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*FROM THE CHAIR*



Looking at the news reports each night I realise just how lucky we are in this part of the country, I cannot imagine how those affected by the floods must be feeling.

Time seems to be flying by, but again, a busy month with our U3A activities, in addition to the usual group meetings. Forty of our members went to The Royal Opera House for a really interesting backstage tour.

We now look forward to the next Social event which is the “Posh Frock Dinner” in April.

After the recent Executive Committee Meeting, the following Guidelines are offered to members, but please use you own discretion. For a voluntary donation towards the cost of the journey when car-sharing on group outings, up to 40 miles return: £3.00, over 40 miles return: £4.00

Malcolm Case

## ***Astronomy***

This group meets on the 4th Monday of every month at Stow Maries Aerodrome, where the skies are dark. This month (27th Jan.) we were very lucky. The rain clouds cleared away to reveal a beautiful starry sky. Three people had brought telescopes and some others had binoculars. With one of the

telescopes we got a really good view of Jupiter with three of its moons visible. We identified several constellations and some of the well-known bright stars. Castor and Pollux, the heavenly twins were there, and the red giant Betelgeuse, the Pleiades cluster and Sirius the dog star. Moving indoors into the warm, we had a laptop computer with a projector and screen, so that, with Wi Fi, we were able to look at a website which showed us the objects we had been looking at, and we found out a bit more about them. There followed a lively discussion on various topics - space probes, comets, asteroids and a newly discovered supernova.

Then there was tea and cake and a demonstration of the pianola which set our feet tapping and warmed us up.

There are usually between 12 and 20 people present at a meeting, but the group would welcome new members. There is no limit on numbers as the aerodrome has plenty of space. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on **Monday February 24th**. Bring a pair of binoculars or a telescope if you have one and you are sure of a warm welcome. If you are nervous about finding the aerodrome in the dark, car-sharing could be arranged.

## ***London Walks & Talks***

The first meeting of this group will be on **Wednesday, March 19** at 2.30 p.m.at West Maldon Community Centre.

The speaker will be Neil Morley who will give an illustrated talk about London Bridge and its immediate area.

Co-ordinators - Christine Speed.and Janeen Trew.

## ***Local & General History***

Our next meeting is on **Monday 24 February** and our talk is entitled "Crackbones, Butchery & The Raymonds: A Maldon Story spanning eight centuries". This is to be given by Lynne Raymond.

All members are always welcome to join us. We meet at 2 pm at Maldon Town Hall - the cost is £2.

On **Monday 24 March** we have a talk about The Chelmsford Prison Independent Monitoring Board.

Mary Burd - Co-Ordinator

## ***Poetry Reading***

Purely because our normal January meeting was cancelled due to Winter problems, I decided to hold a Burns Night Supper on the 24th January. Nine of us gathered and supped on Haggis, Neaps and Tatties, followed by Topsy Trifle after Geoff had read a few verses of Robbie Burns' Address to the Haggis.

A little 'mellowed' after the meal, we retired from the table to read and enjoy what we could manage to get our tongues around, and with Graham, being in fine voice, even singing a few old favourites, which was a great way of rounding off the evening and a good way to have a meeting. Perhaps even an idea for the Social Committee, on a bigger scale next year!

Jo Robson - Co-ordinator

## ***Reading Group***

We have room for a couple of people to join our Reading Group on the second Thursday of the month. The group has been going since Maldon U3A started 15 years ago and many of us are the old originals. Obviously we are keen readers and pursue our own inclinations about what to read generally but there is something satisfying about discussing a book in common. Quite often it's a book we might not have picked up otherwise – and we have had many interesting discussions as a result and our taste has been widened.

So if you are interested in trying us out, please contact Sheila Epps

## ***Antiques***

The subject of our discussions this month was textiles. We learnt about the numerous types of lace and how they were made until the arrival of the Industrial Revolution with its machinery which put a lot of people out of work. One of our members brought his lace christening gown in case we were interested, but no picture to prove he wore it...Shame! We discussed the Bayeux Tapestry and the tapestry in Maldon which our host Jo had helped to embroider. There were many colourful examples of City and Guild samplers and three England Rugby International Caps with their gold wire embroidery. It was a very varied programme and most enjoyable.

Liz Wood - Co-ordinator

## **Essex Police Museum**

Talks here commence on **Thursday 6 March** – 7.30 to 9 pm and the cost is £3 including refreshments. To book call 01245 457150 or email [museum@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:museum@essex.pnn.police.uk)

## **Essex History Group**

For those interested this group meets at the Essex Record Office on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 10.30 am and the talks are open and free to all. Tea & coffee are served afterwards for £1. If you go on the following website [www.essex.gov.uk/ero](http://www.essex.gov.uk/ero) and then search Essex History Group you will find a list of the talks for 2014. The telephone number is 01245 244644 for any further information.

## ***Family History***

The next meeting of our group will be held at 10 Queensway, Tiptree, CO5 0LP, on **Wednesday 26th February** commencing 2.30pm. I would appreciate a phone call on 01245 227709 if you are unable to attend.

Alan Buck - Co-ordinator

# POSH FROCK DINNER

to be held at the  
Blackwater Sailing Club,  
Heybridge Basin



**Wednesday 23rd April**

where a welcome drink will be served arrival from 6.45 pm  
followed by a

FOUR COURSE MEAL

Ticket price: £30

Dress: Formal      Carriages: 10.30 pm

Please reserve.....Tickets for the “A Posh Frock Dinner”

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

Name of Members.....

Barbara Byam-Shaw,  
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## ***Handicrafts – Appeal for new members***

The Handicrafts Group is looking for new members. We are a small group of ladies who meet to enjoy a very casual approach to all kinds of handicrafts. We meet at the Cold Norton Village Hall, Cherry Blossom Lane between 10.00 and 12 noon on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The room is warm, light and airy.

Please contact Marian Manning on 01621 828605 or email:  
nathilda@waitrose.com for more information.

Marian Manning

## 2013/14 CALENDAR—Dates for your Diary

List of Events and Outings during the year.

|                |                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed. 26 March  | Theatre—'The Lion King' - fully booked                |
| Wed. 23 April  | "Posh Frock" Do—Social                                |
| Tues 27 May    | Walk & Talk at Galleywood Heritage Centre. —L.History |
| Mon. 2 June    | Trip on River Thames—Maritime                         |
| Tues. 17 June  | Theatre—'Jersey Boys'                                 |
| Thurs. 10 July | Summer Picnic—Social                                  |
| 1/4 July       | 4 day trip to Sth Coast & Isle of Wight—Gardeners     |
| Mon 28 July    | Guided walk from Dedham to Flatford—Local History     |
| Mon 22 Sept    | The White Cliffs and Walmer Castle—Local History      |
| Wed. 24 Sept   | Theatre - 'The 39 Steps'                              |
| Fri. 17 Oct.   | Beetle Drive—Social                                   |
| Mon. 3 Nov     | Visit to Trinity House—Maritime                       |
| Thurs. 20 Nov. | Call My Wine Bluff—Social                             |

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

### Theatre Trips

There will be a trip by coach to the matinee of 'Jersey Boys' on **Tuesday 17th June 2014**. Price £27.50 for the theatre ticket and approximately £16.00 for the coach.

Ticket money will be collected immediately and the coach money **by** the May Main meeting.

We are also planning a visit on **Wednesday 24th September** to see 'The 39 Steps'. Further details later.

Rosemary & Joyce

### ***Rummikub in Danbury***

A group meets in Danbury Village Hall, to play Rummikub, on the second Thursday of the month – **13th March** – at 2pm. We would like to welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

Please contact me for further information

Colin Beckett

### ***Rummikub 2***

Several members who would like to play this game, but are not available to play on a Thursday in Danbury, have decided to meet once a month on a Friday morning at the Plantation Hall, Heybridge from 10 am to 12 o'clock. If you would like to join them, then do please come along to the next meeting which is on **March 7th**

Beryl McDonell

### ***Strollers One***

**Sunday 16th March** Meet at Althorne Station at 10.30 for a walk along the Crouch to Burnham. We shall return by train. It's a walk of about 4 miles. The trains run every hour from Burnham to Althorne either before or after lunch!

Kym Marshall

### ***Strollers Too***

**Tuesday 25th March** - 'Strollers Too' invite you to a 4.5 mile circular country walk that starts and finishes at The Swan Public House, School Road, Little Totham, CM9 8LB, OS Landranger 168 Colchester and Blackwater Map Ref 889 117, Lunch is Available. About 2 miles of this walk is on footpaths, the rest on very minor roads; if you require a lift please let me know, contact Mike Childs,

## ***Trees Group.***

We have been studying Conifers this month and, because of the weather, will be meeting indoors for the next few sessions. It is amazing what you can do with excellent reference books and pieces of tree rather than the whole thing. We meet on Tuesday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00 pm, at Pat Clements' house in Danbury. Our March dates are 4,11,18,25th March  
New members welcome.

Please contact Veronica Smith

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## **Neighbourhood Watch report**

An NHW has reported a phone call purportedly from Microsoft saying that they had heard his computer was out of order. The accent was foreign. He was induced to give them his internet details and then this was followed up by an email accusing him of visiting illegal or unpleasant web-sites and demanding money from him.

He has reported this to the police but suggested we took note of it.

## **Renewing Driving Licences and Car Licensing**

Be careful, make sure you are on the genuine DLVA site when renewing online. There are sites that look genuine but are just checking your details site and then charge you.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/driver-and-vehicle-licensing-agency>

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## ***Message for all Co-ordinators***

Martin Cook, our Treasurer, would like to receive you accounts for the **Year ending 31st March.**

Please email them to [martincook06@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:martincook06@tiscali.co.uk) or post to  
19 The Fairways, Cold Norton, CM3 6JJ

## ***Discussion Group***

The 'Discussion Group' reconvened for their first meeting of the new year on the 2nd January and after 'Happy New Year' greetings exchanged together with a quick survey of adventures over Christmas, not forgetting the odd unwanted present to be duly returned to Marks and Spencer, the group settled down once more to discuss items of a more serious nature, some of which coincidentally did concern this large store.

Evidently, a Muslim employee refused to sell pork and alcohol to a customer at her till because of her religion, directing the customer to another till where no doubt a heathen or non-believer would carry out her duties for which she was being paid and satisfy the customer. It was a pity that we do not have a person of that faith in our group as I suspect that he or she would have received the unanimous response that religion, faith or beliefs, whatever one wishes to call it, should be confined to outside one's place of work, and if one does not like it, get another job without public contact. It was surprising to learn that a policy of the store in question does in fact allow this religious consideration when serving customers, which in this case prompted an apology. An unnecessary and unjustified one we felt. I think that I would have been tempted to say to the Muslim cashier, when confronted, that I was C of E myself and I would like that big fat juicy turkey with that large bottle of wine on the shelf to celebrate the last supper of 2013. Seriously, however, one is entitled to one's own religious beliefs but these should not conflict with the job of work for which one is paid!

It was inevitable that the 'New Year Honours' List' would once again rear its ugly head with newspaper pages crammed full of people doing their ordinary jobs and receiving a salary in the Civil Service. Personalities in sport who had already received their gongs and recognition, not to mention those members of the acting profession who had at some stage in their career been connected with certain charities. For every name mentioned, no doubt, one can always think of a dozen more of whom it could be said "He or she deserved it more". Not wishing to deprive these people of recognition of a job well done, perhaps a different type of accolade could be devised instead of the usual MBEs, CBEs, Sirs and Dames, which at times seem inappropriate.

A pleasing afternoon was had by a much reduced complement of unrecognised Dames and just one Sir, with special thanks to our hostess Clare for her hospitality on this occasion.

Ray Harman

## **2014/2015 Subscription Renewals**

Membership subscription renewals are due no later than the end of  
**April 2014.**

One enrolment form is included with this newsletter, which can be photocopied if you need more. In addition they are available at the sign-in desk at the monthly meetings or from the Membership Secretary (see below).

Each member must complete a separate form, but if you are a couple please pay by a single cheque.

The annual subscription is **£19.00** each and payment must be made by cheque, payable to Maldon and District U3A, together with your completed form(s) before the **1st May 2014.**

**GIFT AID:** Current Gift Aid regulations require a separate form to be completed by each individual. Gift Aid operates on the basis that HM Revenue and Customs treat your subscriptions as charitable donations; they assume that you have deducted tax at the basic rate before you pay your subscriptions and HMRC refund this tax to our U3A.

We would encourage members who pay more tax than the tax recoverable from their subscription, currently £4.75, to complete the Gift Aid form. The tax refunds we receive form a significant part of our income and help us keep the annual subscription low.

### **DO IT NOW:**

You do not have to wait until April. Please hand your forms and cheques to the sign-in desk or post them to the address below as soon as possible.

Cheques will not be banked before the **1st May 2014.**

If you have not renewed your subscription by the 1st May you will no longer be a member.

Membership Secretary: Alan Clarke, 39 St Stephens Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, CM3 6JE.

## ***Backstage Tour of Royal Opera House Covent Garden***

After a wet, windy, traffic-jammed journey Maldon U3A arrived at the splendid Royal Opera House for a back stage tour that would complement our tour of their workshops at Thurrock. The new entrance is light and bright, but our guide quickly took us from the modern to the Victorian grand entrance.

Watched by busts of Fonteyn and Nureyev, we heard how this was the third theatre built on the Covent Garden site, the first two burnt down. Then in 1997, having raised £178million, the Royal Opera House was closed for 2½ years for refurbishment and building new rehearsal rooms, educational facilities, costume studios where all the clothes, hats and shoes are made. At this time they also extended the back stage area and installed a revolutionary moving floor for changing the sets; now it only takes 20 minutes to change from one production to another.

Less than half the site is original, but it includes the horseshoe-shaped auditorium which was completely restored. The plasterwork repaired, decorated with glorious gold leaf and the seats replaced, in traditional Victorian style although more comfortable. The result is truly magnificent. No microphones are used here, the acoustics and voices are so excellent they are not needed.

We watched ballet dancers in one of the new rehearsal rooms, the same dimension as the stage and full of light with a specially sprung floor. Then on to see the seamstresses working on the costumes amid racks of the clothes being worn in the current productions. One last look at the new floor backstage and we had to leave.

Our thanks to Sheila Epps for arranging this unforgettable tour so that we could all admire the incredible work that goes into creating the beautiful Royal Opera House productions. She even pointed out that we can see these at our local cinema at a fraction of London prices.

## *Satnav*

I have a little Satnav  
It sits there in my car  
A Satnav is a driver's friend  
It tells you where you are  
I have a little Satnav  
I've had it most of my life  
It is better than the normal ones  
My Satnav is my wife  
It gives me full instructions  
Especially how to drive  
"It's thirty miles an hour", it says  
"You're doing thirty five"  
It tells me when to stop and start  
And when to use the brake  
And tells me that it's never ever  
Safe to overtake  
It tells me when a light is red  
And when it goes to green  
It seems to know instinctively  
Just when to intervene  
It lists the vehicles just in front  
And all those to the rear  
And taking this into account  
It specifies my gear.  
I'm sure no other driver  
Has so helpful a device  
For when we leave and lock the car  
It still gives its advice  
It fills me up with counselling  
Each journey's pretty fraught  
So why don't I exchange it  
And get a quieter sort?  
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,  
Makes sure I'm properly fed,  
It washes all my shirts and things  
And - keeps me warm in bed!  
Despite all these advantages  
And my tendency to scoff,  
I do wish that once in a while  
I could turn the damned thing off.

## Home Library Service

If you, or someone you know, can't get to the library owing to age, disability or caring responsibilities, there are various ways to continue to enjoy using Essex Libraries.

For example, a friend, neighbour or relative (with your agreement) can get a Friends and Family library card to enable them to select and collect items from the library for you. One of our mobile libraries might stop close enough for you to visit or you might be able to use community transport or a shopmobility scheme to help you get to the library.

If neither of those options is suitable, you can join our free Home Library Service and enjoy a visit from Home Library volunteers. This is available if you live in your own home, in sheltered housing or in a care home. Call 0845 603 7628 for more details or ask a friend, relative or care home staff to contact us on your behalf.

### About the Home Library Service

The first step is a visit from a member of library staff; they will call for a chat to make sure you receive the sort of books you want to read, and are aware of all the options open to you. For example, you might like to download ebooks or eaudio books, or select your own books via the online library catalogue for your volunteer to deliver.

If you are studying or pursuing an interest, we have many online resources you might find useful; and if you enjoy reading for pleasure, you will get a head start looking for something new on our reading ideas page.

If you are visually impaired and like to listen to books on CD, ask about the RNIB talking books service to give you even more choice.

Whether you enjoy reading for pleasure, or are studying or pursuing an interest, volunteers act as your link with the library and call on you regularly (usually once a month).

Essex Libraries also has a central enquiry service called The Answers People, to answer any questions you may have.

We also have information if you are interested in volunteering for the Home Library Service.

Essex.gov.uk/libraries or 0845 603 7628

## MARITIME GROUP 2014 PROGRAMME

**Monday 3rd March** meeting at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin at 10:00 am for an informative illustrated talk by Amelia Hall on the re-rigging of the “Cutty Sark” following the ships fire and restoration; or an illustrated talk by Tony Tring on "Henry Morgan, his life and times".

**Monday 7th April** meeting at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin at 10:00 am for an illustrated and interesting talk by John Pinder who is the Port Hydrographer for the Port of London Authority, he will be telling us how the Hydrographic department operates, how surveys are carried out and how changes in techniques and equipment now give a lot more accuracy.

**Monday 5th May**, no meeting, Bank Holiday

**Monday 2nd June** a trip on the River Thames; “The Royal River Explorer”, visiting Dorney village, Eaton then a coach tour of the Thames Villages which would include Old Windsor and Datchet. This to be followed by a cruise on the River Thames. We will have a Blue Badge guide with us for the whole day. This trip is currently full, however if you would like to go please contact Fed Lane and your name will go on the waiting list.

**Monday 7th July** meeting at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin at 10:00 am for an illustrated talk by Richard Thomas on “Waterway Wonders”. This talk is a “Tour” of some of the engineering marvels around the waterway system including Foxton Inclined Plane, Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Harecastle Tunnel, Anderton Boat Lift and Bingley Five Rise Locks among others.

**Monday 4th August** meeting at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin at 10:00 am for an informative illustrated talk by the Essex Police Marine Unit. This unit is based in Burnham on Crouch and patrols a large area of Essex.

**Monday 1st September** meeting at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin at 10:00 am for an interesting and illustrated talk on “The challenges of displaying museum collections”: the new Naval history gallery at the National Maritime Museum” by Dr James Davey, Curator of Naval History, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

**Monday 6th October** meeting at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin at 10:00 am for an interesting and illustrated talk by John Johnson-Alan on “The Royal Navy’s Red Sea Fleet in the early 1900’s”.

**Monday 3rd November** visit to Trinity House, London; maximum people allowed on the visit is 50, split into two groups. First visit at 10:00am, second visit at 3:00pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. There will also be a guided visit of All Hallows Church which has strong ties with all things Maritime. There are currently three places left on this trip, if you would like to go, then please contact Alan Buck.

Monday 1st December meeting at The Blackwater Sailing Club, Heybridge Basin at 11:00 am for a discussion on our plans for 2015 followed by our Christmas Buffet.

All U3A members are very welcome to any of the above meetings



## **NEWSLETTER**

***If you are still having trouble receiving your monthly Newsletter, please contact Alan Clarke, our Membership Secretary on 01621 828093 who will be happy to post you a copy.***

### **LUNCHEON CLUB VENUES -**

Times 12.15 pm

**TUESDAY 4th March at the New Times, Trptree**

Co-ordinator: Mike Wood

**WEDNESDAY 19th March at The Generals Arms, Little Baddow**

Co-ordinator: Paul Costa

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.

BLACKWATER U3A  
Contact

Dawn Mundy, Chairman

HEYBRIDGE U3A  
Contact

Joyce Woodham, Chairman

THE LIMEBROOK U3A  
Contact  
Paul Madge, Chairman

### **Your Committee**

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Chairman          | Malcolm Case                 |
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Please note there will be no Monthly Meeting at Wickham Bishops Hall on Monday 21st April which is Easter Monday.

### **NATIONAL OFFICE**

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Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, 7th March

# CO-ORDINATORS

|                           |                                |                                               |                                            |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Antiques                  | Liz Wood                       | Luncheon Group                                |                                            |
| Astronomy                 | Malcolm Case<br>John Robson    | 1st Tues<br>3rd Wed.<br>Eat & Meet<br>2nd Wed | Mike Wood<br>Paul Costa<br>Joyce Cotterell |
| Bird Watching             | Pat Clements<br>Peter Gaywood  | Mah-Jong                                      | Molly Polden                               |
| Botany                    | Veronica Smith                 | Maritime                                      | Malcolm Case                               |
| Bridge                    | Sheila Epps                    | Music<br>Appreciation                         | Enid Hall<br>John Skuse                    |
| Bridge for the<br>Curious | Joyce Yates<br>Gill Stone      | New Friends                                   | Liz Robson                                 |
| Canasta                   | Carol Craven<br>Elaine Bane    | Petanque (Boule)                              | Jack Veash                                 |
| Computers                 | Jan Robertson                  | Photography                                   | Michael Manning                            |
| Discussion                | Ray Harman                     | Poetry                                        | Jo Robson                                  |
| Drama                     | Sandra Dudley                  | Reading                                       | Sheila Epps                                |
| Egyptology                | Joyce Cotterell                | Rummikub                                      | Colin Beckett                              |
| Elizabethan Age           | Beryl McDonell                 | Scottish Country<br>Dancing                   | Shirley Grummett                           |
| Family History            | Alan Buck                      | Sing for Pleasure                             | Sylvia Carpenter                           |
| French<br>Conversation    | Bill Stichbury<br>Ray Harman   | Smartphone                                    | Barry Samuels                              |
| Gardeners                 | Jan Robertson                  | Snooker                                       | John Williams                              |
| German                    | Jenny Plumb                    | Strollers                                     | Gill Stone                                 |
| Handicraft                | Marian Manning                 | Table Tennis                                  | Gordon Hardy                               |
| Just Jazz                 | Jim Light<br>Peter Beckett     | Ten Pin Bowling                               | David Arnold                               |
| Local History             | Mary Burd<br>Michael Blackwell | Tress                                         | Veronica Smith                             |
| London Walks &<br>Talks   | Christine Speed<br>Janeen Trew | Weekenders                                    | Beryl McDonell                             |
|                           |                                | Whist                                         | Molly Polden                               |
|                           |                                | Wine Circle No. 1/2<br>Wine Circle No. 3      | Graham Boswell<br>Mary Burd<br>Paul Costa  |
|                           |                                | Writing for Fun                               | Patrick Forsyth                            |

# PROGRAMME – MARCH 2014

| Monday                                                             | Tuesday                                                         | Wednesday                                                                           | Thursday                                                                                                  | Friday                                                           | Saturday | Sunday                          |
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|                                                                    |                                                                 |                                                                                     |                                                                                                           |                                                                  | 1        | 2<br>Bird Watching<br>E. Mersea |
| 3<br>Maritime<br>Whist                                             | 4<br>Table Tennis<br>Snooker<br>Drama<br>Luncheon Club<br>Trees | 5<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Bridge for the Curious<br>Wine Circle                       | 6<br>Discussion<br>Poetry                                                                                 | 7<br>Botany<br>Rummikub 2<br>Smartphones                         | 8        | 9                               |
| 10<br>German<br>Handicrafts<br>Photography<br>Whist                | 11<br>Table Tennis<br>Snooker<br>Egyptology<br>Trees            | 12<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Bridge<br>Luncheon Club                                    | 13<br>Elizabethan History<br>Reading<br>Rummikub 1<br>Scottish Country Dancing                            | 14<br>Canasta<br>Mah Jong<br>Sing for Pleasure                   | 15       | 16<br>Strollers                 |
| 17<br><b>Meeting 1.30 pm</b><br>Just Jazz                          | 18<br>Table Tennis<br>Snooker<br>Trees                          | 19<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Luncheon Club<br>London Walks & Talks                      | 20<br>Antiques<br>Bridge for the Curious                                                                  | 21<br>Botany                                                     | 22       | 23                              |
| 24<br>Astronomy<br>German<br>Handicrafts<br>Local History<br>Whist | 25<br>Table Tennis<br>Snooker<br>Strollers Too<br>Trees         | 26<br>Ten Pin Bowling<br>Bridge<br>Family History<br>Writing for Fun<br>Wine Circle | 27<br>Computers<br>French Conversation<br>Music Appreciation<br>Scottish Country Dancing<br>Wine Circle 3 | 28<br>Canasta<br>Mah Jong<br>Family History<br>Sing for Pleasure | 29       | 30                              |
| 31<br>Whist                                                        |                                                                 |                                                                                     |                                                                                                           |                                                                  |          |                                 |

**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.**