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NEWSLETTER

Dartmouth Royal Naval College
Maritime visit in September

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FROM THE CHAIR

Well, Autumn is upon us and we turn our minds to indoor pursuits and if you read through our newsletter you will find plenty.

All the coordinators do a grand job in providing interesting and instructive activities. Members need never be at a loss for something to do. Please get involved and if you find you have an interest or hobby not covered then how about starting one yourself. There is plenty of advice and help available.

Can I remind co-ordinators that the New Members' coffee morning is on **Thursday, 27th of October**, starting at 10-30 am in Maldon Town Hall and their presence would be appreciated. If any new members have not had an invitation please contact Alan Clarke or one of the committee.

To repeat what was said at the last meeting, Malcolm Case has very kindly taken on the responsibility for supervising the opening and closing the hall, but he does need help and a second Key Holder if he is at any time prevented from attending. Please contact him or me if you can help.

Brian Johnson

Diaries

I now have the 2017 Diaries at £2 each, please collect at the Monday meetings.
Jan Robertson

Aviation

Our trip to Hendon RAF Museum on **Thursday 24th November** will leave Tesco's at 9-30 am. The cost for the coach is £16 and there is no charge for the Museum.
There is a cafeteria in the Museum selling snacks but the restaurant will be closed.
If you require a full lunch I will try to find a local venue in the area.
Please let me have your cheques for £16 on or by the next meeting.
The film in September on the “Fighter Legends" was enjoyed by a good attendance.

Tuesday 18th October will be very special as we will be honoured by the presence of three crew members of the Lancaster Bomber who flew with the RAF during the Second World War. They will be prepared to answer your questions and share their experiences with you. They flew many missions over Germany.
If anyone wishes to come to this month’s meeting, please check with me first as it is a small room and we may be full. I am expecting a large turnout.

On **Tuesday 15th November** the lecture will be on German Jets at the end of the Second World War, and in December the lecture will be on the Hawker Hunter with a film.

Art Appreciation

A small but select number of Art Groupies met in Latchingdon at Pam McMahon's house to watch a DVD of the Spanish Master Diego Velazquez.
Born in Seville, he lived from 1599 to 1660 and started painting masterpieces from his late teens. He was an official court painter from the age of 24 and for 30 years was the only artist allowed to paint King Philip IV of Spain, which he did many times. They also became personal friends.
To other artists he was known as 'The Painter of Painters', 'The Experts’ Expert', the one other painters most admired.
As well as painting a masterful and characterful, brooding portrait of Pope Innocent X, perhaps his most famous work, completed in 1656, a few years before his death, was Las Meninas - The Maids Of Honour - a massive canvas depicting the royal household, which is sometimes referred to as the greatest ever painted.
He was a contemporary of Oliver Cromwell and Charles I, Gianlorenzo Bernini the Italian sculptor, Jan Vermeer the Dutch master and Blaise Pascale the mathematician/philosopher.
He was the only artist ever honoured with the title Knight of The Order of Santiago.
The next Art Group meeting will be **Tuesday 8th November** at 2pm.
Andy Simmonds

Strollers

On **Sunday 20th November** we will meet at 10.15 for 10.30 start at the Chequers, Wickham Bishops. You can park at my house, 7 Warrens (CM8 3XH) or in the pub car park. The walk is approximately 4 miles. Please let me know by **11th November** if you wish to have lunch at the pub (I will be away for 6 days after that) as I need to confirm numbers with them.
Joan Cummins

Strollers Too

Update on the October walk on **Tuesday 25th October.** Start 10.30, at The Square and Compasses Public House, Fuller Street, CM3 2BB, Ordnance Survey MR 747160, approximately 4 miles following part of the Essex Way and the river Ter, skirting woodland with very little road walking. Please arrive in time to pre-order your lunch if you require one, a table is booked for 1 pm. Please phone 01621 842687 or email mikesheila@talktalk.net, I look forward to you joining us.

On **22nd November** we will meet in the Village Hall car park, Stow Maries, CM36SL, at 10.15 for a 10.30 start. The walk is about 4 miles across the golf course and along the railway. There are a few stiles but they can be avoided by taking a detour. There are some good views from Stow Maries and Cold Norton churches. We shall lunch at the Prince of Wales.
Kym Marshall

Maritime

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday 7th November** starting at 10:00 am at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin. James Davey will be giving an illustrated talk on "Nelson and Napoleon" with particular emphasis on the Battle of Trafalgar and the tactics used by Admiral Lord Nelson.
James is a Curator of Naval History at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.
All U3A members are very welcome to join us.

Malcolm Case

Just Jazz

The next meeting of the Just Jazz group will be on the **17th October** at the Maldon Little Ship Club at 7.30pm.
A bar and lots of good Jazz will be on offer.
Jim Light & David Coombes

Astronomy

All meetings now held at held at Chigboro Fishing Club, Chigborough Road, Heybridge. CM9 4RE. The next meeting of the group is on **Monday 24th October**, starting at 7:30pm. Cloud cover permitting, then an observing evening, please bring your telescopes and/or binoculars. Hopefully we should be able to see Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Vega to name but a few.
All U3A Members are very welcome to join the group.
Malcolm Case

Local History

October 14th 2016 will commemorate the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, and there will probably be plenty of media coverage of events over that weekend.
Consequently our next meeting on **Monday October 24th** will be given by Dr. Jennifer Ward for her talk on "The Norman Conquest of Essex".
Dr. Ward spent much of her career at Goldsmith College, London, teaching and researching medieval history, and will no doubt be able to shed more light on this memorable date.
Our last meeting of the year will be held on **Monday November 28th** when Charlie Haylock, a well known broadcaster from Suffolk, will give his talk on "The Origins and Development of Spoken English".
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.
We are pleased that you enjoyed the recent visit to Kent.
Kathy, Jane and Sylvia

Family History

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 26th October** at 58 Augustine Way, Bicknacre, CM3 4ET commencing 2.30pm.
Please let me know if you will or will not be attending.

Family History - Beginners

This group will be meeting at the above address on **Friday 28th Octobe**r commencing 10.00am.
Please let me know whether or not you will be attending.
E-mail alan-buck@talktalk.net Telephone

Bridge for the Curious

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Gill Stone

Local History
Apples and Oysters – a visit to Kent

Germany calling, Germany calling – so began the wartime broadcasts of Lord Haw-Haw, aka William Joyce, hanged in 1946 and the last person executed for treason in Britain. As the 53 members found out on their visit to Kent on September 26, Joyce had a flat in Whitstable – our second port of call – where he owned a radio and electrical shop and was a regular at the Prince Albert. Whitstable – the Pearl of Kent – is known for salt and smuggling, but famous for its oysters, which were harvested by the Romans. You can shell out £9 for a Native oyster – fortunately cheaper varieties are available. Another prominent name in the town was Peter Cushing of horror film fame, who would lunch at the Tudor Tea Rooms. Wonder if he and Haw-Haw ever met?

Our first stop was at Faversham, Kent's oldest market town mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086 and known as the Larder for London with fruit grown in the area for centuries. Royal visitors have included James II, captured by fishermen as he tried to flee England, and Charles ll, fulfilling a promise he made before the Restoration.

The town is home to the Chart Gunpowder mill, the oldest of its kind in the world, which dates back to the 18th century. In 1916, Faversham was the scene of the worst explosion in the history of the British munitions industry, when 109 men and boys were killed at the Explosives Loading Company at Uplees.

Our last stop was at Brogdale Orchards, home of the National Fruit Collection, one of the world's largest, with more than 4,000 varieties including apples, cherries and plums. The collection is the responsibility of Reading University and part of an international programme to protect plant genetic resources for the future.

Michael Bagshaw

London Walks & Talks

Our final meeting of 2016 is a walk in "Historic Spitalfields" on
Wednesday, October 19th.
Meetings will re-commence on **Wednesday**, **March 15th 2017** at 2.30 p.m. in West Maldon Community Centre.
Thanks to everyone for your support in 2016.
Janeen Trew
Christine Speed

2016/7 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

Events and Outings during the year

Tues. 25 Oct.	Essex Study Day—Plume School
Thurs. 24 Nov.	Visit to Hendon RAF Museum - Aviation
Thurs. 1 Dec	An Evening Concert with 'Just Us' at the URC - Social
Tues. 6 Dec.	Theatre visit to "Aladdin"
2017	
Sun. 12 Feb .	Southbank Philharmonia Orchestra—Ldn Theatre
Wed. 22 Feb	A 60's Evening with "Rock and Roll Dave" - Social,

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

Maldon and District U3A

Evening Concert with 'Just Us'

at the United Reform Church, Maldon

Thursday 1st December 2016

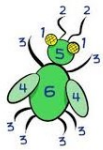
Time 6.30 for 7.00 to 9.30 pm

Tickets £5 includes tea/coffee and biscuits during interval

Tickets from Barbara Byam-Shaw:

Beetle Drive

Oh what fun we had at the Beetle Drive, so frustrating when you can only throw a one instead of a six for a leg, but everyone participated and much laughter was had by all.



We met members we had never met before when we changed tables and then had some wonderful homemade cakes at half time. Thank you to the Social Committee for another enjoyable evening.

Jan Robertson

MARITIME TRIP SEPTEMBER 8th – 12th
The Exeter Case XGEXJ

This Maritime investigation began on 8th September. A crew of 48 left Maldon by coach to Bristol. There, on a sunny but breezy day we inspected the Floating Harbour by Packet Boat. The sights ranged from Brunel's SS Great Britain to a new hospital ship, from luxury flats to peregrine falcon roosts, and much else of interest. Then to the Jury's Inn, Exeter that gave adequate service for four nights once Malcolm had sorted out the errant management.

Saturday came with a fine mist that lifted as we reached the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Since 1863 Dartmouth and the River Dart have been the home to all initial Naval Officer training. The present College was opened in 1905. The architect, Sir Aston Webb, used local red bricks and limestone. We toured the 146 acre site and watched raw recruits being drilled on the Parade Ground. They had passed a gruelling 36 hour cadet selection process and were beginning 30 weeks of training before their Passing Out parade.

We were guided with great good humour by two retired Naval Officers whose pride in the traditions, history and ethos of the Service was enthralling. An 1/8th mile long corridor links the Senior Gun Room (dining room to landlubbers) at one end to an interdenominational Chapel at the other with numerous rooms and points of interest between. The Chapel is aligned so that at 3.15 p.m. on the 21st October – the precise time and day of Nelson's death – the sun shines through an oriel window in the roof at one end of the Chapel to cast a beam on the raised hand of Christ carved on the reredos behind the altar. This seemed to typify the sense of history and the precision evident throughout the Navy.

Thence by steam train to Buckfast Abbey. The former GWR railway between Totnes and Buckfastleigh runs in parts alongside the River Dart on what must be one of the most attractive heritage routes in southern England.

Buckfast Abbey, built by Cistercian monks during the reign of King Canute, was razed to the ground by Henry VIII - with the help of Mark Rylance as we all know. Between 1905 and 1918 a new monastery was built on the same foundations reputedly by six Benedictine monks. A vibrant mosaic on the transept ceiling was a notable feature of the interior. We sampled a traditional Devon cream tea in the modern restaurant. No monks were sighted.

Saturday also began with a damp mist when we took a cruise from Exmouth along the 140 million year old Jurassic coast of East Devon. The skipper pointed out the different strata and explained the geological events that formed this wondrous red coastline. Shortly after the boat turned homeward the sun came out and highlighted the majestic sea stacks at Ladrum Bay. The bird watchers among us were in their element.

Back on the coach to Sidmouth for lunch and ice creams then on to Seaton. For many of us the Seaton Tramway was a rattling trip down memory lane. The track is narrow gauge so the trams had to be rebuilt to fit but, all are based on those that served our towns in the first half of the last century. The track to Colyton runs for the most part alongside the River Axe and wetlands teeming with wild life.

Sunday, a glorious sunny day, ideal for a tranquil trip along the Tiverton Canal in a horse-drawn, traditionally painted barge. The canal was built in 1814 to convey limestone 11 miles from quarries to Tiverton Wharf. Now Devon Council own and manage the canal within a Country Park and Nature Reserve. A family owns the barges. Ours was drawn by a Shire horse but apparently the original barges would have been pulled by small colliery ponies.

In the afternoon we visited Knightshayes (NT) set in parkland amid beautiful rolling countryside. The house is a Gothic revival pile; it was the home of the Heathcoat Amory family who produced several eminent Government Ministers. The money came from John Heathcoat who invented lace making machines. When the Nottingham Luddites destroyed these, he moved south and set up a new factory in Tiverton. Many of his workers walked two hundred miles to join him and he built houses for them. He was a liberal MP for the town but lived modestly. His grandson, John Heathcoat Amory had greater pretentions, and used the wealth to build Knightshayes in 1869.

On Monday we paid a brief visit to Exeter Cathedral to marvel at the magnificent structure. En route home we called at the Fleet Air Arm restaurant for lunch but it was closed due to a fire a few hours earlier.

We concluded investigations by unanimously finding Malcolm Case guilty of conspiring with "Just for Groups" to meticulously pre-plan and superbly execute yet another action packed, interesting holiday enjoyed by all. He was sentenced to continue the good work for another year. Alan Buck was found guilty by association and our wonderful Brummie driver Phil, was awarded a golden medal for coming first in every run.

Harry Bacon

Knighthayes Nat. Trust House

The intrepid Maritime members

Dartmouth Royal Naval College

South Devon Railway

Seaton Tramway

Horse Drawn Barge

London Theatre Outings

The Southbank, Sunday February 12, 2017 matinee

Our first theatre outing for 2017 will be to The South Bank on Sunday **12 February 2017** for the matinee performance. Tickets including coach £40.50. We will be leaving Tesco's at 10.30am which will give us time for lunch before the concert. If you wish to go please contact me and give you my postal address to send your payment of £40.50 per ticket by cheque payable to "Maldon & District U3A".

Concert details:
Edward Elgar: Overture, Cockaigne (In London Town)
William Walton: Viola Concerto.
Interval
Ralph Vaughan Williams: Symphony No.2 (A London Symphony)
Lawrence Power performs Walton's Viola Concerto alongside works by Elgar and Vaughan Williams, both inspired by London.
Elgar's Overture 'Cockaigne', an old nickname for London, or the 'land of the Cockneys', is in the composer's own words 'cheerful and Londony – stout and steaky'. Also featured are Walton's fiery Viola Concerto and Vaughan Williams' own portrait of London: a misty river Thames, Bloomsbury Square on a November afternoon, the busy, bright lights on the Strand and the echoing chimes of Westminster.
Pre-concert talk at 1.30pm
An introduction to the afternoon's concert.
Performers:
Philharmonia Orchestra, John Wilson conductor, Lawrence Power viola

Rosemary Case

Gardeners

If I was only fifteen years younger I would love to take on the challenge again of running the Gardening Group, having read the excellent U3A Sources magazine on gardening this month and all the wonderful ideas that the other U3As have enjoyed.
We have, over the years, had some most enjoyable visits, even an Open Day with ten gardens in Danbury and Bicknacre participating, plus regular plant swaps with tea and cakes in members' gardens. Local National Garden Scheme gardens that opened for us and those wonderful cakes.

I am asking, is there anyone in our U3A who would like to take it on next year?
Jan Robertson

Bird Watching

On a recent trip the group visited Bradwell Shell Bank, a nature reserve operated by Essex Wildlife and the Essex Birdwatching Society, on the Dengie peninsular consisting of some 30 acres of shell bank and extensive saltmarsh. The hope was to witness the large flocks of waders that can be found in the area in autumn and winter. We were there but the warm weather had delayed the arrival of the winter migrants so we were left to scan the mudflats for signs of life. Gradually we "got our collective eye in" and what on first sight appeared to be lifeless mud was teeming with small waders and amongst the redshanks and godwits were Ringed Plover (Charadrius hiaticuis) and Little Ringed Plover (Charadruis dubius). The Ringed Plover is a dumpy looking wader with a black and white facial pattern black collar and a brown back and white under parts. It's short legs are yellow, beak yellow with a black tip.

The Little Ringed Plover is sandy brown, above white, below the head pattern is bold black and white with a yellow eye ring and it has pinkish legs.

Both species are usually seen singly or in pairs and both run quickly, stop suddenly and appear to bow forward. The group were able to distinguish between the species by means of the colouration on the legs.

The group will be visiting the Thames-side Nature Park at Mucking on **5th November.** Please contact Pat Clements or Peter Gaywood for travel arrangements and on **December 3rd** the group will visit Abberton Reservoir, meet at the farm car park at 10.00am.

Peter Gaywood

Trees Group—Ash Dieback

Many of you are aware of this tree disease which arrived in the UK in timber or trees imported from China. The Tree Council is asking people to keep a photographic record of a healthy local ash tree, either in a garden or along the roadside. The idea is to regularly photograph the tree, say every month or two months, from the same position over the course of a year. Deaths of these large attractive trees will have a huge impact economically, aesthetically and ecologically. The fungus causes the leaves to wilt so the photograph need not include the trunk necessarily. Studying the photographs will help to build a picture of how quickly the tree dies and how widespread this disease has become. Ash leaves are large, about one foot or so and divided into between 7-11 leaflets, arranged as several pairs and one at the top. The buds are black and the fruits hang in easily visible bunches. Keep all your pictures together, making sure you record when each has taken and we shall collect them all in sequence next year. in late summer. Please contact Veronica Smith if you think you could help in this work.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all those who came to my Macmillan Coffee Morning.
We raised £360 which was great on a lovely autumn morning!

Mary Burd

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Gill Stone

NEW BOOK:

A new book, 'A Great Little Gallimauphry': a miscellany of stories linked to Essex, is being sold to raise funds for Farleigh Hospice.
The book effectively began life at our "Writing for Fun" group. Patrick Forsyth is both a member of that group and also on the Board of Trustees at Farleigh.
At each meeting members read stories and it was a short step to ask writers around the county to contribute material for no reward. A publisher prepared to do their bit for free was found and, the process of "assembling" this over, the book (selling for £9.99) is now available.
The hope is that this will be seen as a useful (and easy to wrap) Christmas present and do well over the coming weeks. Patrick sneaked in one of his own stories. If you want to read that, and the rest, and make a contribution to this worthwhile cause, let him know – he will bring some copies to meetings

Peter Mockford has a lifetime's experience of the British legal system, and will incorporate into this talk explanations of how the courts work.

Monday, 21st November Meeting
Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm

Speaker
Peter Mockford
"The Duties of a Magistrate"
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Geology

A strong wind straight off the sea and bright sunshine still with a hint of warmth, made for a very bracing visit to the Naze at Walton for the Geology Group. Few of us had previously seen the new Visitors' Centre, complete with its 'green' roof and were most impressed by the amount of information displayed. Run by the Essex Wildlife Trust and built with funds from various sources, it encompasses the flora and fauna of the area, its history , and details of the formation and evolution of the cliffs and the rocks and fossils to be found there. There is also a very welcome coffee shop with delicious cakes! Access to the beach is afforded by a very steep but safe, set of steps which also leads to the Crag Path. This is a structure of huge granite boulders, imported by sea from Norway, and laid directly below the 250 year old Tower to protect the cliffs beneath it from further erosion as all the cliffs along that stretch of the coast are disappearing at a rate of one to two metres a year. It is built as the name suggests, as a path, which gives an excellent view of the cliffs with their bands of ancient volcanic ash, the famous Red Crag, London clay and the varied sands and gravels which form the unstable structure of the cliffs and which are the source of fossils. These are the clues to the nature of the area from 50 million or so years ago when southern England had a sub-tropical climate and the area which was to become Essex was submerged beneath a warm sea up to 300 feet deep. This period was home to crocodiles, turtles and many species of shark whose teeth still may still be found on the beach today. Much later, the sea gradually subsided, the climate cooled and this saw the formation of the world famous Red Crag and provides fossil hunters with an abundance of marine shells.

The Group greatly enjoyed the visit and brought back a numbers of objects which they had found and which we will attempt to identify at our next meeting. Even if you don't care for rocks and fossils, but you like a good walk along cliff tops, it's an ideal area for a family outing, including the dog, but be mindful of the cliff edges. An hour from Maldon, plenty of parking and shelter if it rains, the Geology group heartily recommends it.
Enid Hall

LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES

Times 12.15 pm

TUESDAY 1 November, at Blue Strawberry, Hatfield Peverel.
Co-ordinator: Eunice Legerton

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.

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Ten Pin Bowling	David Arnold
Trees	Veronica Smith
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Wine Circle No. 3	Mary Burd Paul Costa
Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

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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.

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