

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.	Sunday
		1 Ten Pin Bowling Wine Group	2 Discussion Continuing French Poetry Petanque 2 pm	3 Mah Jong	4	5 Bird Watching Fingringhoe
6 Petanque 10 am	7 Table Tennis Snooker Luncheon Club Reading	8 Ten Pin Bowling Painting Bridge Spanish Maritime Trip on Thames	9 Reading Petanque 2 pm French Conversation Country Dancing	10 Canasta Song for Pleasure	11	12
13 Petanque 10 am Handicrafts German Photography Whist Local History New Hall	14 Table Tennis Snooker	15 Ten Pin Bowling Luncheon Club Clock Repairs	16 Continuing French Petanque 2 pm	17 Mah Jong	18	19 Strollers Coggeshall
20 Petanque 10 am Meeting 1.30 pm	21 Table Tennis Snooker Aviation Gardeners Little Horkeley	22 Ten Pin Bowling Painting Bridge Spanish Family History Writing for Fun	23 French Conversation Petanque 2 pm Music Appreciation Country Dancing	24 Canasta Sing for Pleasure	25	26
27 Petanque 10 am Handicrafts German Whist Local History Astronomy	28 Table Tennis Snooker	29 Ten Pin Bowling	30 Petanque 2 pm	31 Mah Jong		

I try my utmost to get the calendar correct each month, but I would advise you to always check with your co-ordinator as to the date of your next meeting.

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R E R H E L S E W N



**Barbeque
Saturday, 11th July
Langford Village Hall**

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FROM THE CHAIR



The Annual General Meeting is once again upon us and this will give me an opportunity to introduce the Executive Committee to any of our newer members that are present.

Veronica Smith last month proposed the starting up of a "Botany Group" and I am pleased to say they are now up and running after a successful first meeting. This proves once more that our members are still willing to engage in both educational and pleasurable activities. Well done Veronica !!

Mary Burd has volunteered to store the AV Equipment and, as she lives in Maldon, we have accepted this offer and arrangements are in hand to remove it from the present location. Many thanks to Mary. Thanks are also due to Michael Blackwell for letting us store the Equipment at his house for so long.

Alan Buck

Snooker

Don't forget that the Snooker Group is still meeting every Tuesday morning, 10am at Madison Heights. Many of us played when we were younger so why don't you take it up again now that you have more time? All are welcome to come and play this very relaxing game.

Gardeners

We had a most enjoyable visit to St. Osyth in May where the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Wickendon was immaculate. Real plant enthusiasts. They made us very welcome and plied with those lovely homemade cakes.

Friday, June 26

Our last chance to visit Glen Chantry, Wickham Bishops as the owners are retiring at the end of the year.

Meet at 2.30 pm

Tuesday, July 21

A return visit to Hawkesley Hall, Little Hawkesley. 7 acres of garden including 2 lakes, walled garden etc. Meet at 2.30 pm.

Heybridge U3A—Gardeners

Monday, July 27

Orchard Cottage, 219 Hockley Road, Rayleigh. Price £5 (Maldon visited last year, can be recommended)
Ring Pat Yates on 01621 892866 for info.

Strollers

Sunday 19th July - Coggeshall.

10.30 a.m. 3.75 miles.
OS Explorer 195 (Braintree & Saffron Walden). GR 851225
Starting point:
Front of The White Hart Hotel.
Free car park in Stoneham Street.
Lunch available.
For further information contact
Gill Stone: 01621 853948.

CO-ORDINATORS

Chairman	Alan Buck	01245 227709	Mah-Jong	Molly Polden	01621 856507
Vice Chairman	Beryl McDonell	01621 842093	Maritime History	Malcolm Case	01245 329435
Secretary	Pamela Turnbull	01376 510084	Music Appreciation	Enid Hall John Skuse	01621 891618 01245 224059
Treasurer	Rosemary Case	01245 329435	Painting	Joyce Stokes	01245 223579
Membership Sec.	John Robson	01621 828236	Petanque (Boule)	Barbara Arnold	01621 853866
Speaker Sec.	Joyce Cotterell	01621 858287	Photography	Mary Richardson	01621 857829
Committee	Paul Costa	01621 853893	Poetry	Jo Robson	01621 828236
	John Almond	Ex. Dir.	Reading 1st Tuesday 2nd Thursday	Christine Elgin Sheila Epps	01621 858146 01621 850467
Newsletter Editor	Jan Robertson	01245 225657	Scottish Dancing	Shirley Grummett	01621 853288
Web Master	John Bowen	01245 224677	Singles Dining	Sue Oram	01621 856899
Social Committee	Dorothy Denmark	01245 223960	Sing for Pleasure	Sylvia Carpenter	01621 854905
Astronomy	Molly Tring	01621 854732	Snooker	Bill Fancourt	01245 225569
Aviation	Bill Fancourt	01245 225569	Spanish Conversation	Wilma Turner	01621 851510
Ballroom Dancing	Jo Robson	01621 828236	Strollers	Gill Stone	01621 853948
Bird Watching	Pat Clements	01245 223427	Swimmers	Gill Rowsell	01621 740619
Botany	Veronica Smith	01621 828176	Table Tennis	Gordon Hardy Julie Doidge	01245 223012 01621 841205
Bridge	Sheila Epps	01621 850467	Beginners	Beryl McDonell	01621 842093
Canasta	Marian Manning Margaret Dale	01621 828605 01268 765239	Ten Pin Bowling	David Arnold	01621 853866
Clock Repairs	Stanley Clements	01245 223427	Theatre Group	Enid Hall Sheila Epps	01621 891618 01621 850467
Computers	Jan Robertson	01245 225657	Whist	Molly Polden	01621 856507
Desk Top Pub.	Jan Robertson	01245 225657	Wine Circle	Zandra Cardy	01621 828984
Discussion	Ray Harman	01621 891736	Writing for Fun	Pat Sizer	01621 892201
Family History	Frank Stokes	01245 223579			
Continuing French	Sylvia Carpenter	01621 854905			
French Conversation	Bill Stichbury	01621 855828			
Gardeners	Jan Robertson	01245 225657			
German	Jenny Plumb	01245 226112			
Good Companions	Beryl McDonell	01621 842093			
Handicraft	Marian Manning	01621 828605			
Local History	Mary Burd Alfred Couldrey	01621 843020 01245 226259			
Luncheon Club	Mike Wood Paul Costa	01245 222839 01621 853893			

If for any reason you do not receive a posted newsletter within a week of the Meeting, (if you did not attend the Meeting) please contact John Robson on 01621 828236

M.S. Society Cake Break & Coffee Morning

I would like to thank all those who attended my cake-break and coffee morning on Friday, 1st May.

We managed to raise just over £200 for the M.S. Society and my special thanks to the ladies who donated cakes.

Christine Elgin

Sinfonia Summer Concert July 11th,

7.30 pm at St. Mary's Church, Maldon

Paul Johnson, conductor.

Haydn Symphony 104 in D "The London"

L'Arlesienne Suite ; Bizet

Masque et Bergamasque ; Faure

Soiree Musical ; Britten

Contact: Molly Tring on 01621 854732

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Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, 10th July

Maritime

The Princess Pocahontas Trip from Tilbury up the Thames to Chelsea on **8th July** will leave West Maldon Community Centre at 8:45 am.

Astronomy

There will be no astronomy in June.

Local & General History

On **Monday 22 June** we are visiting Dedham and the Sir Alfred Munnings Museum. For those booked on the trip we meet at the Museum at 1.45 pm for entrance at 2.00 pm. The tearoom will be open for light refreshments following the visit.

Monday 13 July is our second visit to New Hall school. For those booked on the visit we meet at the school at 2.00 pm. If you are unable to come will you please let me know on 01621 843020 or 07801 430566.

On **Monday 27 July** we have Dr Jennifer Ward returning to speak to us – her talk this time is entitled “Women and Family in Medieval Essex”. This will be at the Maldon Little Ship Club starting at 2.00 pm. All members are welcome.

Mary Burd

Family History

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **24th June** at 2.30 pm
Please bring your queries, researches and personal histories.

Frank Stokes

Computers

We will be having a summer break and there will be no computer group meetings in July and August. See you on June 25 and then again in September.

Jan Robertson

Poetry

We meet again on July 2nd at Christine Elgin's house in Maldon (ring me for address)
The subject is the writings of 19th century women's poetry, ie Elizabeth Barratt, Christina Rossetti, Emily Dickenson and more of the Victorian era.

Jo Robson

Wednesday Luncheon Club

Is at **Izumi's** on the 17th June not the 10th as in the May's newsletter

July—**Breakfast at The Ship** at Heybridge Basin—time: 10.am

I wonder how many people when travelling along the A130 to Cambridge see a sign to "New Hall" realise that it was once the site of Henry VIII's first and least known palaces. In Henry's hey day around 600 noblemen plus servants spent time here and with at least a couple of thousand acres of good hunting ground alongside including beautiful laid gardens it must have been an impressive sight. Over the years "New Hall" has been the victim of mixed fortunes and is very much a mish mash of styles. The original Tudor Coat of Arms which once graced the original Gatehouse now resides in the 18th century chapel. In 1799 New Hall became a Religious Order with the nuns leaving only five years ago. Our group enjoyed a very interesting and informative afternoon and should anyone in U3A happen to be in Westminster in the future they may like to visit St.Margaret's Church where the stained glass window which once graced the Old Royal Chapel at New Hall now resides.

Carol Priest

Aviation Group

We found out who Alex Henshaw was! He was a brilliant young amateur aviator in the thirties, winning the King's Cup and making the fastest solo single and return flights to South Africa. A record that still stands today. During the war he was a Chief Test Pilot testing Spitfires and Lancasters. In fact earning the nickname Mr Spitfire!

Don't forget everyone that this summer we will be having a nice day in the country and a nice day at the seaside.

Ask now about our trip on **Sunday 28th June** to the Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum and the East Anglian Transport Museum. Free trips on all the buses, trams etc at this great day out. The cost of this will be £15.25, coach and all entrance fees included. Highly recommended. They are not really 'Museums', as we know them, but outdoor entertainment.

Also Lowestoft Seafront Air Festival on **Friday 24th July**, this will be about £10 for a day at the seaside sitting on the prom with an ice cream watching the planes over the water. We have a reserved coach parking space close to the seafront so not much walking is involved.

We still have tickets available for both.

All our talks & trips are open to all members of the U3A.

David Arnold 01621 853866

LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES -

TUESDAY 7 July "The Green Man" Little Braxted
Co-ordinator: Mike Wood Tel. 01245 222839

WEDNESDAY 15 July Breakfast at The Ship at Heybridge Basin
Co-ordinator: Paul Costa 10 am Tel. 01621 853893

Note: If you sign up for the lunches and then find you are unable to attend for any reason, can you please notify the Co-ordinator as soon as possible, as places have to be booked at the venues.

BADDOW & GALLEYWOOD U3A

Wednesday, **29th July 2009** Pauline Bowen has arranged an all day Coach Outing to Flatford Mill, Dedham & Sir Alfred Munnings Studio at Castle House, Dedham and invite Maldon U3A to join them. Cost now £20.

The Pick Up will be in Danbury at 9.15 am.

Flatford Mill, Willy Lott's House and Valley Farm although owned by the NT are leased to the Field Studies Council and not open to the public but Pauline has negotiated a Private Conducted Tour with Tea/Coffee and Homemade cakes (at a special rate) on arrival.

Afterwards, those who feel fit can walk to Dedham a few miles along the River Stour - very pleasant if not raining.

After lunch the coach will travel to Dedham, pick up the walkers and then proceed to Castle House to the studio of Sir Alfred Munnings, the famous painter of horses and Suffolk scenes. Many of his lovely paintings are on display. This year his Studio is open to us. A cup of tea/coffee will be provided before returning home.

Booking Forms are on the Maldon U3A Web Site and can be downloaded. Pauline Bowen on 01245 224677.

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Purleigh Gardeners' have a few seats left on their coach outing

**Saturday, 11th July**

Moverons, Brightlingsea & Beth Chatto Gardens

Depart 9.00 am

Price £18

Contact Jan Robertson on 01245 225657 for details.

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· **July Meeting** ·

· **Wickham Bishops Village Hall at 1.30 pm** ·

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· Speaker ·

· "Elizabeth Garrett Anderson" ·

· 1st Woman Doctor ·

· Talk by Louise Reed ·

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**BARBEQUE**

**Saturday 11 July**  
**Langford Village Hall -**  
from 6.00 o'clock till dark

Bring EVERYTHING YOU NEED - tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, drinks - not to mention umbrellas.

We will provide all the food. If you do not eat meat please inform a member of the committee beforehand.

Tickets, price £8, available from Janet Buck - 01245 227709 - and on sale at the monthly meeting.

Tickets available from:

Janet Buck

01245-227709

Enquiries:

Dorothy Denmark

01245-223960

**BARBEQUE Saturday, 11 July**

Please reserve me ..... Ticket's) @ £8. 00 each

I enclose my cheque for £..... made payable to 'Maldon & District U3A'

Name's of Member's .....

Phone No.....

Don't tell me your age; you probably would tell a falsehood anyway -but the Cadbury Man will know! **YOUR AGE BY CHOCOLATE MATHS**  
This is pretty neat.

**DON'T CHEAT BY SCROLLING DOWN FIRST!**

It takes less than a minute .

Work this out as you read .

Be sure you don't read the bottom until you've worked it out!

This is not one of those waste of time things, it's fun.

1.. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate (more than once but less than 10)

2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)

3. Add 5

4. Multiply it by 50 -- I'll wait while you get the calculator

5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1759 ..  
If you haven't, add 1758.

6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should have a three digit number

The first digit of this was your original number  
(i.e., how many times you want to have chocolate each week).

The next two numbers are

**YOUR AGE!** (Oh YES, it is!!!!!!)

***THIS IS THE ONLY YEAR (2009) IT WILL EVER WORK, SO SPREAD IT  
AROUND WHILE IT LASTS.  
chocolate Calculator.***

## Social News

Do you remember a time before the Eurovision Song Contest when songs had tunes and you could understand the words? When *Songs for Swinging Lovers* was all the rage and the only group you knew were the Beverley Sisters? Come and join us at our **Fifties Hi di Hi Evening on Friday 19 June** at Maldon Town Hall and indulge in one of our favourite pastimes - nostalgia!

Ray Spilling will be there to entertain us with his collection of 1950s records (vinyl). Enjoy the amenities of the Maldon on Mud Holiday Camp. Yes, there will be a few silly games, but there will be lots of music and there will also be ice cream and hot dogs! How can you resist? Tickets at £5 each are still available from Janet at the monthly meeting and on 01245 227709.

Maldon Town Hall - doors open 7.00 p.m.

(If you are too young to remember this era, it will be an educational and enlightening experience!)

We are also selling tickets for the **Annual Barbecue** which takes place on **Saturday 11 July at Langford Village Hall**. You know the drill by now - bring everything you think you might need - and then some. The only thing you do not need to bring with you is the food. If you don't eat meat, please let us know when you buy your ticket. And if you fancy the fishy option on the night I'm afraid you are out of luck because we can only cater for those people who have ordered in advance. We have kept the price the same as last year - £8 each - but may have to cut down a little on the choice of meat available. Please get your tickets from Janet.

We are hiring the barbecues and we also have to hire gas bottles, which is quite expensive. If anyone has a gas bottle that they would be prepared to bring along it would be very helpful. We would, of course, pay for the gas used.

The date for the **August Picnic is Friday 21 August**. For that event you do not need tickets and you have to bring everything with you ***INCLUDING THE FOOD!!***

As last year, it will be at Heybridge Basin, in the field to the right of the Lock-keeper's cottage opposite the Ship pub - over the lock and turn right. Any time after 12 noon.

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## MALDON AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Also known as

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MALDON U3A

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (MALDON & DISTRICT)

Registered Charity No. 1086182

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

**Chairman : Mr Alan Buck**

Treasurer : Mrs Rosemary Case

Secretary : Mrs Pamela Turnbull

Constitution adopted 19 October 1998

amended 19 March 2001, 17 June 2002, 9 June 2003, 21 January 2008

#### Objects

##### The objects of the U3A are:-

- (1) To advance the education of the public and in particular the education of older people no longer in full-time gainful employment in Maldon and its surrounding locality.
- (1) To provide facilities for leisure time and recreational activities, with the object of Improving the conditions of life for the above persons in the interests of their social welfare.

#### Bankers

Barclays Bank, Maldon, COIF Charities' Deposit Fund, London and Nat West, Maldon

#### Examiner of Accounts

Mr John Smith-Daye, Lambert Chapman, 112b, High Street, Maldon, CM9 5ET

#### Trustees at time of signing Report:

The Management Committee:

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Alan Buck       | (Chair)      |
| Beryl McDonell  | (Vice Chair) |
| Rosemary Case   | (Treasurer)  |
| Pamela Turnbull | (Secretary)  |
| John Robson     |              |
| Jan Robertson   |              |
| Paul Costa      |              |
| Joyce Cotterell |              |
| John Almond     |              |

#### Other Trustees

Appointment of additional Trustees: Two persons can be co-opted to the Executive Committee.

Income Reserves Policy: Reserves sufficient to cover a year's rent on the meeting hall and one excess payment on the Public and Products Liability insurance cover held by the Third Age Trust.

A summary of the main activities and achievements of the charity during the year in relation to the charity's objects can be found in the Chairman's Report.

## 2009 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

List of Events and Outings during the year.

|                |                                                          |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri. June 19   | Hi-di-Hi Evening—Social, Maldon Town Hall                |
| Mon. 22 June   | Visit to Dedham & Sir Alfred Munnings museum –L. History |
| Sund. 28 June  | Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum—Aviation               |
| Wed. 8 July    | Trip on the River Thames from Tilbury - Maritime         |
| Sat. 11 July   | Barbecue—Langford Village Hall—Social                    |
| Fri. 24 July   | Lowestoft Airshow - Aviation                             |
| Mon 3 Aug      | Trip to Wivenhoe Barrier & Nottage Institute - Maritime  |
| Fri 21 Aug.    | “Lunch by the Lock” Social                               |
| Sund. 6 Sept   | Shuttleworth Collection - Aviation                       |
| 11/13 Sept     | Trip to Poole/RNLI/Bournemouth etc. - Maritime           |
| Thurs. 24 Sept | Quiz—Maldon Town Hall—Social                             |
| Mon. 28 Sept   | Visit to Copped Hall & Waltham Abbey—Local History       |
| Thurs. 15 Oct  | Trip to Trinity House, Harwich - Maritime                |
| Thurs. 22 Oct  | “Sixties Evening” Maldon Town Hall - Social              |
| Sat. 21 Nov.   | Beetle Drive, Langford Village Hall - Social             |
| Fri. 8 Jan     | Ceilidh— Social                                          |

Further details of the above events available from your Co-ordinator or in the Newsletter.

### *Saxology Concert*

U3A members were both entertained and educated at this unusual musical concert by four talented local saxophonists.

The programme was wide ranging from Bach to Gershwin and demonstrated the extraordinary sounds generated by these instruments viz. soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones.

Between times the group had a quiz “The Sax multiple choice test” which was light hearted fun.

The musicians' playing was outstanding across the varied programme, technically brilliant, expressive, melodic and humorous. The clearly enjoyed performing and ensured the audience a fine musical experience.

Jim Elgin



# Evita

Cliff Pavilion, Southend

Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30 pm

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber’s smash hit. If you haven’t seen it you will surely know the songs. This production embarks on a national tour

Tickets £23.50 – but with a further discount according to size of group

Send cheques payable to Maldon U3A to Sheila Epps, 69 Norfolk Road Maldon CM9 6AT. Enquiries 01621 850467

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Globe Visit—Thursday, August 20

I have a few seats on the Coach for anybody who wishes to visit the Capital for the day, We will be leaving the W.M.C.C. @ 9.30 am and leaving London at approximately 5.45 pm. I cannot tell you the exact coach fare at the moment, but it will be around the £9 mark. If you wish to travel then give me a ring on 01621 842093 Beryl McDonell

8 Subscriptions for 2009/2010

The Treasurer informed members that, due to the increase in the capitation fee of £1 by National Office and a general increase in costs, the Executive Committee proposed that subscriptions for 2009/2010 be raised to £16.50 for full members and £6.50 for social members. It was explained, in answer to two questions from the floor, that the capitation fee is set by National Office and acts as a contribution to cover a number of services provided for the benefit of all U3As nationally. Although the 40% increase in the fee seemed to be high, after considering there had been no recent increase, coupled with the current general trend of rising costs, members recognised that it was not unduly unrealistic.

The increase in subscriptions for the year 2009/2020 was then agreed by 121 members present, with 2 members opposing the motion. The motion was, therefore, carried.

9 Election of Committee Members

Three members of the committee were stepping down, and only two nominations had been received. Mrs Joyce Cotterell and Mr John Almond were, therefore, elected unopposed.

The Chairman asked the other members to consider volunteering their services on the committee.

10 Any Other Business

One member raised the question of more information being given on decisions taken by the committee, and asked if minutes of committee meetings could be published in full in the Newsletter. The Chairman stated that space prohibited the publishing of the minutes in full, but reminded all members that a synopsis of the minutes was published in the Newsletter, and a full copy could be made available for inspection upon request to the Secretary. He further added that, should any member wish to bring a matter to the attention of the committee, this should be put in writing and passed to the Secretary in the first instance.

The Chairman thanked the retiring members of the committee for their work, and a vote of thanks was given by David Arnold, on behalf of the members, to the Chairman, and all the committee, in appreciation of their services over the past year.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed (Chairman) Date.....

MALDON & DISTRICT U3A
MINUTES OF TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 2008
AT WICKHAM BISHOPS VILLAGE HALL

Present Mr Alan Buck (Chairman)
Mrs Rosemary Case (Treasurer)
Mrs Pamela Turnbull (Business Secretary)
A total of 123 members (including the above)

1 Apologies

Mrs Wendy Graves, Mr Len Graves, Mrs Margot Bishop, Mr Peter Bishop.
Mrs Pat Fancourt, Mr Bill Fancourt, Mrs Eunice Legerton, Mrs Claire Urry,
Mr Brian Urry.

2 Minutes of Ninth Annual General Meeting

These had been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record.

3 Minutes of Special General Meeting

These had been circulated and were approved and signed as a correct record.

4 Annual Report

This had been circulated and was approved.

5 Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report and this was approved.

6 Examined Accounts for year ended 30 April 2008

The Treasurer presented her report, and members were asked to approve a change to the financial year from 1 May to 30 April to 1 April to 31 March. This would ease the burden on the workload of the examiners, as well as bring it in line with the financial year used by National Office. It would, however, mean that, in order to end the current financial year on 31 March, 2009, it would run for eleven months only. Future years would then run for the full twelve months. The subscription renewal date would remain unchanged, i.e. 1 May each year.

This was approved by all members present.

The examined accounts were presented and approved by all members present.

A full copy of the report and examined accounts is attached to the minutes.

7 Appointment of Examiner for the Accounts for financial year 2008/2009

Mr John Daye-Smith of Lambert Chapman was approved as examiner for the accounts for 2008/2009.

Dear Editor,

Please could I point out the joys of the U3A outside the Maldon & District? My astronomy group would have folded long ago without the support of 'foreigners'. We enjoy the Music Group of Great Baddow U3A which has hugely widened my scope of playing (anyone interested please contact me) and Tony has joined the Burnham chess group- he even wins occasionally! Molly Tring

A Visit to the Vet

I took my elderly cat to the vet as I thought he might have a thyroid problem. The vet gave him a thorough examination and could not find any lumps and bumps, but said, we will just take a blood test *to be sure*. Fine. When I went to pay I was presented with a bill for £132.51, the blood test costing **£114.01**.

My advice is to always ask the price of the treatment before it is given.
Jan

Another Scam

I was approached yesterday afternoon around 5:30 pm in the ASDA car park by two males asking what kind of perfume I was wearing. Then they asked if I'd like to sample some fabulous scent they were willing to sell me at very reasonable rate. I probably would have agreed had I not received an e-mail warning of a 'Wanna smell this neat perfume?' scam. The men continued to stand between parked cars, I guess to wait for someone else to hit on. I stopped a lady going towards them, pointing at them, and told her about how I was sent an e-mail at work about someone walking up to you at the malls or in car parks and asking you to SNIFF PERFUME that they are selling at a cheap price or at least compare to which one you like best. **THIS IS NOT PERFUME...IT IS ETHER!** When you sniff it, you'll pass out. They'll take your wallet, your valuables and heaven knows what else. If it were not for this e-mail, I probably would have sniffed the 'perfume',

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Maldon & District U3A --- year ended 30th April 2009

For the last twelve months your Executive committee has worked tirelessly to keep our U3A operating in the manner that is expected of it and my personal thanks are given to them all for their commitment.

We continue to succeed with the format of our U3A group activities, there are still 40 plus and I wish to say a huge thank you to all the co-ordinators who have worked hard throughout the year keeping their groups running smoothly and successfully.

Many trips have been organised by groups to places of interest over the last year which have been educational as well as pleasurable. By the look of our calendar for the next few months there is still more to come, so once again thanks are due to the many people who organise them.

The Social Committee has again had a very successful year in which they gave us a varied selection of events that were all very well supported.

Early in the year we, the Executive Committee, arranged a co-ordinators meeting in order to thank them for their support and to enquire as to whether or not they had any problems that we could assist them in solving. We also had a Coffee morning for new members in order to welcome them to our U3A and explain what is on offer at our group meetings.

This year has seen an influx of new members taking up the vacancies that always arise at the end of our membership year. This, coupled with the new Heybridge U3A, has reduced our waiting list to nearly zero. As is our custom we will be holding a new members meeting as soon as possible in order to introduce them to the Executive Committee and explain what benefits they may receive from the group activities.

We had an Open Day at our April Meeting and I would like to give special thanks to Beryl McDonnell and all the helpers for the work they did in making it such a success.

Alan Buck.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of Maldon & District U3A

will be held on Monday, 15th June, 2009 at 2.15 p.m. at Wickham Bishops Village Hall for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the tenth Annual General Meeting held on 16th June, 2008.
- 3 To receive and approve the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 2009.
- 4 To receive the Chairman's Report for the year ended 31st March, 2009.
- 5 To receive and approve the examined accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2009.
- 6 To appoint an examiner for the accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2010.
- 7 To confirm the subscriptions to be paid by members for the year 2010/2011.
- 8 To elect two committee members to serve for three years.
- 9 To consider any other business previously notified.

Pamela Turnbull,
Business Secretary.

NOTES

Eligibility for office and to vote

All paid-up members for the year 2009-2010 are eligible to stand for committee and to attend and vote.

Ordinary June Monthly Meeting

This will take place before the AGM at 1.45 p.m. for announcements and the booking of outings, etc. The AGM will be followed by a strawberries and cream tea.