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MALDON AND DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

Walking tour of Canterbury
on
25th September
Local History

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FROM THE CHAIR

Well, that was Summer. Did you enjoy or did you blink and miss it?
Lets hope for an Indian one!!

It was wonderful over these last few months to see so many of our members engaged in fund raising for various Charities. They know who they are and it certainly speaks well of our organization. As a Charity we are not allowed to donate to other Charities but of course we can as individuals.

Another date to remember is the "Posh Frocks Do" at The Bull, Great Totham, on **Thursday, 19th October** arranged by our Social Group. A lot of time and effort is put in to this and a good evening is assured.
All our members are welcome to attend.
Please support and enjoy good company, food and entertainment.

Finally your committee is still looking for your suggestions on how we can improve our Maldon and District U3A.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next monthly meeting.

Brian Johnson

Maritime

The next meeting of the Maritime Group is on **Monday October 2nd** at 10:00am at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge Basin.
There will be an illustrated talk by Mike Childs on
"Sailing Around Cape Horn".
Any U3A member is most welcome to join the meeting.
Malcolm Case

Astronomy

The next meeting of the Astronomy Group is on
Monday September 24th at 7:30pm at Chigboro Fishing Club, Chigborough Road, Heybridge, CM9 4RE. It will be an evening of observing so please bring your telescopes/binoculars with you.
Any U3A member is most welcome to join the meeting.

London Walks & Talks

On **Wednesday, September 20th** Sophie Campbell will be our guide in The Royal Parks of London.
Please note the following changes to our published programme:
On **Tuesday, October 17th** we will be visiting Rotherhithe Village with our guide, David Williams.
We end the 2017 season on **Wednesday, November 15th**, when Maggie Piper will lead a walk in the City of London, entitled
"A City with Three Hearts".
If you require further details about any of the above walks please contact Janeen or Christine.
Janeen Trew Christine Speed

Strollers Too

Tuesday 24th October

This month's walk will be around Black Notley. It starts at the playing field CM77 8LG, OS Landranger 167, GR 209 765, which is on the right hand side going from Witham to Braintree, near the war memorial road junction, it has plenty of parking space. The walk is mainly on farm tracks, bridleways and footpaths with a small amount of road walking mainly on footpaths, there is one stile and a small length of footpath has been ploughed. Total distance is about 4.5 miles.

Lunch will be available at The Vine public house, which is going to open just for us so it will be nice if we have a good size group and it is important to let me know if you require lunch by **Thursday 19th October.**

Mike Childs

Strollers

Sunday October 15th

This month's walk will be around White Notley Village for a distance of about 4.5miles over gentle rolling countryside, and taking in a small section of the Essex Way.

Please meet at the Cross Keys Pub CM8 1RQ at 10.15 am for a 10.30 am start and where we will return for lunch.

Parking is limited so please car share where you can, and let us know by **October 9th** if you wish to stay for lunch. The menu will include Sunday Roasts and is reasonably priced.

Sylvia Cousins

Jane Coombes

Local & General History

For all members booked on the Canterbury trip on **Monday Sept 25th** please note that the new pick up point is from the WEST MALDON COMMUNITY CENTRE, SUNBURY WAY leaving at 8.30. Please park your car as close to the back of the car park as possible.

Kathy Goff

Table Tennis

Our group meets from 2.30pm to 4.30pm and is as successful as ever with on average around 16 participants playing doubles on four tables, mixing around regularly. With probably the most important part, the tea break and biscuits at 3.30pm.
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 League.
Louis Gunn

Wine Group 4

Another great evening thanks to Carol and Tony Bates entitled
"Almost the last of the summer wine".
Sadly we had to say goodbye to Alan Clark and Angela Jones, who resigned from the group, as really they just could not fit us in to their extensive social diary. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them at our Christmas Bash.
We welcome Gill and Geoff Cory to the group. Gill and Geoff came to the first formation meeting of Wine Group 4 and I am glad to say that they have been approved by the group!
Ann Goody

Just Jazz

The next meeting of the Just Jazz group will be on the **18th September** at 7.30pm at the Maldon Little Ship Club.
There will be a Bar and a selection of Jazz selected by Maestro David and maybe a short film.
Jim Light

Daftland

We live in a country called Daftland
The England we knew is no more
Where sensible people do ludicrous things
Or risk breaking some Daftland law.

In Daftland we've police dogs with muzzles
Less the villain has cause to complain
And to steal from a shop and say 'sorry'
Means you're free with no stain to your name.

You had better leave lights on in buildings
When you lock up and go home at night
'cause the burglars might hurt themselves entering
And there's no way you'll be in the right.

When speaking be wary in Daftland
As some terms that you've used all your life
Now have connotations unintended
And you'll end up in all sorts of strife.

We elect politicians in Daftland
To give us the laws of the land
Yet eight laws in ten now come from abroad
The whole thing has got out of hand.

The borders are open in Daftland
And of migrants there's no keeping track
Just a few of the thousands illegally here
Will ever be caught and sent back.

The exception to this is the hero
Who fought for this land in the war
He's old and he's sick, he might cost us a bit
So he's not welcome here any more.

When the history is written of Daftland
Historians may just recall
That the craziest people in Daftland
Were the public who put up with it all.

Anon

2017/8 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

Events and Outings during the year

Wed. 20 Sept.	Walking in the Royal Parks with guide—London Walks & Talks
Sat. 23 Sept.	Visit to Duxford IWM — Aviation
Mon. 25 Sept.	Walking tour of Canterbury — Local History
Tues. Oct. 17	Visit Rotherhithe Village—London Walks & Talks
Tues. Oct. 17	Balti Night
Tues. Oct. 24	U3A Study Day at Plume School
Thurs. Oct. 19	"Posh Frocks Do" at The Bull, Gt. Totham - Social
Wed. Nov. 15	Finding out about "A City with Three Hearts" with guide - London Walks & Talks

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Fri. Feb. 9	A Magic Evening—Social

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

Posh Frocks Do
Thursday, October 19th

Hurry, Hurry, last chance to get the few tickets that are left for the Posh Frock Do, **ticket sales close on 1st October.**
Ring Barbara Byam Shaw
We look forward to seeing you there.
The Social Organising Group.

Antiques

I have been running the Antiques group for many years and although we have managed to cover most aspects we would like to introduce them again to new members. Do come and join us on the 3rd Thursday at 2 pm held in members' houses.
Ring Liz Wood,

Wine Group 3

Summer lunch! Enough said!!

Mary and Paul

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

Aviation

We did not have a meeting in August as there was not much to report.
Our next meeting on **Tuesday, September19th** will be a lecture on "The Commonwealth Squadron" given by Brian Austin with a power point presentation.
On **Saturday, 23rd September** we are off to Duxford for the "Battle of Britain Air Show". Our Coach will leave WMCC, Sunbury Way, Maldon CM9 6YH at 9 am and will collect at Danbury approximately 9-15 am. (Do not forget your chairs).
Please make a special note for **Tuesday, October 17th** when we will have a lecture by Stephen Nunn, local historian and lecturer on "Maldon and Dengie Battles in the Sky ".
Brian Johnson 0162

Essex Association of U3A's
Study Day 24th October

Volunteers are needed to help with the Study day

Four volunteers to help with the signing in – from 8:00am to about 10:00am.
Two volunteers to help with car parking – from 8:00am to 10:00am and again from 11:45am to 1:00pm.
One volunteer to man the main entrance door from 8:00am to 10:15am and again from 11:45am to 1:00pm.
Two volunteers to help with the refreshment trolley from 8:00am to 10:00am.
Three volunteers to act as "Guides" – from 9am to 10:15am.

If you can help in any way with any of the above could you please contact Malcolm Case

Ten Pin Bowling

We have just completed fifteen years bowling every week.
Members from other U3As play with us and there are at least four other local groups who have followed our lead and started their own Ten Pin groups.
We play for fun. Feel like joining us?
David Arnold

Current Affairs

A reminder that the group resumes on **Thursday 5th October** after a break for the Summer. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Linda Rooney.

Architecture

I will be standing down as Co-ordinator from this group at the end of the year. Any volunteers to take up this position?
Judith Johnston

Maritime

Visit on Monday 7th August to Harwich. A 9:15am start from Maldon saw us arrive at The Mayflower Project in Harwich at 10:15. We were greeted by Sean and his volunteers and given a very welcome tea and coffee which came with delicious homemade cakes. We then split into two groups, with one group remaining at The Mayflower Project and the second group going by coach to visit the Harwich Haven Authority. Following our visits, we met at the Treo Restaurant for an excellent lunch served by very friendly staff, after this we changed venues.

The Mayflower Project is still a long way from completion with only part of the keel, stern post and one frame having been completed. The yard where the ship is under construction has a lot of timber waiting to be prepared and put into place. There is a small museum together with a large workshop which has a scale model of the ship in it. The Project organisers are trying to raise additional funding and have been investigating the American market where it is hoped that the ship will eventually sail to in 2020, four hundred years after the original Mayflower. If it is not possible to raise sufficient funds then the ship will remain in Harwich. We were given an insight into the construction and fund raising by Sean Day, one of the project volunteers. We were also able to visit the local railway station buildings which are no longer in use, but are being converted into a museum depicting the station as if it was in the 1920s.

At the Harwich Haven Authority, we were met by Kevin, the Assistant Harbour Master, who gave us very interesting talk on how and why the Authority operates: they provide Navigation and Safety Services to all shipping, including yachts sailing within the Authority's area of responsibility; and they also have responsibility for the environment, this includes protecting the harbour and estuaries. The Authority also has responsibility for ensuring that both local, national and international regulations are adhered to by ships within their jurisdiction by the use of radar and radio surveillance. In 2016 the Authority's Marine Pilots provided passage for 5000 vessels, this included the then world's largest container ship; in order to maintain the approach channel to the port, some 3 million cubic metres of silt have to be removed by dredgers each year.

After another break for refreshments, which included more homemade cakes, we left for our journey home, arriving in Maldon just after 5:00pm.

Railway Station waiting rooms

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR THE SEAFARERS CENTRE, TILBURY

On behalf of the Seafarers Centre in Tilbury could I please ask for donations of knitted items – scarves, gloves, hats, socks, jerseys etc, also toiletries suitable for male and female, i.e. toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, deodorants, shower gels etc.
Any donations will be greatly appreciated and will be distributed to ships crews over the Christmas period.
Please contact Malcolm Case
email malcolmcase@talktalk.net if you can help.

KNITTED HAT Use any colour, stripes etc. Brighter the better, but not baby wool.
Double Knitting Wool Using Size 8 (4mm) needles
Cast on 111 stitches.
1st Row K1.pl. rep to end.
2nd row: Pl.k1. rep to end.
Continue rib for 10 rows.
11th Row: Knit
12th Row Purl
Continue until the hat measures 6½ inches from the bottom.
Shape Crown
1st Row: K9: K2 tog. Continue to end.
2nd Row: Purl
3rd Row: K8 K2 tog Continue to end.
Continue dec. in this manner in every alt. row until 11 stitches.
Break off yarn, run yarn through rem. Sts. Draw up and fasten off. Sew up
Alternatives:
If you would like to knit a hat with a brim, just add another 12 rows to your rib.
You can also knit the entire hat in rib, please yourself.

Mayflower workshop

Harbour

Kevin, Harbour Master in his Ops room

Bob & Graham's big Balti Night
Tuesday 17th October
Tuesday 19th December

both at 7:00 for 7:30pm
at BALTI BHUJON 24 Mill Road, Maldon.
First and second course half price, no pre ordering
Please contact Graham Evans
Or Bob Gowers to book and for information.
Email u3amaldonbalti@btinternet.com
Or by phone .

Arthur is a local fitness instructor and runs a clinic for sport and remedial massage

16th October Meeting
Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm

Speaker
Arthur Tear
Keeping Active

For Sale

ROGER BLACK GOLD MAGNETIC EXERCISE BIKE.

"WHICH?" magazine Best Buy. £160 in ARGOS. Unused.
(There`s a story!) £80
Please ring Ken Cocks

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Gardeners

I have some vigorous deep pink Hydrangea cuttings to give away.
If you would like one, give me a ring
Jan Robertson

LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES

Times 12.15 pm

TUESDAY 3rd October at The Fox & Hounds, Cock Clarks
Co-ordinator: Eunice Legerton Tel

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, 6th October
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3rd Wed.	Paul Costa
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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	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 Paul Costa
Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

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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