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Newsletter



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FROM THE CHAIR

Dear members

It was heartening to see such a good turn-out for our AGM. As our speaker Patrick said, the AGM does not usually attract the biggest attendance of the year so I hope he was pleasantly surprised that 91 of us were there to hear his amusing anecdotes on *Being an Author*.

This is my first piece for From the Chair. A full term of office for the Chairman is 3 years, so only another 35 to write!

Some of you will already know me from the Garden Group visits, Maritime talks and trips, and the Local History group before its closure. I hope to meet more of you by visiting other groups over the next year or so.

I am one of our Danbury members, and before I retired, I worked in Maldon for 11 years as the Town Clerk for Maldon Town Council. It was the best job of my working life, and I soon fell in love with the town and its people. One of my abiding memories is of the Remembrance Sunday Services outside All Saints Church. It was very satisfying to work with the British Legion to ensure that it was a good event for the Town.

Theresa Byles

Chairman



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 2nd December**. Kris news.maldonu3a@gmail.com

What's new?

First to recap: any member is welcome (in fact encouraged) to suggest a new interest group, or indeed to start one. Suggesting one does not necessarily mean you have to coordinate it. Sheets are available at general meetings to record your interest or intentions or alternatively contact any committee member.

Groups currently suggested, but as yet with insufficient numbers to make them viable are:

Book group	Poetry reading
Climate change	Wine tasting
Walking football	

One small group, *Writing for Fun*, has vacancies for the first time in a while.

Also, because some groups are limited in size, either by their nature or by their venue (for instance those taking place in people's homes), sometimes a request to become a new member must be declined. In such a case, the group coordinator should advise the committee so that steps can be taken to see if a second group on the topic can be formed.

Note too that if numbers are limited then, although members from other u3a groups may attend, our own members must be given priority.

All such groups, large and small, are a vital part of the u3a's activity. In Maldon & District we do have a good number and a wide range of interests represented. However, there is always room for more!

Malcolm Case Group Coordinator

New Guitar and Ukulele Group

You only need a basic knowledge of guitar and/or ukulele
plus your own instrument (s)

Our first meeting was **Tuesday 11th November**. We propose to meet every two weeks for a one to two hour session. Venue to be confirmed.

Contact: Steve Collis for more information.

MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 15th December

Wickham Bishops Hall

Doors open at 1.15 for a 1.45 start

Christmas Entertainment

The *Purleigh Philharmonic* (an offshoot of the *Maldon Orchestra*) return to entertain us with Christmas music and songs plus a tabletop quiz, afternoon tea, and a short story from Patrick Forsyth.

Maldon & District u3a Members only

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome our new members:

Dennis Ott

Elaine Ott

Ken Judge



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MONTHLY SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2026

19th January	The Art Of The Cartoonist Harry Venning	Harry, an award winning cartoonist,, illustrator and comedy writer, traces the story of cartoons and cartoonists over the last two hundred years, from Hogarth and Gilray to Herjé and Schulz.
16th February	A Schoolgirl's War Mary Smith	The story of school life during WW2, arising from two fascinating recent discoveries.
16th March	The Life and Strife of Honey Bees Stuart Overton-Smith	The more that we have learnt about the lives of honey bees, the more in awe we have become.
20th April	From Titanic to Batman: The Highs & Lows of a Stuntwoman's Life Lucy Allen	With over 30 years experience, Lucy reveals the thrills, challenges, and behind the scenes secrets of stunt work—plus, enjoy a 10-minute film of Lucy in action.
18th May	Borley Rectory, the most haunted house in England Bryan Thurlow	Following a visit from a professional ghost hunter in 1929, a national newspaper declared , 'Borley Rectory, the most haunted house in England.'
15th June	Copped Hall Philip Mckinder	Following on from his excellent talk on the 1952 Lynmouth Flood Disaster Philip returns to tell us about Copped Hall.
20th July	Summer entertainment	Musical Memories—the return of Steve Scruton & Ian Wyatt with a trip down memory lane.

If you know of any speakers that you can recommend please contact our Speaker Secretary: Margaret Harker

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. Details of the Walks can be found at www.walks.com. After the Walk you are free to enjoy London as you wish.



Travel arrangements are made by yourselves.

We met in October in Mayfair (named after the annual May Fair in what is now Shepherd Market) to learn about the interesting history of the area. Originally the hunting fields of London, but developed by Charles II in 1660, most of the splendid houses have now gone, having been converted for commercial use. However, it remains the most expensive district in London and much of it is still owned by the Grosvenor family.

We visited the Squares of Hanover, Berkeley and Grosvenor, identifying 44 Berkeley Square, the Clermont Club, with its associations with

John Aspinall and Lord Lucan. We saw Claridges and the Connaught Hotel, originally the Coburg Hotel. Its name was changed in 1917 when England was keen to eradicate all things German!

We were told of the sad fate of Mrs Jordan, the mistress of the Duke of Clarence with whom she lived for 20 years and had 10 children. When the Duke was forced to give her up, she never saw her children again and died in poverty in France.

In Curzon Street we saw Heywood Hill bookshop where Nancy Mitford worked and the famous Trumper barber shop. It was lovely to stroll down Chesterfield



Street, which is still a virtually intact Georgian Street. Blue plaques of Anthony Eden, Beau Brummell and Somerset Maugham were to be found here, and our guide regaled us with so much interesting information. Caroline Norton, the champion of women's legal rights, is also honoured here.

On the music front we saw blue plaques of Jimi Hendrix and Handl, both having been occupants of the same building.

A final stop on this interesting Walk was the Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception in Mount Street Gardens. A gothic style church inspired by Beauvais Cathedral, its high altar was beautiful, with

side chapels and mosaic panels.

An amazing oil painting painted in 2013 was

admired by all.



As always, I cannot do justice to the information given to us by our guide, too profuse to relate here, but peppered with 'fun' facts too, making it, yet again, another area I need to explore again.

Thanks to Nikki Izzard for the photos

Future Walks in 2025:

18 Nov Disastrous London. Meeting at Barbican tube Station.

16 Dec Musical Tour. **15.30.** Meeting at Tottenham Court Road tube Strn.

The cost for each Walk is £12 per person.

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

One cheque per event please.

Julie Lake

STROLLERS TOO

We started and ended at the Prince of Wales, Stow Maries and we were blessed with a dry and sunny day. A walk along the main road led us to St Mary and St Margaret church where we found several war graves of airmen who were based at Stow Maries airfield during WW1. Claude Alward Ridley was the first Commanding Officer at the airfield and he had an adventurous career which is worth reading about. He requested to be buried in the churchyard.



We then crossed the field, climbed over three stiles and reached the old disused Witham/Maldon then on to Southend railway line which was opened in 1889, withdrawn for passengers in 1939 but used for goods until 1953. Such a pretty, quiet walk and part of the Nature Reserve of the Essex Wildlife Trust



We crossed the road and arrived at Martins Lane Vineyard skirting the 30 acre site. There were a few remaining grapes left on the vines which we had to sample because it would be rude not to! Delicious.

On leaving the vineyard we reached Stow Maries Airfield which is the only remaining WW1 aerodrome with original buildings from that time. Now a WW1 Military Aviation Museum and well worth a visit.

After walking the perimeter of the airfield we were lucky to have splendid views over to the river Crouch and towards Southend.



Fortunately the next part was downhill towards a waiting pub lunch which was excellent and I would highly recommend. The walk was 3.75 miles in total and packed with interesting features.

Nicki Iszard Brenda Heal



The next Tuesday Strollers is on the 25th November, this walk is in aid of the BBC Children in Need Appeal so please do join in.

We will meet at The Star Inn, The Street, Steeple, CMO 7LE at 10:00 so that we can order and pay for our lunch at the pub. The walk will start at 10:30 and is

some 4.0 miles, partly on road and then along the bank of the river Blackwater with views across to Mersey Island, before returning to the pub. Please do join us on this walk – all are welcome.



Malcolm Case

SUNDAY STROLLERS

We will be meeting for a gentle countryside walk on **Sunday 16th November** at The Chequers pub, Great Tay CO6 1JS. There is ample space to leave your cars. Please arrive at 10.15, ready to start walking at 10.30.

The distance is around 4 miles and will be along quiet country lanes, through woods and fields, with lovely views of the Essex countryside. The paths are mostly flat, firm, and easy to walk on.

At the end of our walk, we will return to The Chequers for lunch, where we will be warmly welcomed by the landlady, our daughter Natalie. The menu choices will be sent to you well before the day.

If you would like to join us, please let us know by email :

The sooner the better please.

We look forward to sharing this walk with you!

SUNDAY STROLLERS

12 Sunday Strollers met in October in Galleywood on a day which promised heavy rain but which held off until we were safely ensconced in the Running Mare for lunch.



We started on a footpath which took us slightly uphill, giving us a lovely view over Galleywood.

We then crossed over the A12 (by footbridge), with some of us questioning if this was going to be a 'quiet' Sunday Stroll after all! Our Walk continued parallel to the A12, with a solid stretch of trees in their beautiful autumn coats, amazingly masking the traffic noise.

Passing paddocks and open farmland we then returned to the other side of the A12 by means of another bridge. We then saw a beautiful mansion, known as Baddow Park Hall, used for wedding venues. A mushroom farm was also noted, with our path opening onto a large vista of vines, resplendent in bright yellow foliage. Passing more farmland, wandering through a couple of copse, and crossing several streams, we eventually ended back at our cars.

A short car journey to the pub, where, having worked up an appetite, we were not disappointed in a great Sunday roast!

Julie Lake

JUST JAZZ GROUP

Our next meeting is **Monday 17th November** 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

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

GEOLOGY GROUP

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 19th November** when we will continue looking at the Tertiary Period starting a mere 65 million years ago when Essex geology began to come into its own and we can learn about the ground beneath our feet which for so long had been under water.

We would be pleased to see interested new members with or without geological knowledge. We are all asked to do some research especially via the internet in readiness for discussion at our monthly meetings.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 2pm at West Maldon Community Centre, so why not come along on 19th November and meet our friendly Group for Geology, Tea and Biscuits!!

Please note there is NO MEETING in December and we start again on **Wednesday 21st January 2026**

Sylvia Cousins

BRIDGE GROUP

If you would like to play Bridge we meet on the **first and third Wednesdays** at the WMCC starting at 9.15 for 9.30. We play social Bridge in a friendly atmosphere.

If you would like to join us please contact Gill Cory

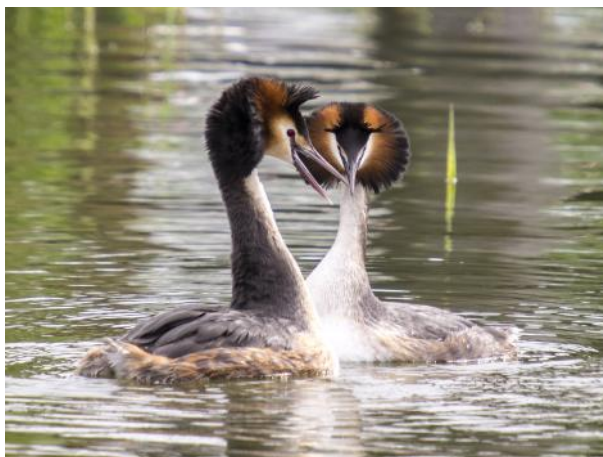
BIRD WATCHING GROUP

Visit to Hanningfield Reservoir

Hard to believe that our rainfall here in Essex is lower than Dubai's. But not so hard for the 11 members who gazed out over the depleted expanse of Hanningfield reservoir, currently holding 49% of its 29.5bn litre capacity following months of little rain. However there was still plenty to see from the hides on what was the water's edge, with noisy flocks of geese flying low over the mudflats before landing to feed.

Most were greylags, large grey-brown birds weighing around 3kg, widely distributed from northern Europe to Asia and from which most domestic breeds are descended, having been domesticated as early as 1360 BCE. Their name is probably derived from their habit of lagging behind others, some lingering in spring to breed. Among them were a number of Canada geese, our largest goose, with black neck and head and thick white 'chin strap.' The bird was introduced from North America in the reign of Charles II as an ornamental species for parks. About half dozen Egyptian geese – natives of Africa also brought to Britain, Europe and America as feathered ornaments – could also be seen, with their distinctive dark brown eye patches.

It was good to see some birdwatchers' favourites, great crested grebes, out on the water. This striking bird, with legs situated directly under its tail, is rarely seen on land. With black, orange brown and white plumage, the bird is renowned for its elaborate courtship display with synchronised dancing. Both will dive, bring up weed



and adopt an upright position while pressing their breasts together and shaking their heads from side to side. The grebes feed mainly on fish which they chase at depths of up to 4 metres. Their nest is usually a raft of vegetation, anchored to a branch or aquatic plants. On land, on a path

between hides, we saw flocks of long-tailed tits, tiny birds with round bodies, pink, black and white plumage, and long tails. It is often their calls which gives the first indication of their presence. The birds are distant relatives of other British tits and do not nest in holes but build a dome-shaped nest of moss, spiders' webs and lichens, lined with up to 2,000 feathers

The group's next foray will, alas, be our last. To this end we plan a relaxed visit to the **Abberton reservoir** reserve on **Saturday 6th December**, ending with leisurely cups of coffee and perhaps even a slice of cake. Meet in the car park at 10.00.

If you are interested in taking over as a new coordinator please contact either Mike or Peter.

Mike Bagshaw Peter Gaywood

ROYAL HISTORY GROUP

We are currently discussing the Edwardian period. Our next meeting is **Thursday 11th December** at 10.00 at the WMCC where we will continue not only discussing the Edwardian Royals but also events that were happening in the UK and around the world at this time.. Why not join us?

Kathy Goff



THE BIG BALTI

The next curry night will be held on **Monday 24th November** at the Bulti Bhujon restaurant Mill Lane Maldon. 6:30ish pm start.

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

Graham Evans Bob Gowers

MARITIME GROUP

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday 1st December** at the Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge basin, starting at 10:00 for a talk by Kris Taylor on the Cable & Wireless yacht and its journey around the World in 74 days, 20 hours and 58 minutes.



The diary of a PR person as she promotes a high-tec, 115ft diesel engine monohull vessel on its journey from Gibraltar around the world experiencing treacherous seas, Middle Eastern bureaucracy, Far Eastern cultures and world-wide diplomacy whilst its crew of 15 including 4 professional and 11 amateur mariners undertook a challenge to become

the first powered vessel to circumnavigate the globe in less than 80 days in 1998.

u3a members are all welcome to join the meeting.
Malcolm Case

HANDICRAFT GROUP

We are a small, very friendly group who meet on the **second Monday** of each month, **10.00 – 12 noon** in the Linton Room, WMCC. We are currently working on a Christmas Wreath, to be followed by a handmade Christmas Card at our November meeting.

We are now up to full numbers. However, if you are interested in joining the group in the future we are running a waiting list. Please contact us for further details.

Marian Manning

Brenda Heal

CROQUET GROUP



The Maldon u3a Croquet group had its last session for this year on the 15th October. The low cloud gave a distinct autumn chill to the afternoon. Despite it being a very dry summer, we unfortunately had to miss a couple of sessions due to being wet in the afternoons we wanted to play. The lawns of Maldon Croquet Club at the Keith Bigden Memorial Ground, Hatfield Peverel have provided a superb playing surface, and we consider ourselves fortunate being allowed to play on them. We have had some new members join us this season to try their hand at a new game. The tradition of after games refreshments and a chat has continued and was much appreciated by all who attend. We would like to thank Maldon Croquet Club for allowing us to use their first-class lawns giving u3a members the opportunity to play croquet. We are looking forward to the 2026 season beginning next April.

Geoff and Shirley Macro

DONATIONS for SEAFARERS CENTRE, TILBURY

The centre is again asking for donations of knitted hats, gloves, scarves, jerseys, any colour and size. Coats, clean, are also asked for as ships are coming from warmer climes and the crew do not always have warm clothing. They also ask for jigsaw puzzles (complete), DVDs and books. Also, toiletries suitable for male and female. Sweets and chocolates with long use by dates are also asked for. All donations are always gratefully received and on behalf of the centre, thank you.

If you have any donations, then please give them to me at a monthly meeting or at a Maritime meeting.

Malcolm Case



Hello Everyone,
In October we had a guest speaker, local historian David Newman, who gave us a very interesting, illustrated talk on 140 years of Aviation in the Maldon District. Topics ranged from a well-known Maldon balloonist in the 1880s (who used Gas from

the Town's Gasworks to fill the balloon!), both the World Wars, the possible airport at Maplin, to air traffic today and the advent of drones to augment our visual awareness of our homes, businesses and countryside.

Our next meeting is on **Friday 28th November** when Guest speaker and fellow u3a member Robin Smith will give us an illustrated talk on **Sea Planes over Southampton Water**.

It covers many of the early Aviation companies including:

- Sopwith
- Fairey Aviation
- Supermarine

Later this month I will circulate the programme for the first four months of 2026.

Friday 19th December

Aviation Quiz followed by a short but atmospheric film from the early 1970's written and narrated by Jack Currie called **The Watchtower**, based on his experiences flying Lancasters from RAF East Kirkby during the latter part of WW2. Plus a couple of surprise flying clips to round out the meeting

All our meetings, unless stated, are held at Woodham Mortimer Village Hall at 11.00, doors open at 10.30 for coffee, biscuits, gossip etc.

Chris Samson

GARDEN GROUP

Possible day trip Thursday 23 July 2026

Looking for possible visits for the Garden Group, I found that the RHS is holding a **Summer show at Sandringham**. I am wondering whether there are a sufficient number of us to make a day trip by coach viable. Tickets for these shows sell out quickly, so I would need to make a firm booking quite soon. Assuming we could find a minimum of 30 members to go, we can get a group booking. RHS members also pay to attend these events. At 30 people, the cost would be approximately £72 – £35 for the entrance fee and £37 for the coach seat. If we had more members, the cost would go down. I understand that it is difficult to commit oneself so far in advance, but that is the only way we can be sure of getting tickets.

Please let me know if you wish to join this visit by the end of November.



RHS Sandringham Flower Show 22 – 26 July 2026

Held in the grounds of the royal family-owned estate, RHS Sandringham Flower Show is an exciting new RHS Show coming to Norfolk in July 2026. Expect coastal-inspired show gardens, fruit and vegetable competitions and fabulous florals, all nestled within a countryside setting.

Get take-home gardening tips from the Long Borders, learn about climate change mitigation at the Grow Forward Gardens and enjoy timeless picnics on the lawn... all whilst taking in the beauty of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla's private retreat.

Theresa Byles

PETANQUE GROUP

The Petanque group will be ending the 2025 season on the **20th November**. We have had a good season with some new members joining the group this year, the weather has been good for us, and we have only had to cancel a few sessions due to it being inclement.



The Blackwater u3a will continue to play during the winter months and Maldon u3a members are welcome to join them. Please contact the Maldon coordinators for details if you would like to continue to play.

Details will appear in the newsletter in April 2026 when we have arranged the start of the new season. Any new players wishing to join us will be most welcome.

Contact Jack Veash or Geoff Macro for more details.

PADEL TENNIS

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 any one interested in joining the Group or perhaps having a taster session please contact: Ken Hazell.

RNLI Collecting Pots

Thanks goes to everyone who continue to fill their small Tiptree jars with 5p and 20p coins for the RNLI. We are pleased to tell you that we have just passed a total of £1,000. We started collecting following a Maritime trip in September 2019 and it's quite amazing how the coins add up.

Thank you again and if you wish to join in jars are always available at the Main meeting or Maritime.

Mary Burd Malcolm Case

FILM GROUP

The films under review followed a similar theme, dealing with difficult life situations and depression, and how finding friendships in unusual circumstances can help.

From a slow start, *Ballywater* did develop into an interesting and rather sweet tale about an evolving friendship between the two main characters. Seana Kerslake was excellent in the role as a lonely and depressed cab driver who regularly picks up an aspiring comedian played by Patrick Keiltey, who is also struggling. It has several amusing scenes, beautiful scenery and good dialogue between the characters.

Although not all the group enjoyed the film, most thought it was good and dealt with the issues well. Score: 6

Denmark followed a similar theme with the main character Herb, played excellently by Rafe Spall, divorced, demoralised and nearly destitute. We felt the film rather overplayed the settings, with Wales being very bleak, depressing weather and prone to violence and Denmark shown as being pretty, blue skies and cheerful. Even the music used reflected this. There were some funny scenes, and a developing relationship with a Danish woman. As with the other film, most thought it was worth watching. Score: 6

Next time:

Red Eye – 2005 psychological thriller. It stars Rachel McAdams, Cillian Murphy and Brian Cox. The story follows a hotel manager ensnared in an assassination plot by a terrorist while aboard a red-eye flight to Miami.

Available on BBC iPlayer

The Woman in Black – 2012 Gothic supernatural horror film. The film stars Daniel Radcliffe, Ciaran Hinds and Janet McTeer. The plot set in early 20th century England, follows a young recently widowed lawyer who travels to a remote village where he discovers that the vengeful ghost of a scorned woman is terrorising the locals.

Available on BBC iPlayer until 29th November 2025.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 26th November 2025, 7.30pm via Zoom**. If you would like to join us, please just get in touch.

Shirley Macro

Travel

Would you be interested in a 5 day tour, based in the outskirts of Paris, including full day tour in Paris and a visit to the newly re-opened Notre Dame, plus a visit to the Palace of Versailles and Monet's retreat in Giverny?



Departs Thursday 7th May 2026 with travel by coach and ferry to a hotel outside Paris.



Day 2: Full day tour of Paris and guided tour of Notre Dame.

Day 3: Full day guided tour of the Palace of Versailles



Day 4: Visit to Monet's country retreat at Giverny and the nearby village of Verdon.

Day 5: Return to Calais for afternoon sailing back to Dover and return to Maldon.

Includes: Travel, 4 nights accommodation at Novotel Paris, Saclay, Half Board

From **£749pp** sharing, **£899** sole occupancy

For further information please contact::

Malcolm Case

ASTRONOMY GROUP

On Monday 27th October some of the group members visited Herstmonceux Observatory and Science centre. After a welcome coffee and lunch, we had a talk on Exoplanets. These are planets which orbit a star outside of our solar system. With approximately 6,000 confirmed to date, the first exoplanet was discovered in 1992 but the first exoplanet found to be orbiting a sun-like star was in 1995. Some of these exoplanets are massive, like Jupiter, but orbit much closer to their host star than Mercury does to our sun. Currently there are no photographs of Exoplanets only artist impressions.



Following this talk we had a guided tour of some of the telescopes, the first being the 1890 Thompson 26 inch refractor telescope which was originally at Greenwich Observatory, from here we visited the 13 inch Astographic

telescope before moving on to see the Hewitt camera, this camera was developed purely to observe and find satellites, the first satellite being Sputnik 1.



There was also a modern telescope, very similar to Celestron telescopes which are available for use by amateur astronomers, however this telescope had a very much larger mirror. Our guide, Jarvis, was extremely knowledgeable and gave a lot of information about the site and the telescopes. For instance, the first telescope, the Thompson 26 inch refractor was originally used for observing the stars and planets from which the first Nautical tables were calculated and published, ie The Nautical Almanac.

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday 24th November**, where weather permitting, we should be able to observe planets and several stars such as Sirius or Vega. We meet at The Chigboro Fishing Club, Chigborough road, Heybridge, starting at 7:30pm with a break at about 8:30 pm for tea/coffee and biscuits. We look forward to seeing you.

Malcolm Case

Engineering	Tony Groves
Film Club	Shirley Macro
French	Ann Lester
Garden Visits	Theresa Byles Kris Taylor
Geology	Sylvia Cousins
German	Howard Broadbridge
Guitar & Ukulele	Steve Collis
Handicraft	Marian Manning Brenda Heal
History—Edwardians	Kathy Goff
Just Jazz	Peter Condon David Coombes
London Theatre Outings	Rosemary Case Sheila Childs
London Walks	Julie Lake
Meet & Eat	Joan Cummins
MahJong	Jane Rainbird Elaine Brady
Maritime	Malcolm Case
Padel Tennis	Ken Hazell
Petanque (Boules)	Jack Veash Geoff Macro
Photos for Fun	Tony Groves
Rummikub	Janice Martin
Russian Conversation	Irina Vahonina
Sing for Pleasure	Sue Garnham
Social Events	Margaret Harker Brenda Heal
Strollers Sunday & Tues	Malcolm Case
Tenpin Bowling	Alan Buck David Coombes
Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

Schedule of Events – December 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1 Maritime	2 Engineering	3 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Padel Tennis	4 Ten Pin Bowling Rummikub	5 Mahjong	6	7
8 Handicrafts Discussion	9	10 Ten Pin Bowling Padel Tennis Art Appreciation Meet & Eat	11 Ten Pin Bowling Royal History Country Dancing French Conversation	12 Singing Canasta	13	14
15 Monthly Meeting Music Entertainment Just Jazz	16 London Walks	17 Ten Pin Bowling Bridge Writing for fun Padel Tennis Photos for Fun Zoom	18 Ten Pin Bowling Rummikub	19 Aviation	20	21
22 Astronomy	23	24 Padel Tennis	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 Padel Tennis				

Blue— Morning Red—Afternoon Purple— Evening