



Maldon and District

# Newsletter



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## FROM THE CHAIR



We do spend some time on marketing and, on the 11th October, we are holding an **Open Day** in Maldon Town Hall.

It will be open to the public from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm and from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm for coordinators to set up their displays. The aim is to show the public who we are and what we do – and of course to recruit new members.

It would be greatly appreciated if our coordinators and some of their group could be there to display what their group does and to answer questions. This could take the form of a table and information board with description and photos, or perhaps a slide show.

We need your help to make this **Open Day** a success so please come along with your family and friends to support us and promote what we have to offer.

Moving from marketing to finance, you will know that our government plans a Budget for October. We too are looking at our finances and our Treasurer is carrying out a review of anticipated income and expenditure over the next few years. The results of this review will be given by our Treasurer at our AGM in October.

Ken Hazell



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the twenty sixth Annual General Meeting  
of Maldon & District u3a will be held on

**Monday 21st October 2024 at 2:00 pm**

by meeting at Wickham Bishops Village Hall.

Closing date for nominations for members to join the Committee is **Monday 23rd September**. Members wishing to stand require the support of two other members of our u3a, who must be neither family members nor members of the Executive Committee.

Any items that you wish to be included on the Agenda must be notified to the Secretary by no later than **Monday 30th September**.

**Eligibility for Office and to vote** – All fully paid-up members for the year 2024/2025 are eligible to stand for Committee, and to vote; except under the terms of our Constitution, where only one member from any one household shall serve on the Committee at one time.

Nominations and Agenda items to be sent to the Secretary:  
[theresabyles@btinternet.com](mailto:theresabyles@btinternet.com)

Theresa Byles

Maldon u3a Secretary

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Monday 21st October**

**Wickham Bishops Hall**

**Doors open at 1.15pm for 1.45pm start**

### **AGM**

followed by

our talk this month by

Andrew Wiltshire,

who will tell us about another side of Beatrix Potter's young life;  
the decoding of her secret journal on the paintings that she  
viewed and very strongly criticised.

Please remember your membership card

## MONTHLY SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2024/25

18th November	Tim Turner	<b>Going, going, gone</b> <b>A history of auctions.</b> Tim returns to delight us with this history of the world of auctions.
16th December	Christmas Event	Musical entertainment and refreshments
20th January 2025	Gainsborough's House	A talk on the recently extended and refurbished house in Sudbury and on the painter, Thomas Gainsborough.
17th February 2025	<b>Blesma: The Limbless Veterans</b> <b>Brian Chenier</b>	Blesma, The Limbless Veterans, is an Armed Forces charity dedicated to assisting serving and ex-Service men and women who have suffered life-changing limb loss or the use of a limb, an eye or sight. We support these men and women in their communities throughout the UK.
17th March 2025	<b>The 1952 Lynmouth Flood Disaster</b> <b>Philip McKinder</b>	
21st April 2025	Easter Monday	<b>No Meeting</b>
19th May 2025	<b>Stories behind the photos</b>	Barbara Mayer, a wildlife photographer, will talk about the challenges and memorable moments she faced whilst taking photos of big cats and other wildlife species

If you know of any speakers that you can recommend please contact our Speaker Secretary: Theresa Byles

## SUNDAY STROLLERS

On Sunday 18th August our group gathered at The White Horse pub in Mundon for the start of our walk. It was thankfully a cooler start after what has been a very warm spell. We set off towards the creek following the footpath to Mundon Hall farm.



Beside the farm is the medieval church of St Mary's which we were pleased to see was open and we all ventured inside for a cool break. The earliest part of the church dates to the 14th century and this Grade 1 listed building is looked after by the Friends of Friendless Churches who have carried out extensive renovation work recently.

The walk then progressed to view the petrified Oaks. The death of these ancient trees was probably caused by saltwater incursion from the Blackwater that has to some extent preserved (not petrified) the trunks, although they are now showing the wear and tear of the centuries, and bits are dropping off.

Our walk then picked up the St Peter's Way footpath which led us down to the creek, where we then took a path back to the farm and then onto the pub for a welcome drink and lunch.

Robert Heal



## **September 15th**

The walk will start from the The Star pub, The Street, Steeple, CMO 7LF. Please arrive for 10:00 when we will be able to pre order our lunch. The walk will start at 10:30 and is some 4 miles across farmland and up onto the sea wall with views across the Blackwater and the mud flats. We will continue through woods and farmland with part being on public roads before returning to the pub for lunch. Cars can be parked in the pub car park.

Please let me know if you will be coming on the walk and if you will be staying for lunch by no later than the 9th September.

Malcolm Case

Future dates for the Sunday Strollers group are: 20th October, 17th November

## **Maldon u3a Open Day – 11th October, reminder for coordinators**

Many thanks to the coordinators that have already advised that they will be at our Open Day.

If you have yet to reply please get in touch with Malcolm Case as soon as possible., even if you haven't decided yet what form your display will take. We need to complete our planning of equipment and materials required.

There is a myriad of ways in which to show what your group does. But we need your support to ensure that it is a success.

Malcolm Case Group Coordinator

## STROLLERS TOO

On 27th August nine of us met in Boreham village at 11.30a.m, which was later than our usual time.

At the start we noticed several interesting houses, including one with a Blue Plaque for Elizabeth Maconchy (1907-1994), a composer, who lived there from 1954-1994.

From there, we walked along a delightful route above the Chelmer valley, with spectacular views across farmland.

After about 50 minutes, we arrived at Paper Mill Lock, where we had our lunch at the café. It was very busy, and we were lucky to find a table for all of us! However, our sandwiches, complete with crisps and coleslaw, soon arrived, followed by ice cream for some. We spent about an hour having lunch and people watching, a restful period before setting off on the second leg of our walk.

This took us beside the bank of the Chelmer; near the bridge over Sandon Brook there was a lovely scene of parents and



children enjoying various pursuits in the water. Soon we reached a path that led us through fields, and alongside a small wood.. By now it was getting hot and humid, so we were pleased to reach our destination, Boreham Church, which is mainly 13th and 15th century, with a central tower standing much as the Normans left it.

It was generally agreed that the later start, with lunch enroute made a pleasant change

Gill Stone



## Tuesday 24th September

The walk will be at Goldhanger; a circular walk starting at the Chequers pub. We will proceed through the churchyard, across fields to the sea wall. We will then walk along the sea wall back to the Chequers. It is approximately 4.9 miles.

Please meet at 10:15 for 10:30 start. Parking is available at the Chequers car park which is opposite the pub. Lunch will be at the Chequers afterwards.

Please let me know by email if you are walking/walking and having lunch.

Margaret Harker

Future dates for the Tuesday Strollers group are: 22nd October, 26th November.

## POETRY GROUP

The next meeting of the group is on **Thursday 5th October** at 2.00pm and meeting in a member's house.

The poet for discussion this month is Charles Lutwidge Dodgson. Better known by his pen name, Lewis Carroll, he was an English author, poet, mathematician,

photographer and Anglican priest. His most notable works are Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and its sequel Through the Looking-Glass. He was noted for his facility with word play, logic, and fantasy.

New members always welcome, please contact Jo Robson



## WELCOME

Ray Lenger

Sheena Campbell

On a balmy September morning that belied the approach of autumn, 10 members stepped out on a bustling Maldon prom to see what could be seen on the mudflats. As the seasons change, so does our birdlife, with some moving to coastal feeding grounds after breeding inland while others head south for the winter, with some travelling thousands of miles to sub-Saharan Africa. Meanwhile, we await the return of winter visitors such as brent geese from inside the Arctic Circle.

We were lucky enough to catch sight of a greenshank, a passage migrant usually only seen around this time of year as individuals head south to overwinter in west Africa after breeding on moorland or occasionally in woods. This large, lanky wader has greenish legs, as its name suggests, with most sightings on coastal waterways or inland freshwater wetlands. Its long, slightly upturned bill is used to probe the mud for food, and can also be swept from side to side to catch insects and other small creatures.



Around the greenshank were an abundance of redshank, a smaller wader also named after its legs. This active, noisy bird was also known as the 'watchdog of the marshes' as it is often the first wader to fly when humans approach. In winter, redshank can form flocks and sometimes nest in small colonies. Their nests may be some way from the water to which they often face a dangerous journey.

One brood was seen to travel 2km in 24 hours, negotiating walls, roads, fences and a ditch, a parent carrying them over one wall between its legs.

A number of black tailed godwit, a large wader with a distinctive upturned bill, were also to be seen.

This bird has become a common winter visitor to our coasts this century and is increasing as a breeding species in Britain after becoming extinct but making a comeback in the early 1950s.



*Thanks to Alec Fraser for the photos*

Mike Bagshaw

Peter Gaywood

All rendezvous times are 10.00 unless otherwise stated.. For full location details or car share requests please contact:

6th October	Heybridge Basin	Meet in Daisy Meadows Car Park
2nd November	Walton on the Naze	Meet in the Visitors Centre Car Park
1st December	Hanningfield Reservoir	Meet in the Visitor

## Did you know?

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service provide free home service visits and provide & fit free smoke alarms.

Call: 0300 303 0088 email: [home.safety@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:home.safety@essex-fire.gov.uk)

## LONDON WALKS

London Walks take place on the **3rd Tuesday** of the month.

We meet a professional guide at 11.00 to be taken on a 2 hour guided walk. The distance walked is not vast as we stop many times to be told interesting and entertaining information. After the walk you are free to join others for coffee/ lunch or plan other things to make the most of your day in London. Travel arrangements are made by yourselves. (I personally find a good option is to use the Park & Ride at Sandon to get to Chelmsford station).

Our August walk saw us exploring Covent Garden and learning so much about its history. It was a burial ground in 1065 for monks (the original name being Convent Garden). Then the land was acquired by the Russell family in the 1600s and a charter granted for the land to be used for a market. We were shown a wall printed with the 25 rules and regulations of the market in 1924, and a small plaque dedicated to the 100,000 donkeys used for transporting the market goods over 300 years.



In 1970 the market was closed when developers tried to acquire the land; John Betjeman was partly responsible for quashing this and has a private dining room in the fabulous Rules restaurant named in his honour. Nell Gwynne, the mistress of Charles II, was a colourful character of the times, selling her clementines in the market and then becoming an actress, dying so young at 37 of syphilis.

A particular highlight of our walk was discovering the "actors' church", St. Paul's; a small church in the heart of theatre land, containing many plaques of famous actors and playwrights who have passed away. To see a silver tea caddy containing Ellen



SIR TERENCE RATTIGAN CBE  
Playwright  
10 June 1911 - 50 November 1977

SIR NOËL COWARD  
1899 - 1973  
Author, Composer and Actor

SIR CHARLES CHAPLIN CBE  
ACTOR  
1889 - 1977

Terry's ashes was extraordinary! The graveyard of the church provided us with the story that up to 1 in 20 people were found to have been buried alive, which led to a string and bell being attached to the wrists of their bodies, literally to be 'saved by the bell' no less!

We ended our Walk at St Martin-in-the-Field, seeing the statue of the first Pearly King and learning that the pearl buttons on their clothes have always traditionally been sewn on by men. Many of us stayed to enjoy a lovely lunch in the Crypt Café and a good day was had by all, with, once again, a truly professional guide.



Forthcoming Walks:

Tuesday 17th September we will explore The Unknown East End.

Tuesday 15th October we are off on A Soho Saunter.

Tuesday 19th November sees us exploring The Old Palace Quarter.

Tuesday 17th December we find out about Christmas food in Eating Christmas.

The cost for each of the walks is £10 per person, except for the September walk which is £11.

Payment by cheque in advance please – payable to Maldon & District U3A.

One cheque per event please. To reserve your place or any further info please contact: Julie Lake

## THE BIG BALTI

The next curry night will be held on **Monday 30th September** at the Balti Bhujon restaurant, Mill Road, Maldon. 6.30ish start.

To add your name to the list please contact:

Graham Evans     Bob Gowers

## ASTRONOMY

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday 23rd September** starting at 7:30 pm at Chigboro Fishing club, Chigborough Road, Heybridge, CM9 4RE, for a talk by Roger Pittock on "My journey through Astronomy".

Roger will show some of his many Astro photographs that he has taken using his telescope mounted in an observatory in his garden and telling us how he got interested in Astronomy and where this has interest has taken him.

Our meeting in **November** will be visit to the Cambridge University Observatory.

New members always welcome

Malcolm Case



## ART APPRECIATION GROUP

Our next meeting is a return visit to the Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich, a car share trip, on **Wednesday 11th September**. A superb Tudor mansion that boasts many period rooms and the biggest collection of Gainsborough and Constable paintings outside London.

Judith

Andy

## Committee members

We continue to look for volunteers to join our committee. Would you be willing to spend a couple of hours a month to attend committee meetings and to assist at monthly meetings ?

Please give this some thought and contact one of our committee members if you feel you could help. Thank you.

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting at the Town Hall is on **Monday September 23rd** at 2p.m. for a talk entitled *Saint Roger of Beeleigh*. It will be given by local historian Stephen Nunn, who explains "this illustrated talk is about the late 12th/early13th Century Essex churchman, who was born at Beeleigh, and climbed the ranks of the established church to become Bishop of London. He was involved in many adventures at home and abroad and was often in dispute with the King and other powerful figures of the time. Referred to as a "Saint" after his passing there is great mystery and intrigue associated with his remains"

Our following meeting at the Town Hall is on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** when we will have a talk from a team member of Braintree Museum entitled *Leading Ladies*

"From straw plaiters to silk workers in the mills, and munition factory employees to the women who wove Queen Elizabeth IIs coronation fabrics, this talk will explore many of the stories of women workers across Braintree District."

We look forward to seeing you on September 23rd and new members are always welcome.

Kathy and Sylvia

### Did you know?

Our u3a is an affiliated member of the Beacon Hill Sports Association that amongst other things runs the Wickham Bishops Village Hall where we hold our monthly members meeting.

The Beacon Hill Sports Association, which is a registered charity, is looking for a volunteer to take on a bookkeeping role on behalf of the charity. This would require a commitment of approximately 2 days per quarter and would greatly ease the workload of the current charity volunteers.

If you can help please contact their Chair, Elizabeth, on [ejcoeshall@aol.com](mailto:ejcoeshall@aol.com)

## AVIATION GROUP

Many thanks to those who joined our venture into sight-seeing by Flight Simulator!!!

Despite the Gremlins fighting me all the way we managed to get to see some of London from the air on a lovely sunny day.



The least said about my landing at London City the better!! At least we didn't end up in the water.

We meet as usual on the last Friday of this month (**27th**) when fellow member, Joe Marshall, will give an illustrated talk about the incident in the early part of WW2 when a Hurricane made a forced landing on the abandoned airfield at Stow Maries, including some interesting information that he has recently unearthed.

Related to this incident of the Hurricane forced landing I shall share some information about what I believe to be a series of experimental searchlight sites in Essex.

Finishing up with some mouth-watering flying gems from the recent 5-day airshow at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA.

The meeting is at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall at 11.00 with doors open at 10.30 for tea, coffee, biscuits and gossip.

All are welcome.

Chris Samson

Looking ahead, I have a full programme of meetings and events planned for 2025 which will be published in the November Newsletter.

But for the rest of this year our programme is:

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| Friday 25th October  | Illustrated talk about Operation Exodus & Dodge by Chris Samson and fellow member David Gillespie. These operations were put in place to airlift and repatriate thousands of Allied POWS as their camps were overrun by the Allied Armies.<br><br>Meeting at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall at 11.00. |
| Friday 22nd November | Illustrated talk about the history of RFC Goldhanger by local historian David Newman.<br><br>Meeting at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall at 11.00.  |
| Friday 20th December | Meeting at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall for an Aviation related quiz with Christmas nibbles followed by a light lunch at a venue to be determined.  |

## GEOLOGY GROUP

After our summer break in August the Geology Group will resume meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 18th September** at 2pm at West Maldon Community Centre when aspects of Geology are looked at with the help of books, and the Internet.

Members are invited to do their own research to add interest to the afternoon's proceedings. New members are always welcome.

Sylvia Cousins

## MARITIME GROUP

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday 7th October** at the Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge Basin CM9 4SD for a talk by Gordon Davies on ***Emigration 1850 style***.

In the 1850s over a third of a million people left the UK for a new life in Australasia, travelling there by sailing ship on a voyage likely to take 3 or 4 months. Who went? Why? What were their experiences enroute? What support did they have?



New members always welcome.

Malcolm Case



## BRIDGE GROUP

We have availability for Bridge players on the first and third Wednesdays of each month starting at 9.30 until 12.15 at the West Maldon Community Centre. If you would like to join our very friendly social group of players, please contact Gill Cory

- Monday 4th November      Talk over Zoom by Roger Butler, with a colourful introduction to all aspects of **Waterway Heritage**. Roger will include fascinating engineering and architecture, historic boats, and plenty of unusual landmarks. He will also weave in some archive images as well as important contemporary features such as the Falkirk Wheel in Scotland. Aspects include grand warehouses and quirky cottages, tall lock flights and sweeping aqueducts, deep tunnels and a vast array of bridges and even tiny bollards. Many such buildings and structures still reflect the work of the original distinctive canal companies, including of course, the famous Roses and Castles canal boat artwork.
- Monday 2nd December      Talk by Julie Hobby and Chaplain Ruth on the work of the **Seafarers' Centre**, Tilbury. The talk will cover all aspects of their work for seafarers and will include details on how your donations to the centre are used. The talk will be followed by some Christmas cheer, nibbles and discussion on our 2025 programme.

## DONATIONS for the SEAFARERS CENTRE, TILBURY

The centre is asking for donations of knitted items – hats, scarves, gloves, jumpers, socks, any size any colour. They are also requesting coats suitable for male and female (must be clean). Toiletries suitable for male and female. DVDs, jigsaws, and sweets with a long use by date. All donations are gratefully received and appreciated by the Centre.

If you can give a donation of any of the above, please bring them to the monthly meeting, or to the Maritime group meetings, or contact me and I will arrange for any donated items to be collected. On behalf of the centre, thank you.

Malcolm Case



On Monday 5th August the group visited Sutton Hoo and then Woodbridge.

We had an excellent journey to Sutton Hoo, arriving a few minutes before the National Trust site opened, which allowed time for refreshments before starting our tour of the burial sites. Our guide, who was Canadian, was excellent and the information about the history of the site and the excavations of several burial mounds was very detailed and interesting.

He also explained why the Anglo-Saxons chose the site and how it is thought that the Viking Longship got from the river Deben to burial site number one. There are around 18 burial mounds dating back to the 7th century AD.



As the landowner at the time, Edith Pretty was declared the owner of the priceless treasures discovered and she gave them all to the nation. Replicas were on show in the museum and the originals are in the British Museum.

Our next destination was Woodbridge, where there was time for lunch before we all met at the Longshed, where the replica Viking Longship is being



reconstructed, following the exact details of the one discovered in Sutton Hoo.



We had a very interesting talk on how the boat was discovered, how measurements and drawings were made to enable a replica to be built, using the same tools etc that would have been used when the boat was originally constructed.

It is hoped that the boat will be finished by 2026, and it will then be launched and used exactly as the Vikings would have done using details that have been given by boat builders and sailors in Norway.

Malcolm Case

## MAHJONG

Mahjong has vacancies for new members. We are a small , very friendly group that meet every other Friday in the Linton Room, West Maldon Community Centre.

If you haven't played Mahjong before we are very happy to teach you. Our next meeting is on **13th September** from **2–4pm**

For more information, please contact Mags Pell. 01621 842316

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## PETANQUE GROUP

The group meets **Thursday afternoons**, start time 2.00 p.m. until around 4.00 p.m. 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 & District u3a or one of the Maldon u3a cluster groups.

We only play if the weather is dry. The season is April to October.

For more details please contact:

Jack Veash

Geoff Macro

## TENPIN BOWLING

Do you fancy a chat and a cup of coffee with some tenpin bowling thrown in? We play every **Wednesday** and **Thursday mornings** from 09.45 – 12 noon at Madison Heights, Park Drive, Maldon.



If you are interested, please contact:

Alan Buck

David Coombes

## FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for your contributions, please keep them coming and don't forget to include your photographs.

The deadline for the next issue is **Tuesday 8th October**.

Kris [news.maldonu3a@gmail.com](mailto:news.maldonu3a@gmail.com)

As in previous years I am planning to host my annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. This year it will be on **Friday 27th September**.

# WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT

As usual I would ask that you book in to a time slot to help me manage and cater on the day. The times are 10.00, 11.00 or 12 noon.

Please email me on [maryburd43@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maryburd43@yahoo.co.uk) or ring me on 01621 843020 to book in. I look forward to seeing you but if you are unable to attend the following link enables you to donate to my total and obviously all donations are very welcome.

<https://www.justgiving.com/CM24007696>

Last year with your help I raised £730. This means my total fundraising since 2002 is £9175. Quite something I think you will agree.

Once again let's have an enjoyable morning – coffee/tea and cakes will be provided!! I look forward to hearing from you.

Mary Burd

If you are unable to make it to Mary's gathering, the Mayor is also holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Town Hall, Market Hill between 10.00 and 12 noon on Friday 27th September.

## JUST JAZZ GROUP

Our next meeting is **Monday 16th September** from 7.30—9.30pm, in the Little Ship Club, Hythe Quay, Maldon . The bar will be open so pop in for drink, some music and a chat. We look forward to seeing you.

Pete Condon      David Coombes

## FILM GROUP

Our films for this month are ***The History Boys*** – 2006 British comedy–drama film adapted by Alan Bennett from his play of the same name, which won the 2005 Olivier Award for Best New Play and the 2006 Tony Award for Best Play. It was directed by Nicholas Hytner, who directed the original production at the Royal National Theatre in London and features the original cast of the play.

***Wonder Boys*** – 2000 comedy–drama film directed by Curtis Hanson and written by Steve Kloves. An international co–production between the United States, the UK, Germany and Japan, it is based on the 1995 novel of the same name by Michael Chabon. Michael Douglas stars as Professor Grady Tripp, a novelist who teaches creative writing at a university but has been unable to finish his second novel.

Both available on BBC iPlayer.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, 25th September** 7.30pm by Zoom, as usual. If you would like to join us, please get in touch.

Shirley Macro

## PADEL TENNIS GROUP

The session is every **Wednesday** from **2.30 to 4pm** at Padel United, Park Drive Health Club, Maldon. We cater for between 3 and 10 members without anyone having to sit out for more than a few minutes.

If anyone is interested in joining the Group or perhaps having a “taster” session, please contact Ken Hazell.

## GERMAN CONVERSATION

Please note that our next meeting is **Tuesday 24th September** from 2–4pm. Please contact me prior to the meeting if you will be attending.

Howard Broadbridge

# YOUR COMMITTEE

Chairman	Ken Hazell
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# GROUP COORDINATORS

Art Appreciation	Judith Johnston Andy Simmonds
Aviation	Chris Samson
Astronomy	Malcolm Case
Balti Night	Bob Gowers Graham Evans
Bird Watching	Peter Gaywood Michael Bagshaw
Bridge	Gill Cory
Canasta	Iris Slaney
Cribbage	Pat Clements
Croquet	Geoff Macro Shirley Macro
Discussion	Pat Jones
Engineering	Tony Groves
Film Club	Shirley Macro
French Conversation	Ann Lester
Garden Visits	Theresa Byles Kris Taylor
Geology	Sylvia Cousins
German	Howard Broadbridge
Handicraft	Marian Manning Brenda Heal
History—Victorians	Kathy Goff
Just Jazz	Peter Condon David Coombes
Local History	Sylvia Cousins Kathy Goff

London Theatre Outings	Rosemary Case Sheila Childs
London Walks	Julie Lake
Meet & Eat	Joan Cummins
MahJong	Mags Pell
Maritime	Malcolm Case
Padel Tennis	Ken Hazell
Petanque (Boules)	Jack Veash Geoff Macro
Photography	Tony Groves
Poetry	Jo Robson
Reading	Patrick Forsyth
Rummikub	Janice Martin
Russian Conversation	Irina Vahonina
Sing for Pleasure	Sue Garnham
Strollers Sunday & Tuesday	Malcolm Case
Tenpin Bowling	Alan Buck David Coombes
Wine Circle No. 2	tba
Wine Circle No. 3	Mary Burd
Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

Comment on *u3a matters* via  
*Patrick Forsyth*

## Schedule of Events – October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
	1 German	2 Ten Pin Bowling Padel Tennis Croquet Bridge	3 Ten Pin Bowling Poetry Rummikub Petanque	4 Canasta	5	6 Bird Watching
7 Maritime Discussion Handicrafts Chelmsford Am Dram	8 German Engineering	9 Ten Pin Bowling Padel Tennis Meet & Eat Art Appreciation	10 Ten Pin Bowling Royal History- Victorians French Conversation Petanque	11 Open Day Town Hall Mahjong Singing	12	13
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