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Maldon and District

**Newsletter**

*Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year*



**December 2023**

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## FROM THE CHAIR

I have had the good fortune to be able to visit the Antarctic and the Falkland Islands over the last three weeks. After the magic of Antarctica, we visited Buenos Aires and this caused me to reflect on the very real benefits of being English, or perhaps I should say British. In Argentina inflation is running at 150% per year and there was little point in visiting an ATM as my wallet could not hold the notes required to buy a modest meal. The high inflation rate is caused by corruption, we were told. Unemployment is running at 30–40%.



We were warned that it was not very safe in the city so not to wear an expensive watch; no problem for me. When we returned to Argentina after visiting the Falklands, we found that Argentina had elected a new President. He is known as “El Loco”.

So returning to Heathrow Terminal 5 (I think you die a little with each visit), I still felt that things in our country are really rather good and we should grab the chance to be optimistic. This is the right mood for Christmas and I am looking forward to our celebration on the 18th and hope to see many of you there.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year.

Ken Hazell

**Christmas Meeting**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



**1:30 pm Doors Open**

**1:45 Announcements**

**2:00 to 2:30 pm Maldon Ukulele Group Entertainment**

**2:30 to 3:15 pm Christmas Afternoon tea**

**3:15 to 3:45 pm Maldon Ukulele Group Entertainment**

**3:45 to 4:00 pm**

**Answers to tabletop quiz followed by**

**a prize for the winning table**

**4:00 to 4:15 pm Goodbyes**

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and  
happy, healthy and peaceful 2024**

## SITUATIONS VACANT

### Committee members

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

Please give this some thought and contact one of our Committee Members if you feel you could help. Thank You.



### Storage Space

Do you have any spare storage space? Maybe an unused garage or a part of one, an unused outhouse or even part of a barn. Or do you know of someone who has? It just needs to be dry and easily accessible.

Over the years your Committee has amassed a variety of really useful equipment for the various functions that we hold, but we have now run out of room.

If you think you could help please contact a committee member.

Thank You

## WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members:

Mary Bond

Rosemary Garrod

Christine McLennan

Gay Wheeler

Peter Wheeler

Sue May

John Woods



A very big thank you to all who supported our coffee morning earlier this year.

Mary Burd



## MONTHLY MEETING

**Monday 15th January**

**Wickham Bishops Hall**

**Doors open at 1.30pm for 1.45pm start**

Tea/coffee are available prior to the start of the meeting

**Speaker: Liz Huxley**

**Essex Coastal Marshes In Winter**

Liz is a keen bird watcher and wildlife photographer. She has worked for the Essex Wildlife Trust for 15 years at the Abberton Reservoir.

She also leads guided walks.

Please remember your membership card

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## MONTHLY SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2024

<b>19th February</b>	<b>Gary Matthews</b>	<b>Easton Lodge</b> The talk covers the history of Easton Lodge, including the life of the Countess of Warwick , the WW2 airfield adjoining the gardens and the work of the Trust in restoring the gardens
<b>18th March</b>	<b>Alan Pamphilon</b>	<b>Essex women that rocked the boat</b> True stories of ten local ladies who influenced national history. Women of Chelmsford who fought for their equality and rights, and the history of the local Essex girls from 15th century witches to the publicans of the 1960's. From the Anti Slavery campaigners to the brave factory workers of WW2.
<b>15th April</b>	<b>Tyler Butterworth</b>	The actor son of Peter Butterworth (Carry On films) and Janet Brown (best known for her Maggie Thatcher impersonation). A talk on the remarkable life of his parents.
<b>20th May</b>	<b>Richard Pusey</b>	<b>Medical History on the doorstep</b> Retired surgeon & London guide
<b>17th June</b>	<b>Cherish Watton</b>	<b>The Women's Land Army</b> The history of the WLA. Over 200,000 Land Girls worked in the WLA from June 1939 until November 1950.

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

## BIRD WATCHING GROUP

### Birdwatchers' walk along Maldon prom

The warmth of summer seemed a distant memory as eight members braved the grey chill of a December Sunday to see what could be seen from Maldon promenade.



Gone are summer visitors such as swallows and common terns to be replaced by over wintering waders and wildfowl seeking sustenance on the mudflats of the Essex coast. They include the sanderling, small flocks of which were scampering busily around near the water's edge snatching small prey such as sand hoppers while others probed the mud with their short straight bills. These birds, measuring 20cm, are now in winter plumage with pale grey backs and white underparts. They breed in the Arctic circle with many passing through Europe to winter as far south as South Africa.



Good numbers of teal, Europe's smallest duck at 36 cm, were out on the water where they roost by day to avoid predators and feed at night. Many migrate to Britain in winter from Iceland, Scandinavia and Russia with most seen around the coast.

A few avocets, an attractive black and white wader with a distinctive upturned bill and long blue-grey legs, were feeding in the shallow water. This they do by sweeping their bills from side to side to filter out tiny shrimps or other small prey. Avocets became extinct in Britain in the 19th



century but happily returned and have thrived thanks to the RSPB, which adopted the bird as its symbol.

Also present were lapwings, a familiar bird of coast and countryside also known as peewits after their distinctive call. Out amongst the gulls were

cormorants, diving birds the size of a heron, searching for food. A black tailed godwit – another winter visitor – was keeping a lonely vigil out on the mud. A large wader with a slightly upturned bill, the godwit holds a world record for the longest migration from Alaska to New Zealand. Godwit means good eating in old English, but I can't see them catching on at Tesco any time soon

Mike Bagshaw



### **No meeting in January.**

Our next visit is on **3rd February** to Abberton Reservoir. Meet at 10.00 in the visitor car park.

For further details or car share requests please contact:

Peter Gaywood

Michael Bagshaw



*Thanks to Alec Fraser for the photos*

## PETANQUE GROUP



The Petanque group finished its last game of the 2023 season on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. As the weather deteriorated the numbers had been dropping. The forecast continued to be very cold days, and even wrapping up well on a bright day did not compensate for the icy breeze coming off the river.

We have had a good season with some new members joining the group this year and only few sessions cancelled due to inclement weather.

Our regulars will be contacted when we propose to start again and we would also welcome any new players wishing to join us – details will appear in the newsletter around April 2024.

Geoff Macro & Jack Veash

## FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for your contributions, please keep them coming and don't forget to include your photographs. My thanks to Brigitte Whiteing for her contributions to the Christmas photos.

The deadline for the January edition is 4th January.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to one and all.

Kris



## Walk in aid of the BBC Children in Need Appeal

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

On a sunny but windy morning eight plus one dog, set off to walk along the banks of the river Blackwater from Hall Road to Heybridge Basin, across the lock and then back to Hall Road via the canal bank.

The tide was out which gave plenty of opportunity to spot several wading birds feeding along the water's edge. The path was, in places, very muddy but we persevered to the end. The views across the river were excellent, with a blue sky making the walk very enjoyable.



A total of **£500.00** has been raised which has been sent to the BBC Appeal.

My thanks to those on the walk and especially to all who have given a donation or sponsored the walkers.

Malcolm Case.

## POETRY GROUP

The next meeting of the group is on **Thursday 4th January** at 2.00pm at a members house. The topic is to be decided at the December meeting.

Jo Robson

## MARITIME GROUP Programme 2024

Monday 1st January	No meeting
Monday 5th February	Talk by Gordon Davies on <b><i>Brunel and the SS Great Eastern</i></b>
Monday 4th March	Talk by Raj Kehal of the Port of London Authority, who will talk about the <b><i>History of the PLA</i></b> over the years from their beginning up to the present day, including the industries, wharves, docks etc within the Port limits, type of trade and volume
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday No meeting
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday No meeting
Monday 3rd June	Talk by Malcolm & Rosemary Case on the <b><i>Irrawaddy river in Myanmar</i></b> , from its source to the Andaman Sea.
Monday 1st July	Talk by Linda Cook on the <b><i>History of the RNLI</i></b> . Beginning with a brief description of the founding of the RNLI and some of its developments along the way. Followed by its work today centring around the Southend lifeboats and the work that they do, moving on to examples of rescues around the coast , focusing on the Tower lifeboat station in London. Finally, some information about the training given to crew members and the facilities at Poole.
Monday 5th August	Trip to be arranged
Monday 2nd September	Trip to Sutton Hoo, to be arranged

- Monday 7th October     Talk by Alison Mainwood on the ***History of Navigation*** from Lodestones to GPS
- Monday 4th November     Talk over Zoom by Roger Butler, with a colourful introduction to all aspects of ***Waterway Heritage***. Roger will include fascinating engineering and architecture, historic boats, and plenty of unusual landmarks. He will also weave in some archive images as well as important contemporary features such as the Falkirk Wheel in Scotland. Aspects include grand warehouses and quirky cottages, tall lock flights and sweeping aqueducts, deep tunnels and a vast array of bridges and even tiny bollards. Many such buildings and structures still reflect the work of the original distinctive canal companies, including of course, the famous Roses and Castles canal boat artwork.
- Monday 2nd  
December     Talk by Julie Hobby and Padre Ruth on the work of the ***Seafarers Centre, Tilbury***. The talk will cover all aspects of their work for seafarers and will include details on how your donations to the centre are used. The talk will be followed by some Christmas cheer, nibbles and discussion on our 2025 programme.

Malcolm Case

## STROLLERS TOO

Back in September when the weather was a lot warmer our walk was a 4-mile circular stroll starting at the Western Arms pub in Silver End.

After ordering our meals for lunch eleven of us set off for the walk. Earlier forecasts of rain, and perhaps thundery showers, never materialised and we enjoyed a sunny and warm amble along

narrow footpaths, then around open field margins where crops had been harvested and ploughed ready for a new season.

This led on to a number of fields growing buckwheat (identified on a phone app) which was something new to many of us. The walk continued through meadows, some delightful woodland and finally back past the Kelvedon District Anglers Association lakes where the photo was taken. We ended by walking along the edge of paddocks and stables and were back to the pub at 12.30 with an appetite, even having already had some hedgerow grazing. It was a great way to spend 2 hours in some delightful countryside and good company.

Val and John Stealey



The next meeting of the Tuesday Strollers Group is a planning meeting for 2024 and will be held in the upstairs room of the Oak House, at 10:30 on **Tuesday 23rd January 2024**.

Tea/Coffee can be purchased at the bar on the ground floor.

## STROLLERS SUNDAY

The next meeting of the Sunday Strollers Group is a planning meeting for 2024 and will be held in the upstairs room of the Oak House, at 10:30 on **Sunday 21st January 2024**.

Tea/Coffee can be purchased at the bar on the ground floor.

Please do join one or both meetings along with your ideas for walks in 2024 so that we can have a varied programme in differing surroundings. All walks should be, if possible, within a twenty-mile radius of Maldon and should be about 4.0 miles in length.



Malcolm Case

## ASTRONOMY GROUP

There will be no meeting of the group in December as it is Christmas Day.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 22nd January 2024**, details for this meeting will be in the January newsletter.



Malcolm Case

## AVIATION GROUP

Hello everyone,

On 24th November we had a superb presentation by David Gillespie covering his great knowledge and enthusiasm of the AVRO Lancaster, including the wartime service life of his father as a Lancaster Pilot, and finishing off with a personal film of his flight over Niagara Falls in the



Canadian Mk X Lancaster reg VR-A affectionately known as Vera—the only passenger carrying Lancaster in the world.

On **Friday 15th December** we will be showing a film version of what many believe is the best aviation book ever – ***The Shepherd*** – written by Frederick Forsyth.



If you don't know the story, I won't spoil the show!

It revolves around the flight home of a young pilot on a Christmas Eve in the mid '50s from Cold War Germany.



Christmas nibbles will be served with our usual coffee/tea. Afterwards for those who wish, we will go for a light social lunch at the Airmen's Mess, Stow Maries Aerodrome (no booking is required).

**Our meetings will all take place at our NEW venue:**

**Woodham Mortimer Village Hall, Post Office Rd., Woodham Mortimer, CM9 6SY at 11.00**

Chris Samson

## AVIATION GROUP PROGRAMME 2024

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| Friday 26th January                    | At last! The showing of the Tom Cruise film <b><i>Maverick</i></b> from the Top Gun series.  |
| Friday 23rd February                   | An illustrated talk by our own Joe Marshall on the amazing airmen and women who formed the backbone of the Air Transport Auxiliary –ATA, collecting Britain's war planes from the factories and delivering them to the operational squadrons throughout WW2. |
| Friday 22nd March<br>(avoiding Easter) | A visit to the <b><i>Brooklands Museum</i></b> is planned. Details and transport arrangements TBA.   |
| Friday 26th April                      | TBA  |

## FILM GROUP

The films recently reviewed had a similar theme concerning events involved with the looting of works of art during WW2.

***The Woman in Gold***, another in our series of films based on real life events, centred on the theft by the Nazis, just prior to WW2, of a portrait by Gustav Klimt of Adele Bloch-Bauer and the struggle after the war to have it returned to the family by the Austrian government. Well made with good acting from Helen Mirren as the niece of Adele, and Ryan Reynolds as her young lawyer. Together they fought for almost ten years to reclaim the painting and took the legal battle all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States. Well worth a watch.

Score: 8

***The Train***. This film was loosely based on a book which documents the works of art looted by the Nazis and placed in their storage. With the imminent liberation of Paris, a selection of the stolen artwork is loaded onto a train to be taken into Germany and the French Resistance, with the help of railway workers, need only to delay the train for a few days to prevent this happening. A dangerous operation and all without damaging the cargo.

Given that the film was made in 1964, in black and white, and without all the modern CGI available now, it was well made with exciting train crashes, although possibly a bit overlong. Good to see Burt Lancaster in the lead role, with Paul Scofield as the nasty Nazi Officer.

Score: 7

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, 31st January 2024**, there is no meeting in December.

Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Shirley Macro

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

First of all our thanks to all those who braved the elements for our ***Mystery History Miscellany*** meeting in November.

Kathy gave a very illuminating talk on her personal experiences of caring for very young children from the 1960s onwards, including the history of Children's Societies from those days.

Members brought in a very good mix of family heirlooms, treasures and curiosities, and were able to discuss their history, which was often poignant and sometimes very amusing.

The afternoon finished with light seasonal refreshments.

**There is no meeting in December.**

Our next meeting is on **Monday January 22nd** at the Town Hall when our speaker will be John Frankland with his talk on ***100 years of Motor Racing in Essex.***

Between the wars Essex hosted motor sport events that saw drivers like Malcolm Campbell and Raymond Mays compete at public road speed events at Laindon, Thundersley and Westcliff. The post-war years saw the Boreham Airfield circuit at the forefront of motor sport. The hosting of a Formula 1 Race in 1952 was a highlight that might have led to the British Grand Prix being held there. More than a dozen venues and some significant events from 1899 onwards are covered in this talk.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Kathy and Sylvia

## SOCIAL ORGANISING GROUP

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all at our Cockney Pride evening at Maldon Town Hall in November.

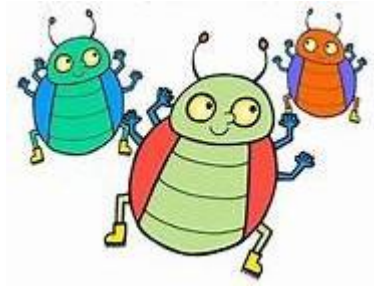


You put your left arm in, your left arm out....

and finish the evening with Land of Hope and Glory.



COMING IN THE NEW YEAR



The Social Organising Group  
are planning a

**Beetle Drive**

on 27th February at 2.30 pm  
at Plantation Hall, Heybridge

Ticket £4.00, including tea and cake

(tickets available in the New Year, details to follow)

Mike Childs

## WRITING FOR FUN GROUP

The group continues to meet every fourth Wednesday with members reading stories, poems, essays and rants, having a cuppa and eating biscuits. Ernest Hemingway famously created the 6 word short story—*For sale: baby shoes. Never used*, so brevity can be powerful. My example: Goodbye Mission Control. No hard feelings.

Here we can squeeze in something just a little longer.

### **Insufficient evidence**

A door banged – everyone froze for a moment; “Just a draught” someone muttered and preparations continued. George was not optimistic; something happened so infrequently. But ... maybe this time. He sat patiently alongside several microphones.

The team’s voices echoed around the old pub. Wires looped around and microphones and video cameras were strategically positioned. Mary sat alongside various recorders. “Take your positions,” she said, “it’s almost dark.” Everyone settled down quietly in their pre-determined positions. With a long night ahead, flasks and sandwiches were produced, though Mary quickly shushed any noise. Everyone sat quietly, unmoving concentrating intently. George tried vainly to be optimistic, newcomer Martin remained excited.

The pub creaked in traditional fashion, though it was simply wood cooling as night fell. They waited. They all knew the story: a murder and a victim who had never left.

Suddenly noises sounded from somewhere upstairs prompting thoughts of footsteps. Breath was held, monitors checked. But the noises did not reoccur, a false alarm was assumed and time ticked slowly on.

George still sat lost in thought in the snug. How many times had he done this with no real contact? Frustrated he stood up quietly and stretched.

At 5 a.m., dejected after hours of inactivity, the group abandoned their vigil.

George had looked around hopefully as he left the snug, but despite his concentration, he felt the evening was wasted. No one saw him as he walked straight through the wall of the bar, and then floated across to and up the old staircase.

Only later did Mary notice that, hidden amongst the plethora of data, one device showed an unaccountable and chilling drop in temperature at around midnight.

Patrick Forsyth

## Maldon u3a Publicity

We are making good progress in spreading the word about our u3a and promoting the many benefits that joining can bring.

Our webmaster, Tony Groves, has recently launched a page on **Facebook** with links to our website. This will provide us with the opportunity to promote some of our groups and activities to a wider audience.

For those of you familiar with Facebook please take the time to look at our page, [Maldon U3A](#), and like or follow it.

We are also pleased to announce that Irina Vahonina and Andy Simmonds are our new Publicity Co-ordinators.

## PADEL TENNIS GROUP

The session is every Wednesday from 2.30 to 4pm at Padel United, Park Drive Health Club, Maldon. There are three indoor courts plus an outdoor court, and we normally have the use of two courts. We cater for between 3 and 10 members without anyone having to sit out for more than a few minutes and things have gradually evolved such that we get just about the right number.

Padels and balls are provided, and the charge per session is £3 per head. This is collected at the start of the session and paid to Padel United at the end. This is all cash and very simple. Suitable footwear is a must, but the main hazard would be tripping over balls not in use.

The exercise is fairly light although, as can be seen from the youngsters at one of the next courts, it could be pretty vigorous if you were a good player. The normal game is doubles so no need to rush around. To start with all of us found it difficult to take the ball off the back wall but the overall standard has continued to improve, and we enjoy some good rallies.

If anyone is interested in joining the Group or perhaps having a “taster” session, please contact me at

## GERMAN CONVERSATION

Our meetings are held on alternate Tuesdays at my house in Wickham Bishops. In January we will be meeting on 9th and 23rd.

Howard Broadbridge





## RUSSIAN CONVERSATION

One of our new members, Irina Vahonina, is Russian and she has offered to start a Russian language activity group. She also speaks Polish, so she is able to teach that as well. The emphasis will be on conversational language – beginners are welcome.

Maybe you would like to expand your knowledge of foreign languages or maybe you, or a family member, is hosting a Ukrainian family (most Ukrainians also speak Russian) and would like to converse more freely.

Please contact Irina for more information

## MAH-JONG

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

If you haven't played Mah-Jong before we are very happy to teach you.

Please note that there will be **no** meeting in January. Our next meeting is **Friday 2nd February at the new time of 1.30–3.30 pm**

For more information, please contact Mags Pell.

## TENPIN BOWLING

Do you fancy a chat and a cup of coffee with some tenpin bowling thrown in? The bowling, although it is good exercise and a chance to improve your coordination skills, it is not the main reason for coming. In fact, when the group was originally envisaged more than 20 years ago it was as a social group to meet for coffee with the bowling an added extra., and that has remained the case. A good morning is not necessarily a high score, but did you enjoy yourself?

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



## BRIDGE GROUP

Please note that beginning in January there will be additional bridge sessions during the months with five Wednesdays—January, May, July and October.



Gill Cory

## THE BIG BALTI

The next curry night will be held on **Monday 29th January** at the Balti Bhujon restaurant, Mill Road, Maldon. 6.30ish start.

To add your name to the list please contact:

Graham Evans

Bob Gowers

## JUST JAZZ GROUP

David and I are most grateful for the new jazz fans coming along to our meetings.



Our next meeting is

**Monday 18th December** from 7.30—9.30pm, in the Little Ship Club, Hythe Quay, Maldon . The bar will be open so pop in for a drink, some music and a chat. We look forward to seeing you.

Pete Condon

## Tai Chi

I am the group co-ordinator for Tai Chi classes which are held on Monday afternoons 2–4pm at West Maldon Community Centre. All Maldon group members are welcome.

For more detail contact:

Peter Harden

# First Aid Course

We are looking to arrange a First Aid Course for interested u3a members sometime in early 2024. The course we are considering is run by the St John's Ambulance and would take approximately half a day.



It includes:

Patient care and communication

Observations

Primary survey

Making an emergency call

Recovery position

Signs of Heart Attack vs Cardiac Arrest

CPR

Choking

Severe bleeds

Using an AED

Using the right medical service

It will also give guidance on the use of defibrillators.

If you are interested in attending this course please contact our Chairman, Ken Hazell or a committee member.

*Thank you to those members who have already expressed an interest. Further information will be sent to you by email in the new year.*

## YOUR COMMITTEE

Chairman	Ken Hazell
Vice Chairman	Alec Fraser
Secretary	Theresa Byles
Treasurer	Steven Clarke
Membership Secretary	Malcolm Case
Newsletter Editor	Kris Taylor
Speaker Secretary	Theresa Byles
Groups Coordinator	Malcolm Case
Committee	Andy Simmonds Carol Bates

Trustee	Geoff Cory
Webmaster	Tony Groves
Social Group	Michael Childs

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## GROUP CO-ORDINATORS

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

Just Jazz	Peter Condon David Coombes
Local History	Sylvia Cousins Kathy Goff
London Theatre Outings	Rosemary Case Sheila Childs
Meet & Eat	Joan Cummins
Mah-Jong	Mags Pell
Maritime	Malcolm Case
Padel Tennis	Ken Hazell
Petanque (Boules)	Jack Veash Geoff Macro
Photography	Tony Groves
Poetry	Jo Robson
Publicity	Irina Vahonina Andy Simmonds
Reading Rummikub	Patrick Forsyth Janice Martin
Scottish Country Dancing	Diana Rogers
Sing for Pleasure	Sue Garnham
Strollers Sunday & Tuesday	Malcolm Case
Tenpin Bowling	Alan Buck David Coombes
Wine Circle No. 2	Graham Boswell
Wine Circle No. 3	Mary Burd
Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

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

## Schedule of Events - January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 Bridge	4 Poetry Rummikub  Ten Pin Bowling	5	6	7
8 Discussion  Handicraft	9 German	10 Art Appreciation Meet & Eat Ten Pin Bowling  Padel Tennis	11 Royal History- Victorians  Scottish Dancing  Ten Pin Bowling  French Conversation	12  Singing Canasta	13	14
15 Monthly Meeting   Essex Coastal Marshes in Winter  Just Jazz	16	17 Bridge Geology  Photography  Ten Pin Bowling  Padel Tennis	18 Rummikub  Ten Pin Bowling	19	20	21 Strollers   Planning Meeting
22 Local History   100 years of Motor Racing in Essex  Astronomy	23 Strollers   Planning Meeting  German	24 Wine Group Writing Photography  Ten Pin Bowling Padel Tennis	25 Wine Group  French Conversation Scottish Dancing  Ten Pin Bowling	26 Canasta Reading Cribbage Singing Aviation	27	28
29	30	31 Bridge Film Ten Pin Bowling Padel Tennis				

Schedule correct at time of publication - please confirm dates with co-ordinators