The University of the Third Age

MALDON AND DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

Maritime Visit to Liverpool
'Queen Victoria' and 'Queen Elizabeth'
at the Cruise Terminal

JUNE 2015

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FROM THE CHAIR

At the May meeting, there was an issue with the disabled parking spaces at Wickham Bishops village hall. We have raised this matter with BHSA Management Committee and are still awaiting their response.

Should any member have any constructive comments to make on any U3A issue, please do not hesitate to contact either me or any Committee member or use the comments book which is available at the main meeting.

Left behind at the April main meeting at Wickham Bishops Village Hall, pair of sunglasses, ladies coat, ladies scarf and a ladies cardigan; please contact me to reclaim any or all of these items.

Malcolm Case

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The Annual Essex Inter-U3A Quiz Day
will be held on
Tuesday July 7th 2015 at 1.40 for 2.00pm
Christ Church URC
164 New London Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AW

Please could we have volunteers to make up an eight-member team for a challenging but enjoyable afternoon of keen competition.
Tea and biscuits are provided and the afternoon should finish about 4 pm.
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Local and General History

Our next meeting is on **22 June** with a talk on

'The Great War - Mobilization & Local Defences'

The visit to Saffron Walden & Audley End on **27th Ju**ly is full but I am holding a waiting list if you want your name added to it.

Co-Ordinators Mary Burd
Michael Blackwell

Architecture Group

Friday 10 July We shall resume watching Dan Cruickshank's Adventures in Architecture, and Fred Dibnah's Building Collection.
2.30 pm at West Maldon Community Centre. All welcome.

Art Appreciation

Our first meeting at Joyce and Geoff Cotterell's was most enjoyable with members discussing their favourite artists or paintings.
The paintings ranged from modern abstract, to Russian landscape to European classical. The artists varied from local painters to the Russian abstract painter Kandinsky, the French portraitist Ingres, the Flemish Renaissance painter of peasant life Pieter Bruegel; to the English urban landscape painter LS Lowry, equine artist Alfred Munnings and Sir Cedric Morris known for his pictures of irises.
Our next meeting at 2pm on **Tuesday 7th July** will be primarily for tea and cakes, and also to view the collection of paintings at The Artcafe, 2 Coast Road, West Mersea, CO5 8QE. Members will be encouraged to share cars to minimise the parking problems.
On **August 4th** we will visit the Munnings Gallery at Dedham to see Alfred Munnings' world famous collection of paintings of horses.
Andy Simmonds

Scottish Country Dancing

We will not be meeting in July and August. Recommence 10th September.
Shirley Grummett

Bird Watching

On a recent visit to Fingringhoe the group were hoping to see wading birds but the tide was high and the small waders were hidden in the marshes' tidal gullies: a Marsh Harrier was patrolling which did not help our cause.
We subsequently moved to the heathland area, where a group of other like minded bird watchers advised us they were looking for Nightingales (Luscinia Megarhynchos). We heard a Blackcap (Sylvia atricapilla) which because of its song is often called the Nightingale of the North. The song came from the depths of a gorse bush from which the bird suddenly moved with its jerky flight to an adjoining bush and disappeared once again.
We were about to leave when the unmistakable song of a nightingale began emanating from the gorse. We heard but did not see this shy bird.
Next meeting **4th July** at Blue House Farm, North Fambridge.
Meet at reserve car park 10.00am.

Aviation

At our last meeting at Stow Maries we were treated to an excellent talk on the history of the aerodrome but disappointingly the attendance was low, perhaps because the notice was very short. I am trying to rectify this.
At our next meeting, **Tuesday 16th June,** the talk will be given by our own Mike Styman entitled "There is more to aviation then just flying".
There are still places available for the Clacton Air Show on **Friday, 28th August**. This is and might also be my last chance to see the V bomber fly.
Malcolm Case is organizing the trip to Duxford this year, which will be on **19th or 20th September**.
Look forward to seeing you all on **16th June.**
Brian Johnson

Antiques

We had a very enjoyable afternoon. Among over 100 ducks (not the cricket sort) many of which had been brought back by member's visits to Australia, USA, and Spain. Some made of porcelain, others of wood and stone, all with their markings, some more colourful than others.
After refreshments it was time to depart for home.
Liz Wood

Maritime

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday July 6th**, meeting at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin at 10: 00 am for an illustrated talk by David Tournay, a volunteer of the Pioneer Sailing Trust. Since 1999, when the fledgling Pioneer Sailing Trust raised the wreck of 'Pioneer', the organisation has been busy with a range of interesting and challenging projects. In this presentation David will describe the work of the Trust and tell the stories associated with a number of the historic ships that it has restored and put back in to action. He will also describe the Trusts' work with young people and how this is playing an ever increasing part of its role in helping young boat builders in Essex.

All U3A Members are very welcome to come to the talk.
Malcolm Case

Astronomy

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday June 22nd** – meeting at Stow Maries Aerodrome at 7:30 pm for an illustrated talk by Peter Bassett on *"Are We Alone"* With all the 200 billion stars in our galaxy, a large proportion now known to have planets, surely there must be other civilisations out there somewhere asking the same question... "*Are We Alone*?" The talk includes Crop Circles, a fair consideration of UFOs and other fringe subjects on this popular matter. Props include an alien, a model flying saucer, and radio telescope demo. The more serious science to this can even be done at home.

The following meeting is on **Monday July 27th** – meeting at Stow Maries Aerodrome at 7:30pm for a talk by Tony Tring on "The Chemistry of the Heavens".

All U3A Members are very welcome to come to the talks.
Malcolm Case

Trees

The group will continue to meet at intervals during the summer for gentle walks at various places to identify trees.
Please telephone for details of the next one.
Veronica Smith

BARBEQUE

Wednesday, 29th July
Langford Village Hall
6.30 pm start
Entertainment:
Country & Western Flavour by Steve & Katy

Bring your own chairs, tables and drinks
Price £12
Tickets from Barbara Byam Shaw:
Cheques made out to Maldon & District U3A

WINE GROUP 3

Chateaux & Vineyards of The Loire
Tuesday 17 May 2016

In association with Simply Groups we are hoping to organise the above holiday. This will be 5 days/4 nights.
Return coach travel from Maldon with short cross channel ferry crossings.
4 nights bed & buffet breakfast at the 3* Grand Hotel de Tours.
Dinner included nightly at local venues/restaurants.
Excursions to various chateaux, entrances.
Five wine tastings and guides included.

Cost: Depending on numbers approximately £609 pp
Single Supplement £39.

Mary Burd & Paul Costa - Co-ordinators Wine Group 3
If you would like further information or a booking form please contact Mary Burd

2015 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

Events and Outings during the year

Wed. 17 June	Walk thru' Bloomsbury & BBC Broadcasting Hse—Ldn Walks
Fri. 26 June	Backstage Tour of the National Theatre—Ken Cocks
Tues. 7 July	Essex U3A Assoc. Essex Quiz at URC, Chelmsford, Afternoon
7/10 July	4 day trip to the Midlands—"Places of Interest"
Mon. 27 July	Guided walk in Saffron Walden & visit Audley End—L.Hist
Wed. 29 July	BBQ at Langford VH - Social
Wed. Aug. 19	Walk thru' Clerkenwell—Ldn Walks
25/27 Aug.	U3A Nat. Conference & AGM, East Midlands Conf. Centre
Thurs. 27 Aug.	'Miss Saigon' Prince Edward Theatre, London—Theatre
Fri. 28 Aug.	Clacton Air Show—Aviation
Mon. 7 Sept.	Midsomer Murders Country & Goring Gap Tour—Maritime
19 or 20 Sept?	Visit to Duxford Aerodrome—Aviation
Mon. 21 Sept.	**Maldon U3A Open Day, Town Hall**
Mon. 28 Sept.	Monuments & public art of London & Olympic Park—L.Hist
Web. 11 Oct.	Walk in Lambeth & tour of Lambeth Palace—Ldn Walks
Tues. 24 Nov.	Cockney Evening—Social

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

London Walks and Talks

Our next meeting is on **June 17th**, when we have a guided tour of Bloomsbury followed by a tour of BBC Broadcasting House. This visit is fully booked.
On **Wednesday, July 15th** we have a talk by Elaine Beckett. Elaine will be speaking about the Clerkenwell Area of London, an ancient London Parish. In the past the area was part of London's industrial heartland and from 1850-1960 was known as London's Little Italy and was home to the Sabini gang. Clerkenwell boasts two bustling markets -- Smithfields and Exmouth and a famous theatre ---Sadlers Wells.
The talk will commence at 2.30 pm at the West Maldon Community Centre.
All members welcome. Entrance fee £2.
At this meeting we will be taking bookings for our walk on **Wednesday, August 19th**, when David Evans will be our guide in the Clerkenwell District and will show us the fascinating mix of the medieval and modern in Clerkenwell.

Janeen Trew
Christine Speed

Chairman's Report - 2015

This my second year as Chairman has, again, been very busy, interesting and at times, challenging. Our membership numbers have varied from 375 to 407 over the year, for various reasons some members are not re-joining, so we are now able to welcome new members.

The main object of U3A is shared learning and with so many groups in so many fields there are interests for everyone. My thanks to all Co-ordinators, not just the new groups but to all of you because this is what U3A is all about.

The friendliness of the groups and the variety lies with the co-ordinators who not only organise meetings but outings and holidays. We all appreciate what you do; thank you all very much.

The social committee under the chairmanship of Carol Priest has produced many excellent events during the year. Carol has now handed the chairmanship to Mike Childs. My thanks to Carol for running the social committee so successfully for many years and my best wishes to Mike for the future. Thank you to all the members of the social committee.

Five new groups have started over the year, Art Appreciation, Architecture, Aviation, Cribbage and Geology, other groups, large and small, have a very loyal following. Our co-ordinators' meetings still prove successful and helpful and our new members' coffee morning is always well supported.

There have been many very enjoyable outings and holidays this past year to a variety of places. Thank you to all the organisers, it is a lot of hard work but your efforts are welcomed and very much appreciated.

Our general monthly meeting speakers, all of whom have been arranged by Marrie Webster, have covered a wide variety of subjects from My life as a freelance comedy writer for the BBC, Behind the scenes at Buckingham Palace to The Wandsmen of St Paul's Cathedral, to mention but a few.

My sincere thanks to all the Committee members for their help during the past year.
Our Business Secretary, Kym Marshall, has been hard working and a great help.
Martin Cook, our Treasurer, understands and manages the accounts in such an efficient and professional way, a very important job.
Marrie Webster, as Vice Chairman, has been a great support over the year. Marrie has agreed to remain on the committee.
Alan Clarke works really hard on our membership lists and produces excellent reports for us.
Jan Robertson works endlessly on our Newsletter with, as I am sure you will agree, great results.
Fred Lane has looked after our hall requirements here and has organised the hall for our monthly meetings. He is standing down from the Committee but will be remaining as our representative on the BHSA committee.

My thanks to Sylvia Beckett, Judith Johnston, Andy Simmonds and Veronica Smith for all their help over the past year and also to John Bowen and Tony Groves for their work on our web site, something I hope you all look at. Lastly my thanks to so many helpers, greeters, sound technicians and all of you who enable us to run so smoothly.

We continue to seek an alternative venue for our monthly meetings. However, trying to find a venue large enough to accommodate us is still proving elusive. Our average attendance at the monthly meetings to date this year is 141, our peak attendance to date has been 173.

A survey was undertaken last year in order to offer members the opportunity to comment and suggest ideas about the main meetings. We considered carefully any feedback or ideas suggested. This principle of helping and encouraging members to share their thoughts now continues with the Comments Book which is available at the main meetings.
Our Treasurer, Martin, and I will complete our three years on the Executive Committee in June 2016. Both of us will be standing down then. To enable our U3A to continue, the post of Chairman and Treasurer must be filled so I urge you to consider our replacements.

With so many members I do try to take note of your advice and ideas and I do very much appreciate your interest, support and help.

New members, new ideas - this all makes a healthy group. Thank you all for your support and helpful advice this year. Let's continue to work together to make Maldon & District U3A the success that it is..

Malcolm Case

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Strollers

Sunday, 19th July. This month's walk will be in Earls Colne. It is a pleasant walk with varied terrain and some beautiful views. The field edge walking contrasts with a stroll through ancient woodland; there is a section of riverside walk and a wander through the water meadows. The route also goes through two separate nature reserves and across the Colne Valley Golf Course and we go past Chalkney Mill, with its prize-winning Longhorn cattle.
Parking is at Earls Colne Car Park, just off Queen Street, behind the Drum Inn.
Postcode for Sat Navs is CO6 2QZ. Lunch will be available for those that want it, but I will let you know where that will be on the day.
Gill Woods

Strollers Too

The next walk will be on Tuesday 28 July. Meet at The Star PH, Steeple CM0 7LF at 1015 for 1030 start. This circular route is 4.5 miles and takes about 2.25 hrs.
This attractive, easy walk has four stiles and follows the sea wall. OS Explorer Map 176.
Details from Anna Williams
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MALDON & DISTRICT U3A
Minutes of Sixteenth Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 16th June 2014
at Wickham Bishops Village Hall

Present: Malcolm Case (Chairman), Marrie Webster (Vice Chairman), Martin Cook (Treasurer), Patricia Riddell (Business Secretary), Dorothy Denmark, Fred Lane, Jan Robertson
A total of 120 members

Apologies

David & Barbara Arnold, Mike & Shelia Childs, Alan Clarke and Carol Priest.

Minutes of Fifteenth Annual General Meeting

These minutes had been circulated and on a proposal by Fred Lane, seconded by Mave Studholme, were unanimously agreed and signed.

Annual Report

This was circulated and on a proposal by David Williams, seconded by Alan Buck, was agreed and carried unanimously.

Chairman's report

The Chairman said that since he took over from Joyce Cotterell it had been a very busy and interesting time. The membership had been full, but for various reasons, some members had not re-joined and we are therefore able to welcome new members. He reiterated the main object of the U3A, that of shared learning and mentioned that with so many varied groups there is interest for all. He thanked all the Co-ordinators, the Social Committee, and all the organisers of the many outings and holidays attended throughout the year. He gave special mention and thanks to the Committee members in turn. The feedback from the forms given out in March and May was very positive and will be discussed by the new Committee as soon as possible in order to continue to keep Maldon & District U3A successful.
On a proposal by Judith Johnston, seconded by Sylvia Beckett, the report was agreed and carried unanimously.

Examined Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014

The Treasurer presented the examined accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014. He pointed out that the format is a little different from previous years. The 'core' activities include receipts and payments. This emanated from a call to U3A head office on a different enquiry. Although 'social' transactions do not need to be formally reported, they have been included as best practice. He went on to outline the income from membership and pointed out that thanks in part to members agreeing to receive their magazine in pdf form, it has been possible to save a considerable amount in postage and printing cost. He explained that under the Third Age Trust guidelines, we needed to hold reserves of twelve months expenditure together with reserves to cover replacement of AV equipment. He pointed out that at this time we are slightly below the recommended level.

He then turned to the balance sheet and showed that the bank and cash funds at the end of the year amounted to £21247.03 with £9466.21 of this total held by groups for future activities. This left a General Reserves of £11780.82. Approval of the report and accounts was proposed by Bernard Gore and seconded by Fred Lane and carried unanimously.

Appointment of Examiner

Martin Cooke asked that Lambert Chapman LLP, Chartered Accountants be appointed to examine the accounts for 2014/2015 and on a proposal by Alan Buck, seconded by Jean Cuthbert, was carried unanimously.

Confirmation of subscriptions for 2015/2016

The Treasurer then went on to say that the subscriptions have remained at £19 for five years. He said that costs will increase with inflation and as there have not been so many renewals/new members in 2014 this will not generate adequate income for the coming years. He proposed that the 2015/2016 subscriptions be increased to £20 for each member. One member said that another U3A paid less than £19. It was suggested by the Treasurer that maybe they organised their finances differently to ours. The Chairman said that he had asked the Maldon Area U3As what their fees were and they all paid £20 per member. The Treasurer asked for approval to raise the fees to £20 for 2015/2016. This was proposed by Michael Blackwell and seconded by Gill Stone and, with the exception of one abstention, was agreed and carried.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

Marrie Webster as Vice Chairman, was proposed by Joyce Cotterell and seconded by Ralph Lavender, there being no further nominations, Marrie was duly elected to serve for one year as Vice Chairman as allowed under our Constitution.

Kym Marshall as Secretary was proposed by Patricia Riddell and seconded by Glenna Wilkins, there being no further nominations, Kym was elected to serve as Secretary for three years.

Sylvia Beckett as Committee member was proposed by Rosemary Case and seconded by Malcolm Case, Judith Johnston as Committee member was proposed by Dorothy Denmark seconded by Alan Clarke, Fred Lane as Committee member was proposed by Paul Costa and seconded by Joyce Cotterell and Andrew Simmonds as Committee member was proposed by Alan Buck and seconded by David Catton; all to serve for three years.

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To consider any other business previously notified.

No other business had been notified.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm and the Chairman thanked members for attending the Sixteenth Maldon & District U3A.

MALDON AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
also known as
MALDON U3A UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (MALDON & DISTRICT) UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (MALDON & DISTRICT) Registered Charity No. 1086182
ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

Chairman: Malcolm Case
Treasurer: Martin Cook
Secretary: Kym Marshall

Constitution: Adopted 19th October 1998
Amended 19th March 2001, 17th June 2002, 9th June 2003, 21st 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 the Nat West, Maldon.

Examiner of Accounts

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

Trustees at the time of signing the Report

The Management Committee: Malcolm Case (Chairman)
Marilyn Webster (Vice Chair)
Martin Cook (Treasurer)
Kym Marshall (Business Secretary)
Alan Clarke (Membership Secretary)
Jan Robertson (Newsletter Editor)
Sylvia Beckett
Judith Johnston
Fred Lane
Andy Simmonds
Veronica Smith

Other Trustees

Appointment of additional Trustees: Two persons can be co-opted to the Executive Committee. For the period of this report, Veronica Smith was co-opted.

Income Reserves Policy: reserves sufficient to cover one year's general expenditure 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.
Malcolm Case

AGENDA

The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of Maldon & District U3A

Monday 15th June 2015 at 2.15 pm at Wickham Bishops Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business

To receive apologies for absence.

To approve the minutes of the sixteenth Annual General Meeting.

To receive and approve the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2015.

To receive the Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st March 2015.

To receive and approve the examined accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015.

To appoint an examiner for the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015.

To confirm the subscriptions to be paid by members for the year 2016/2017.

To adopt the proposed changes to our Constitution.

To elect one Officer – Vice Chairman, to appoint one Committee member and confirm the appointment of Veronica Smith to the Committee.
To consider any other business previously notified.

Kym Marshall
Business Secretary.

NOTES
Eligibility for Office and to vote – All fully paid-up members for the year 2015/2016 are eligible to stand for Committee, and to attend and vote; except under the terms of our Constitution, where only one member from any one household shall serve on the Committee at one time.

The ordinary June monthly meeting will take place before the AGM at 1:45pm for the purpose of announcements and registering for events.

Strawberries and cream will be served after the AGM.

Queen Mary 2

Houses at Port Sunlight

Locks at the National Waterways Museum

20th July Meeting
Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm

Speaker
'My life of Hats'
Colin Banks

Aviation trip on 30th May to the Bentley Priory at Stanmore, the Control Centre of Fighter Command from where the Battle of Britain was eventually won, and the de Havilland Mosquito Museum.
Picture one: all 31 of our members at the De Havilland Mosquito Museum.
Picture two: Royal Marine Derek Watson in front of the WWII Horsa Glider in which he crash landed at Elsenham, after an epic flight of around 600 miles, via Sheffield, being towed by a Lancaster Bomber (the 3 inch thick tow rope snapped!).
Picture three: Wing Commander Johnson and crew on board the 'Nimrod' Sea Vixen.

LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES

Times 12.15 pm

TUESDAY **June 2nd at The New Times, Tiptree**
Co-ordinator: Mike Wood

WEDNESDAY To be advised
Co-ordinator: Paul Costa

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.

U3A CROQUET OPEN GROUP

For the 2014 season, Heybridge U3A Branch formed a Croquet Group, playing Golf Croquet fortnightly as guests of the Maldon Croquet Club, led by John Gorrie. The Club provided all playing equipment, with prepared and marked-out lawns, in return for a £3 guest fee, the same as that normally charged to visitors. Golf Croquet, at its basic level, is a formalised version of the garden game, but requiring considerable tactical and physical skills at the highest levels. A total beginner can be playing after a fashion within half an hour, improving with practice to play at a purely social level or, over time, in competition. John has produced a series of A4 sheets, covering various aspects of the game, to supplement the tuition given to beginners.

Following a successful first season, he would like to open up the Group on the same basis to all U3A Branches in the Maldon area, beginning with the Maldon & District Branch. Located at Forrester Park Golf Club, Beckingham Road, halfway between Heybridge and Tiptree, Maldon Croquet Club has four lawns, and could therefore accommodate up to 32 players in doubles games. Unfortunately the twelve mallets belonging to the Club would mean sharing unless we could arrange to meet in two sessions, chosen to avoid the Club's own sessions and home inter-club matches.
At present U3A Croquet is on the first and third Thursday of the month, from 10-12 am.

If you get a taste for the game, you may choose to join the Maldon Club at some stage. You could, of course, continue to play with your friends in the U3A Group, but you would benefit from being able to play at any time of your choosing as a Club member. You would also gain social membership of the Forrester Park Golf Club, with discount prices at the bar and restaurant, and would no longer pay the U3A green fee. Playing only with the U3A Group is better value if you wish to play occasionally. Club membership is advantageous if you intend to play regularly. In either case, the clubroom is available for a coffee, a drink or a full meal. Interested?

Contact: Gill Stone, Chairman Maldon Golf Club

Plant Pots

I should like to thank all the members who have kindly answered my appeal for 3" pots for the Danbury Open Day plant table. I have been overwhelmed.
Liz Wood.

Maritime Group Holiday to Liverpool and see the Three Queens

(celebrating 175 years of the Cunard Company) 24 -27th May 2015

Sunday 24th May. On the way to our hotel in Chester we visited the Shugborough Estate. It is the ancestral home of the Earls of Lichfield and is now owned by the National Trust. The private apartments of the late photographer, Patrick Lichfield were open. The Georgian Mansion has lovely views of the riverside garden and a stunning collection of porcelain. There were costumed characters in the servants quarters and farmstead: doing laundry, cheese making, milling, brewing and baking. It also has a walled garden and follies in the parkland.

Monday 25th May . We arrived in Liverpool at the Albert Dock just after 10 o'clock. In this area there is a lot of different places to visit, Tate Liverpool, The Museum of Liverpool, The Merseyside Maritime Museum, The International Slavery Museum and The Beatles Story and some have free entry.

The three liners appeared in line. It was very impressive and they looked so big. Each liner turned 180 degrees simultaneously so they were now facing down river. As soon as this manoeuvre had been completed the Red Arrows flew over head. There were cheers from the crowd. Shortly after this QM2 left, Queen Elizabeth berthed at the Cruise Terminal and Queen Victoria anchored in the middle of the Mersey. After our boat trip we made our way quickly to our coach, agreeing it had been a really wonderful day.

Tues 26th May. First we visited the National Waterway Museum at Ellesmere Port. It was started by a group of enthusiasts to preserve a vanishing way of life. The Victorian buildings, which house the museum's displays, sits amidst locks and moorings. You can walk round the locks, docks and warehouses and visit its forge, stables and workers cottages.

Next we visited Port Sunlight Museum and Garden Village. Port Sunlight was built at the end of the 19th Century, this garden village was originally built as a home for workers of the nearby Lever factory. The model village is the work of over thirty architects, and the variety of architecture is unique in the area. We had a very interesting guided tour by coach.

Our last visit of the day was to an exhibition called the U-Boat Story in Birkenhead. On May 5th 1945 U-534 was heading north towards Norway, when it was attacked by a UK aircraft, it sank. The vessel lay forgotten on the sea bed for over 40 years. In 1993 the wreckage was raised in the hope of finding hidden treasure aboard. Nothing was found. The U-boat had been cut into sections, with explanations of what you were looking at. There were interesting descriptions of life on board.

Wed 27th May. This morning we had a 'do as you please' time till 12.30. People chose to visit the picturesque city centre, walk the city walls, visit the cathedral or have a trip on the city tour bus. We arrived back in Maldon at 7 o'clock.

A big thank you goes to Malcolm Case and Alan Buck, along with their understanding wives for arranging such an interesting trip.

Jan Brown

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	Andrew Simmonds
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Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, 10th July

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Antiques	Liz Wood
Architecture	Judith Johnston
Art Appreciation	Andy Simmonds
Astrology	Liz Jones
Astronomy	Malcolm Case
Aviation	Brian Johnson Mave Studholme
Bird Watching	Pat Clements Peter Gaywood
Botany	Veronica Smith
Bridge	Sheila Epps
Bridge for the Curious	Gill Stone
Canasta	Elaine Bane Gerry Brooks
Computers	Jan Robertson
Cribbage	Pat Clements
Discussion	Ray Harman
Egyptology	Joyce Cotterell
Family History	Alan Buck
French Conversation	Ray Harman
Gardeners	Jan Robertson
Geology	Enid Hall
Handicraft	Marian Manning
Just Jazz	Jim Light Peter Beckett
Local History	Mary Burd Michael Blackwell
London Walks & Talks	Christine Speed Janeen Trew
Luncheon Group 1st Tues 3rd Wed. Eat & Meet 2nd Wed	 Mike Wood Paul Costa Joyce Cotterell
Mah-Jong	Molly Polden
Maritime	Malcolm Case
Music Appreciation	Enid Hall John Skuse
New Friends	Liz Robson
Petanque (Boules)	Jack Veash
Plantagenets	Beryl McDonell
Poetry	Jo Robson
Reading	Sheila Epps
Rummikub 1 Rummikub 2	Colin Beckett Beryl McDonell
Scottish Country Dancing	Shirley Grummett
Sing for Pleasure	Sylvia Carpenter
Snooker	John Williams
Strollers	Gill Stone
Table Tennis	Gordon Hardy
Ten Pin Bowling	David Arnold
Theatre Outings	Rosemary Case Joyce Cotterell
Trees	Veronica Smith
Weekenders	Beryl McDonell
Whist	Molly Polden
Wine Circle No. 1/2 Wine Circle No. 3 Wine Circle No. 4	Graham Boswell Mary Burd Paul Costa Alan Clarke
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge for the Curious Wine Circle	2 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Poetry Rummikub 2	3 Canasta	4 Bird Watching	5
6 Maritime Whist	7 Table Tennis Snooker Egyptology Luncheon Club Essex Quiz Afternoon Art Appreciation visit **7/10Trip to Midlands** Geology	8 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Luncheon Club	9 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Plantagenets Reading Rummikub 1	10 Architecture Mah Jong Sing for Pleasure	11	12
13 Astrology Handicrafts Whist	14 Table Tennis Snooker	15 Ten Pin Bowling London Walks & Talks Luncheon Club	16 Ten Pin Bowling Antiiques Bridge for the Curous Petanque	17 Canasta	18	19 Strollers
20 **Meeting 1.30 pm** Just Jazz	21 Table Tennis Snooker Aviation Gardeners	22 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Family History Wine Circle Writing for Fun	23 Ten Pin Bowling French Conversation Music Appreciation Petanque Wine Circle	24 Mah Jong Cribbage Sing for Pleasure	25	26
27 Astronomy Handicrafts Local History Whist	28 Table Tennis Snooker Strollers 2	29 Ten Pin Bowling **BBQ Langford**	30 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque	31 Canasta Family History		

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I try my utmost to get the calendar correct each month, but I would advise you always to check with your co-ordinator as to the date of your next meeting.