



Maldon and District

Newsletter



*The Garden Group enjoying an Outing to
Ulting Wick
see page 16*

March 2022

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FROM THE CHAIR



Here we are again and time for another newsletter – where do the weeks go!

It was good to read in last month's newsletter reports from our interest groups about what has been happening and plans for future events, talks and outings. We have a wonderful variety of groups, ranging from larger ones such as Maritime, through to the much smaller Poetry and Geology groups. We are very fortunate to have so many different groups on offer and our thanks to all the co-ordinators and their assistants for the efforts involved in running them. If you are a group co-ordinator or a regular member of a group which does not usually get a mention in the newsletter, why not send in a short report to our Newsletter Editor, Liz Samson, and have an article included in a future edition.

I am still looking to hear from more members with their memories of the Queen's 70 years, as well as the founding of the u3a. I would like to be able to put together these stories ready for our own planned get-together at the June monthly members' meeting. As already mentioned, the weeks whip past and June will soon be upon us, and I would like to be ready in plenty of time. I look forward to hearing from you.

The mention of monthly members' meetings brings me to our next meeting on Monday 21st when we will have a talk by Danielle Barnett, "From Simon Cowell to Dragons' Den". I'm interested to learn the driving forces behind wishing to "make it in the music industry" and how she got the chance to appear on Dragons' Den, successfully!

There will be a limited number of printed copies of the newsletter available at the monthly members' meetings for you to collect or get a friend to pick one up on your behalf.

Enjoy the daffodils!

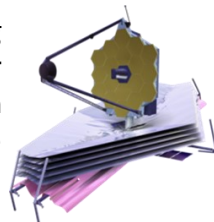
Best wishes,

Shirley

ASTRONOMY GROUP

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday 28th March**, starting at 7:30 pm at Chigboro Fishing Club, Chigborough Road, Heybridge, CM9 4RE.

If weather conditions allow then we will be observing the night sky, if not then there will be a talk on our visit to Bayfordbury Observatory on Friday 11th March and discussions on the latest space telescope "James Webb" which is a space telescope designed primarily to conduct infrared astronomy.



Please bring your telescopes, binoculars or monocular with you, if possible, if not then there should be several telescopes through which you will be able to observe the night sky.

What is visible in the March night sky - Venus is certainly easy enough to spot in the dawn twilight it rises in the east-south east about two hours before sunup. Earth will go through a change of seasons on March 20th. On that day, the sun arrives at its equinox crossing the celestial equator heading north for the year. Jupiter passes through conjunction with the sun on March 5th and enters the morning sky. It finally emerges into view, extremely low in the bright dawn on the final day of March; however, you most definitely will need to use binoculars to scan for it just above the eastern horizon about 25 minutes before sunrise.

Saturn still hides in the sunrise glow during the first half of March but begins to emerge low in the east-south-eastern dawn during the last week of the month. The morning of March 24th will provide you with an excellent opportunity to identify it courtesy of two other morning planets, Venus, and Mars. On the morning of March 28th, a waning crescent moon will join Venus, Saturn, and Mars, about 45 minutes before sunrise, look low toward the east-southeast horizon.

If you would like to join the group or just come along for an Astronomy taster, then please contact me.

Malcolm Case

Warning – Distraction Fraud

This is a true incident that happened in March 2022 to a u3a member.

She had completed her shopping in Tesco's in Maldon and had loaded her shopping into the boot of her car. There was a tap on her window and the man told her that there was a scratch on her car from a supermarket trolley.

She got out to inspect it, and there was indeed a scratch on her car.

When she got back into her vehicle, her handbag had gone. Another bag with all her keys in was also taken. All of her credit cards and everything else you usually have in your handbag were gone.

Unfortunately, this distraction technique is common.

MARITIME GROUP

There will not be a meeting of the Maritime group until **Monday 6th June**, details on this talk will be in the May newsletter.

The trip to The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich is on **Monday 4th July**, there are still seven places available if anyone would like join. Please contact me for details.



The group is currently planning a trip on **Monday 1st August** to the river Medway, this includes a trip on the river together with lunch, details to follow.



Malcolm Case

Planned MARITIME GROUP Programme 2022(subject to change)

Mon 4th April	No Meeting
Mon 2nd May	No meeting – Bank Holiday
Mon 6th June	Talk by Andrew Weir, the retired Managing Director of Bank Line, about the company and its formation.

Mon 4th July	Trip to the National Maritime Museum for a visual presentation in the museum library by Dr Megan Barford of the various ancient nautical maps and other artifacts. This is a follow up from Dr Megan Barford’s talk in November 2021. Plan is to leave Maldon so as to arrive at the Museum by 10:00/10:30 and depart between 3:00/3:30pm. Cost per person, which includes cost of the coach hire, driver’s gratuity and coach parking is £20.00.
Mon 1st August	Trip on the river Medway. Cost per person to be advised.
Mon 5th September	Talk by Roger Smith on Southampton Docks, its history including information on various ships.
Mon 3rd October	Talk by Richard Jones on “Cable and Wireless”. Richard will talk about life aboard a cable laying ship, and then talk about how we talk to our families in Australia or wherever without thinking about it. Satellite or cable? He will give a brief history of submarine telephone cables and cable ships from past to present day. He will describe how a cable is laid and repaired, how a route is chosen and surveyed. Old copper cables versus modern fibre optics?
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 5th December	Talk on the “Regents Canal” by Simon Gregor. Simon is a Blue Badge Guide for London. He is also a World 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.

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MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 18th April 2022

No Meeting – Easter Monday



MONTHLY SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2022

May 16th	Saffron Summerfield	When Birds Sing – Nature's Music <i>Birdsong and Birdcalls with guitar</i>
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Double Celebration

Monday
20th June 2022



If you know of any speakers you can recommend, please contact me.
Veronica Smith, Speaker Secretary

ART APPRECIATION

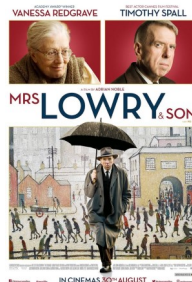
The Art Appreciation Group will be meeting again at long last, on **Tuesday 5th April** at 1.45 for 2pm to watch the 'Mrs Lowry and Son' DVD in the Jubilee Room at West Maldon Community Centre, CM9 6YH. Limited number of places available.

There will of course be tea and refreshments.

There will be a small charge to cover the costs.

Judith Johnston has kindly agreed to lead the group for the time being and Kathy Goff has offered to help with the organisation.

Andy Simmonds



JUST JAZZ GROUP

There will be no Just Jazz meeting on April 18th as it is Easter Monday.

Jim Light

HANDICRAFT GROUP

NEW Members Welcome

Following our long break through the pandemic we have started back up again. Unfortunately, we have lost a few of our long-term members for various reasons.

We would welcome some new members to our little group. Over the years the group has tackled all sorts of projects and we have now covered as many things as we can possibly think of doing, some of which we have returned to several times.

It has been agreed among our members that we do wish to continue to meet but on a much more informal basis, whereby members bring their own projects to do, and any help will almost certainly be available from some of our very experienced members.

We currently meet on the **second Monday** of each month between 10.00 and 12 noon at the Cold Norton Village Hall in a very light, warm but airy pleasant room. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact either:

Brenda Heal or Marian Manning

STROLLERS

The next Strollers walk is on **Sunday March 20th**.

This walk is in Mundon taking us past the 'Petrified Oaks' and down to Mundon Creek and back.

Please meet at 10:00 am for a 10:30 am start in the White Horse car park, Mundon, CM9 6PB.

Lunch can be taken at the White Horse, but we will need to know by the 12th March to book.



Please let me know whether or not you will be joining the walk and whether you will be staying for lunch by no later than the 12th March.

Robert Heal

Birdwatching Group Programme 2022

2nd April	Tollesbury	Meet in Woodrolfe Road car park
7th May	Minsmere Reserve Suffolk	Meet in centre
18th June	Wrabness Reserve	Meet in Railway Station car park
2nd July	Salcott	Park outside church
No meeting in August		
3rd September	Blue House Farm	Park in reserve car park
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.

All meetings 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

POETRY GROUP

The next meeting of this small but very friendly group is **Thursday April 7th** starting at 2:00 pm meeting in a member's house.

The poet for discussion is Charles Stanley Causley CBE FRSL (24 August 1917 – 4 November 2003) who was a British poet, school teacher and writer.

His work is often noted for its simplicity and directness as well as its associations with folklore, legends and magic, especially when linked to his native Cornwall.

If you would like to join the group, then please contact Jo Robson



SOCIAL ORGANISING GROUP

The Magic Evening on 9th March

This was an excellent evening with Magic from The Mid Essex Magical Society which included fantastic illusions from members of the Magic Circle. The Fish and Chip supper went down well, supplied by Paul's Plaice from Heybridge.

We hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

Here are some dates of future events for your diary.



An afternoon Barge Trip with a cream tea on **Friday 15th July.**

An afternoon Beetle Drive on **Wednesday 28th September.**



Details to follow. Mike Childs
Social Organising Group

CROQUET GROUP

It is time to start thinking about those summer sports, and it is hoped the Croquet group can start to play towards the end of April. At present the lawns are still very wet but they will soon dry out as the air warms up. Croquet is competitive, yet sociable, enjoyable, keeps you active and healthy.

Regular players of the group will be contacted in early April, but new members are welcome. Why not come along and have a go?

The group meets on the **1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons** from April till October. There is a charge of £5.00 for the use of all equipment. Please note that for safety reasons, open toed shoes should not be worn, no sandals please.

We play at Forrester Park Golf Club, Beckenham Road, Great Totham, CM9 8EA. Time 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.



Jean Healey, Shirley and Geoff Macro

TREE IDENTIFICATION GROUP

A somewhat depleted group met for our monthly walk, this time at the Recycling Tip in Maldon because opposite the tip is a marvellous stand of grey poplar trees.

It was a lovely sunny day but with a bitterly cold wind, so the meeting was cut short, but not before looking at the poplars and several other trees nearby including blackthorn.

This is now flowering widely in our hedges and seems to come from nowhere. The white five-petalled flowers are very like those of hawthorn, but the easy way to tell them apart is that the blackthorn flowers **before** its leaves come out, and the hawthorn flowers later, **after** its leaves have opened. In fact, it flowers around May, hence its old name.

We abandoned our chilly spot after members of the group had been set some follow-up tasks to do in the warmth of their homes.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 10th March**, meeting at the Information Kiosk on Promenade Park at 10.00 am to look at the trees in the designated Tree Walk.

Veronica Smith

East of England Regional Conference

Thursday 19th May
with Patrick Forsyth as
one of the speakers.

East Region together in conference

u3a **THE U3A — PAST
PRESENT AND FUTURE**
Thursday May 19
10.30am to 3.30pm

Inspiring speakers offering challenging thinking



Graham Phipps
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WELCOME

We are pleased to
welcome the following
new members:

Linda Clarke
Wendy Deller
Lorraine Dixon
Campbell Dixon

Julie Lake

You in
your 3rd
age

INVITATION from BCSS Chelmsford Branch

Dear Club Secretary,



The Chelmsford Branch of the British Cactus and Succulent Society (BCSS) would like to invite your members to our forthcoming public open day to learn more on growing cacti and other succulent plants, alongside the opportunity of purchasing less common such plants.

All plants are grown by experienced amateur members of the BCSS, and we will have at least 15 tables of sales plants.

The details are as follows:

Date and time – **Saturday 23 April 2022** – Open 10 am to 5 pm

Venue – Rawreth New Village Hall, Church Road, Rawreth, Essex, SS11 8SH

This lies about 2 miles north of the A127 along the A1245 north bound. The village hall is just west of the Rawreth Lane traffic lights where you would turn westward onto Church Lane.

There is good parking in the car park and the local country lane.

Entry Fee is £3

For further details of this event or of the local BCSS Branches in the South East of England, please contact our secretary Mrs Martine Compton at bcss.chelmsford@gmail.com

We would be grateful if you could circulate this email to your members.

Yours sincerely,

Dr R Rolfe (Chairman, BCSS Chelmsford Branch)

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

It was nice to see so many members attend the February meeting.

Our next meeting is on **Monday March 28th** at 2 pm at the Town Hall for a talk on –



"The History of the D'Arcy Spice"

given by Neil Wiffen an excellent speaker from the Essex Record Office.

A D'Arcy Spice just prior to harvesting



There will be **NO MEETING** at the Town Hall in April as we have our organized coach trip on **Monday 25th April "An East Anglian Panorama"** when we will visit Long Melford and Lavenham with time for lunch in between.

We return to the Town Hall on **Monday May 23rd** at 2 pm for a talk by Mike Stringer on the "Leper Hospital of St Giles", the ruins of which can be seen at the western end of Spital Road, Maldon.



Meanwhile enjoy the approaching Spring, and we look forward to seeing you on March 28th.

Kathy and Sylvia

FROM THE EDITOR

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

Liz Samson

Article from the MNA* Magazine

On June 21, 1898, HMS Albion sat on the launching ways at the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company at Blackwall. The launching that would soon end in tragedy was also one of the first disasters to be captured on film.



The Albion was the largest warship ever launched on the Thames and the first battleship built for the Royal Navy in the shipyard in more than a decade.

An estimated 30,000 people packed into the yard to see the Duchess of York launch the Royal Navy's latest ship-of-the-line. Local schoolchildren were given the day off to attend the launch. In the crowd were two crews operating motion picture cameras ready to film the launching. After three swings the Duchess of York finally broke the bottle of champagne against the bow. When the ship finally slid into the river, it raised a wave that struck an overloaded, makeshift viewing stage, collapsing it, toppling the crowd into the river. Thirty-eight people drowned – the youngest victim was just three months old, the oldest sixty-four. Twelve of those killed were aged under eighteen.

It remains one of the worst disasters in the history of the Thames. Remarkably, the tragedy was largely caught on film. Robert W Paul captured the view from the water while E P Prestwich filmed from an altitude of 150 feet and a considerable distance to encompass the entire ship within the frame as it slid into the river.

Neither footage captured the waves striking the viewing stand, although Paul's footage does catch boatmen attempting to rescue survivors in the chaos that followed. The technology to capture and project motion pictures was less than ten years old at the time of the tragic loss.

The footage of the launch is considered to be one of the earliest disasters captured in the history of news film. The footage has recently been remastered and colorized. The first tragedy ever filmed.

Thanks to Larry Witmer of the MNA* for this post.

** Merchant Navy Association*

STROLLERS TOO

Due to the bad weather last month February Strollers Too walk moves to March.

Tuesday March 22nd walk around Hanningfield Reservoir, Nature Reserve.

Meet at "The Fishing Lodge" car park, South Hanningfield Road.

Ordnance Survey map 167, Ref 737 978

Time 10.00 for 10.30 start

Lunch at the Fishing Lodge Cafe, choose your meal before the walk.

This three and a half mile walk will stop at the Visitor Centre for a 10/15 minutes coffee break half way.

If you wish to join us, contact Mike Childs



PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The photography group continues to meet monthly via Zoom.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 16th March at 7:30pm.**

The subject for March is 'Trees'.

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.

An example of February 2022 'Statues' pictures



Nicki Iszard



Geoff Macro

Tony Groves webmaster@maldonu3a.co.uk

FILM GROUP

The two films under discussion couldn't have been more different and the resulting scores demonstrated this.

"Rory's Way" received glowing reviews from everyone. Once the film got going it turned out to be a very warm and gentle film exploring the relationships between an estranged father and son and the love which developed between a grandfather and baby grandson. There was also a sweet love interest between Rory and a museum worker. Good performances by the cast, especially Brian Cox and Roseanne Arquette. The baby was particularly cute and the scenes with him were lovely and amusing. **Score: 8**

The reviews for "The Wee Man" were not so positive. Although based on the true-life story of Paul Ferris, a Scottish criminal and gangster, some in the group felt they couldn't watch it through. The violence and language were quite extreme making it a hard watch. Not surprising then that the reviews varied from horrible and no score to those who managed to watch it giving the film a higher rating of 7 and 8. Although it is difficult to judge just what kind of person Ferris is, it did show how hard it must be to be born and raised in an environment surrounded by villains, violence and crime and escape from it. Martin Compston was good in the role of Ferris. **Score: 3**

The two films for March are:

"**Sorry We Missed You**" - a 2019 film written by Paul Laverty and directed by Ken Loach. Ricky Turner takes a job as a delivery driver on a zero hour contract, thinking it is a step towards independence and stability for his family. Instead, he finds the work schedule and demanding hours exact a heavy load on his wife and family.

"**Emma**" - 1996 version of this Jane Austen adaptation, starring Gwyneth Paltrow in the role of Emma Woodhouse, a congenial but naïve young woman who tries her hand at matchmaking.

Our next Zoom meeting will be on **Wednesday, 30th March, at 7.30pm.**

If you would like to join, please get in touch.

GARDEN GROUP

Garden Group visit to Ulting Wick 22nd February 2022.

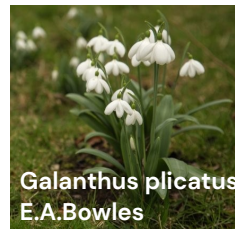
It was a very cold day for our visit but suitably wrapped up and fortified by hot tea and cake to start, our group was delighted to spend time with owner Philippa Burrough in her nationally acclaimed garden at Ulting. Set around her very old house and large black barns, some eleven acres are planted out in different groupings providing colour and interest throughout the year. We had come to see the snowdrops.



There are thousands of them ranging from large drifts of our native *Galanthus nivalis* with green markings on the petals and narrow silvery leaves, to specialities like the beautiful *Galanthus plicatus* E.A. Bowles with its pure white even petals and sepals. We admired the many varieties of *Galanthus elwesii*, with its slightly taller stalk and longer sepals. Originally from Turkey, former Yugoslavia, and Ukraine, it can be distinguished from *G. nivalis* by the leaves which are folded neatly one inside the other.



*Photos by
Brigitte Whiteing*



We were told how during the recent storms – Eunice in particular – many of her woodland trees had been destroyed either by being wholly uprooted or because branches had just been snapped off.

Sure enough, while we were standing admiring clumps of snowdrops there was a loud crack, and a huge branch came off a nearby tree. We saw the work to be done salvaging small plants including snowdrops from the intertwined roots of blown down trees.

We were treated to a display of potting and care of snowdrops by Lou, one of Phillipa's two gardeners. Lou is passionate about snowdrops and is clearly a true galanthophile.

The visit ended with mugs of delicious hot soup and crusty bread. Sadly, there are no spaces left in the scheduled visits to see the tulips later in the year, but we might be able to go in autumn to see her magnificent dahlia displays. This was the first visit for the newly formed group, and I think we can declare it a great success.

Veronica Smith

Philippa talking about one of the downed trees, a willow



PETANQUE GROUP

With the first signs of spring in the air it is time to dust the cobwebs off those Petanque balls and head to the pitch on Maldon Prom on a Thursday afternoon for a couple of hours or so of fun. With the forecast now for warmer days, we plan to call up the regulars to return and hope to be playing by the end of March.

New players are always welcome to come and give it a try. The group meets on a Thursday afternoon from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.

We play on the Petanque pitch opposite the Marine Lake at the Promenade Park, Park Drive, Maldon, CM9 5JQ.

No charge is made to play but you must be a member of Maldon and District u3a or another u3a in our cluster group.

Car parking is available at the park, please note Maldon District Council make a charge.

We may be able to loan you some boules to get you started to see if you like it, but you will need to purchase some of your own to play regularly.

We only play if the weather is dry. The season is April to October, although we do play occasionally in the winter months if the weather permits.

Contact Jack Veash

Geoff Macro

for more details.



YOUR COMMITTEE

Chairman	Shirley Macro
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Art Appreciation	Judith Johnston	Local History	Sylvia Cousins
Aviation	tba		Kathleen Goff
Astronomy	Malcolm Case	London Theatre	Rosemary Case
Balti Night	Bob Gowers	Outings	Joyce Cotterell
	Graham Evans	Meet & Eat	Joan Cummins
Bird Watching	Peter Gaywood	Mah-Jong	Mags Pell
	Michael Bagshaw	Maritime	Malcolm Case
Botany	Veronica Smith	Music	Enid Hall
Bridge	Sheila Epps	Appreciation	John Skuse
Canasta	Iris Slaney	Petanque (Boules)	Jack Veash
Cribbage	Pat Clements		Geoff Macro
Croquet	Jean Healey	Photography	Tony Groves
	Geoff Macro	Poetry	Jo Robson
	Shirley Macro	Reading	Sheila Epps
Discussion	Bryan Jones	Rummikub	Beryl McDonell
Family History	Alan Buck	Scottish Country	Shirley Grummett
Film Club	Shirley Macro	Dancing	
French Conversation	Ann Lester	Sing for Pleasure	Sue Garnham
Garden	Theresa Byles	Strollers/Strollers Too	Malcolm Case
	Veronica Smith	Ten Pin Bowling	David Arnold
Geology	Sylvia Cousins	Tree Identification	Veronica Smith
German	Howard Broadbridge	Wine Circle No. 2	Graham Boswell
Handicraft	Marian Manning	Wine Circle No. 3	Mary Burd
	Brenda Heal	Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody
History—Stuarts	Beryl McDonell	Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth
Just Jazz	Jim Light		
	David Coombes		

Comment on ***“Third Age Matters”***
via ***Patrick Forsyth***

third age
matters u3a

Schedule of Events - April 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
				1 Mah-Jong	2 Bird Watching	3
4 Maritime no meeting	5 Art Appreciation	6 Tenpin Bowling	7 Poetry Rummikub Tenpin Bowling Petanque	8 Canasta Sing for Pleasure	9	10
11 Discussion Handicrafts	12 German Garden Group	13 Tenpin Bowling Bridge Meet and Eat	14 French Tenpin Bowling History- Stuarts Petanque	15 Good Friday	16	17 Strollers
18 Easter Monday No Meeting	19	20 Geology Photography Scottish Country Dancing Croquet Tenpin Bowling	21 Tenpin Bowling Petanque	22 Canasta Reading Sing for Pleasure	23	24
25 Local History Astronomy	26 German Wine Group 4 Strollers Too	27 Film Group Bridge Tenpin Bowling Writing for Fun Wine Group 2	28 Tenpin Bowling French Music App Wine Group 3 Petanque	29 Cribbage Family History Mah-Jong	30	

Schedule correct at time of publication - please confirm dates with co-ordinators,
especially at this time.

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