk\)](http://ClusterGroupActivitySchedule.pdf(maldonu3a.co.uk))

If you have any articles you would like included in the next Heybridge u3a News Sheet please send them to editor@heybridgeu3a.org.uk.