

**MALDON & DISTRICT
USA**

25TH ANNIVERSARY

17TH APRIL 2023

There are currently some 38 Interest groups.

Art Appreciation

Astronomy

Aviation

Bird Watching

Bridge

Canasta

Cribbage

Croquet

Discussion

Films

French Conversation

Garden

Geology

German Conversation

Handicrafts

History - Georgians

History - general

Just Jazz



Luncheon Groups

Mah-Jong

Maritime

Music Appreciation

Padel Tennis

Petanque (Boule)

Photography

Poetry

Reading

Rummikub

Scottish Country

Dancing

Sing For Pleasure

Strollers

Tenpin Bowling

Theatre Outings

Wine Groups

Writing for Fun

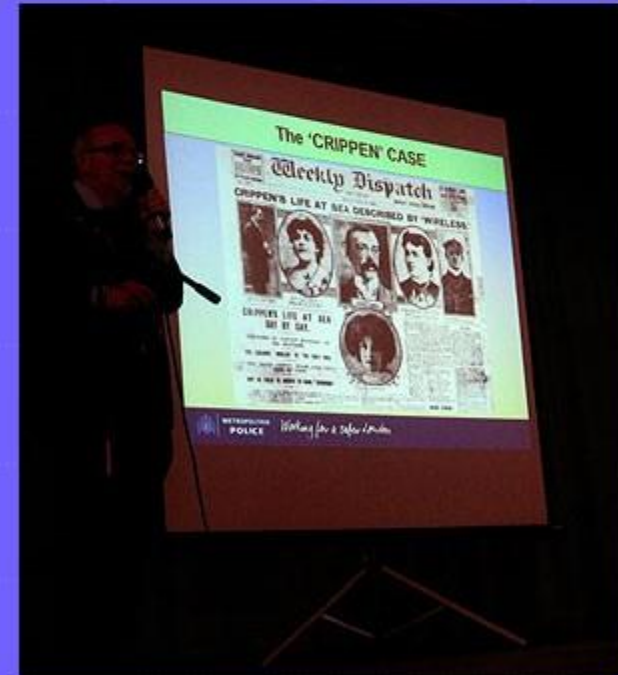
Monthly Meetings



**3rd Monday each month at
Wickham Bishops Village
Hall**



**Guest
speakers on
a wide
variety of
subjects**





Social Events

WINE GROUPS



Ten Pin Bowling





1998 - 2023

Our past and Present Chairmen

1998 – 2001 *Beryl McDonnell*
2001 – 2004 *Sheila Epps*
2004 – 2007 *Tony Mandara*
2007 – 2010 *Alan Buck*
2010 – 2013 *Joyce Cotterell*
2013 – 2016 *Malcolm Case*
2016 – 2019 *Brian Johnston*
2019 – 2022 *Shirley Macro*
2022 – *Ken Hazell*

19th April 1998 – inaugural meeting at the
West Maldon Community Centre
45 potential members attended.

Original Committee

Beryl McDonnell – Chairman.

Bill Stichbury – treasurer.

Anne Skuse – Secretary.

*Doris Chapman, Alf Chapman, Marion Condon,
Phillippe Epps, John Skuse and Joyce Yates*



L-R

Bill Stichbury, John Williams, Doris Chapman, Enid Hall, Sylvia Carpenter, Joyce Stokes,
Beryl McDonnell, Sheila Epps, Daphne Swanson, David Arnold, Frank Stokes, Philippe Epps

Taken December 1998

1st Birthday celebration



Table Tennis 1999





Maldon USA

December 1999 Meeting



OPEN DAY
26 APRIL 2000



Local History





DOME
VISIT

FEBRUARY
2000



*The High Sheriff's
Awards*

2001 - 2002

*This Certificate is
awarded to*

Maldon University of The Third Age

*In recognition of valuable service to community safety
in the County.*

*This award also recognises the appreciation of the
people of Essex for this contribution in
enhancing the life of the community*

Signed and dated this
19th day of March 2002



HIGH SHERIFF OF ESSEX



Gardening Group 2004



Cockney Evening 2005



Brussels Trip to EU Parliament 2005



Halloween 2007





Gardening Trip to France 2007



Gardening Trip to France 2007



Olympic Site Visit 2010



2012



Framlingham Castle 2013



Wine Tasting in Chelmsford







WINE TASTING - LOIRE



800th Weekly Ten Pin Bowling



Flanders 2015





U3a BBQ

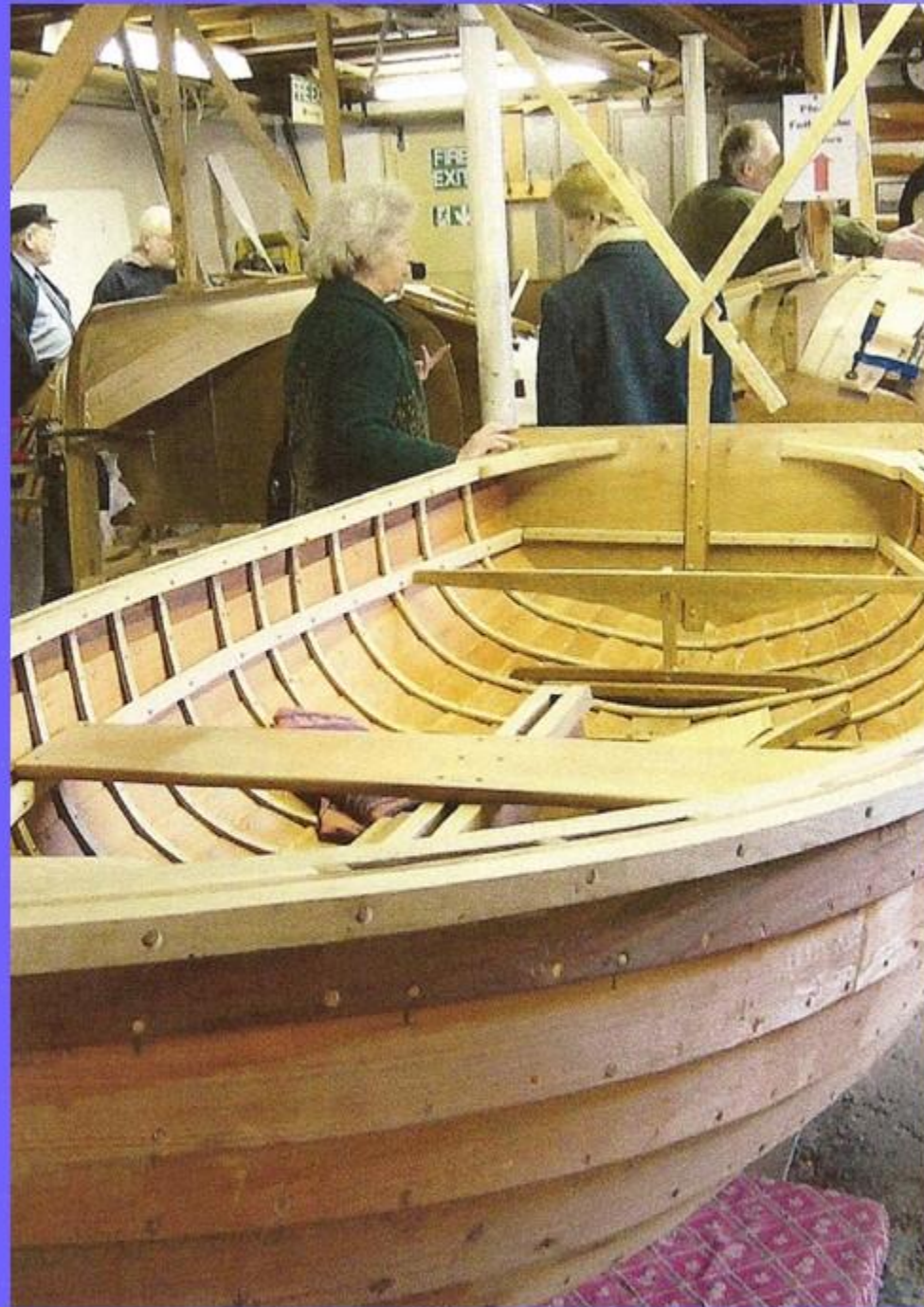




Hog Roast July 2011



Boat Building - Lowestoft



Barn Dance at Maldon Town Hall



Gardeners' Group 3-day trip to gardens in the South of England 2014



Durham



Activity Groups display made by the handicraft Group



A day sail from Bradwell Marina



Building the Pétanque Court







Merchant Navy Memorial Harwich



The Three "Queens". Maritime Group trip to Liverpool



Maritime Trip to Sweden



Plymouth 2012



Enjoying a cream tea 2012



Maritime Group Themed Dinner



Visit to Thames haven Oil Terminal



18th Birthday celebrations 2016





60's Night



Aviation Group's visit to Bentley Priory and the Mosquito Museum



Plantagenet History Group's visit to the Magna Carter exhibition





Astronomy Group

**Visit to
Cambridge
Radio Telescope**

Singing for Pleasure



Christmas Dinner 2010





Beryl McDonnell cut the cake, supported by past and present chairpersons of the Maldon U3A

U3A group celebrates its 21st birthday

MALDON and District U3A recently celebrated its 21st anniversary with a hall full of members.

Many members from the early days, as well as more recent recruits, enjoyed the afternoon with entertainment from Steve Galler, refreshments and birthday cake.

The inaugural meeting took place in 1998 with 45 potential members attending.

The current membership now

exceeds 400 and 40-plus interest groups.

The celebrations followed the business of the annual general meeting when thanks was given to Brian Johnson, the retiring chairman, for his work over his period of office.

Also present were past chairmen, along with the newly elected one, Shirley Macro; with the honour of cutting the cake given to Beryl McDonnell, one of the group's founding members and

first chairman. The U3A is a national self-help organisation which provides an opportunity for retired and semi-retired people to come together and share a variety of educational, creative and leisure activities. The U3A motto is learn, laugh and live.

The Maldon and District group has a wide range of interest groups covering subjects such as art appreciation, maritime, luncheon groups, local and general history to more active ones - ten pin bowling,

table tennis and croquet.

There is also an active social group which arranges events throughout the year, as well as a theatre group which organises trips to London shows. The groups are run on a self-help basis with group members sharing their knowledge and talents as well as a well-attended monthly members' meeting with interesting speakers.

For more information, visit www.maldonu3a.co.uk





Alsace & Champagne Visit 2019

Visit to Antwerp in 2007



AGM 2019



2019. 6. 17

Jazz Afternoon 2019



2019. 7. 25

Maritime Trip to North Wales 2019



Llangollen Canal 2019

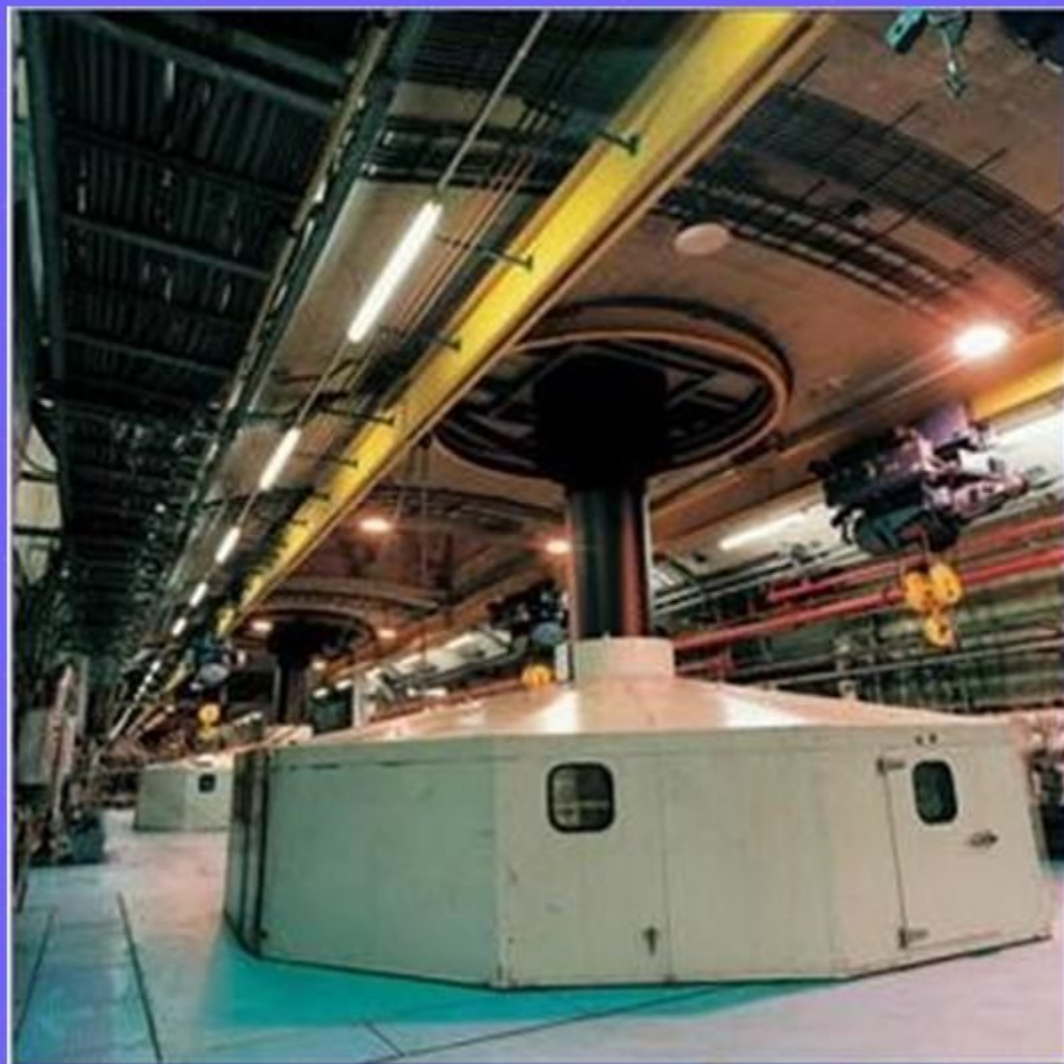




North Wales 2019



Electric Mountain - North Wales. Turbine hall



CAERNARFON CASTLE



Our display at little Baddow Fete 2021



What's on offer?

There are learning opportunities

Outdoor pursuits

Social Events

Outings

Take a look at the many and varied activities available



MEET & EAT

LOCAL HISTORY

What is the u3a?

A nationwide organisation based on local groups providing opportunity for retired and semi-retired people to come together and develop their interests.



HANDICRAFT

WRITING FOR FUN

WINE GROUP

FAMILY HISTORY

It's all voluntary

Members share their knowledge and experience with others in interest groups, running informal activity sessions covering a wide range of subjects.

2022



It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of my beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow.

Chorus R

STROLLERS - IN AID OF BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL - 2022





Strollers Too Walk and lunch at Fingringhoe



Social Evening 2023





Scottish Country Dancing



GARDENING GROUP SEPTEMBER 2001
VISIT TO MRS HELEN ROBINSON'S GARDEN



LUNCHEON CLUB, FEBRUARY 2002
DUCANE ARMS, GREAT BRAXTED



**STROLLERS
2002**



**"THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE"
OUR AUGUST MEETING 2002**



Our "Special Guest"



**Our special
Guest**



MARITIME HISTORY
NOTTAGE MARITIME INSTITUTE VISIT
MARCH 2003





Lille 2004



Tea Dance 2005



French Evening 2006



Wine Circle Dinner 2006



Italian Night Entertainers 2007



Italian Night



Hugh Rainey & his Jazz Band 2007



Jazz Evening 2007



Picnic at Heybridge Basin 2008



Social Evening 2009



Clacton Air Show 2015



Magic Evening 2015



Four day holiday to Kent 2016



Walmer Castle 2016



Maritime Trip - Exeter 2016

Dartmouth Royal Naval College

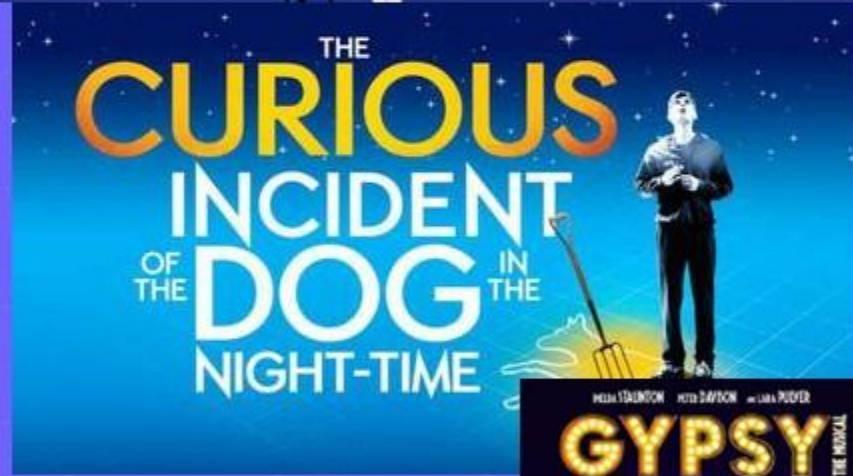


Maritime Trip to Portsmouth 2017



"Mary Rose" 2017





LONDON THEATRE GROUP

Strasbourg.





Strasbourg



Strasbourg 2006



Brooklands - with the Aviation Group



French gardening trip 2007





Welsh Evening 2008

Visit to Ely 2010



Astronomy Group Visit to Sir Patrick Moore 2007



London Eye 2007



**HQS Wellington
Centre for the Honourable
Company of master
Mariners**



Christmas 2014



HERE'S TO THE NEXT
25 YEARS !!