The University of the Third Age

# MALDON
# AND DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

## Barbeque
## Wednesday 13th July

June 2016

Reg. Charity No. 1086182

Web Site: **www.maldonu3a.co.uk**

*FROM THE CHAIR*

It is hard to believe that this is my last “From the Chair”. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your Chairman for the last three years.
I would like to thank you all for the support you have given to me.

During my Chairmanship I have got to know many of you and feel that I have made many new friends, and I look forward to continuing to be an active member of Maldon & District U3A for many years to come.

Car Parking is still an issue at Wickham Bishops Hall at the main meetings. Could you please, if possible, avoid parking in the area adjacent to the side entrance to hall and also avoid parking in the approach road to the hall car parking area, Thank you for your cooperation.

I have been advised that due to a request from Maldon District Council, no more coach pick-ups will be made from the West Maldon Community Centre car park.

It is extremely important that when you attend a monthly main meeting at Wickham Bishops hall, you must sign in on arrival. This is because we need to know who is attending the meeting in case of an emergency.

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

Malcolm Case
malcolmcase@talktalk.net

### *Family History*

There will be no meeting for the main group until September. Time and place will be notified later.

### *Family History ( Beginners)*

There is no meeting scheduled for June. July meeting will be confirmed in next month's newsletter.

Alan Buck

### *Trees*

Our last walk was most successful, culminating in finding a large Wild Service Tree in full flower. For the next one, meet at Madison Heights at 10.00 am on Tuesday 14th June. All welcome. There will be no walk on **Tuesday, 28th June** due to my being on holiday.

Veronica Smith

### *Local History*

"Never judge a book by its cover."

So it is with Titles of Talks. With the eloquence of our speaker, Tony Tuckwell. "How unfashionable Essex and Chelmsford got their Diocese and Cathedral" proved to be a very fascinating story, shedding new light on our local City and its Cathedral.

Our next meeting is on **Monday June 27th** when David Newman will give an insight into "Smuggling on the Blackwater." Given the current political climate, this talk could be both historical and topical.

On **Monday, July 25th** Ben Crussell, a history graduate associated with Maldon's Military Museum, will give his talk on "The History of Armour 1066-1550."

All meetings are held at Maldon Town Hall at 2pm. at £2.00 per session.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kathy, Jane and Sylvia.

**Eltham Palace Thursday July 7th**

The coach will depart from West Maldon Community Centre at 9.30. Please park on far side of Car Park.. Two seats on the coach have just become available and we would like to fill them. Cost only £23. We will pick up at the bus stop in Danbury at 9.40. Please let me know if you prefer this stop. and leave a message if I'm not there.

Sheila Epps

### *Maritime*

**Monday 4th July**, trip to Brightlingsea and The Pioneer Sailing Trust. The coach will leave Tesco's Maldon at 8:30am. If anyone would prefer to be picked up in Danbury could you please let me know by no later than **Monday 27th June.** Lunch, which has been pre-ordered, will be taken at the "Yachtsman's Arms" in Brightlingsea.
Malcolm Case

### *Maritime*

Five day trip **8th to the 12th September**, the balance payment is due to be received by "Just for Groups" on or before the 14th July. Your balance payment is as shown on your Confirmation of Booking document. Cheques should be made payable to "Just for Groups" and sent to them direct, their address is shown on your Confirmation of Booking document.
Malcolm Case

### *Aviation*

Having had two very successful trips this year we have unfortunately had to cancel the proposed trip to the RAF memorial at Capel-Le-Ferne,
We will endeavour to do this at another time.
I am prepared to organize the trip on Saturday **September 10th** to the Imperial War Museum Air Show " Meet The Fighters" but unfortunately I cannot go myself because I am booked on the trip to Devon with the Maritime group. The cost of the tickets is not yet known.
**Tuesday June 21st,** our next meeting, there will be a talk entitled "What goes up sometimes comes down". Not to be missed and a DVD on the Avro Vulcan. I look forward to seeing you there.
Brian Johnson

### *London Walks and Talks*

Elaine Beckett will be our speaker on **Wednesday, July 20th** at West Maldon Community Centre. Elaine's talk is entitled "Coffee Houses- a wakeful and civil drink". Talk will begin at 2.30 pm. All members welcome. There will be no meeting in August, so there will be the opportunity, at the above meeting, to book for our visit to Lambeth and Lambeth Palace on **Thursday, September 8th**.
Janeen Trew
Christine Speed

### *Astronomy*

Meet at 7:30pm. All meetings held at Chigboro Fishing Club, Chigborough Road, Heybridge. CM9 4RE.

**Monday, June 27th**– DVD on "Our Night Sky", followed by a discussion on the subject. If possible, a demonstration on the use of the Astronomy web site "Stellarium" (this depends on getting an internet connection).

**Monday July 25th** – Discussion and demonstration on the use of telescopes and binoculars suitable for astronomical observing. If you have a telescope or binoculars, then please bring them with you.

**Monday September 26th** – a talk by Professor Stephen Dodds, subject to be advised.

Malcolm Case

### *Strollers*

Boreham on **Sunday July 17th** - we are meeting at 10.15 for 10.30 start on the road outside the Queens Head Pub. From the A12 either at Springfield or Hatfield Peverel, take the B1137 and follow signs to Boreham. When you reach the Six Bells Pub turn down Plantation Road (this is opposite the pub). On reaching the T-Junction at the end turn right and parking is on the road. Post code CM3 3EG. The walk is 3 3/4 miles.

If you would like lunch can you please let me know by the **10th July.**

Contact - Gill Woods

### *Strollers Too*

**Tuesday 26th July** – Maylandsea

This is a circular walk along the northern shore of the Dengie Peninsular enjoying the salt marshes, creeks, boats and birds.

Meet at Hardy's Bar & Grill, Imperial Avenue, Mayland CM3 6AH – parking available in front or street parking. 10.15 for 10.30 am start.

I will be taking orders for lunch at the June walk or please contact me by **19th July** for menu choices.

Mary Burd –

### *Bird Watching*

Change of venue. The **Saturday, 2nd July** outing will now meet at Abberton and not Wallasea Island as previously published.

Peter Gaywood

## *Barbeque*
## *Wednesday 13th July*
## *Langford Village Hall*
## *6.30 to 10.00 pm*

***Ticket Price £12***

***A variety of meats, vegetarian alternative, salad and dessert, bring your own drink, plates and cutlery.***
***Your own tables and chairs, gazebo etc.***
***Entertainment by Rick Crawford***

**Tickets on**

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## Volunteers Needed

In order that we can keep our list up-to-date please can all Members who are willing to assist with catering when needed for the functions that the U3A organise, give their contact details to:
Barbara Byam-Shaw, or speak to any member of the Executive/Social Committee.
It is not an onerous task. Many thanks.

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## *DVD SWAP*

Please remember to bring your DVDs to the monthly meetings and swap for another entertaining evening's watching.

# 2016 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

Events and Outings during the year

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| 4 July | Visit to Brightlingsea—Maritime |
| 5/8 July | 4 day Holiday - 'Exploring Kent' - Jan Robertson |
| Thurs. 7 July | Visit Eltham Palace—Architecture |
| Wed. 13 July | BBQ at Langford Village Hall—Social |
| Thurs. 14 July | Visit to Leeds Castle—Plantagenet |
| Mon. 1st Aug. | Visit to Bawdsey Radar Museum & Woodbridge Tide Mill |
| 8/11 Aug. | National U3A Summer School—History of the Americas |
| 15/28 Aug | National U3A Summer School— Assorted |
| Wed. 31 Aug | "Showboat" Theatre Visit |
| 8/12 Sept. | 5 day Holiday - to Exeter - Maritime |
| Mon. 26 Sept. | Visit to Faversham & Whitstable - Local History |
| Fri. 7 Oct | Beetle Drive at Plantation Hall - Social |
| Tues. 25 Oct. | Essex Study Day—Plume School |
| Thurs.24 Nov. | An Evening Concert at the URC - Social |

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

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### *Art Appreciation*

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 5th July** when Judith Johnston (01245 223662) in Little Baddow has once again agreed to host the group, for a discussion on various artists.
Let me know if you wish to attend.

Andy Simmonds 0

### *Just Jazz*

The 20th June meeting of The Just Jazz group will be held in the Maldon Little Ship Club at 7.30pm. There will be a BAR as usual.
Please note that there will be no meetings in July and August.
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# Chairman's Report 2016

Three years ago when I took over as Chairman I hoped that such a successful U3A group should remain so. The ongoing mix of educational, social and physical activities, backed by the support of the committee, co-ordinators and enthusiastic, friendly members, has all helped to achieve this aim. Overall, my three years as your Chairman have been very enjoyable, thank you everyone for your support.

We held a very successful Open day at Maldon Town Hall last September, some 300 members of the public came to see what we as a U3A have to offer and from this, several joined our U3A. Our Christmas event was well attended and was, I believe, a complete surprise to many and I hope, enjoyed by all who came. Our eighteenth birthday celebrations in April, again very well attended, and I trust was enjoyed by all those present.

Our interest groups, of which there are over 45, continue to flourish. For instance, our ten pin bowling groups have held in excess of 700 meetings and one of our lunch groups has held over 150 meetings.

Within the county of Essex there are currently, 53 U3As and in the Maldon area there are four (Maldon & District, Limebrook, Heybridge and Blackwater) who have over 1000 members between them.

Our membership numbers have varied from 375 to some 450 over the year and currently stands at 415. For various reasons some members are not re-joining, so we are now able to welcome new members.

The main object of the 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 the 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 Mike Childs have organised many excellent events during the year. My thanks to Mike for running the social committee so successfully. Thank you to all the members of the social committee for your hard work.

Our Co-ordinators' meetings still prove very 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, who were arranged initially by Marrie Webster and latterly by Veronica Smith, have covered a great variety of subjects. To name but a few: "Fascination of Canals" by Clare Urry; "My life in Hats" a talk on a variety of jobs held throughout his life by Colin Banks; Mark Lewis who gave a talk about Hallmarks and Amanda Sutherland who gave a talk on "Stage Costume Designer to Jewellery maker".

My sincere thanks to all the Committee members for their help and support during the past year. Brian Johnson, as Vice Chairman, has been a tremendous support, Brian is standing for Chairman today. Marrie Webster, who is standing down after four years as Vice Chairman, and latterly as a member of the committee has been a great help and support during her time on the committee. Veronica, for taking on the role of Speaker Co-ordinator, not an easy task. Our Business Secretary, Kym Marshall has been hard working and maintains very accurate minutes. Martin Cook, our Treasurer, who understands and manages the accounts in such an efficient and professional way, a very important job. Martin completes his three years as Treasurer today, my sincere thanks to him for all of his work and support over the last three years. Alan Clarke continues to work tirelessly on our membership lists and produces excellent reports for us. Jan Robertson for working endlessly on our Newsletter with, as I am sure you will agree, great results. Judith Johnston, Sylvia Beckett and Andy Simmonds for all their help and support over the past year and especially with our three main events.

My thanks go to John Bowen and Tony Groves for their work on our web site, something I hope you all look and to Fred Lane who has looked after our hall requirements here and has organised the hall for our monthly meetings, Fred has been our representative on the BHSA committee and retires from this role today, Muriel Stevens will take on the role. Thanks also to Jim Light for maintaining and operating the audio visual equipment, Jim is standing down from this role today and Ken Cooper takes on the mantle of IC AV equipment. Thanks also to Anna Williams who is our representative on the West Maldon Community Association.

Lastly my thanks to so many helpers, greeters, sound technicians and all of you who enable us to run so smoothly.

Our average attendance at the monthly meetings since our 2015 AGM has been 156, our minimum attendance has been 107 and our maximum has been 171. Your committee have made every effort to find an alternative monthly meeting place but have realised that within the Maldon area there is, currently, nowhere of sufficient capacity to accommodate us. Any suggestions for an alternative venue that anybody has would be very welcome.

A survey was undertaken some two years ago in order to offer members the opportunity to comment and suggest ideas about the main meetings, we consider 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 always available at the main meetings.

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

Thank you, members, for your input and support in making my three years as your Chairman so enjoyable, and I wish the new Chairman and Committee all the best for the future

Malcolm Case

# MALDON & DISTRICT U3A

Minutes of Seventeenth Annual General Meeting
Held on Monday 15th June 2015
at Wickham Bishops Village Hall

Present: Malcolm Case (Chairman)
Marrie Webster (Vice Chairman)
Martin Cook (Treasurer)
Kym Marshall (Secretary)
Judith Johnston Fred Lane, Andrew Simmonds, Veronica Smith, Jan Robertson
A total of 107 members attended.

Apologies were received from Alan Clarke, Joyce & Geoff Cotterell, Sylvia Beckett, Alan & Janet Buck, Chris Bishop, Liz & Mike Woods, Susan Vanderhoof.

**Minutes of Sixteenth Annual General Meeting** These minutes had been circulated and on a proposal by Jean Cuthbert, seconded by Gill Stone, were unanimously agreed and signed.

**Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2015**. This was circulated and on a proposal by Mike Childs, seconded by Gill Stone, was agreed and carried unanimously.

**Chairman's report for the year ending 31st March 2015** The Chairman said that his second year had been interesting, busy and challenging. Our membership numbers have varied from 375 to 407 over the year so we are now able to welcome new members. He reiterated the main objects of the U3A and thanked the coordinators who organise meetings, outings and holidays. He thanked Carol Priest for running the Social Committee for so many years and welcomed Mike Childs as the new chairman.

He mentioned the five new groups started over this year, our co-ordinators meetings and our new members coffee morning are well attended and welcomed.

The Chairman spoke about the wide range of subjects covered by our monthly speakers. All of these were arranged by Marrie Webster.

He thanked all the committee members for their hard work and mentioned some of their jobs in detail. He thanked helpers, greeters and sound technicians.

He said that we are looking for an alternative venue for our monthly meetings.

He mentioned a survey that had been conducted about the arrangements at monthly meetings and our new comments book.

The Chairman urged members to consider replacements for the Treasurer and the Chairman in June 2016.

The Chairman's report in full is attached to these minutes.

On a proposal by Veronica Smith, seconded by Sheila Epps, the report was agreed and carried unanimously

**Examined accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015**

The Treasurer presented the examined accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015. He dealt first with the Receipts and Payments Account which is divided into Core Activities and Social Activities. The former are core to the stated aims of the U3A and qualify us for charitable status and the benefits of gift aid tax relief on our subscriptions. The latter are deemed to be purely for social enjoyment.

The Treasurer compared the following items relating to general core activities with the previous year.

1. Subscription income, and therefore related gift aid from HMRC, has remained the same.
2. Meetings and presentations expenditure has risen £400 (more money has been spent on the Christmas meetings)
3. Newsletter expenditure up due to 13 payments in year.
4. Grants to new groups (£328 returned to Aviation Group)
5. Sundries payments
6. Overall there is surplus for year of £1,205.97 as membership has stabilised at 400.

Therefore there are total general reserves, at 31 March 2015, of £12,986.79 which is just below the recommended level of £13,500 (this being 12 months general expenditure plus reserves for replacement of audio visual equipment as advised by the Third Age Trust.)
The Receipts and Payments account for the groups is attached to these minutes as is the Treasurers Report in full.
The attached Balance Sheet shows bank and cash funds at year end to be £20,599.93 of which £7,613.14 is held by groups for future activities. This left General Reserves of £12,986.79 at 31 March 2015. The examined accounts were received and approved. Proposed by Fred Lane, seconded by Audrey Rowe and carried unanimously.

**Appointment of examiner**

Martin Cooke asked that Lambert Chapman LLP, Chartered Accountants be appointed to examine the accounts for 2015/2016 and on a proposal by Daphne Shortland, seconded by Jean Cuthbert, was carried unanimously.

**Confirmation of subscriptions for 2016/2017**

The annual subscription for year ending 30 April 2016 has been set at £20. The current level of membership renewals/new members at 1 May 2015 is below that for the previous year and if this does not improve it will reduce our annual income by about £500. We will incur a loss of £350 for 2015/2016 and generate a surplus of £600 2016/2017.
The Treasurer therefore proposed that the annual subscription for each member for 2016/2017 remain at £20. This was proposed by Glenna Wilkins and seconded by Gill Stone. It was agreed and carried unanimously.

**To adopt the proposed changes to our constitution**.

The changes were accepted and there were no objections. Proposed by Marian Condon and seconded by Veronica Smith and was carried unanimously.

**Election of Officers and Committee Members**

Brian Johnson as Vice Chairman, was proposed by John Wray and seconded by Brian Oliver. There being no further nominations, Brian was duly elected to serve for one year as Vice Chairman as allowed under our Constitution.
Jan Robertson, as committee member, was proposed by Catherine Jackson and seconded by Lorraine Kemp. There being no further nominations, Jan was elected to serve as a committee member for three years. Veronica Smith, as Committee member, was proposed by Pat Clements and seconded by Sheila Epps to serve as a committee member for three years.

**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 Seventeenth Maldon & District U3A.

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

also known as

Registered Charity No. 1086182

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2016

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, 15th June 2015

**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.

Trustees at the time of signing the Report

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

**Other Trustees** Appointment of additional Trustees: Two persons can be co-opted to the Executive Committee. For the period of this report, no one has been 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.

With so many members I do try to take note of your advice and ideas.
I 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 help Maldon & District U3A be successful.

Malcolm Case

# AGENDA

The Eighteenth Annual General Meeting of Maldon & District U3A

## Monday 20th June 2016 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 seventeenth Annual General Meeting.

To receive and approve the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2016.

To receive the Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st March 2016.

To receive and approve the examined accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016.

To appoint an examiner for the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017.

To confirm the subscriptions to be paid by members for the year 2017/2018.

To elect three Officers – Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, and to appoint two Committee members.

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 2016/2017 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.

There is a display of artefacts provided by the Maldon Museum in the Park together with a display of Postcards in the hall today.

# WINE GROUP 3 – CHATEAUX & WINE TASTINGS IN THE LOIRE VALLEY – MAY

On a bright ands sunny Tuesday morning 34 members of Maldon U3A and others set off for Dover and our ferry crossing to Calais. Then it was onwards via the outskirts of Paris to Beaugency for an evening meal. We then arrived at The Grand Hotel for our four night stay.

Wednesday: An early start and off with our coach driver Ron and his assistant Marie to Amboise. A short walk from the Coach Park, through the picturesque village to the Châteaux Royal d'Amboise. Our guide for the visit was the knowledgeable and humorous Camille. To St Hubert's Chapel first where we admired the fine carving of the limestone frieze and saw what is reputedly the tomb of Leonardo da Vinci. The castle is much smaller than in its glory days but worth a visit. Camille eloquently explained its rise, demise and restoration. Our next visit was to the Caves de Moncé. The fifth generation owner, Phillipe Catroux, gave an excellent talk in the dark caves where the magic happens. Into a bright white cave then to taste examples of his excellent "AC" wines. The coach, now laden with many cases of wine headed to Château de Valmer. Here we had a tour round the caves in the cliff behind the château guided by Timmy and a second wine tasting before heading back to our hotel in Tours.

Margaret & David Griffiths

Thursday began with a boat cruise along the river Cher around the Chateau de Chenonceau built in 1513. The weather was quite chilly and we were all bundled up against the wind. We soon warmed up during our tour of the beautiful Chateau. Unfortunately, we did not have time to tour the lovely gardens before moving on to see the Chateau Gaudrelle, where we had a tour of the wine cellars and a wine tasting.
After a brief return to the hotel, we went to a Gala Dinner at the lovely Restaurant
Le Moulin de la Planche, where we enjoyed a pre-dinner reception and a wonderful meal.
A truly enjoyable day!

Jill Oliver & Alan Brabant

Friday commenced with a visit to the Chateau of Villandry, the last of the great Renaissance Chateaux to have been built in the Loire Valley. The main attractions here were the water, ornamental and kitchen gardens, all spread over three levels. After a lunch break and a short journey we arrived at Chateau de L'Aulee where we were given an extensive tour of the vinery by a member of the owning family, which included a demonstration of bottling, labelling and packing. A sampling of the local Touraine Azay le Rideau white wines together with the traditional offerings followed. The last visit of the day, with the longest walk of the day was to Chateau de Longlais, a 10th century castle, destroyed and rebuilt, together with moat and drawbridge, in the 15th century. The visit was completed by a sampling of the local organically produced wines. After a return to Tours the day finished with another enjoyable meal at Bistro Rossini.

Gerry & Bob Brooks

Saturday dawned sunny and after breakfast members had some free time to explore Tours. Some visited the Cathedral, others the market and I met up with my travelling family! We departed at 11 am and with two comfort stops we arrived at 5.30 pm for our return crossing. Border control was thorough! Another two hours saw us arriving back in Maldon where the luggage and numerous boxes of wine were unloaded!

A very interesting and enjoyable trip with great company and many laughs!!

Mary Burd

***London Theatre Group***

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time"

Something very different this time from the theatre group, an evening performance too. We went to see this wonderful play.

The story of the troubled life of an autistic boy. Brilliantly and athletically portrayed by Sion Daniel Young as Christopher. He was on stage the whole time. The staging was so imaginative without many 'props'. The lighting and sound effects all added to the sense of the incomprehensible world in which he lived. From the very beginning we were fascinated. Trying with him to solve the mystery and beginning to understand his problems.

It was an amazing experience and so thought-provoking.

We had a good trip with plenty of time before the play to have some refreshments. An unfortunate hold up on the way home meant we were late getting back. We were tired but all safe and sound.

As an extra bonus we all know how to prove Pythagoras' Theorem.

David Arnold

**Distribution of our monthly Newsletter**

This is just a reminder of the ways you can receive the newsletter

Collect at the Monthly Monday Meeting

Arrange for a friend to collect if unable to attend

Sent by PDF to all members on email

Collect from Reeve & Son (Maldon) Ltd. 126 High Street, Maldon
(On corner of Wantz Road) during the week following the meeting

Receive a copy by post. We ask that this method is only requested if no other means of collection is available. Contact Alan Clark

**Monday, 18th July Meeting**
**Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm**

Speaker
William Tyler
"Black Tulips and English Ferns"
As an historian, the speaker specialises in topics such as this about obsessions through the ages.

## *Tuesday Luncheon Group*

A little group of us go out to lunch at smallish pubs on the first Tuesday of each month – 12.00 for 12.15. Unfortunately some of our members are no longer with us, and we would welcome some new members to swell the size of the group. We decide together which pubs we would like to visit, and take it in turns to organise.

The organiser for the 5 July lunch is Bob Brooks (01621 829763, email bobgerry19@btinternet.com) and lunch will be at The Bell, Woodham Walter, and for the 2 August lunch it's Vaun Legerton (01621 840664, email vaunandeunicelegerton@btinternet.com) when the venue will be The Chequers at Goldhanger.
If you would like to join us please contact Bob, Vaun or me, and we'll tell you a bit more about the group.
Eunice Legerton

### *LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES*

Times 12.15 pm

**TUESDAY** **5th July at The Bell, Woodham Walter**
Co-ordinator: Bob Brooks

**WEDNESDAY 20th July at The New Times, Tiptree**
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.

| BLACKWATER U3A | HEYBRIDGE U3A |
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| Contact | Contact |
| Peter Holmes, Chairman | Angela Pleasance, Chairman |
| 01621 854108 | |

LIMEBROOK U3A
Contact
Christine Dove
01621 855859

**Your Committee**

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| Chairman | Malcolm Case |
| Vice Chairman | Brian Johnson |
| Secretary | Kym Marshall |
| Treasurer | Martin Cook |
| Membership Sec. | Alan Clarke |
| Newsletter Editor | Jan Robertson |
| Speaker Secretary | Veronica Smith |
| Committee | Marrie Webster |
| | Andrew Simmonds |
| | Judith Johnston |
| | Sylvia Beckett |
| Web Master | John Bowen |
| | Tony Groves |
| Social Committee | Michael Childs |
| AV Equipment | Jim Light |

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Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, 8th July 2016

# CO-ORDINATORS

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

PROGRAMME – JULY 2016

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | | | | 1<br>Canasta | 2<br>Bird Watching<br>Abberton | 3 |
| 4<br>Maritime<br>Whist | 5<br>Table Tennis<br>Art Appreciation<br>Geology<br>Luncheon Group | 6<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Bridge for the Curious<br>Wine Circle 1 | 7<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Petanque<br>Poetry<br>Rummikub 1<br>Eltham Palace visit | 8<br>Architecture<br>Mah Jong<br>Sing for Pleasure | 9 | 10 |
| 11<br>Handicrafts<br>Whist | 12<br>Table Tennis<br>Snooker<br>Egyptology<br>Trees | 13<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Bridge<br>Luncheon Group<br>**BBQ** | 14<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Petanque<br>French Conversation<br>Plantagenets<br>Reading<br>Rummikub 1<br>Scottish Country Dancing | 15<br>Canasta | 16 | 17<br>Strollers |
| 18<br>**Meeting 1.30 pm** | 19<br>Table Tennis<br>Aviation | 20<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>London Walks & Talks<br>Luncheon Group | 21<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Antiques<br>Petanque<br>Bridge for the Curious | Antiques<br>Mah Jong<br>Cribbage<br>Sing for Pleasure | 23 | 24 |
| 25<br>Astronomy<br>Handicrafts<br>Local History<br>Whist | 26<br>Table Tennis<br>Strollers Too<br>Trees<br>Wine Circle 4 | 27<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Bridge<br>Wine Circle 2<br>Writing for Fun | 28<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Petanque<br>French Conversation<br>Music Appreciation<br>Scottish Country Dancing<br>Wine Circle 3 | 29<br>Canasta<br>Family History | 30 | 31 |

**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.**

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