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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Everyone
Welcome to the April Newsletter.
First a brief report on our Chairman Brian: He is feeling OK but arthritis is giving him much trouble. A recently completed house move to single storey accommodation should help with mobility issues, but at the moment there are still lots of boxes to unpack.
He sends you all his very best wishes.

Highlights in our U3A calendar this month-
The joint "Ways of staying Healthy" event on April 10th was excellent as those who attended will know. Well done to Shirley for helping to organise it. I'm looking forward to the Postal Museum visit with the Local History Group on the 29th April.
A reminder that the April meeting is the last opportunity to hand over your cheques (in person) for another wonderful year of U3A.
Do not miss out!
Also, we are still waiting for a couple of volunteers for successors to fill our Committee vacancies.
Speaker Secretary— you will have a breathing space as Veronica has booked everything to the end of the year
Newsletter Editor for helping Jan Robertson with the monthly newsletter.
Alec Fraser
Vice Chairman

MARITIME GROUP

There is no meeting of the group in May as it is a Bank Holiday. The next meeting will be on **Monday 3rd June** for a talk by David Griffiths on "Life aboard a Submarine".
Further details on this talk will be in the May Newsletter.
Malcolm Case

MARITIME GROUP VISIT TO NORTH WALES

9th – 13th September 2019
Staying at the The Bulkeley Hotel Beaumaris on Anglesey and Visiting – Coventry Transport Museum. Blaenau Ffestiniog – Llechwedd Slate Caverns, we will not be going in to the caverns but will have a quarry explorer tour. Portmeirion. Caernarfon Castle. Conway Castle & Conway Lifeboat Station. Betws-y-Coed (Photo stop only). National Slate Museum – film show, slate splitting demo, Museum. Electric Mountain Tour.
Holyhead Docks. Llanfairpwllgwyngyll Station – photo stop. Plas Newydd House and Gardens. Swallow Falls – photo stop. Llangollen Wharf – canal trip from Llangollen to Froncysyllte (trip is about 2 hours and includes the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct crossing) Plowman's Lunch included.
Cost per person based is £594.00, please contact Malcolm Case if you would like to come on this trip and for a booking form and itinerary.
Telephone number

ASTRONOMY GROUP

There will be no meetings in April or May – Bank Holidays. Details of the June meeting will be in the May Newsletter.
Malcolm Case

EGYPTOLOGY

There will be no Egyptology meeting in May due to holiday commitments. The next meeting will be on **June 13th** usual venue commencing at 2pm.
Kathy Goff

Strollers – Sunday 19 May 2019 – Burnham on Crouch

This is a 5 mile circular walk around farmland to the north of Burnham. It is a lovely walk on a warm sunny day. Sunshine and a cool breeze have been ordered but cannot be guaranteed. It is easy walking and there is only one stile.

We will meet at my place (see below) at 10.15 for a 10.30 start. Sunday lunch (carvery) is available at Swallowtail Restaurant, Burnham Marina, Foundry Road, Burnham, CM0 8LB. Please let me know if you are coming on the walk and if you want lunch no later than Friday 3 May when I have to confirm lunch numbers.

Sometimes, for reasons beyond our control, the venue of a walk or lunch has to be changed after being advertised in this magazine. If you do not tell me you are coming I cannot advise you of any last minute changes.

Alan Clarke
Chase End, Cobbins Chase, Burnham on Crouch, CM0 8QF

Strollers Too

Tuesday 28 May 2019 Gosbecks

Meet at 10.15 at The Donkey and Buskin. High Road, Layer-de-la-Haye, CO2 0HU to order lunch.
The walk will start and finish at Gosbecks Archaeological Park, CO3 4RN (approx. one mile from the entrance to Colchester Zoo). It will be best to share transport as the Car Park at Gosbecks has limited space.
The walk is about four miles over grassland, by open fields and through woodland.
Please let me know by **Monday, May 20** if you are coming/require lunch.
Sometimes, for reasons beyond our control, the venue of a walk or lunch has to be changed after being advertised in this magazine, so please be sure I have your contact details in case of last minute changes.
Christine Speed

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Local History

There is NO MEETING for the Local History Group on **April 22nd** as it is EASTER MONDAY. However for those of you who have booked, we have our first outing of the year on **Monday April 29th** to the Postal Museum in London.

A HAPPY EASTER to you all

Kathy, Jane and Sylvia

2019- 2020 Subscription Renewals

Membership subscription renewals are due no later than the end of this month.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Enrolment / renewal forms are available at the sign-in desk at this month's meeting or from the Membership Secretary (see below). Each member must complete a separate form, but if you are a couple you may pay by a single cheque. The annual subscription is £20.00 per person and payment must be made by cheque, payable to Maldon and District U3A, together with your completed form(s) before the 30 April 2019. For security reasons we do not accept cash.

DATABASE: The enrolment forms are used to check our database. If you leave a box blank (say email or phone number) we shall assume that you want that information deleted from our existing records.

DATA PROTECTION LAW Membership Renewal Forms are in line with the Third Age Trust guidance. One of the principles of the regulations is that personal data "Belongs" to the individual, and anyone who uses it has to have consent, please tick the "I Agree" box on the form, date and sign it to indicate your acceptance.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Where couples are both members, please avoid using each other as emergency contacts. A third party is preferable, in case you are on the same outing. Please also ensure that you have the consent to publish the name and telephone number of the person/s named as your emergency contact.

GIFT AID: Current Gift Aid regulations require a separate form to be completed by each individual. Gift Aid operates on the basis that HM Revenue and Customs treat your subscriptions as charitable donations; they assume that you have deducted tax at the basic rate before you pay your subscriptions and HMRC refund this tax to our U3A. We would encourage members who pay more tax than the tax recoverable from their subscription, currently £5.00, to complete the Gift Aid form.

DO IT NOW: if you have not renewed by the end of this month, you will no longer be a member and will not be able to attend Monthly or Group Meetings.
Please hand your forms and cheques to the sign-in desk or post them to Malcolm Case, Membership Secretary, 30 The Spinnaker, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford. CM3 5GL
Cheques will not be banked before the 1st May 2019.

MALDON U3A SOCIAL GROUP
PRESENT
AN AFTERNOON SUMMER BUFFET FEATURING

"KIND OF BLUE"

THURSDAY 25TH JULY – 2 - 4:30pm
AT THE BELL PUB – MAIN ROAD, WOODHAM FERRERS, CM3 8RF
EXTENSIVE BUFFET WITH LIVE MUSIC
TICKETS ON SALE AT £10
Contact: Mike Childs

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Tickets are on sale for

The Essex Police Choir Concert

This concert is exclusive to U3A Members

Tuesday, 30th April

Time 7.00 for 7.30 to 9.30

the Choir will perform with a Guest Performer
The Venue - The United Reformed Church,
Market Hill, Maldon
Ticket Price £8 inc. Tea/Coffee and Cake in Interval.
Tickets available from Rosemary Case
at main meeting
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2019 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

Mon. Apl 29	Visit to London Postal Museum—Local History
Tues. Apl. 30	Essex Police Choir Concert, United Reformed Church
Tues. May 21	Visit to Chelsea Flower Show
Thurs. June 6	Essex U3A Quiz
Mon. June 10	Balti Night
Thurs. June 13	Theatre outing to “Waitress” at the Adelphi Theatre
Mon. July 1	Bawdsey Radar Museum - Maritime
Thurs. July 25	Afternoon Buffet with Entertainment by “Kind of Blue”
Mon. Aug. 5	Tour the Sussex Seaside—Maritime
Sat. Aug. 17	Ukulele Concert—South Woodham Ferrers
9/13 Sept	5 days holiday to North Wales—Maritime
11th Oct	Beetle Drive, Plantation Hall
Fri. Nov. 29	Film Show with Afternoon Tea

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

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Strollers Too walking around the Beacon Hill woods in March.
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MUSIC APPRECIATION

Our session in March was loosely based on the theme “Instrumental.”
We started with Paganini’s 1st Violin Concerto which is a show piece for the violinist. In the recording of the first movement the soloist was Salvatore Accardo with the LPO conducted by Charles Dutoit. Our sound system showed off Accardo’s skill with the orchestra sidelined to a great extent. This was followed by Pachelbel’s Canon for three trumpets all played by Wynton Marsalis accompanied by the English Chamber Orchestra. We then listened to an excerpt from Britten’s Peter Grimes and a tape from a promenade concert of Arthur Sullivan’s cello concerto.
Next came Vivaldi’s Concerto R452 (all 6 minutes) followed by Nigel Kennedy playing a modern piece "Time 4 Time". Erik Satie’s 3rd Gymnopedie was rather incongruously followed by a recording of "The Rain In Spain" from My Fair Lady played on piano and cornet before the afternoon finished with Claude Debussy’s Claire de Lune as a piece for harp. Oh yes, during proceedings an item featuring Gerard Hoffnung and bagpipe(s) was unilaterally terminated by your co-ordinator on the grounds that we were a music appreciation group.
Next time a vote will be taken before any such action is taken.
Shades of Brexit emerging!
The group has been running since the start of the U3A and inevitably numbers reduce over the passage of time. We would welcome new members who are interested in the occasional afternoon listening to a wide selection of music. Sessions are normally held on the 4th Thursday of each month from 2pm to 4pm. Please contact Enid Hall or John Skuse if you would like to pay a monthly visit or just to see what we are up to. Visitors may bring their own CDs LPs or tapes for the enjoyment of others but please not of bagpipes without prior permission!
John Skuse

Just Jazz

The April meeting of Just Jazz will be held on **Monday April 15th** at 7.30pm at the Maldon Little Ship Club.
There will be a Bar and lots of Jazz and probably a film.
Jim Light

Just for Groups:
Blackwater U3A Holiday to Exmouth
Monday, 3/7th June 4 nights/5 days

Tour: Exmouth Devon Hotel: Royal Beacon Hotel

Price: £429 pp - Note: single occupancy supplement: + £100 pp

Meal basis: 4 nights, dinner, bed and breakfast

Excursions: admission charges to RHS Rosemoor and Exe River trip included. (A deduction of £7 pp will be applied to RHS members)
Insurance: £15 pp – optional extra – No age limit
Contact: Dawn Mundy
The price includes return executive coach travel, excursions as required, admissions as stated and porterage.

Visit to RHS Chelsea Flower Show, Tuesday 21st May

Just a reminder that if any RHS member can get a ticket for the afternoon session, transport is organised and there is space for a few more. Tickets will only become available now if other people cancel but it is still worth a visit to the RHS website

Trees Recognition Group

We shall be finishing our first five sessions on **Tuesday, April 16th**, and will start again after Easter on **Tuesday 30th April.** If the weather is good enough, we shall be meeting at a suitable wood to put all our theory into practice.

Veronica Smith

Discussion Group

At the April meeting our numbers were smaller than usual but the discussion group was a nice, friendly get together and topics ranged far and wide. Tea and biscuits were consumed and it was noted that the next meeting is at Deed House in Maldon on **Thursday 2nd May** at 2pm - a date for your diaries!

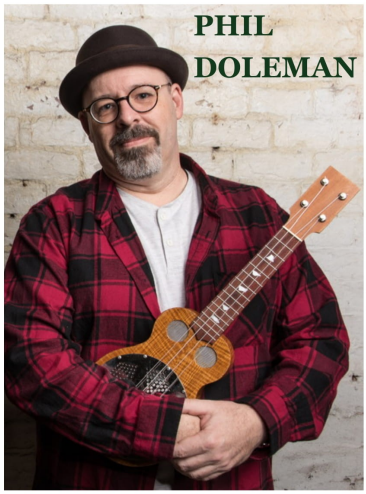
New members always welcome!

Meet & Eat Luncheon Group

The "Meet & Eat" group which lunches the 2nd Wednesday of the month has a few vacancies. If any Maldon U3A member is interested in joining the group then please get in touch. It is run on the basis that every member of the group organises at least one lunch and a programme is set out for the year. Lunches can be within 20 miles of Maldon and as far as possible venues not visited before but of a good standard.
Joyce Cotterell

Local Events in May

Maldon Mud Race - Sunday, 12th May
Little Baddow Open Gardens Saturday, 18th May 11 am to 5 pm
Beeleigh Abbey Gardens—Open Gardens - 10, 24 & 31st May
Morning Coffee Cruise—2,16 & 31st May—Topsailcharters.co.uk. £25
Cressing Temple Barns—11/12th May—Temple at War—Military history
Hylands House,—National Flower Show—12-19th May
Beth Chatto Gardens—'Close up Plants'—18th May
Essex Craft Guild—Spring weekend—5/6th May Grange Barn, Coggeshall



Charity Ukulele Concert

August 17th - £10 entry

In aid of

Alzheimer's Society
United Against Dementia

South Woodham Ferrers Village Hall
Saturday, 17 August 2019 7-11pm

Bar open all evening - tea & coffee also available (bring your own nibbles)
Charity Raffle with excellent prizes!

For tickets call:
Pete on 01245 321378
Jenny 01245 226112
Sandra 01245 321180

www.maldonukulelegroup.co.uk

Bob and Grahams Big Balti Night.
Monday 10th June

7:00 for 7:30pm.
At Balti Bhujon 24 Mill Rd Maldon.
Please contact

Tony Diamond includes myths and beliefs surrounding the discovery and enjoyment of chocolate

May 20th Meeting
Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm

Speaker
Tony Diamond
"The History of Chocolate"

Art Appreciation

The Art Group visited the superb Christchurch Mansion Museum in Ipswich to see Rodin's famous sculpture 'The Kiss', along with many paintings and drawings by Constable, plus art by Gainsborough, Reynolds and Munnings among others.
We had a lovely day with a lunch in the Tea Room followed by an extended guided tour by Gerald from the Friends of Ipswich Museums, of the Mansion's exquisite collections of art, sculpture, wood carvings, tapestry, antique kitchenware and furnishings.
We hope to have our next meeting on Tuesday 14th May.
Andy Simmonds

LUNCHEON CLUB VENUE

Times 12.15 pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd May. A carvery at Henri's Steak House, Madison Heights

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.

Your Committee	
Chairman	Brian Johnson
Vice Chairman	Alec Fraser
Vice Chairman	Shirley Macro
Secretary	Judith Johnston
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Membership Secretary	Malcolm Case
Newsletter Editor	Jan Robertson
Speaker Secretary	Veronica Smith
Committee	Andrew Simmonds Liz Jones ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Web Master	John Bowen Tony Groves
Social Group	Michael Childs
AV Equipment	Ken Cooper
Essex Assoc. of U3A's Committee	Malcolm Case

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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Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, 10th May

CO-ORDINATORS

Antiques	Awaiting new members
Art Appreciation	Andy Simmonds
Aviation	Brian Johnson
Astronomy	Malcolm Case
Balti Night	Bob Gowers Graham Evans
Bird Watching	Peter Gaywood Michael Bagshaw
Botany	Veronica Smith
Bridge	Sheila Epps
Canasta	Iris Slaney
Computers	Awaiting new Co-ordinator
Cribbage	Pat Clements
Croquet	Jean Healey Shirley Macro
Discussion	Bryan Jones
Egyptology	Kathleen Goff Sue Robinson
Family History	Alan Buck
French Conversation	Ann Lester
Geology	Enid Hall
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
Tree Identification	Veronica Smith
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

PROGRAMME – May 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Ten Pin Bowling Wine Group 1	2 Ten Pin Bowling Discussion Poetry Rummikub 2 Petanque Scottish Country Dancing	3 Mah Jong	4 Bird Watching EWT Reserve Fingring-hoe	5
6 Whist	7 Table Tennis	8 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Luncheon Group	9 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque French Conversation History—Tudors Reading Rummikub 1 Petanque Croquet	10 Canasta Sing for Pleasure	11	12 Maldon Mud Race
13 Handicrafts Whist	14 Table Tennis Art Appreciation	15 Ten Pin Bowling	16 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Scottish Country Dancing	17 Mah Jong RHS Flower Show Hylands House	18	19 Strollers
20 **Meeting 1.30 pm** Just Jazz	21 Table Tennis Aviation Geology Chelsea Flower Show	22 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Writing for Fun Wine group 2 Luncheon Group	23 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque French Conversation Music Appreciation Wine Group 3 Petanque Croquet Discussion	24 Canasta Cribbage Family History Sing for Pleasure	25	26
27 Astronomy Handicrafts Whist	28 Table Tennis Strollers Too Wine Group 4	29 Ten Pin Bowling	30 Ten Pin Bowling Petanque Scottish Country Dancing	31		