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Maldon and District

Newsletter

Membership Renewal is due before 31st August 2022

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FROM THE CHAIR

Trust this finds you fit and well and recovering from the hot spell last month – which brings me to the Members' Meeting which was cancelled. My apologies for deciding not to go ahead with the meeting, and after contacting the Committee, the decision to cancel was not taken lightly. I felt the weather forecasts of extreme heat and the advice given not to go out unless really necessary meant we had no other choice. From messages of support I received, it seems it was the correct move.

Our meeting for August will be a talk by Linda Knock on "Hylands House during World War II" as mentioned previously but our advertised meeting for September has had to be changed. Sadly, Mike Benning is now unable to come along. However, the good news is that Graham and Mary Brace, the speakers booked for July, are free and were happy to join us and give their wildlife and photography talk on "The Wildlife of Brazil."

I've been on another couple of trips out with different groups. With the Geology group I went on a visit to Mersea Museum where they have a small geology section and also had a look at the walls of the church next to the museum. The Maritime group have also been out again and this time we took a ride into Kent for a boat trip on the River Medway. Both outings were lovely and enjoyable and, as ever with a u3a outing, always time to stop for refreshments – the company was excellent too!

As I have said before, thank you to all co-ordinators and their helpers for the work they do in providing us with the opportunity to take part in the various interest groups and enjoy ourselves. If you think you would like to become more active in helping with a group, I'm sure all offers would be very welcome.

I look forward to seeing you at our next monthly meeting.

Best wishes,

Shirley Macro

p.s. Don't forget your membership renewal is now due!

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

There will be NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

For our meeting on **September 26th** we are proposing to have another walk down Maldon High Street.

For those of you who would like to join us, please meet outside All Saints Church at 2pm for a leisurely stroll along the High Street where buildings of historical and architectural interest will be highlighted.

The walk will take about an hour and there is no need to book - just turn up.

Meanwhile continue to enjoy the summer, and look out for details of Maldon's Heritage weekend, September 10th and 11th, when amongst other things, there should be access to the site of St Giles Leper Hospital and Chapel.

Kathy and Sylvia

The next curry event will be held on
Monday 26th September at the
Balti Bhujon restaurant
Mill Road Maldon
6:30 to 7:00pm start
Most people arrive about 6:30pm

To add your name to the list please contact the following.

Graham Evans
Bob Gowers

The Big Balti

Pre Covid, we used to arrange our curry night on Tuesdays, but the restaurant now closes on Tuesday. We are aware that unfortunately Monday clashes with other u3a activities, but it is the only day we can fit in the curry night.

FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks for all your contributions to this newsletter, please keep them coming. Look at our website for any updates in-between newsletters. **www.maldonu3a.co.uk**

Liz Samson

MARITIME GROUP

The next meeting is on **Monday 5th September** starting at 10:00 am at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge Basin, Maldon.

This is a talk by Roger Smith on the History of Southampton Docks from the Romans via the Medieval Period to the end of the 20th Century. There will be a brief look at the role the Docks have played in many conflicts around the world. There will also be mention of some of the ships which used the docks.

Malcolm Case

Planned MARITIME GROUP Programme 2022 (subject to change)

Mon 3rd October	**Talk** by John Pomfret on **The Middle Danube and its Connected Waterways**. Based on a number of visits to the Danube, some by boat, this talk takes us down the Danube for over seven hundred miles from the Wachau, upstream of Vienna, through Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, and Serbia, ending with passage through the spectacular Iron Gate gorges and locks into Romania and Bulgaria. On the way we see four capital cities, many castles and fortresses and some spectacular scenery, while sharing the river with boats ranging from canoes to river cruise ships and 14000 tonne barge tows. We also take some diversions to look at the Danube's navigable tributaries and the extensive canal system of Vojvodina in Serbia.
Mon 7th November	**Talk** by Alison Mainwood on **"Lighthouses"** which have been built all around the coasts of many nations to guide mariners away from dangerous rocks and reefs.

Mon 7th November (cont.)	They started off as wooden constructions with fires for lights, with obvious consequences, then some were built of brick or stone with oil lights, which meant that they could be built on off-lying rocks or on lightships - we will look at some of these. More recently, electric lights allowed some automation, so the lighthouse keepers no longer need to be present and the optics of the light itself have changed out of all recognition. Now many iconic lighthouses are becoming redundant and are being demolished (e.g. Orford Ness in Suffolk) or are being converted to other uses.
Mon 5th December	**Talk** on the **"Regents Canal"** by Simon Gregor. Simon is a Blue Badge Guide for London. He is also a World War I and II Battlefield Guide. Simon currently lives in the USA so he will be talking to us via a video link. This will be followed by a discussion on our programme for 2023.

All meetings are held at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge Basin on the first Monday of the month, starting at 10:00 am.

STROLLERS

For our walk on **Sunday 18th September** along the Blackwater Canal and back along the river you will need to park in Daisy Meadow car park which sadly now costs £2.50 for four hours.

Meet at 10.00 for a 10.30 start.

Please let me know if you will be joining us by 12th September and whether you will be needing lunch. I will then be able to email you with further details.

Kym Marshall

WITH REGRET

It is with great regret that we notify you of the death of two of our members, Ian Dunlop and David Taylor. Ian had been a member of our u3a since October 2014 and David since 2012.

MONTHLY MEETING

Remember your Membership Card

Monday 19th September 2022

Wickham Bishops Hall **Doors open at 1:30 for 1:45 start**

Talk postponed from July 2022

Graham and Mary Brace Wildlife Photographers and Conservationists will be giving a talk on:

'**The Wildlife of Brazil**'.

They will be sharing more than one hundred of their own photos taken in the Pantanal region of Brazil, which is the largest wetland in the world.

MONTHLY SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2022

Oct 17th	**Andy Thomas and AGM**	**Lewes and Bonfire Night**
Nov 21st	**Janet Brewer**	**Egyptology**
Dec 19th	**Christmas Entertainment**	

If you know of any speakers you can recommend, please contact me.

Veronica Smith, Speaker Secretary

MAH-JONG

Mah-Jong has places available for new members to join our group.

We meet on alternate Fridays in the Linton Room, West Maldon Community Centre at 1.45pm for a 2pm start, and we finish at 4pm.

I'm very happy to teach anybody who is interested in learning to play Mah-Jong. There will be NO meetings in August, but we restart on **2nd September.** For more information please contact:

Mags Pell

POETRY GROUP

The next meeting is on **Thursday 1st September** starting at 2.00pm in a member's house. The poet for this month is Spike Milligan.

Spike wrote verse, considered to be within the genre of literary nonsense. For example: *"It's due to pigeons that alight; on Nelson's hat that makes it white."* His poetry has been described by comedian Stephen Fry as "absolutely immortal."

One of his poems, "On the Ning Nang Nong", was voted the UK's favourite comic poem in 1998 in a nationwide poll, ahead of other nonsense poets including Lewis Carroll and Edward Lear.

Jo Robson

V&A Cancellation

It is with great regret that I have to cancel this trip for lack of support. I can only half fill the coach which therefore makes the cost too much for those who wish to go. I have tried costing several other coach companies who have quoted ridiculous prices.

I will return cheques paid to me at the meeting on August 15th. If you are unable to be there, please contact me about either collecting your cheque or giving me permission to destroy it.

I am so sorry to have to do this for the second time though this time for a different reason.

Sheila Epps

ASTRONOMY GROUP

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on **Monday 26th September** starting at 7:30 pm Chigboro Fishing Club, Chigborough Road, Heybridge. CM9 4RE.

The subject for this meeting is still to be decided but it is hoped that we may be able to have a talk at the Plume Library on "Books on Ancient Astronomy". Further details will be in the September Newsletter.

Malcolm Case

Blackwater Barge Cruise

After all the emails to members, the liaising with the Topsail Charter Company and the sale of tickets, the last issue was the weather on the day, was it going to be TOO HOT! The predicted hot spell was moved to Sunday, issue over for SOG, relax and enjoy it and we did.

The Barge was Hydrogen, the crew were superb, the weather was just right cloudy with some sun and a nice breeze, everyone arrived before sailing time, despite all the road works and burst water mains. We counted them on, all fifty correct, safety talk over, we set sail at 1.15 for a two hour trip. We left the Hythe following the Blackwater Channel round Heron Point past Northey Island and into the large stretch of water before Osea Island. Everyone enjoyed the chance to be on the water, catch up with old friends and remember their past visits to the area. On our return a cream tea was served, the home-made scones were delicious.

We think it was another enjoyable event ticked off.

Mike Childs and the Social Organising Group

SOCIAL ORGANISING GROUP

Hi To All Cake Makers

Occasionally when organising events, we have the need for cakes, if you are able and willing to make a cake for us, for which you would be reimbursed please could you let us know so we can compile a list and contact you if needed.

Reply to Sheila Childs

HANDICRAFT GROUP

During lockdown when we could not meet up our group kept themselves busy at home making quilts. These are just a few of the many quilts that were made by some of our group, and we arranged to hand them over to 'Project Linus' earlier this year.

Project Linus has now rehomed our quilts to three charities - Baby Basics, FCA Chelmsford and Kids Inspire, so we are pleased they were of use.

We would welcome some new members to our little group. Over the years the group has tackled all sorts of projects, some of which we have returned to several times.

We currently meet on an informal basis, whereby members bring their own projects to do, and any help required will almost certainly be available from some of our very experienced members.

We currently meet on the **second Monday** of each month between 10.00am and 12 noon taking it in turns to meet up at each other's homes but if numbers increased, we would look at booking a room/hall again. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact either –

Brenda Heal or Marian Manning

Maldon & District u3a
2022 - 2023 Membership Subscription Renewals

Subscriptions are due by no later than the 31st August 2022.
Please use our website **www.maldonu3a.co.uk/renewal.php** and complete the forms under "Membership Renewal". If you are unable to do this, then renewal forms are available from the Membership Secretary. **Each member must complete a separate form.**

Annual subscription is £20.00 per person, which can be paid by Bank Transfer into Barclays Bank, account name – **Maldon u3a Subs; sort code 20-54-30; Account number 53198995, the reference you use MUST be your forename and surname**; or if you wish, you can still pay by cheque which should be made payable to **Maldon & District u3a.**

Using the website and paying by Bank Transfer is the preferred way.

The completed form(s) together with your payment must be made before the **31st August 2022.** We do not accept cash. **The forms together with your cheque (if paying by cheque) MUST be returned to the Membership Secretary.**

Data Protection Law and Database: The Renewal forms are used to check our database, please indicate on the form if your details are unchanged from your original renewal. Any changes then please advise the Membership Secretary.

Emergency Contact: Where couples are both members, please avoid using each other as emergency contacts. Please also ensure that you have the consent to use the name and telephone number of the person/s named as your emergency contact.

Gift Aid: Please indicate on the form "I want to Gift Aid" if you are able to gift aid your subscription.

DO IT NOW: You do not have to wait until the end of August.

Membership cards have already been sent to you (they are white plastic bar coded credit card size).

GEOLOGY GROUP

VISIT TO WEST MERSEA JULY 2022

In mid-July, we had a very pleasant afternoon in West Mersea to visit the Museum and the neighbouring Church of St Peter and St Paul.

The museum was spacious and well laid out, with something of interest for all age groups.

The Geology section was small, showing samples of flint, puddingstone, and numerous fossils, including bones and teeth of elephant from the Hoxnian interglacial period about 400,000 years ago. During the later Ipswichian interglacial period of about 125,000 years ago bones of hippopotami have been found in East Mersea, unique to that particular time, when the climate was warmer than it is today.

Who knows: with the advance of climate change, will we see the return of these magnificent animals? We already have Water Hyacinths on Abberton Reservoir!!

The church next door was interesting, having been built in the 11th Century on the site of a former Roman Villa. Much of the exterior walls and tower have been plastered over, but there was evidence of cement stone, vein quartz, some flint, and plenty of Roman brick and tile. The church interior is beautifully maintained with a timber roof dating from the 16th Century. The south wall of the Lady Chapel has been rebuilt in stone but includes an 8th Century fragment of interlace carving in limestone. Most of the remaining walls have been whitewashed over since the 16th Century, and all that remains of the medieval wall paintings is a section of a stencilled border.

A very interesting afternoon was followed by a welcome cup of tea and of course, a piece of cake, at the nearby Art Café.

Sylvia Cousins

NEW revised date

See July newsletter for more information.

Training Day
for budding u3a (members only) archaeologists
Saturday 10th September
(*NEW* revised date)
9.30am to 5pm
Old St. Barnabas Church (demolished)
Mayland Hall, Mayland Hill, Althorne, Essex CM3 6EA

BIRD WATCHING GROUP

Birdwatching Visit to Abberton Reservoir

For our July outing, eleven members headed for Abberton reservoir – one of the locations used by the 617 Dambusters squadron for dummy runs before the famous raid in May 1943.

From the Layer Breton causeway - which simulated a dam in the practice raids – Great Egrets were among the first birds to catch our eyes. Once a rare visitor to the UK, these fine birds - about the size of a Grey Heron - have become more common in the past few decades with a good few pairs now breeding here.

Nearby were Little Egrets with their nests of sticks. Other birds with young included Egyptian Geese which are actually, more closely related to Shelduck. These almost exotic looking geese are descended from escapees from country estates where they were kept as ornamental fowl.

And so on to the reserve itself, where we were greeted by the joyful song of a Skylark rising skywards to declare its nesting territory. In the past, many were trapped for food, their tongues considered a great delicacy.

Out on the water, a few Tufted Ducks drifted by, the males with their distinctive black and white plumage. These ducks are with us the year round, though many migrate here from northern Europe in winter.

On the shore, a few juvenile Pied Wagtails with their brown and white plumage mingled with newly fledged Common Terns. These graceful summer visitors with their forked tails are also known as Sea Swallows. They spend the winter off the west African coast, as far south as South Africa.

The group's next destination is Blue House Farm, North Fambridge, on **September 3rd**. No meeting in August.

Mike Bagshaw

THE SILVER LINE

0800 4 70 80 90 **www.thesilverline.org.uk**

The Silver Line is the only free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people, open 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Birdwatching Group Programme 2022

2nd October	Cudmore Grove East Mersea	Meet in pay and display car park
5th November	Wallasea Island	Meet in car park
4th December	Hanningfield Reservoir	Meet in car park

All rendezvous times 10 am unless otherwise stated and subject to Covid rules in force at the time.
For full details of locations or requests for car shares please contact:
Peter Gaywood
Michael Bagshaw

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2022

It is time for my annual coffee morning which this year will be on **Friday 30 September.**

Once again I am asking people to book a slot to help me to manage the event. Times are 10 am, 11 am or noon.

Please email me or ring me to book in. I look forward to seeing you but if you are unable to attend I can let you have a link to donate on line as all donations are welcome.

In 2021 with your help I raised £750 - a record for me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mary

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

Scottish Country Dancing will be returning locally to Langford Village Hall, Maldon, starting on **September 8th** (10 am) and then on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

Dances will be chosen suitable for all participants from beginner to experts.

Details from Diana Rogers

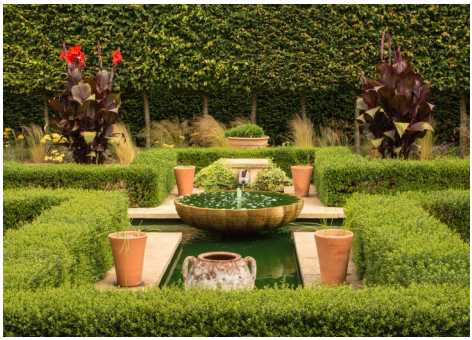
GARDEN GROUP

VISIT TO PEACOCKS GARDEN JULY 2022

The Garden Group enjoyed a visit to Peacocks Garden in Margaretting in July. It was during the unusually hot weather, although that particular day was just about manageable!

The owner, Philip Torr, gave of his time most generously, escorting us round and describing how he created the series of gardens on his property. Some of our members engaged him in detailed conversations on the various plants and their maintenance, whilst others just absorbed the beauty and peace.

On that hot day, the Spanish/Moorish inspired garden was particularly welcoming with its shady seating area, water features and serenity.



Photos by Brigitte Whiteing

We were surprised at how many plants were still thriving in the English walled garden. Phil explained that the garden had its own natural water supply which helped enormously. The orchard and wild flower meadow had already peaked, but it was still possible to imagine their beauty on an early June day.

We ended with welcome coffee and cakes in the shade. Some members have already suggested a return visit in 2023.

Theresa Byles

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The photography group continues to meet monthly via Zoom.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 21st September at 7:30pm**.

The subject for September is 'Clothes'**.**

Visit the photography page on our website to see the growing and varied selection of pictures.

www.maldonu3a.co.uk/photography/photography.php

New members are most welcome, pictures can be of any standard that you have taken yourself.

Examples of recent 'Doors and Doorways' pictures

Nicki Iszard

Brigitte Whiteing

Tony Groves **webmaster@maldonu3a.co.uk**

STROLLERS TOO

Tuesday 27th September.

This planned walk is approximately 4.5 miles circling Kelvedon. It is very varied on country lanes, river walks, footpaths and bridleways and is fairly flat.

We meet at the Railway Tavern, 182 High Street, Kelvedon, CO5 9JD at 10.15am to leave at 10.30. We will lunch there on return.

Please let us know by Friday 23rd September if you wish to join us.

Dave and Linda Ambrose

MARITIME GROUP

TRIP TO THE UPPER RIVER MEDWAY Monday 1st August

On a lovely sunny Monday morning, twenty-eight of us left the West Maldon Community Centre at 9:30 am by coach for our trip on the "Kentish Lady". We stopped at Danbury to pick up eight more and then off via the A12, Dartford Crossing and the M20, stopping at the Newnham Court Shopping Village for a coffee and comfort break followed by a short drive into Maidstone and stopping by the Archbishop's Palace.

The Archbishop's Palace is a Grade I listed historic 14th-century and 16th-century building, originally a home from home for travelling archbishops from Canterbury, the building is today principally used as a venue for wedding services.

Leaving the coach and our driver Mark by the Palace we had a short walk to where the "Kentish Lady" was berthed. Once on board our lunch was given to us by very courteous staff.

Kentish Lady II with a couple of well known faces

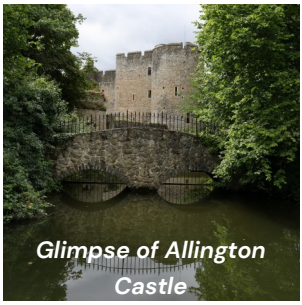
Our skipper – Nick – then told us that due to vandalism causing a tree fire on the riverbank, and the tree having subsequently collapsed and fallen into and blocking the river, our journey on the upper river Medway would be shorter than normal. Due to the problems, we were all given one free alcoholic drink and as much tea, coffee, and water as we wanted during the trip.

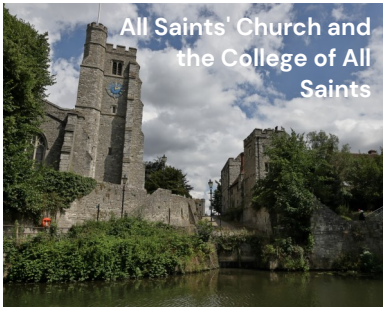
Leaving the berth at about 12:15 we went down river to Allington Lock and weir where the upper river becomes tidal (hence the lock).

The boat moored by the lock and our skipper lead us on a short walk to the lock and weir and gave a very interesting talk on how the lock operated and why it and the weir were there. Back on board we then went upstream as far as the boat could safely navigate. En route we passed several bridges and places of interest all pointed out by our skipper who gave a very good commentary.

Skipper describing Allington Lock

View of Allington Lock


Glimpse of Allington Castle


All Saints' Church and the College of All Saints

Gibraltar House

Having turned round we then slowly went back to the boat's berth in Maidstone.

When we disembarked, we were all given a very welcome choc ice.

It was then back to the coach and our return to Maldon, arriving back at about 4:45 pm. A good and very relaxing day out.

Malcolm Case

Photos by Alec Fraser

STROLLERS TOO

July Strollers Too Walk

Eight members of the Strollers Too group met at The Old Crown in Messing on Tuesday 26th July for a circular walk of around 4.2 miles. The day was dry and sunny but not too hot. We started off on a field path then concrete roads, (remains of Birch WW2 airfield).

We saw this unusual wild flower which we identified as Common Chicory *(Cichorium intybus). It* reminded me of Cupid's Dart (*Catananche caerulea)* that is a popular garden plant!

For part of the walk, we had to walk beside the rather busy Tiptree to Colchester Road (B1022) until opposite the public footpath through Layer Wood. Nice to be away from the road noise again.

Through the wood as we approached Hayes Green Road we were all trying work out what the loud mechanical clanking noise was. The machine turned out to be working in the field that our path led where a Caterpillar Tractor was pulling a "Mole" to improve the field drainage. We also saw a hare cavorting about on the adjacent field.

We continued along a path by an ancient earthwork known as The Ramparts, thought to be Anglo Saxon or earlier. Into Pods Wood next. Saw some evidence of Muntjac deer although not the deer themselves. Crossed the B1022 again and into Coneyfield Wood where we walked along the outer edge to get the magnificent views over Messing and the Domsey Brook and Blackwater Valleys.

A small group of sunflowers was growing at the edge of the field along with some balsam. We saw this at various points on the walk and suspect that the farmer was trying various aspects and soil types to see if they would be a viable crop.

Back to The Old Crown round the edge of a field where a combine harvester was hard at work.

Into The Old Crown for a superb, and well-earned lunch, with excellent company.

David Griffiths ***Photographs by Yvonne McAulay***

NEWS FROM THE EAST

Look at the August edition, our Jubilee event is included.

See the link on our website.

http://www.maldonu3a.co.uk/NewsFromTheEast2022-08.pdf

"Sound" Person "Still" Required

Since this was first posted in the Newsletter, those attending the monthly meeting in Wickham Bishops will have noticed the improved clarity of sound, as well as the disappearance of the large loudspeakers on tripod stands. No part of the u3a sound system is visible except the new digital wireless microphones. The basic sound kit is now easily carried in a briefcase and quickly plugged in at the side of the stage behind the curtain. Setting up the projector is unchanged and is also quite simple.

The arrangement used at Maldon Town Hall for Local History meetings is very similar.

If you are even thinking about coming forward, please see any member of the Committee and we can have an informal chat/demo at the next meeting. Support and training will be provided, as well as written instructions.

Alec Fraser

The Queen's Jubilee Commonwealth Games Baton

Whilst on holiday in the Channel Islands in June, we had a two night stay on Herm, a small island near Guernsey. As there is no tv reception, we listened to the Guernsey Radio as we had our early morning cuppa.

On the news for the day, after they said that the post had arrived at 4.30, the newspapers at 5.45 and to take care of the road cones outside the Co-op, the newsreader announced that the Queen's Jubilee Commonwealth Games Baton would be going to Herm that day.

On our way to breakfast we asked at the hotel reception when was the baton arriving, blank faces, then a voice from the back office said 10 o'clock on the front lawn.

All set after breakfast, 10 o'clock on the front lawn it arrived along with three Olympians and two dignitaries, tv and radio crews from Guernsey; then the entire Herm school arrived, eight children and two teachers, (the total population of Herm is only thirty-eight).

After all the children had displayed poems, flags, and stories that they had produced for the occasion and had explained that their main sport was sailing, they all had their photos taken holding the baton helped by one of the Olympians.

Now was an opportunity for the others on the front lawn, about ten people to get a photo taken, so we stepped forward with our travelling companions Gina and Steve. Sheila could carefully hold the high tech baton and Gina the mascot, Bully, which represents Birmingham. That was a unique once in a lifetime opportunity captured on the picture below.

Oh, what a difference when the baton arrived in Maldon on Friday 8th July, welcomed by the Queen's Representative the Lord Lieutenant of Essex, the Maldon Town Mayor, the chair of Maldon District Council but no school children to see it and get inspired to become our next Olympians. The baton was carried down the Prom to Byrhtnoth and back again by selected local baton carriers.

The baton then went back on the coach and off to its next destination, all finished in about 30 minutes, oh dear.

Sheila and Mike Childs

The photo of the Maldon Baton Visit by Mary Burd of our u3a.

FILM GROUP

The films under review for July were "Philomena" and "Papadopoulos & Sons."

"Philomena" took all the plaudits and was very well received, both for the quality of the acting and the story – based on the book "The Lost Child of Philomena Lee" by Martin Sixsmith and her 50-year search for her son and Sixsmith's efforts to help her. Well worth watching and as a result scored highly. Score **9.**

Although quite well received by most of us, "Papadopoulos & Sons" is described as a comedy drama which originally was only scheduled to run for one week in cinemas, having been self-distributed by the writer/director. However, it was quite well received, and its run extended. Light and frothy with a happy ending. Score: **7.**

The films for August are:

What Maisie Knew - a 2012 drama film starring Julianne Moore, Alexander Skarsgard, Onata Aprile, Jana Verderham and Steve Coogan. It is a modern adaptation of Henry James' 1897 novel of the same name. The film finds six-year-old Maisie in the middle of a custody battle between her neglectful parents and their new partners.

Available on ITV Hub

Effie Gray - a 2014 British biographical film written by Emma Thompson and directed by Richard Laxton. Starring Dakota Fanning, Emma Thompson, and Julie Walters, along with many other well-known British stars, it is based on the true story of John Ruskin's marriage to Euphemia Gray and the subsequent annulment of their marriage.

Available on BBC iPlayer

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 31st August, at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Shirley Macro

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Music Appreciation	tba
Petanque (Boules)	Jack Veash
	Geoff Macro
Photography	Tony Groves
Poetry	Jo Robson
Reading	tba
Rummikub	Beryl McDonell
Scottish Country Dancing	Diana Rogers
Sing for Pleasure	Sue Garnham
Strollers/Strollers Too	Malcolm Case
Tenpin Bowling	David Arnold
Tree Identification	Veronica Smith
Wild Flowers	Veronica Smith
Wine Circle No. 2	Graham Boswell
Wine Circle No. 3	Mary Burd
Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

Comment on ***"Third Age Matters"***

via Patrick Forsyth

Schedule of Events - September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
			1 Tenpin Bowling Poetry Rummikub Petanque	2 Mah Jong	3 Bird Watching	4
5 Maritime	6 Art Appreciation	7 Croquet Tenpin Bowling	8 Tenpin Bowling Petanque French History- Georgians Scottish Dancing	8 Sing for Pleasure Canasta	10	11
12 Discussion Handicrafts	13 German Garden Group	14 Tenpin Bowling Meet and Eat Bridge	15 Tenpin Bowling Petanque	16 Mah Jong	17	18 Strollers
19 **Monthly Meeting** Just Jazz	20	21 Croquet Tenpin Bowling Geology Photography	22 Petanque Tenpin Bowling French Music App Wine Group 3 Scottish Dancing	23 Sing for Pleasure Canasta	24	24
26 Astronomy Local History Big Balti	27 German Wine Group 4 Strollers Too	28 Bridge Tenpin Bowling Film Group Wine Group 2 Writing for Fun **Beetle Drive**	29 Tenpin Bowling Petanque	30 Mah Jong Cribbage **Macmillan Coffee**		

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