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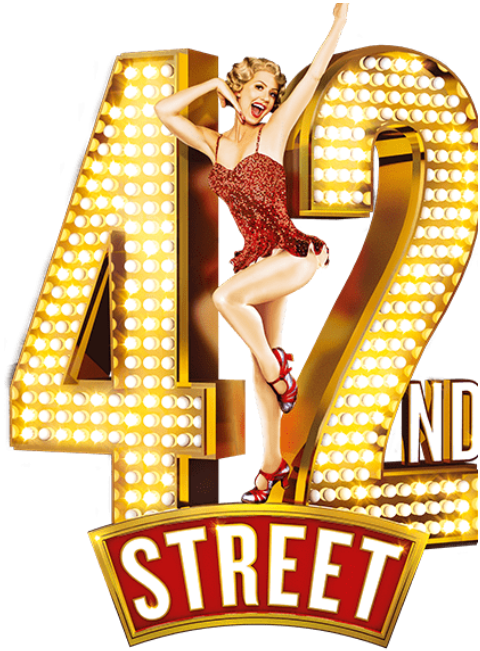

Theatre visit
Tuesday
15th August

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FROM THE CHAIR

From the Chair

With my first year behind me without any real problems, I look forward to this year with confidence. I cannot stress too much the first class job your Committee do, giving so much of their time to run the group.
We are always looking for ways to improve what is available to members in the way of activities, trips and facilities.
For this reason if you have any ideas on new groups, or how to improve the ones we have, please let us know.

I have in mind a Holiday Group for perhaps 6/10 like minded members, which will not be aimed at any theme but rather just for pleasure in the sun. Since I lost my dear wife I have had holidays on my own but cannot say I enjoyed them much. I envisage not having to worry about booking, transport, finding a good hotel and room. Also being with like minded people, couples and singles. Stress free and everything taken care of.
Just a thought at the moment but it can be done.

Brian Johnson

ACTIVITY GROUPS

Please note that many of the activity groups will not be meeting in August, please check with your Co-ordinator as to your next meeting.

Membership Cards

If you have not already collected your current year Membership Cards, could you please do so at the main U3A meeting. If you are not able to collect them yourself could you please ask a friend to collect them for you or contact me. Thank you.

Malcolm Case. Membership Secretary.

Astronomy

The next meeting is on **Monday 24th July** at Chigboro Fishing Club, Chigborough Road, Heybridge. CM9 4RE starting at 7:30pm. There will be DVD, followed by a discussion on "How the Universe Works – Magnetas, Blackholes, Quasars".
Any U3A Member is very welcome to join us.

Maritime

Our trip to Harwich to visit the Mayflower Exhibition and the Harwich Harbour Authority on **Monday 7th August**, will depart from Tesco's Maldon at 9:15 prompt (If there is any change to this departure point then I will advise those going).

Malcolm Case

Wine Group 4

We continue with a social view to wines. Angela Jones presented a lovely selection of wines at our last meeting, the theme being her favourite wines. She was able to tell us a story of each wine, where she first tasted it and what it meant to her at the time. Very different and a super evening. As there were so many of us away at the June meeting there were only four members left, but we have such a lovely social group, they just went out for dinner together instead of tasting, they were 'DRINKING'.
Ann Goody

Local & General History

Walking Tour of Colchester June 26th

Following a talk earlier in the year about the Civil War Siege of Colchester, a group of us went on a guided walking tour of the relevant major sites of the Siege. We were able to visit a number of Churches within the town that had been badly damaged and landmark areas where strategic events occurred. Our guide Frances was very knowledgeable and was appropriately attired in a costume of the period, which she assured us, despite the heat of the day, was remarkably comfortable.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday July 24th** at 2pm at the Town Hall, Maldon, when we have a talk by Ben Crussell on Local Medieval History. Ben, a recent History Graduate, is associated with Maldon's Military Museum, and last year gave us a fascinating talk on the History of Armour. Also, at this meeting, Kathy will be taking names and collecting cheques for our trip to Canterbury on **September 25th**, the cost of which is £22. Please bring your cheque books if you wish to go.

There will be **NO MEETING in AUGUST.**
Enjoy the Summer
Kathy Goff

Aviation

Last month we had a film about "The Duxford Air Show" which was well received and I hope encouraged members to sign up for our trip to the airshow this September for which there are still seats available.
Can I stress that I do now need your cheques.
There will not be a meeting on the **18th July** as we are going to North Weald Air Field Museum. We are car sharing and meeting at the Museum at 11am. Cost is £5 at the door and includes tea/coffee and biscuits, a tour of the Museum and Art Gallery and Airfield.
There is no limit on numbers so please come along.
There will not be a meeting in August.
We will resume on **Tuesday 19th September.**
Brian Johnson

Computer Group

We are group of veteran computer users and feel that we would like to help members who have a basic knowledge and wish to advance in Word, Spreadsheets and email. or are struggling with making sense of them. Contact us if you would like to join - don't all rush!
Our next meeting is on **Thursday, 28th September** in the Linton Room at West Maldon Community Centre at 2—4 pm.
Bring your laptop if you have one.
Jan Robertson

Egyptology Group

The next meeting will be on **September 12th** starting at 2pm and the meeting will be at a new venue, 180 Fambridge Road Maldon.
Kathy Goff

London Walks & Talks

On July 19th John Halligan will be our speaker. His illustrated talk will be on the subject of The Lord Mayor and The City of London and will begin at 2.30 p.m. at West Maldon Community Centre.
All members are welcome to attend. Entrance fee £2.
At this meeting members will be able to book for the September and October visits to London.
September 20th - Walking in the Royal Parks with our guide, Sophie Campbell.
October 18th - Finding out about "A City with Three Hearts" with our guide, Maggie Piper

REMEMBER - ***Help is needed to continue this group from May 2018 onwards***

What is the Posh Frock Do?

The answer is this:

It is a dinner dance that ALL can go to with or without a partner.

It is a chance to dress up and enjoy a lovely meal and good entertainment and you do not have to dance if do not want to.

Men do not have to wear a frock, but they can wear a suit and tie, a smart jacket or blazer and trousers or a dinner suit.

Ladies you can do your own thing, long or short, tight or flowing, black or coloured, frocks or trousers, boutique, M & S, out of the wardrobe or charity shop, just as long as it's posh.

Mike Childs, Social Group

POSH FROCKS DINNER

19th October

Menu

Starters

Cream of wild mushrooms & tarragon soup (v) = GF
Classic prawn cocktail, brown bread & butter -GF
Confit duck & fine herb terrine, apricot

Mains

Supreme of free-range chicken, smoked bacon
Chive mash, petit vegetables—GF
Roasted rump of lamb, Mediterranean vegetables
fondant potato & pesto jus –GF
Pan-fried hake, warm potato salad, watercress, lemon dressing—GF
Mixed mushrooms, shallot & parsley tagliatelle (v)

Desserts

Lemon tart, fresh raspberries, vanilla mascarpone
Chocolate orange ganache tart, blood orange sorbet
Sticky toffee pudding, vanilla ice cream
Lemon posset—GF
Sorbet—GF

2017 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

Events and Outings during the year

Mon. 7 Aug.	Trip to Harwich to see replica of "Mayflower" - Maritime
Tues. 15 Aug	"42nd Street" Theatre visit
4/7th Sept.	Four day trip to Portsmouth etc. — Maritime
Sund. 23 Sept.	Visit to Duxford IWM — Aviation
Mon. 25 Sept.	Walking tour of Canterbury — Local History
Tues. Oct. 24	U3A Study Day at Plume School
Thurs. Oct. 19	Posh Frocks Do at The Bull, Totham - Social

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

Tickets on Sale in July

A Very Special Evening

Maldon and District U3A

'Posh Frock Do'

at The Willow Room, The Bull, Great Totham

Thursday 19th October

Time, 6.45 for 7.00 till 11.00

An arrival drink, a 3 course meal (you choose) and tea or coffee

Entertainment - Dianne Moore sings

Tickets £32 (Limit 70 so book early)

Tickets from Barbara Byam-Shaw

Essex U3A Quiz

On Thursday June 8th nine teams of eight people from U3As across Essex met in Chelmsford for the Annual Quiz.
Scores were close, and Waltham Abbey were the eventual winners, with Leigh-on Sea second, and Blackwater third, whilst our team came sixth.
A very efficient Thorpe Bay organised the Quiz. Basildon and Billericay provided the refreshments.
Congratulations to all those who helped to make the afternoon so enjoyable, and a special thanks to our own participating team for their valiant effort.
Sylvia Cousins

Botany

There will be no more botany walks until further notice.

Trees

Ash Tree Photos All those of you who have been taking a photo of a particular ash tree since September of last year, I should be grateful if you could start getting these collated. What I should like is if you could give me sheets of paper with the photos fixed or printed on to them in month order from last September, and including the coming August. The last one of the tree in full leaf if possible the most important of all. The images do not need to be as big as A4 or even A5, but about postcard size. I shall collect these from you at the September Monday meeting, and send them to the national investigation. Please ensure that you have noted the exact location of the tree. A post code would be most helpful. Also, whether the tree is in a garden, by a roadside or in the open country. Many thanks for all your help.

Veronica Smith

Graham Evans and I have been attending a similar Balti night in South Woodham Ferrers organised for the U3A and it has proved to be a great success.

We have therefore organised an evening in Maldon for our own U3A on the **22nd August**.

Do come and join us and we can see if this can be a regular event.

Bob & Graham's big Balti Night
Tuesday 22nd August
at 7:00 for 7:30pm
at BALTI BHUJON 24 Mill Road, Maldon.

First and second course half price, no pre ordering

Please contact Bob Gowers to book and for information.

Email u3amaldonbalti@btinternet.com

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Essex Outdoor Cinema presents **Moulin Rouge** (12A) at Promenade Park

Promenade Park, Park Drive, Maldon, Essex, CM9 5JQ

Friday 21st July at 7:00 pm

Contact: Essex Outdoor Cinema Email: info@essexoutdoorcinema.com

Web: http://www.essexoutdoorcinema.com

Car Parking included in the price

Watch the stars under the stars in the park

BYO chairs and blankets/waterproofs (still goes ahead if it rains)

Gates open 7pm, free EOC parking by the Boat Lake

Live entertainment from 8pm. Film starts 9.30pm

Snacks and drinks on sale
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STUDY DAY - TUESDAY, 24th OCTOBER
Plume School, Maldon

The Study Day Application forms and details of activities available will be emailed to all members who have email in July and August.
Copies will be available at the Monthly meetings for those without email.

Completed form to be received by **2nd September**, with cheque £5.00 person, payable to 'Essex Association of U3As'. If posting, include a stamped self addressed DL envelope (220 X 110 mm), this fits A4 paper folded in thirds (email users see below).
PLEASE NOTE: email applications are preferred. You will not then need to send the stamped self addressed envelope as all information will be sent to you electronically – however,
YOU WILL STILL NEED TO POST YOUR CHEQUE TO DOUG.
Mr D Harryman, 221 Chester Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 2LL
Tel: 020 8508 3454
By email Doug at doug.harryman@talktalk.net
Details of allocated study groups and a location map for the Plume School will be sent to you towards the end of September.
Please bring your Allocation sheet for entry into the Car Park.
Please indicate if you will be using a wheelchair or will need disabled parking.

Table Tennis

The Tuesday Table Tennis members have to thank Gordon Hardy for his time as co-ordinator of our group, and because of 17 years long service he has passed the reins over to Louis Gunn.
The group meets from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm at West Maldon Community Hall and is as successful as ever and on average has around 16 participants playing doubles on four tables, mixing round regularly.
Most players had never played before, but they learn as they go along. Some have taken the opportunity also to play elsewhere in order to improve and as a result our group enters two teams in the Division 3 of the Burnham and District Table Tennis.
Any potential new members can contact me.

Louis Gunn

Following the lovely poem in the June newsletter, Ray Harman has composed the following: - what a talented gentleman.

Hope

But don't despair at 89 and take the number lightly
Another year could pass you by and realise you're 90
With pills and tablets all said and done
You may just reach your 91
But aches and pains that doth ensue
Remind you now you're 92
Those trips to Eastbourne by the Sea
May feature less at 93
So take a rest and shut the door
You could be here at 94
Where have the years gone bye and bye
I had quite forgotten I'm 95
From all those memories take your pick
A difficult task at 96
So settle down and gaze to heaven
With hope and prayer make 97
You might just think it's all too late
But your Birthday cake spells 98
So time to raise that glass of wine
You're almost there at 99

Ray Harman

Strollers - Sunday 20th August

The walk will be at Birch Green. Please meet at the Hare and Hounds Pub Postcode CO2 0PN at 10.15am for a 10.30am start. The walk will be approx. 3 ¾ to 4 miles, mainly over farmland, going past Layer Marney Tower. There are no stiles and no steep inclines, but there will be a small amount of road walking.

Can you please let me know if you would like to stay for lunch by the **7th August**.

Contact Gill Woods

Strollers Too - Tuesday 22nd August

We shall meet at Beeleigh Falls car park at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start. This can be reached by following the access road towards Maldon Golf Club opposite Langford Village Hall. (Post Code CM9 4SS). Parking is just before the bridge. Starting from Beeleigh Falls, this is a flat, easy walk through farmland, beside reservoirs and lakes and back along Navigation Canal. I have booked tables at the Chequers, Wickham Bishops (Post Code CM8 3NN). I will send out a menu a bit nearer the date and it would make pre-booking much easier if you could choose your meal before the day. If not we can phone in before we begin the walk.

Kym Marshall

21st August Meeting
Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm

Jane Malyon
"The English Tea Company"

I am a member of Maldon U3A and also a Trustee of the Maeldune Heritage Centre in Maldon.
We are looking for more volunteers to work in the Centre and possibly someone who could be a volunteer co-ordinator (also a voluntary post).
Please would you let Deborah Rhodes, our Manager, know if you would like to volunteer Tel. 01621 851628

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Ferrari 70th Anniversary Parade at Maldon High Street
Maldon High Street, Maldon,
Saturday 22nd July 2017 AT 16:45

To celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Ferrari, 93 Ferraris will be travelling through Billericay and then to Chelmsford for a static car show.
The parade will pass through Spital Road and then down Maldon High Street and Market Hill.

LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES

Times 12.15 pm

TUESDAY 1st August Beckenham Bell, Tolleshunt Major
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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Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, 11th August
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CO-ORDINATORS

Antiques	Liz Wood
Architecture	Judith Johnston
Art Appreciation	Andy Simmonds
Aviation	Brian Johnson
Astronomy	Patrick Forsyth Sylvia Beament
Balti Night	Bob Gowers
Bird Watching	Pat Clements Peter Gaywood
Botany	Veronica Smith
Bridge	Sheila Epps
Canasta	Elaine Bane Gerry Brooks
Computers	Jan Robertson
Cribbage	Pat Clements
Current Affairs Discussion	Linda Rooney
Egyptology	Kathleen Goff Sue Robinson
Family History	Alan Buck
French Conversation	Ray Harman Ann Lester
Geology	Enid Hall
Handicraft	Marian Manning
Just Jazz	Jim Light David Coombes
Local History	Sylvia Cousins Jane Coombes Kathleen Goff
London Walks & Talks	Christine Speed Janeen Trew
London Theatre Outings	Rosemary Case Joyce Cotterell

Luncheon Groups		
1st Tues	Eunice Legerton	859300
3rd Wed.	Paul Costa	
Eat & Meet		
2nd Wed	Joyce Cotterell	
Mah-Jong	Molly Polden	
Maritime	Malcolm Case	
Music Appreciation	Enid Hall 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	Sue Garnham	
Strollers	Gill Stone	
Table Tennis	Louis Gunn	
Ten Pin Bowling	David Arnold	
Weekenders	Beryl McDonell	
Whist	Molly Polden	
Wine Circle No. 1/2	Graham Boswell	
Wine Circle No. 3	Mary Burd Paul Costa	
Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody	
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth	

PROGRAMME – AUGUST 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Table Tennis Geology Luncheon Group	2 Ten Pin Bowling	3 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Poetry Rummikub 2	4	5	6
7 Whist Maritime **Harwich visit**	8 Table Tennis	9 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Luncheon Group	10 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque French Conversation Plantagenets Reading Rummikub 1	11 Mah Jong	12	13
14 Whist	15 Table Tennis Aviation **"42nd Street"** **Theatre visit**	16 Ten Pin Bowling Ldn Walks & Talks Luncheon Group	17 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Antiques	18	10	20 Strollers
21 **Meeting 1.30 pm**	22 Table Tennis Strollers Too **Balti Evening**	23 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Family History Writing for Fun	24 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque French Conversation Music Appreciation	25 Cribbage Family History Mah Jong	26	27
28 Astronomy Whist	29 Table Tennis	30 Ten Pin Bowling	31 Ten Pin Bowling			

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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