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4 Maritime	5 Table Tennis Snooker Luncheon Club Drama	6 Ten Pin Bowling Meteorology Wine Circle	7 Discussion Petanque Poetry	8 Mah Jong Sing for Pleasure Elizabethan	9	10
11 Handicrafts German Photography Table Tennis Beg Whist	12 Table Tennis Snooker Trouble Shooters Egyptology	13 Ten Pin Bowling Swimming Bridge Painting Social Evening	14 Scottish Country Dancing Petanque Reading French Conversation Ballroom Dancing	15 Canasta Botany	16	17 Strollers
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I try my utmost to get the calendar correct each month, but I would advise you to always check with your co-ordinator as to the date of your next meeting.

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FROM THE CHAIR



The snowdrops have been wonderful, the primroses are here, the daffodils looking so bold I particularly love the miniatures and how the pansies which have been flowering all winter now look so fresh and bright. The buds are on so many shrubs let's hope that it soon warms up for them and for us.

Our secretary Pamela is leaving the committee in June and we really do need to find one of you to join us soon to make the transition as smooth as possible, we cannot function as a group without a secretary it is that important. Paul is also leaving the committee, we need someone to prepare the hall and arrange chairs for main meeting and he is also our representative on the Wickham Bishops Hall Committee. Please if you think you can help contact any of the committee for further details, thank you.

Railways and Egyptology groups have been launched with much enthusiasm, good luck to them both. April seems to be full of outings and activities, enjoy as many as you can.

Life is mainly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone,
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own.

Joyce Cotterell
Email: oldcopperbeech@talktalk.net

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If for any reason you do not receive a posted newsletter within a week of the Meeting, (if you did not attend the Meeting) please contact Mike Manning 01621 828605

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Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, 8th April

Just Jazz Appreciation

A varied programme of Jazz CD's, some brought by members, was enjoyed at the second meeting of the Jazz Appreciation Group. There was a short presentation on the life and music of Humphrey Lyttleton which proved very interesting. At the next meeting another Jazz Great will be profiled and if you have a particular interest and would like to bring it to our attention please us know and share it with us.

The next meeting will be at The Maldon Little Ship Club at 7.30pm on **Monday 21st March**. Contact Peter Beckett on 01621 859006, or Jim Light on 01621 854124 for further information..

Family History

Group 1 - Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 30th March** at 2.30 pm and will be held at 30 The Spinnaker, South Woodham Ferrers CM3 5GL.

Group 2 - Our next meeting will be on **Friday 1st April** at 10 am and will be at 56 Augustine Way, Bicknacre, CM3 4ET.

Frank Stokes

Strollers

The next Strollers meeting will be on Sunday April 17th at 10.30a.m.

Please meet in the car park of The Rodney Lt.Baddow GR778-79 for a 3 ¾ mile stroll through woodland and hopefully some bluebells.

Lunch is available at The Rodney and should be booked and selected from the menu before the walk starts..

Contact Jane Coombes 01621 855358 and Sylvia Cousins 01621 853597

NEW GROUP

Railway Group

The newly formed Railway group will meet in the Jubilee room at West Maldon Community Centre at 2-00 pm on Friday 1st April 2011.

The eight members at the inaugural had a wide range of interests. We will try to arrange talks and visits to include as many aspects of this vast subject as possible.

New members will be very welcome at this meeting to help us plan for the future.

Fred Lane

Local & General History

There is no meeting this month as we have our first visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea – **Monday 28 March**. For those booked on this trip we leave the West Maldon Community Centre promptly at 10.00 am (please leave your cars at the far end of the car park) and pick up at Eves Corner Danbury at 10.10 am. Contact on the day is now Mary Burd on 07801 430566

Our next meeting at the Town Hall will be on **Tuesday 3 May** 2 pm when Stephen Nunn is coming to talk about Maldon and the Great War. £1.50 and all members are welcome.

We currently have spaces on our visit to Great Dunmow Maltings and Museum. **Monday 23 May** at 10.15 am. This is a car share visit and the cost is £3.50 including refreshments.

Lee Valley Olympic Tour - Thursday 24 March

For those booked on this trip the coach will leave the West Maldon Community Centre at 9.00 am - please leave your cars at the far end of the car park. We will then pick up at Eves Corner Danbury at 9.10 am. We arrive at Broxbourne at 11am for the boat cruise - morning coffee and pastry are included. There will be free time in Waltham Abbey for lunch or bring a packed lunch before we visit the Olympic site at Stratford.

We anticipate leaving London at approximately 4.45pm. Contact on the day - Mary Burd 07801 430566

Mary Burd

Snooker

The Snooker group has now reached the maximum number of members who can be accommodated at the snooker room at our weekly venue, The Constitutional Club. There are only four tables and there are members of the club who want to use the facilities at the same time as us. Unless the situation changes it will not be possible to increase our present number
John Williams.

NEW GROUP

Rumikub

We have two groups starting, one in Maldon and one in Danbury. If anyone is interested in playing Rumikub please contact:
Colin Beckett on 01245 222163 for a Tuesday afternoon and
Doreen Warwick on 01621 853821 for the 4th Friday

Nostalgia's not what it used to be.



Well a very large number of members gathered together at the Town Hall on a cold February day, for a wallow in the past. This particular past was the 50s and 60s – two decades we remember like yesterday.

They say the past is another country – and indeed it often looked like it; relatively empty roads, more formal clothes even at leisure, and holidays spent on our own beaches. There were affectionate

murmurs round the room about cars, hairstyles and other familiar objects as our memories were jogged watching these precious homemade films.

For most of us this was our time of becoming adults and raising our families – when we strode out to conquer our bit of the world.

We could get sentimental and say these were the good old days, things aren't what they used to be and so on, and indeed generations have probably always viewed the past in this way. The important thing is that we are here now, actively interested in our present world and in the process of creating nostalgia for the future.

It was a warm, friendly afternoon followed by tea and lovely cakes and we thank the organisers for getting it together.
Sheila Epps



LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES -

TUESDAY 5th April at The Ship at Tiptree 12.00 for 12.15 pm

Co-ordinator: Vaun Legerton Tel. 01621 840664

WEDNESDAY 20th April at The Ship at Tiptree 12.30 for 1 pm

Co-ordinator: Paul Costa Tel. 01621 853893

Note: If you sign up for the lunches and then find you are unable to attend for any reason, can you please notify the Co-ordinator as soon as possible, as places have to be booked at the venues.

Theatre Outings

We saw a very good production of *The Rivals* at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester in March. Not what everyone expected, and not the usual production you would expect to see, but that is the magic of theatre; expect the unexpected and enjoy the ride.

There are two more productions coming up at the Mercury. One coming in April is '**A View from the Bridge**' by Arthur Miller and the one coming in June is 'Dinnerladies – Second Helpings' by Victoria Wood. The first is a very strong play by a distinguished writer and the other, also by a clever writer, Victoria Wood, should be quite funny. Dinnerladies is booking up very quickly at the theatre so we have to book this production now to get seats. I am booking seats for both these plays,

'**View from the Bridge**' on the 20th April, at 7.30. The price for tickets will be £7.70. This is a Talkback production; the cast and director talk to the audience after the play has ended, and answer questions. This lasts approximately 20-30 minutes.

Dinnerladies on the 22nd June, also an evening performance at 7.30 ticket price £14.80. As this is not an in-house production the price for tickets is more.

If you would like to join me on either of these theatre trips please send me a sae and a cheque made out to Maldon and District U3A for each production. So two cheques if you want to book both.

Doreen Monk, 16 Orchard Close Tollesbury CM9 8TD. Tel. 01621 869212

SOCIAL AFTERNOON

Wednesday, 13th April

West Maldon Community Centre

Come and enjoy a delicious Cream Tea, chat with friends, listen to the music or join in the dancing.

Time: 2 pm

Price £5

Please reserve me Ticket's) @ £5 each

I enclose my cheque for £.... made payable to 'Maldon & District U3A'

Name's) of Member's)

Janet Buck 01245 227709

2012 Olympics Group – 493 days to go

**London 2012 tickets are now on sale until
Tuesday 26 April 2011**

**The Sports competition schedule for London
2012 Olympic Games was announced on 15
February**

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) today announced the complete sports competition schedule, including ticket prices, for the London 2012 Olympic Games.

**Team GB cyclists test the track at unveiling
of London 2012 Velodrome**

22 February 2011

Team GB cyclists, including Sir Chris Hoy and Victoria Pendleton, took to the track in the London 2012 Velodrome for the first time today, as the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) unveiled the first Olympic Park venue to finish construction, on time and to budget.

Taken from the London 2012 Olympics website.

Membership Renewal

Many thanks to all members that have already sent in their completed renewal forms and cheques. It is safer and easier to send that form now than leaving it to the last minute on 30th April 2011. If you have mislaid your form, they will be available at the Monday meeting or contact:

Michael Manning, Membership Secretary
Nathilda, Purleigh Grove, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, CM3 6HN
Tel. 01621 828605

U3A SHARED LEARNING PROJECT

What is a shared learning project?

Basically museums or other institutions sort out a research project for local U3As to attempt together. Ideally they are of a limited duration say three months with about 12 members from various U3As.

Local U3As recently had a meeting at Stow Maries Aerodrome that could use this type of assistance.

The aims at the aerodrome are two fold. Firstly the restoration of as many of the original buildings as a possible to their 1918 state and secondly the establishing of a large wildlife conservation area with wild grass meadows, ponds and scrapes. The site is divided roughly into two parts, one half wildlife and the other aviation.

On the air side seven buildings have been restored already and there are many more to do.

On the wildlife side a wild grass meadow has been sown, 5000 trees planted and one of three ponds dug.

At the meeting several projects were proposed.

(1) A tapestry or appliqué depicting the life of the squadron there in 1918, with local landmarks. This would eventually hang in the chapel there.

(2) Writing a series of walks, [about six] based on public footpaths, around the area that would either start at the aerodrome or where the aerodrome could be included in the walk.

(3) Museum Guide to allow visitors to self-guide themselves around the museum building and the site

(4) Critique of (a) the Aerodrome leaflet and (b) Website from an uninformed visitor's perspective and make recommendations for their improvement.

(5) Wildlife conservation issues: These are many and varied and anybody interested in wildlife or the local fauna and flora will find something to interest them.

(6) Service details of the other ranks that served with Stow Maries. Apart from the pilots little is known of the 400 or so ground staff that served there.

(7) During WW2 families who had been bombed out were temporarily accommodated there. What is their story? Some of the children could possibly still be around. Also Italian prisoners of war were there to help the farmer until repatriated. Another story?

(8) To design display boards on all the aircraft and RFC equipment that would have been used at Stow Maries.

What skills and interests are needed?

Needlework, local history, family history, aviation history, graphic design, botany, bird watching, photography, walking, writing and so on. Whatever you can offer will be useful.

You will be working with members of other local U3As. 'Research with a purpose.' These projects will be extremely helpful to the historic Stow Maries Aerodrome but to individual members it will give enjoyment and satisfaction in a job well done with a long lasting benefit to others.

Contact me if you can help in any way whatsoever

David Arnold on 01621 853866 (wantz@btinternet.com)

2010/11 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

List of Events and Outings during the year.

Thurs. 24 March	Olympic Visit
Mon. 28 March	Visit to Royal Hospital, Chelsea - Local History
Wed. 13 April	Cream Tea with Music and Ballroom Dancing - Social
Mon. 18 April	Open Day at Wickham Bishops Hall
Wed. 20 April	"View from the Bridge" - Theatre
Wed. 4 May	Visit to Royal Hospital, Chelsea - Local History
Mon. 23 May	Visit to Gt. Dunmow - Local History
Mon. 6 June	Trip to Norfolk - Maritime
Thurs. 9 June	Five Star Swing - Social
Wed. 22 June	"Dinnerladies" - Theatre
Mon. 27 June	Visit to Museum of Kent Life - Local History
Tues. 28 June/1 July	4 Day Gardeners' trip to Kent and Area
Frid. 1 July	Globe Theatre visit "Alls well that ends well"
Mon. 4 July	Trip to Lowestoft - Maritime
Thurs. 7 July	Hog Roast - Social
Mon, 18/21 July	U3A Summer School Harper Adams University College Newport
Mon. 1 Aug.	Trip to Felixstowe - Maritime
Mon. 22/28 Aug	U3A Summer School Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester
Thurs. 8/12 Sept	5 day Maritime trip to Swansea and area
Mon. 26 Sept	Visit to Eltham Palace - Local History
Wed. 28 Sept	Beetle Drive - Social
Fri. 28th Oct	Country & Western Evening - Social

Further details of the above events available from your Co-ordinator or in the Newsletter.

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### Note for Co-ordinators

A leaflet giving details of all the halls available for hire in the Maldon and District is available in the Maldon Tourist Office,.

## *Discussion Group*

### **What the Papers Say**

The `Discussion Group` met once again armed with articles from the press and elsewhere to use as topics for discussion and the first gem to surface was a headline that read "Police Warn Shed -Owner Theft Victims Not To Cover Their Windows With Wire Netting for Fear Of Injuring Burglars" and to add insult to injury stated that all electrical high voltage tools should be clearly labelled to avoid electrocution of the illegal intruders. It was a surprise in fact that `First Aid` boxes were not made obligatory for use of these interlopers. Although `Human Rights and Compensation` were at the heart of this warning, if these burglars were fortunate to escape injury but had the misfortune to be caught and jailed ,all is not lost on the compensation gravy train for these now self-made Suffragettes as money could still be theirs if they don't get the vote.

However, all these injustices did not deter our lady members who promised a good hand bagging to any intruder in their homes so beware all burglars `You have been warned`!! and it is good to know that David Cameron is looking into it for us.

`The Adoption Agency` then became our next focus with a report about a refusal of adoption to a decent qualified foster couple of a 4 year old boy because they refused to give an undertaking that they would inform the lad that homosexuality was acceptable in this day and age because of their religious beliefs. What ever happened to a book at bedtime with `Winnie The Pooh` Sweet dreams little ones with your new tales.!!

Social web sites such as `Face Book and Twitter` then came into focus with no real criticism of their use when it came to keeping in touch with one`s Grandchildren although of course they do have their downside when young teenage girls run off with older men after viewing a photo of a young handsome specimen on the screen. Some concern was expressed about the continual texting of inconsequential conversation requiring equally inane replies especially amongst the young so much so that one wonders whether we are all becoming robotic electronic messengers without any human feeling or understanding.

Cyber Bullying ,however ,still remains a mystery to our ageing group and completely escapes our understanding as to why anybody should voluntarily turn to `Face Book` or a mobile phone to watch themselves being bullied and to add insult to injury not to mention the cost involved ,a headline was produced which read "Police patrol Facebook to catch the cyber bullies with a view to prosecution. With that I rest my case with the bottom line "Don`t believe all you read in the newspapers" or as comedian Frank Carson would so eloquently put it in his Irish brogue "Its The Way You Tell `Em"

An interesting afternoon had by all and thanks once again to our host and hostess Ken and Doreen  
Ray Harman

## *Reading Group*

Mingling with a chain gang of Essex mayors in full regalia, two members of our reading group, Christine Elgin and Jessica Patient, attended the launch of the Essex Book Festival 2011 on the 3rd March at Chelmsford Library. The event was covered by a live outside broadcast of the BBC Radio Essex Dave Monk Show.

The highlight of the show was the indomitable Dave's interview of the renowned author, Joanna Trollope. Promoting her newly published book, *Daughters-in-Law*, she spoke of the ideas which led her to write this novel, a narrative which has been described by one critic as "something as grim as Greek tragedy [being] played out around the cosy family dinner table".

Free refreshments and the gift of a free book left our representatives feeling content that their literary interlude had been worth the journey!

The Essex Book Festival continues until the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Details of events and booking information can be obtained from local libraries and by visiting the website: <http://askchris.essexcc.gov.uk/ebf/default.asp>

The author Esther Freud will be at Maldon Library on the 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. Our lively and flourishing reading group is now full but if you would like to establish a further reading group then we would be very happy to offer support and guidance –

please contact our co-ordinator Sheila Epps 01621 850467

## *5 day trip to France 23rd to 27th September*

**Gt. Baddow U3A Travel group are organising a 5 day trip to France**  
Their itinerary includes a hotel in Rouen, then visiting the Chateau de Beaufort, Bayeux tapestry, Honfleur and Chateau de Vendevre plus a walking tour of Rouen.

Price: £425 (£485 single) half board and entry to Chateau's etc.

**They are running short of time and require a deposit of £150 by the 31st March if you are interested.**

Contact Sylvia Perry on 01245 474356 for more details.  
[sylviaperry@talktalk.net](mailto:sylviaperry@talktalk.net)

## *Aviation*

Our **April 19<sup>th</sup>** meeting is replaced by the visit to the Brooklands Aviation and Motor Museum. We may a few seats left on the coach for what will be a very interesting day out. £18.50 including entry.

We will be at the Vintage fly in day at Stow Maries Aerodrome on

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. May.**

Also **Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>** we return to Stow Maries Aerodrome for our meeting.

We will be booking for Shuttleworth Collection on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. June**

Flixton Museum & Snape on **Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>**. and Duxford for the Spitfire day either **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> or Sun 4<sup>th</sup>. September.**

We have some really good events to take part in this year, not just sitting and watching:

Flights over Essex or Kent in a light aircraft, helicopter trip over London and a balloon trip over Essex. And other things !

Contact David Arnold on 01621 853866.

## *Pétanque (Boule)*

It is a question of names, a boule is what we would call a ball and is the thing you throw. Pétanque is from a southern French dialect [Pieds Tanque] and means 'keep your feet planted' and is the name of the game.

We are often asked what is the correct name for the bit we play on. The official name for the whole area is a 'Pétanque terrain'. The strip that you actually play on is a 'piste'. All French words.

In some parts of France, Morocco and in the USA they have come up with a new word and call it a 'Boulodrome'. They use this especially, but not only, when they play indoors in the winter. This sounds a lot better, so we think where we play should be called the Maldon Boulodrome in future!

We will play on Thursday afternoons at 2pm when it is nice weather. It is great fun in the open air. No leagues, competitions or anything like that.

Barbara Arnold 01621 853866

**Chelmsford Opera** will be performing Donizetti's engaging and lightharted opera '**ELIXIR OF LOVE**' in English at The Boswell's School in Chelmsford on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March at 7.30pm . Tickets cost £12.00.

Please contact the director, Veronica Smith on 01621 828176 for any information

## *Swimming*

The group has been swimming since Maldon U3A started, but there are now more members from the Blackwater and South Woodham U3A's than our own! We meet alternate Wednesdays at the Blackwater Leisure Centre from 9-9.45 am

The Group is now looking for a new co-ordinator, to take over as soon as possible, please.

If there is anyone out there who is interested, please let me know.

Gill Rowell on 01621 740619

## *Gardeners*

We held our first meeting at Mundon V.H., on March 9 and we had an excellent turnout and the talk by Linda Holdaway gave us an insight into the early days of the National Garden Scheme and that it is now going from strength to strength, donating thousands of pounds to well worth charities. My thanks also to the volunteers for providing all those delicious homemade cakes.

**Tues. April 26** 2.30 pm. Plant Swap at the home of Jan Robertson, 6 Blenheim Close, Bicknacre, CM3 4NE

Another request for homemade cakes please

June trip to Kent. Can I please have your cheque for the balance of £260 by the 18th April, made out to Bowen Travel

## *Botany*

This month the botany group will be looking very closely indeed at leaves and what they do. If the weather is suitable we intend to arrange a visit to find the elusive parasitic Dodder at an Essex site. We meet on every 1st and 3rd Friday in the month at W.M.C.C. and welcome new members. Please contact

Veronica Smith on 01621 828176

## *The Arts Group*

Members of this group visited Oaklands Park Museum Chelmsford on Thursday morning 10th March to see an exhibition of Textiles, small but very interesting, also the History of Chelmsford, with stories of Marconi, Hoffmans, Cromptons & Christys with extremely good interactive displays and the Military Museum. We ended the morning with the inevitable cup of coffee and chat.

Joyce Cotterell

### *Maritime*

The next meeting of the Maritime Group is on **Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 10:00 am at **The Blackwater Sailing Club Heybridge**, for an illustrated talk by Malcolm Case and Brian Brindle on the history, development and use of Airborne Rescue Boats as designed by the Cowes inventor Uffa Fox; there will also be information on Uffa Fox's life.

There will be sign-up sheets at the next meeting for the groups planned trips to Norfolk on **Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>**. Cost will be £24.00 per person. Lunch NOT included.

Lowestoft on **Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>**, to hear about and see the reconstruction MTB 102 with visits to the maritime museum and the International Boatbuilding College. Lunch NOT included.

On **Monday, August 1st**, trip to Felixstowe Docks. Lunch NOT included.

All U3A members are very welcome to attend.

Malcolm Case

### *Meteorology*

The next meeting of the Meteorology Group is on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**, starting at 2:30pm at The Little ship Club, Maldon. There will be an illustrated talk by Malcolm Case on "Some Meteorological, Optical, and other Phenomena". The talk will include what happens during a thunderstorm, atmospheric conditions for the occurrence of thunderstorms; tornadoes and water spouts; Halo's; Corona; Rainbows plus many other meteorological phenomena.

All U3A members are very welcome to attend.

Malcolm Case & John Robson

### *GLOBE THEATRE VISIT.*

" ALLS WELL THAT ENDS WELL"

**Friday, July 1st.** Seats will be in the Lower Gallery and could range from £15 through £17.50, £22 to £30 depending on availability Please specify the maximum price you are willing to pay..

The Coach Fare for a 35 seater, and based on 20 people would be approximately £17, but with more people the price would obviously reduce.

People attending the February Meeting will have already signed up for this visit, so please let me know if you are interested, as soon as possible. after reading your Newsletter.

Beryl McDonell.

## Date for your Diary

Come and support us for a great  
Night Out

## ***FIVE STAR SWING***

Recognised as one of the most versatile & accomplished

Jazz and Swing Bands in the U.K.

"They Swing Like Crazy"- BBC

(Glen Miller, Shirley Bassey, Frank Sinatra)

## Thursday, 9th June

Maldon Town Hall

Doors open - 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Tickets: £15.00

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles

