

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Table Tennis Snooker Luncheon Club Gardeners Reading	2 Ten Pin Bowling Wine Group	3	4 Mah Jong Making Music	5 6 Bird watching Fingringhoe	
7 Maritime	8 Table Tennis Snooker	9 Ten Pin Bowling Spanish Painting Bridge	10 Continuing French French Conversation Reading Essex Rivers	11 Canasta Sing for Pleasure	12 Maritime Mv Prin- cess Pocahon- tas	13
14 Handicrafts German Whist Photography	15 Table Tennis Snooker	16 Ten Pin Bowling Luncheon Club Clock Repairs	17	18 Mah Jong Luncheon Club Breakfast	19 20 Maritime. - 6 day trip to Liverpool and Chester	
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28 10th Anniversary Celebration Astronomy Whist German	29 Table Tennis Snooker	30 Ten Pin Bowling	31			

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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NEWSPLETTER



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MALDON AND DISTRICT



Maritime Group
Thames Sailing Barge Match aboard the
mv Princess Pocahontas on Saturday July 12th

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FROM THE CHAIR



A year has now passed since taking over as Chairman and, much to my surprise; I am thoroughly enjoying the role. I know this is due to your Executive Committee who, throughout the year, have given me no end of advice and support, for this I would like to express my thanks to all of them.

The Social Committee held a very successful Tea Dance on the 23rd May and I, as I am sure you are, look forward to their next event (The Welsh Evening).

Alan Buck
Email: alan-buck@talktalk.net

10th Anniversary Celebration

28th July

(One week later than usual Meeting)

Wickham Bishops Hall
Admission by ticket only

CO-ORDINATORS

Chairman	Alan Buck	01245 227709	Mah-Jong	Molly Polden	01621 856507
Vice Chairman	Beryl McDonell	01621 842093	Maritime History	Malcolm Case	01245 329435
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Membership Sec. Committee	John Robson	01621 828236	Painting	Joyce Stokes	01245 223579
	Michael Blackwell	01245 227206	Petanque (Boule) Group	Barbara Arnold	01621 853866
	Paul Costa	01621 853893	Photography	Mary Richardson	01621 857829
	Pat Fancourt	01245 225569	Poetry	Jo Robson	01621 828236
	Eunice Legerton	01621 840664	Reading 1st Tuesday	Christine Elgin	01621 858146
	Jan Robertson	01245 225657	2nd Thursday	Sheila Epps	01621 850467
Social Committee	Dorothy Denmark	01245 223960	Scottish Country Dancing	Shirley Grummett	01621 853288
Astronomy	Molly Tring	01621 854732	Singles Dining	Ray White	01621 891598
Aviation	Bill Fancourt	01245 225569	Sing for Pleasure	Sylvia Carpenter	01621 854905
Ballroom Dancing	Jo Robson	01621 828236	Snooker	Bill Fancourt	01245 225569
Bird Watching	Pat Clements	01245 223427	Spanish Conversation	Wilma Turner	01621 851510
Boule			Strollers	Gill Stone	01621 853948
Bridge	Sheila Epps	01621 850467	Swimmers	Gill Rowsell	01621 740619
Canasta	Marian Manning Margaret Dale	01621 828605 01268 765239	Table Tennis	Gordon Hardy Julie Doidge	01245 223012 01621 841205
Clock Repairs	Stanley Clements	01245 223427	Ten Pin Bowling	David Arnold	01621 853866
Computers-	Jan Robertson	01245 225657	Theatre Group	Enid Hall Sheila Epps	01621 891618 01621 850467
Discussion	Ray Harman	01621 891736	Whist	Molly Polden	01621 856507
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Essex Rivers	Beryl McDonell	01621 842093	Writing for Fun	Pat Sizer	01621 892201
Family History	Frank Stokes	01245 223579			
Continuing French	Sylvia Carpenter	01621 854905			
French Conversation	Bill Stichbury	01621 855828			
Gardeners	Jan Robertson	01245 225657			
German	Jenny Plumb	01245 226112			
Handicraft	Jan Robertson	01245 225657			
Local History	Mary Burd Alfred Couldrey	01621 843020 01245 226259			
Luncheon Club	Mike Wood Paul Costa	01245 222839 01621 853893			

FOR SALE

I have bought by mistake a wrong Coloured Ink Cartridge for my printer
Unfortunately I opened the package before realizing my mistake
and Tesco's will not take it back.

The Cartridge itself is still sealed, unused, cost £17.98

The Printer it is for a Hewlett Packard 3810

Can any member use this for half price?

Tony Cuthbert 01621 856094

2 CRT 17" Computer screens, perfect pictures,
good working order, make me an offer?

Tony Cuthbert 01621 856094

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### **Free**

(Daughter left it behind)

Pine Ikea Book Shelf - Flat pack, as new

H24" x W31" x D 12" 3 shelves

Ideal for Grandchildren's Bedroom

Jan Robertson on 01245 225657

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Telephone Seat with Table

Dark Wood—Excellent condition

£20.00

Angela Gray, Tel. 01245 225363

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### **Wanted**

Wanted: second-hand portable CD/tape player with good power rating suitable for playing classical music in a vaulted room for use by the Blackwater U3A Music Appreciation Group (which has members from Maldon U3A). Please contact Jean Smith on 01621843054.

### **NATIONAL OFFICE**

19 East Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1QH

Tel 020 8466 6139 Email national.office@u3a.org

Web site www.u3a.org.uk

Resource Centre: email: resource.centre@u3a.org.uk

Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, 12th July

### **Bird watching**

Sunday 4th May. It was a beautiful sunny Sunday morning when a group of us set off for the Lee Valley, Epping. On arrival at the car park we noticed a rather large group gathering together before setting off with their binoculars and note books. Pat spoke to their leader and as a result we were invited to join in with them. We were pleased that we did, as they were a very knowledgeable group and happy to share all they knew about birds with us. We began by hearing a number of nightingales singing, but were unable to spot them. Continuing our walk we saw quite a variety of birds; dunnocks, robins, chaffinch, garden warblers, black-cap warbler, chiff-chaff, blue tits, jay, a white throat, cormorants swimming and also perched in the trees, pochard, heron, tufted ducks, great crested grebe, swans, a shoveller, coots, geese, shelduck, and a few of us were fortunate enough to catch a fleeting glimpse of the really colourful kingfisher.

It was a really enjoyable trip, thank you Pat for organising it.

Dorothy & John

### **GLOBE VISIT**

**Tuesday, August 19**

Coach Fare £5.00

Please could you let me have cheques by Monday June 30th made out to Maldon and District U3A.

Beryl McDonell 01621 842093

### **Strollers**

There will be no walk on July 20th as it clashes with the trip to Liverpool. Sorry! We shall be back on track in August. GS

### **Astronomy**

**Monday June 23rd** will be about the planets. We have a good DVD but hope you might add your info, too. 7.30 pm, WMCC. All welcome.

**Monday, July 28th** we are getting a speaker, Tony Dagnel, who will give an illustrated talk about Sir Bernard Lovell OBE

### **Gardening**

We had to cancel our visit to the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Brickwood in Rayleigh on the 27th May due to the atrocious weather but they have kindly invited us again on

**Tues. July 22.**

**Tues. June 17** at 2.30 pm  
Visit to 4 Fernlea Rd, Burnham on Crouch and then to Corinne Layton's cottage, Latchingdon for tea.

**Tues. July 1** visit to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Leese, Chippens, Heath Road, Bradfield, nr. Manningtree at 2.30 pm.

Please sign up at meeting or give me a ring.

Jan

### **Computers**

Our next meeting will be June 26 in the Linton Room, WMCC at 2-4 pm.

Despite a hold-up on the M11 which did not get the trip off to the best of starts, seventeen members of the Aviation group enjoyed a superb day out at The Imperial War Museum Duxford on the 20th May.

The weather was dry and bright, and although it was not a flying day there was plenty to see. We were met by our guide, David Lee, who is the ex deputy director of exhibits and whose knowledge of the site and the aircraft was incredible. He showed us around The Airspace Hall, which is the newest exhibition hall, and the American Air Museum, filled with US military aircraft past and present. We also saw exhibitions of Naval Aircraft, the Battle of Britain Exhibition with a "shot down" Messerschmitt 109 and Hurricane fighter, and a reconstruction of the Ops Room as it was during the height of the Air Conflict. David's explanations were laced with humorous anecdotes and stories, and were very informative. We then had lunch and were left to our own devices for the afternoon. Members looked around all the exhibitions at their own pace and many also saw the Land War Exhibition, which was large enough to warrant its own visit, including Tanks, self propelled guns, artillery pieces, trucks and many more items of interest.

We left at 4.30 pm and had an uneventful trip back to Maldon. On behalf of the members, I would like to thank Bill Fancourt for arranging a thoroughly enjoyable day out.



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Note to Co-ordinators

Can you please inform me of the dates for your group if you should be having a rest during July, August or September and your recommencement date.

Jan Robertson, Newsletter Editor

LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES -
Times 12.15 pm

TUESDAY Tuesday July 1 at the Hurdlemakers,
Woodham Mortimer
Co-ordinator: Mike Wood Tel. 01245 222839

Friday 18th July The venue for our annual "Heart attack on a plate" full English Breakfast at **The Old Ship** at Heybridge Basin, Time 10.00 am. That's **Ten O'clock in the morning.** (Not our usual Lunchtime)
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.

NOTES FROM MAY COMMITTEE MEETING

Finance – Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2008 were presented, ready for external examination prior to the AGM. The Treasurer was asked to contact co-ordinators about sums of cash held and the need to transfer sums over £50 to be banked, ring fenced for future use by the group.

Membership– At 30 April the waiting list stood at 65. 42 members had not renewed. The Membership Secretary will offer vacancies to those on the waiting list, up to a total of 400 members.

Management of AV Equipment and Storage Space – A volunteer is needed to manage and maintain the AV equipment, and secure lock-up storage space is also needed. Any member who can help should contact the Chairman.

Essex U3As are planning an inter-U3A Quiz. We shall be looking for 6 – 8 team members. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

Committee Meetings are held the second Monday in each month in the Claydon Room at Heybridge Plantation Hall at 2 pm, and normally last until 4 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 14 July.

For further information, please contact Pamela Turnbull, Business Secretary.

BLACKWATER U3A
Contact: Dorreen Linton, Chairman 01621 853428
SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS U3A
Contact Rosemary Dorado, Chairman 01245 321102

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28th JULY Meeting
Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm
<i>10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</i>
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Astronomy—3 day visit to Jodrell Bank

We had an excellent joint outing, with members of Burnham, Chelmsford, Billericay, Brentwood, Gt Baddow, as well as Maldon.

We went to the Space Centre in Leicester, where we had an exciting view of space travel from the astronauts' perspective.

Next day we visited Jodrell Bank, lucky enough to see the massive structure move to a new star, where it will track it slowly as the Earth turns. It can do this in daylight, as it uses radio, and not light waves. We had a 3D flight to Mars, but could cheerfully have left the "Joker" guide there! On to Liverpool, another interesting visit to Mars, Saturn and the night sky in a wonderful museum that could have easily filled several days!

On the last day we travelled through the beautiful Peaks and Dales to Woolsthorpe Manor, the home of Sir Isaac Newton. This was my favourite, as there were lots of scientific toys, and very knowledgeable people to explain them.

I'm glad that the latest probe arrived safely on Mars, but we did it before them!
Molly Tring



Next Meeting

Monday, July 28
Talk by Tony Dagnel about Sir Bernard Lovell OBE
West Maldon Community Centre
At 7.30 pm

Discussion Group (Ray Harman)

`Education, Education, Education were the three words heralding in our previous Prime Minister on his election success in 1997 and one could be excused for assuming that a `Revolution` in the education of our young was at hand so with two topics relating to education, the discussion group set about trying to unravel the mysteries of our present system.

We as grandparents are perhaps fortunate in being mere spectators in this arena of child education today and no doubt with some nostalgia recall our own childhood memories of school classrooms when all pupils speaking English sat in wooden desks facing front and where stood a well-dressed teacher personifying authority and respect. Multiplication tables were learnt by heart and reading and writing seem to progress naturally without electronic aids or government interference. Exams were passed and failed without a public outcry of unfairness and at the tender age of 11 or 12 were selected by examination to enter a Grammar School or directed towards a less academic but more practical and vocational type of education.

This simplistic and generalisation of young education at that time undoubtedly had its faults and left much to be desired but today one could be forgiven for doubting whether indeed the great `Revolution` has taken place or perhaps we have just simply changed the name of things. Words such as `Selection, Pass or Failure are not acceptable and have been largely replaced by `League Tables, Lotteries, and Grades from A-Z. Old Municipal Colleges have become Universities giving the illusion that 50% of our school leavers actually go to University. With ever increasing G.C.S.E passes, employers have difficulty in differentiating between the `Average` and the `Above Average` and have asked for distinguishing marks

Recent reports have indicated that some councils have instructed their schools to re-organise their classrooms so that all pupils face the front and give some thought to the old tried and tested ways of teaching mental arithmetic and reading. `Revolution` then is perhaps with us again but with a different meaning. Who knows what the future will bring!!

Although the discussion group was somewhat depleted by an increase in truancy, a pleasant afternoon was had by all with thanks to our Headmistress Doreen and Headmaster Ken for their hospitality.

The next meeting will be on the 19th June instead of the 5th June at Holt Drive Wickham Bishops with a free for all on `What the Papers say` This will be the last one before the Summer recess

RECIPE

No. 2

PORK and GINGER CASSEROLE

Neck fillet of pork. Approx 3lb for 6 people

1 cooking apple

Few dried apricots

Mushrooms

2 onions

Garlic

10fl.ozs cider

Chicken stock (enough to cover)

Salt pepper

Mixed herbs

Worcester sauce

Grated fresh ginger

Tomato puree

Celery

Red pepper

Method

Cube meat and flour

Fry onions and garlic

Add chopped mushrooms, peppers and chopped celery

Add rest of ingredients

Pour into casserole, cover with tight lid

Bake approx 2 hrs 170c

This recipe can be adjusted to your own taste and what you have in the store cupboard eg leeks, tomatoes, courgettes

Also can be made day before or freeze until required

Pat Clements

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I had a good response to my request for recipes and will insert one each month. Please keep sending them to me  
Jan

Independence at Home  
The Guinness Trust are offering  
**HANDYPERSON SERVICE**

Helping older and disabled people in the Chelmsford Borough and  
Maldon District remain safe and independent in their own homes.

The service is able to offer a Handyperson Scheme to residents who need minor repairs to their home for an £8 per hour contribution towards labour costs.

In order to prevent falls in the home, the Handyperson will be able to carry out a FREE Home Safety Check, fit handrails and grab rails and also fit long life bulbs.

They will also be able to:

Repair doors. Rehang gates. Unblock waste pipes. Replace a WC ball valve. Replace broken paving stones. Fit door bells. Replace tap washers. Extend telephone lines.

They are unable to tackle:

Gas or electrical work. Decorating. Chimney/roof repairs. Gardening.

If you need help or know someone that may need some advice, please call on

01245 392121 Or email [IatH@guinness.org.uk](mailto:IatH@guinness.org.uk)

Unit 209, The Waterhouse Business Centre, 2 Cromar Way, Chelmsford, CM1 2QE  
Charity No. 208076

Guinness Independence at Home works in partnership with  
Chelmsford Borough Council  
Maldon District Council  
Essex County Council

## 2008 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

List of Events and Outings during the year.

|                       |                                                             |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 21 June          | Welsh Evening—Social                                        |
| Mon. 23 June          | Guided Tour of Hylands Hse, Chelmsford—Local History        |
| Sat. 12 July          | Trip on mv Princess Pocahontas—Maritime                     |
| Mon. 14 July          | Guided walk of Colchester—Local History                     |
| 19/24 July            | 5 day trip to Liverpool and Chester and Tall Ships—Maritime |
| <b>Mon. 28th July</b> | <b>10th Anniversary Celebration. Wickham Bishops Hall</b>   |
| 28/31 July            | U3A Summer School Harper Adams, Newport, Shropshire         |
| Thurs. 31 July        | Barbecue                                                    |
| Mon. 4 Aug            | Little Ship Club—Talk by HM Customs—Maritime                |
| 11/14 Aug             | U3A Summer School, RAC Cirencester                          |
| Tues. 19 Aug          | Globe Theatre visit                                         |
| Thurs. 21 Aug.        | Picnic                                                      |
| Fri. 19 Sept.         | Quiz                                                        |
| Mon. 22 Sept          | Visit to St. Albans Cathedral & Verulamium—Local History    |
| Mon. 6 Oct            | Dinner, theme 'Mary Rose' at Little Ship Club—Maritime      |
| Sat. 8 Nov.           | Jazz Evening                                                |
| Sat. 29 Nov.          | Beetle Drive                                                |
| Mon. 1 Dec            | Little Ship Club—Christmas Buffet—Maritime                  |

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

### *Social News*

A big Thank You to all of you who supported the Tea Dance, and an even bigger one to all the ladies who baked the scones and cakes - much appreciated. This month's event is less active - a concert by the South Woodham Ferrers Male Voice Choir to be enjoyed as part of our **Welsh Evening on Saturday 21 June**. If you can't borrow a Welsh rugby shirt, try to come in the Welsh national colours of red, green and white. As previously stated, only light refreshments will be served in the interval, so don't come expecting a feast!

Next month we hope for a glorious summer evening for the **Barbecue on 31 July**, but just in case it isn't, please come prepared. And remember to bring the necessary eating irons this year! Booking form in this newsletter, page 15/16 On the subject of the barbecue, we usually hire two barbecues and use one belonging to a member, who comes and helps with the cooking. It has been suggested that there might be other people out there who also own such a barbecue and might be prepared to bring it along. We could probably help with transport. Any offers to me, please, on 01245-223960, or any member of the Social Committee.

Dorothy Denmark

# CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

## Maldon and District U3A---year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Once again it is with pleasure to report we seem to be as successful as ever with our membership maintaining a healthy 400. The waiting list for people applying for membership still outstrips the vacancies that arise, which again proves our formula of allowing co-ordinators to run their chosen group activities independently (provided they keep inside the U3A guidelines) really does work.

The last twelve months has seen an increase in the number of trips organised by our co-ordinators to a variety of destinations, all of which were enthusiastically supported. The number of Groups seems to have consolidated at approx 40 which I think, considering the total membership of 400, is a very healthy sign.

The Social Committee has continued with outstanding success to arrange monthly programmes to suit all tastes. All the last year's events were very well attended.

Once again we held a co-ordinators meeting to thank them for all the hard work they put in over the last twelve months. We also had the usual coffee morning for new members in order to welcome them and explain what is available in our U3A.

The Newsletter still continues to be the source of information for every member and even though the cost is increasing is still being produced monthly and every effort possible is made to ensure all members receive a copy.

There were the usual theatre visits to both Local and London venues all of which were well supported as were the Group Outings of which there were many.

We continue to support the Association of Essex U3A's with Beryl McDonell as our representative. This last year has seen a joint "Rivers" project with the Blackwater U3A start to produce some very interesting facts about the variety of things happening along our riversides.

## Should you wish to organise a Coach Outing?

**English Heritage** welcomes educational groups, including U3As, free of charge to over 400 of the country's most significant historical properties. Visits to about 150 properties must be made in advance; bookings should be made at least 14 days before you wish to visit, but for busier sites you will need to book much further in advance to avoid disappointment.

### *Poetry*

The next Poetry Group meeting at Pat Willis's house on the 26th June at 2 pm. The subject is (British) places.

Anyone interested in a trip to Snape Maltings Concert Hall for a Poetry Prom. on **Wednesday 27th August** Tickets: £10 plus cost of transport. Starts at 7.30 pm until 9.30 approx. If enough people wish to go I will book a small coach.  
Jo

## **ESSEX RIVERS GROUP**

### ABBOTTS HALL FARM

We had a most interesting visit to this 700 acre coastal farm where they have shown how sustainable coastal defences can lead to the creation of coastal marshes which are vital for the future of both wildlife and people. It is a working farm where they aim to show how wildlife can flourish alongside profitable farming.

We chose to go there because of its proximity and involvement with the River Blackwater, but would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who would like to spend a morning or afternoon strolling on the edge of the marsh, looking for birds, flowers, insects and seeing the several different crops which are under cultivation and rounding it off with a picnic lunch at the edge of the old orchard and beautiful garden.

It is open daily from Monday to Friday and there is no admission charge, but there is a box for donations to the Essex Wild Life Trust which both owns and manages it.

Our next visit is on Thursday, June 26th. We will be going to Mersea Island  
Beryl McDonell



**THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME - OR DID SHE?**

**ANTICIPATION**.....Just wait until we get home!  
**CONTORTIONISM**...Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck?  
**IRONY**.....Keep crying & I'll give you something to cry about  
**HYPOCRISY**..... I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate  
**TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**.....If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I've just finished cleaning.  
**LOGIC**.....Because I say so, that's why.  
**RELIGION**.....You'd better pray that the stain comes out.  
**WEATHER**.....Your room looks as if a tornado has hit it.  
**STAMINA**..... You'll sit there until it's all gone.  
**CONTRADICTION**....Shut your mouth and eat your food.  
**TIME TRAVEL**.....I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week.  
**FORESIGHT**.....Make sure your underwear is clean, in case you get knocked down.  
**WISDOM**.....When you get to my age, you'll understand!

**Ring a few bells?**

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**BARBECUE on 31 July 2008**

Please reserve me ..... Ticket(s) @ £.8.00 each  
I enclose my cheque for £.... made payable to 'Maldon & District U3A'  
Name(s) of Member(s) ..... Phone No.....

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

**The Tenth Annual General Meeting of Maldon & District U3A**

will be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 at 2.15 p.m. at Wickham Bishops Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the ninth Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.
3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2008.
4. To receive and approve the Annual Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.
5. To receive the Chairman's Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.
6. To receive and approve the examined accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.
7. To appoint an examiner for the accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.
8. To confirm the subscriptions to be paid by members for the year 2009/2010.
9. To elect three committee members to serve for three years.
10. To consider any other business previously notified.

*Pamela Turnbull,*  
Business Secretary.

**NOTES**

**Eligibility for office and to vote**

All paid-up members for the year 2008-2009 are eligible to stand for committee and to attend and vote.

**Ordinary June Monthly Meeting**

This will take place before the AGM at 1.45 p.m. for announcements and the booking of outings, etc. The AGM will be followed by a strawberries and cream tea.

**MALDON & DISTRICT U3A  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, 21 JANUARY 2008  
AT WICKHAM BISHOPS VILLAGE HALL**

**Present :** Mr A Buck (Chairman), Mrs B McDonell (Vice-Chairman), Mrs P Turnbull (Secretary), Mrs R Case (Treasurer), Mr J Robson, Mrs E Legerton, Mrs J Robertson, Mr M Blackwell, Mrs P Fancourt, Mr P Costa, and 150 members.

**Apologies:** None.

- 1 The Special General Meeting was called to discuss and vote on changes to the constitution.

**Resolution 1**

**5 MEMBERSHIP**

**5 (ii) Each full member to have one vote.  
Approved by all members present.**

**Resolution 2**

**5 MEMBERSHIP**

**5 (iii) All membership fees must be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May in each year. The Executive Committee may, without notice, terminate the membership of any individual whose membership fee is not paid by the due date.  
Approved by all members present.**

**Resolution 3**

**5 MEMBERSHIP**

**5 (iv) The Executive Committee may, and for good reason, terminate the membership of any individual if the member acts in a way which is prejudicial to the U3A or to the running of the U3A or brings it into disrepute, provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee, accompanied by a friend, who may also speak, or make a written representation, before a final decision is made.  
Approved by all members present.**

To adopt the revised constitution.

**Approved by all members present.**

**Signed .....**      **Date .....**  
**(Chairman)**

**MALDON & DISTRICT U3A — SOCIAL EVENT**



**ANNUAL BARBECUE**

**Langford Village Hall**

**Thursday 31 July 2008**

**from 6.00 p.m.**

**We will provide and cook the food**

**BRING EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED**

**tables, chairs, drinks, glasses, plates and – above all –  
cutlery (and possibly rugs, umbrellas and/or sunglasses)**

**The evening finishes when it is too dark to see  
what we are doing!**

**Dress code: Anything goes**

**TICKETS: £8**

Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of booking form overleaf or at the Monday Meeting together with your cheque made out to 'Maldon & District U3A.

Tickets available from:

Janet Buck  
58 Augustine Way  
Bicknacre  
CM3 4ET  
01245-227709

Enquiries:

Dorothy Denmark

01245-223960

**U3A members only!**

### ***Maritime Group***

Thames Sailing Barge Match aboard the mv Princess Pocahontas on Saturday July 12th 2008.

We will depart the West Maldon Community Centre at 8:00 am prompt by coach for Tilbury Landing Stage where we will board the ferry for Gravesend.

At Gravesend we will board the mv Princess Pocahontas and sail down river towards Whitstable to watch the Barge race, returning to Gravesend between 3:00 and 4:00 pm. We will then return to Tilbury Landing Stage by ferry and pick up our coach and we should be back in Maldon by about 5:00 pm.

Lunch is available on board the mv Princess Pocahontas at additional cost and needs to be pre booked, should you wish to have lunch then please contact me so that I can let you know the menu choice and cost; sandwich's, tea and coffee are also available on board and do not need to be pre ordered.

There are still a few places available at a cost of £28.00 per person, anybody wishing to go on this trip then please contact me on 01245 329435.

Malcolm Case

### ***Pétanque Group***

We are proceeding well with the new terrain with many of our U3A members helping. We are hoping to have it finished by the end of June, or so the notice put up by the council says! Come and have a look how it is going or better still come and help. We only do a couple of hours at a time and we only do what we think we can manage. It is called the 'Green Gym'.

By the way the game is not French but Egyptian. Two balls and a jack were found in the sarcophagus of a prince of the 52nd Century BC. So there is archaeological evidence that a similar game was played over seventy centuries ago. Subsequently there have been historical references in both France and England at the time of Edward the Third and Elizabeth the First. What else could Drake have played on the Hoe at Plymouth? It is fact that a game played with cannon balls the size of cricket balls was very popular with both soldiers and sailors at that time.

Contact Barbara or David Arnold for more details on 01621 853866

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Useful information as mentioned in June's Saga Magazine

Tax Help for Older People, Tel. No. 0845 6013321 or www.taxvol.org.uk

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Do readers also know that from February 2008 there has been a new, FREE, business sponsored Directory Enquiries Service on 0800 100 100. BT's Service costs £2.68.

## **MALDON AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**

Also known as

MALDON U3A UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (MALDON AND DISTRICT)

MALDON U3A

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (MALDON & DISTRICT)

Registered Charity No. 1086182

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2008**

**Chairman : Mr Alan Buck**

**Treasurer : Mrs Rosemary Case**

**Secretary : Mrs Pamela Turnbull**

Constitution adopted 19 October 1998

amended 19 March 2001, 17 June 2002, 9 June 2003, 21 January 2008

### **Objects**

#### **The objects of the U3A are:-**

- (1) to advance the education of the public and in particular the education of older people no longer in full-time gainful employment in Maldon and its surrounding locality.
- (2) To provide facilities for leisure time and recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the above persons in the interests of their social welfare.

#### **Bankers**

**Barclays Bank, Maldon, COIF Charities' Deposit Fund, London and Nat West, Maldon**

#### **Examiner of Accounts**

**Mr John Smith-Daye, Lambert Chapman, 112b, High Street, Maldon, CM9 5ET**

#### **Trustees at time of signing Report:**

#### **The Management Committee:**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Alan Buck         | (Chair)      |
| Beryl McDonell    | (Vice Chair) |
| Rosemary Case     | (Treasurer)  |
| Pamela Turnbull   | (Secretary)  |
| Michael Blackwell |              |
| Paul Costa        |              |
| Pat Fancourt      |              |
| Eunice Legerton   |              |
| Jan Robertson     |              |
| John Robson       |              |

#### **Other Trustees**

Appointment of additional Trustees: Two persons can be co-opted to the Executive Committee.

Income Reserves Policy: Reserves sufficient to cover a year's rent on the meeting hall and one excess payment on the Public and Products Liability insurance cover held by the Third Age Trust.

A summary of the main activities and achievements of the charity during the year in relation to the charity's objects can be found in the Chairman's Report.

**MALDON & DISTRICT U3A MINUTES OF NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 18 JUNE 2007**

**AT WICKHAM BISHOPS VILLAGE HALL**

**Present** Mr Tony Mandara (Chairman)

Mr Alan Buck (Vice Chairman)

Mr John Robson (Treasurer)

Mrs Gay Liddle (Business Secretary)

A total of 122 members (including the above)

**1. Apologies:** Joyce Cottrell, George & Margaret England, Vaun Legerton, Robert Liddle

**2. Minutes of 2006 AGM**

The printed minutes having been circulated, were taken as read.

Proposed by Alan Buck & seconded by Jan Robertson, approved unanimously & signed as a correct record.

There were no matters arising.

**3. Annual Report**

The Annual Report was read by the Chairman

**4. Accounts for the Year Ended 30 April 2007**

The Treasurer advised that Lambert & Chapman had examined our accounts & given an unqualified report.

The Accounts were then presented by the Treasurer, there were no questions & the accounts were approved unanimously, proposed by Gillian Stone & seconded by Alan Buck.

**5. Examiner of Accounts for the Year Ended 30 April 2008**

The motion that Mr John Smith-Daye of Lambert & Chapman, Accountants, Maldon, should be appointed as the Examiner of our Accounts for 2007-2008 was approved unanimously.

On behalf of the Committee & Membership, the Chairman set on record our gratitude for their services.

**6. Subscription for Year Ending 30 April 2009**

Subscriptions were to remain as per the previous year.

**7. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer & Business Secretary**

Four nominations have been received for these posts. Alan Buck for Chairman, Beryl McDonell for Vice Chairman, Rosemary Case for Treasurer & Pamela Turnbull for Business Secretary.

All four are currently serving on the present Committee in different capacities & as there were no other nominations these people were duly elected unanimously.

**8. Election of three Committee members**

Four members of the current Committee will have completed their three year term. John Robson has agreed to stand for the new Committee together with Eunice Legerton & Paul Costa.

All have been nominated to fill the vacant posts. As there were no other nominations these people were duly elected unanimously.

Gay Liddle & Brian Brindle are not standing for re-election, the Chairman thanked them both for their hard work & commitment to the Committee during the past three years.

John Robson proposed a vote of thanks to our Chairman, Tony Mandara for all his sterling work over the past three years. All applauded.

**9. Any Other Business**

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

..... (Chairman)                      Date .....

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**Afternoon Tea Dance
Friday 23rd May**

Eileen and I had a lovely afternoon at the Saville Suite last Friday. What better way for two people who enjoy ballroom dancing as much we do to spend an afternoon?

We were there with good friends, enjoying good dance music, Dorothy had arranged a varied programme of Waltzes, Quicksteps and Foxtrots with the addition of the Two old time favourites the Veleta and St Bernard's Waltz and for the real experts the Tango. We had the added pleasure of a Cha Cha lesson given by the lady who teaches our ballroom dancing group. Latin American was not to be left out with the Samba and Rumba being enjoyed by both dancers and watchers.

Where would a Tea Dance be without the tea. We were treated to home made scones with butter, jam and cream, a lovely selection of home made cakes. An afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done and thank you to all who helped to put on such an enjoyable event.

Fred Lane