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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIR

As I have been out of touch for so long there is not much I can say. I shall endeavour to be back full time now, although I still have health problems. I wish to thank everyone for their support and good wishes.

Judging by the last newsletter everything is going well with plenty of activities to keep us all busy.

I see that Mary held her usual Coffee Morning for McMillian which I hope was well supported.

I was disappointed that the appeal from Maldon Hospital for people to deliver weekend papers to 'in patients' was only answered by one person, Sylvia Beament, my thanks to her. Have you got time to go on a rota? It does mean a lot to people who are in hospital for some days/weeks.

As I always say, please support your Committee and Co-ordinators and above all enjoy your U3A and make good use of it.
Brian Johnson

Wool Alert!

I am happy to collect any spare wool to pass on to those willing to knit for charity. Scarves, gloves and hats for freezing merchant seamen and knitted teddies for sick children at our local Broomfield Hospital.
Just bring it along to the monthly Monday meeting.
Many thanks
Sheila Epps

Aviation

It was good to be back for Sept. meeting. Thanks to all who came at such short notice. I hope to be back for all meetings now although I am not firing on all cylinders yet.

The film shown this month was well received. This month there will be a power point presentation called "The World's Worst Aircraft" which will reveal some amazing facts and I hope you will find it entertaining.

The question of trips was raised and I suggested that we take a lead from Maritime and go for a four day break. One suggestion was Lincolnshire and another South coast RAF Memorial, RAF Manston, BiggIn Hill, or Dover Castle.

Please give it some thought and let me know how you feel.

We need a speaker for November. Your ideas please.

Look forward to seeing you.

Brian Johnson

Maritime

The next meeting of the Maritime Group is on **Monday 5th November,** starting at 10 am at the Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge Basin. John Rogers (a member of the Maldon Little Ship Club) will be giving an illustrated talk on the restoration and sailing of the yacht "Essex Melody", a classic cruiser purpose built for the East Coast. Maldon-built, the "Essex Melody" is a 23-footer which originally took to the water in 1959. John will be telling us about the state of the yacht when found, its location, and how it was transported to Maldon for restoration, which was a lengthy and difficult project.

Any U3A member is very welcome to join the group.

Malcolm Case

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who came to my coffee morning.

We raised £410 for a very worthwhile cause.

It was a beautiful day and 38 people came!

Mary Burd

Maritime Holiday to Norfolk 3rd -6th Sept

I have recently returned from another great trip with the Maritime Group. This time we were visiting Norfolk, staying at Wensum Valley Hotel and Golf and Country Club, just outside Norwich.

On our way to the hotel we had two organised visits. The first was to Ickworth House and garden, Suffolk which included a 'taster visit' to the house and the history of the Hervey family. After this we could have lunch and revisit the house and gardens.

Our second visit was to St. George's Distillery, Roundham. Here we were split into groups and given a comprehensive tour of the distillery, including its history, not forgetting some free samples, and the opportunity to buy some of their wares.

We arrived early evening at the hotel and had time to settle in our rooms before meeting again for dinner. Throughout our stay members of the group were impressed with the quality of the food and the friendliness of the staff.

Next morning, we left just after nine to visit Langham Glass, Fakenham, where we saw an interesting glass blowing demonstration. We then had a Blue Badge guided walking tour of Kings Lynn. I found this very interesting, worth a private visit sometime in the future. From here we travelled to Sandringham. Here we could have lunch, visit the house, garden and museum at our leisure.

Our third day started with a steam train ride from Aylsham to Wroxham then a garden visit to Hoveton Hall. The weather was a bit drizzly, so some people retreated to the garden cafe. The garden has two special features: a walled garden with a 'spider styled gate' and a grade two listed glasshouse. In the afternoon we had a two-hour boat ride on the Broads from Wroxham, with an interesting commentary. To complete a very full day we had a Blue Badge guided coach trip around Norwich.

Thursday was our coming home day but packed with different visits. Firstly, we visited the restored Norfolk Wherry 'Maud'. We were given a short talk about its history then a visit to the 'hold' area and living quarters. Next, off to Great Yarmouth to visit the ‘Time and Tide' Museum, have a conducted tour of “Lydia Eva” a restored herring fishing boat and visit the Nelson Museum! All of which were very interesting. No wonder I nodded off on the way home!

We arrived back in Maldon at the planned time. Thanks to Malcolm, Alan, their wives and Phil, our driver, for such an interesting and enjoyable holiday. In my past life I only had to book day visits for children so know what goes into organising them. To organise a trip such as ours for nearly forty people takes real dedication.
Jan Brown

"Lydia Eva" Herring Fishing Boat

St. Georges's Distillery

Kings Lynn

Norfolk Wherry "Maud"

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A very cheeky request, do you have a lawn scarifier that I can borrow for a few days so that I can hopefully restore my lawn to its former glory after this hot summer? I will of course collect and return.
Hopefully one of you has one.
Jan Robertson

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'Something to look forward to in November'

Social Evening
Wednesday, November 28

Maldon Town Hall
Entertainment by Marshall King
6.30 for 7.00 pm until 10.00 pm
Please bring your own plate, knife, fork, spoon,
glass, drink and nibbles.
A choice of Supper is available.
Tickets £15
Tickets from Barbara Byam-Shaw, on
Tickets available from the October meeting.

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POSH FROCKS DO

Thursday, 28th February 2019
at The Bull, Gt. Totham
6.45 for 7pm till 11.pm
With a menu choice for a 3 course meal,
A drink on arrival
Entertainment by Diane Moore,
Tickets £35 on sale now from
Barbara Byam-Shaw at October and November Meetings

Do not forget to make your Menu Choice!
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2018/9 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

Events and Outings during the year

Fri. Oct. 12	Beetle Drive—afternoon at Langford Village Hall
Wed. Oct. 24	Cyber Crime Prevention—WMCC 9.30 for 10 am.
Thurs. Nov **22**	Classical Spectacular— Royal Albert Hall - Theatre
Wed. Nov. 28	Social Evening with Entertainment by Marshall King
Mond. Dec. 10	Balti NIght
2019	
Feb 28	Posh Frocks Do

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

Astronomy

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

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday October 22nd** – Night sky observing, so please bring your binoculars and telescopes with you.
We had an excellent quiz at our September meeting, the questions were set by Joe Marshall who was also the quiz master. The questions were very varied and got us all thinking and I would say, learning from the answers. We plan to have another quiz next year.
Any U3A member is very welcome to join us.
Malcolm Case

Discussion Group, Current Affairs.

The **Thursday, 1st November** meeting will be held at Flat 11, Deed House, 21 London Road, Maldon.
Brian Jones on

The Astronomy Quiz held at Chigboro Fishing Club on **24th September**

Quiz Master Joe Marshall

This was attended with some trepidation by members of the Astronomy Group. There were 5 sets of 10 questions, a few of which required detailed knowledge of our celestial neighbours. Much of the information could have been gleaned from news headlines over the past few decades and for others a sound knowledge of classical and popular music as well as films was essential.

Quiz Master Joe patiently listened to and as patiently overruled all other opinions as to what the answer could/should have been and I think we were all relieved at the high end scores we managed to get in at least some of the sets.

Scoring out of the sets of 10 questions can be listed as follows:
Surprisingly high 5 and over high 3-5 low 2 (or less)

Incredibly high scores were also achieved even discounting the playing of the joker. Incredible when the chances of choosing the right answer from a choice of three was never better than one in three. The team of four Aquarians were the winners followed by the team of three Gemini who protested that they should have been allowed a bonus of 1/3rd to allow for the lack of their numbers. Even though the discussion of this point extended into refreshment time, our Quiz Master remained unmoved by such sophistry.
Jimmy Byam Shaw

Local History

The next meeting of the Local History Group is on **Monday October 22nd** at the Town Hall, Maldon, at 2 pm when our speaker, Kate Cole, will give her talk on the story of a nurse who went

"From Rural Essex and Suffolk to the Battles of the Somme"

All members are welcome
Sylvia Cousins and Kathy Goff

KENTISH CURIOS—September 24

It was a beautiful morning for our trip to Kent to investigate the delights of the Upper River Medway. Having collected our local guide, Sue, from Wrotham, we were soon in Tudeley enjoying a welcome cup of coffee. Just around the corner was All Saints church, famous for its stained glass windows, designed by Marc Chagall. The main East Window was commissioned by a local family, in memory of their 21 year old daughter, who died in a tragic sailing accident.

The colours in all the windows were exquisite, and contrasted well with the original Victorian windows on permanent display in the Vestry. Outside, there were wonderful views across the Kent countryside.

As we travelled northwards, criss-crossing the River Medway, Sue pointed out picturesque villages such as Yalding and Wateringbury, and the occasional Hop Farm. She also explained that "Men of Kent" came from the East side of the river, whilst "Kentish Men" came from the West side.

We arrived at Aylesford Priory for a very nice lunch in the Pilgrims Hall, before a short tour.

The Friary was originally built in the 13th century, and run by Carmelite Friars, until it was taken over by rich gentry, after the Dissolution. Carmelites eventually bought the complex back in 1940, and since then the Friary has been rebuilt and extended with living accommodation, so that it is now a place for pilgrimage and religious retreat.

We saw the chapels full of creative modern art work, and wandered through the peace garden and down a path to the river.

There was just time for a cup of tea in the Old Barn, before we set off for Essex, after a very interesting and enjoyable day.

Our thanks to Kathy for making all the necessary arrangements.

Sylvia Cousins

Car Share Costs

We have always suggested a charge for our passengers on trips on behalf of the U3A and herewith the latest guidelines.

Round trip distance	Cost
0 - 16 miles	£2
17 - 26 miles	£3
27 - 36 miles	£4
37 - 46 miles	£5
47 miles and over	

All at Driver's discretion.

Maldon to Chelmsford set rate	£3
Maldon to Colchester set rate	£5
Maldon to Southend set rate	£5

(Costs are per person, regardless of the number of people in the car)

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Family History Main Group

I am retiring from organising this group as I feel that having been running for 19 years it has now reached the stage that we are not actively needing any help in our research, therefore until further notice no meetings will be held.

Family History Beginners

The next meeting will be held on **Friday 26th October** at 58 Augustine Way, Bicknacre, CM3 4ET commencing 10.00am
Please let me know if you wish to attend.
or e-mail alan-buck@talktalk.net

Croquet

As the weather has been so wonderful this autumn we have been able to continue meeting for a game or two of croquet. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 2.00pm at Forrester Park Golf Club, Great Totham. With fingers crossed we may still be able to meet on the **26th October** before the season comes to a close until next Spring. If you would like more information please get in touch.
Shirley Macro
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Bob & Graham's big Balti Night

Monday 10th December

at 7:00 for 7:30pm

at BALTI BHUJON 24 Mill Road, Maldon.

Please contact Graham Evans

Or Bob Gowers to book or

Email u3amaldonbalti@btinternet.com

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Strollers

Sunday 18th November

Please meet at the 'Prince of Wales', Prince of Wales Road, Great Totham CM9 8PX at 10:15 am for a 10:30 am start.
The walk will be about 3 1/2 to 4 miles mainly over farmland and through woods around Great Totham.
There are no stiles or steep inclines.
Can you please contact me to let me know if you would like to stay for lunch by the 3rd November.
Brenda Heal -

Strollers Too

Tuesday 27th November

For our November walk we will be walking from Stow Maries Village Hall where cars can be parked. It will be a 3-4 mile walk. There are one or two steepish parts and a stile or two. We shall have lunch at The Prince of Wales. Please let me know by **20th November** if you will be coming and if you will need lunch so I can keep you informed of any changes.
Kym Marshall
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Art Appreciation

The next meeting will be at 2pm on **Tuesday 13th November** at Judith's house in Little Baddow. We will each be presenting and discussing our favourite or least favourite painting.
Please contact me if you want to attend as there will be a limited spaces.
Andy Simmonds

Cyber Crime Presentation,

Wednesday, 24th October at West Maldon Community Centre.
The doors open at 9.30am with coffee/tea, ready for a 10.00am start.
The talk lasts about two hours with time for questions following.
All places have been allocated but if you have booked a seat and find you are now unable to attend, would you please let me know as we do have a waiting list. Thank you for your support and interest with this event.
Shirley Macro,

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Tim Moorey is a regular cryptic crossword compiler for several newspapers, and runs workshops on 'How to crack Cryptic Crosswords'. He is a consultant for Chambers Dictionaries and gives talks, including 'The Joys of English' and the 'Amazing Dr. Samuel Johnson'.

19th November Meeting
Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm

Speaker
Tim Moorey
The Life of a Crossword Setter
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WALK FOR BBC CHILDEN IN NEED

There will be a sponsored walk of 4 miles on **Sunday 4th November**, starting from Daisy Meadow Car Park, Basin Road, Heybridge Basin CM9 4RW in aid of the BBC Children in Need appeal. The walk will be along the river to Le Bouchon and return along the canal. Anyone wishing to join the walk can be sponsored, sponsorship forms can be downloaded from the BBC Children in Need web site or can be obtained by contacting Malcolm Case, telephone number in the Newsletter.

Malcolm Case & Gill Stone

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF THE SEAFARERS CENTRE TILBURY

The Centre is asking for donations for seafarers at Christmas. They ask for knitted socks, scarves, gloves, hats, jerseys etc., any colour and all sizes. They are also asking for toiletries suitable for male and female, toothbrushes etc. Also for chocolate bars and sweets.

Donations – please give them to Malcolm Case who will ensure that they are delivered to the Centre.

THANK YOU

LUNCHEON CLUB VENUE

Times 12.15 pm

WEDNESDAY There will be no meal in November due to the proximity of the Christmas lunch.

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 November

CO-ORDINATORS

Antiques	Awaiting new members
Art Appreciation	Andy Simmonds
Aviation	Brian Johnson
Astronomy	Patrick Forsyth
Balti Night	Bob Gowers Graham Evans
Bird Watching	Pat Clements Peter Gaywood
Botany	Veronica Smith
Bridge	Sheila Epps
Canasta	Iris Slaney
Computers	Awaiting new Co-ordinator
Cribbage	Pat Clements
Current Affairs Discussion	Bryan Jones
Egyptology	Kathleen Goff Sue Robinson
Family History	Alan Buck
French Conversation	Ann Lester
Geology	Enid Hall
Golf	Jennie Wilson
Handicraft	Marian Manning
History—Tudors	Beryl McDonell
Just Jazz	Jim Light David Coombes
Local History	Sylvia Cousins Jane Coombes Kathleen Goff
London Walks & Talks	Awaiting new Co-ordinator
London Theatre Outings	Rosemary Case Joyce Cotterell
Luncheon Groups 3rd Wed. Eat & Meet 2nd Wed	 Paul Costa Joyce Cotterell
Mah-Jong	Molly Polden
Maritime	Malcolm Case
Music Appreciation	Enid Hall John Skuse
Petanque (Boules)	Jack Veash
Poetry	Jo Robson
Reading	Sheila Epps
Rummikub 1 Rummikub 2	Colin Beckett 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 Wine Circle No. 3 Wine Circle No. 4	Graham Boswell Mary Burd Paul Costa Ann Goody
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Discussion - Current Affairs Poetry Rummikub 2 Scottish Country Dancing	2 Mah Jong	3	4
5 Maritime Whist	6 Table Tennis Geology	7 Ten Pin Bowling Wine group 1	8 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Croquet French Conversation History—Tudors Readng Rummikub 1 Croquet	9 Canasta Sing for Pleasure	10	11
12 Handicrafts Whist	13 Table Tennis Art Appreciation Egyptology	14 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Luncheon Group	15 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Scottish Country Dancing	16 Mah Jong	17	18 Strollers
19 **Meeting 1.30 pm**	20 Table Tennis Aviation	21 Ten Pin Bowling Luncheon Group	22 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Croquet French Conversation Music Appreciation Wine Group 3 Croquet	23 Canasta Cribbage Family History Sing for Pleasure	24	25
26 Astronomy Handicrafts Local History Whist	27 Tennis Strollers Too Wine Group 4	28 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Wine Group 2 Writing for Fun	29 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Scottish Country Dancing	30 Mah Jong		

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.

Newsletter Editor: Mrs Jan Robertson