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FROM THE CHAIR

I hope you all enjoyed our December meeting. It certainly matched or exceeded the previous year with excellent music, Christmas “eats” and a quiz.

The variety of Christmas music included Fairytale of New York, released in 1987 and now a Christmas classic. This has strange lyrics for a Christmas hit but a catchy tune, and our conductor of the Purleigh Philharmonic explained the background. Our quiz required all “the little grey cells” to be fully functioning.

This year, we seem to have had a few Dunkelflaute days, so not good news for the Netzeroists, but so far we have escaped the nasty weather and I am hoping all will be well for attending our group and monthly meetings. I doubt that u3a members need the government to tell them how to look after themselves in adverse weather conditions; common sense prevails.

We have an excellent list of speakers booked for our monthly meetings and are looking forward to our activity groups continuing to thrive and perhaps adding some new groups.

For those who have an interest in numbers, 2025 is a perfect square year—the square of 45. The last time it occurred was 1936, and we will not see another such square number until 2116 – so we will not see another square number.

As always, we will be seeking volunteers this year and I am suggesting that all who can, should make this a New Year’s resolution.

Wishing you all a Healthy and Happy New Year

Ken Hazell

Chairman

(Dunkelflaute – no wind or sunlight)

MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 17th February

Wickham Bishops Hall

Doors open at 1.15 for a 1.45 start

Blesma: The Limbless Veterans

Brian Chenier

Blesma, The Limbless Veterans, is an Armed Forces charity dedicated to assisting serving and ex-Service men and women who have suffered life-changing limb loss or the use of a limb, an eye or sight. They support these men and women in their communities throughout the UK.

[Please remember your membership card](#)

MONTHLY SPEAKER SCHEDULE 2025

17th March	The 1952 Lynmouth Flood Disaster Philip McKinder	Philip will explore the happenings in August 1952 in the little town of Lynmouth in North Devon, that had an impact all over the world. Members will be asked to choose a hotel for their holiday and then walk through the village before finding out what happened to them on the night of 15th August.
21st April	Easter Monday	No Meeting
19th May	Stories behind the photos Barbara Mayer	Barbara, a wildlife photographer, will talk about the challenges and memorable moments she faced whilst taking photos of big cats and other wildlife species.

16th June	Tales from the East Side Gary Lewis	The East London Cemetery does not allow guided tours, but Gary's talk will introduce us to a cast of fascinating characters who are buried there.
21st July	Musical Quiz Steve Scruton	A light hearted quiz from Steve of BBC Essex featuring pictures and music with questions . Plus light refreshments.
18th August	The Livery Companies of the City of London David Williams	For many centuries the skills of craft industries was controlled by the Livery Companies but their influence faded as Britain became more industrialised. Yet the Livery movement has survived and many of the 110 companies are supporting education, offering scholarships, building and maintaining schools and financing organisations who care for the sick, the needy and the homeless.
15th September	Tortoises - To Be Honest Jane Williams	Jane will be talking about the history of pet tortoise keeping; interesting features of tortoise biology and their ways of life. Together with photographs of the variety of different tortoises seen around the world.
20th October	AGM Followed by a talk by Patrick Forsyth	Our own u3a member and author, Patrick Forsyth will tell us about the 'funny side of writing'.

17th November **The Dig**
Charlie Haylock

An intriguing and sometimes hilarious look behind the scenes in the making of the Netflix film *The Dig*. A film based on the novel of the same name about the discovery of the famous Sutton Hoo burial ship and the people involved.

15th December **Christmas**
Entertainment

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

As many of you are aware, our Local History Group, which has been providing our members with a wide variety of speakers and visits for at least 20 years, will discontinue if new coordinators do not come forward.

Kathy and Sylvia, together with Jane, became coordinators in 2016 and are happy to share with you their knowledge of local topics and speakers, as well as assisting with the fundamentals of restarting the Group. Our Committee members are also there to lend a hand with any logistical items, such as hall bookings and meeting fees.

Why not get together with one or two colleagues and have a chat with Kathy and Sylvia, to gain an insight into what is involved.

Thank you



WELCOME

A warm welcome to our new members:

Lorna Bond Jan Hennessey Pauline Kerley Ann Abbott



Our Christmas festivities

An excellent December meeting was spent listening to Christmas music and songs whilst enjoying a light afternoon tea, followed by a quiz to get all our grey cells firing.

Our thanks to Shirley and her catering 'elves', Rosemary for providing yet another enjoyable quiz and the many helpers who prepared the hall.

And, of course, to Father Christmas aka Pete Condon.



Once again the Purleigh Philharmonic admirably entertained us.



And we ended our meeting with a rousing rendition of We Wish You A Merry Christmas.

Thanks to Alec Fraser for the photos

LONDON WALKS

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

We meet a professional guide at 11.00 to be taken on a 2-hour guided walk. The distance walked is not vast as we stop many times to be told interesting and entertaining information. After the walk you are free to join others for coffee/ lunch or plan other things to make the most of your day in London. Travel arrangements are made by yourselves.

Another interesting walk was enjoyed before Christmas by a large group of us. The theme was finding out about the history of Christmas food.

Turkeys were brought to England by William Strickland around 1540. William, a Yorkshire man, had a coat of arms designed incorporating a turkey, and in Boyton, East Yorkshire, the church has stained glass windows of turkeys, and the lectern has a carved turkey, with its outspread tail feathers supporting the Bible. Norfolk and Suffolk became established for raising young turkeys with the birds being walked to London with tar and sand on their feet to protect them for the long journey. By the end of the 19th century, it was decided it would be easier to slaughter the birds on the farms and transport the dead birds to London by horse and carriage.

Until the 20th century, turkey was a luxury, with goose being a more affordable bird. We stood in Leadenhall Market outside the old Golden Goose pub, learning facts about the variety of uses of geese and goose products, including their talent for acting as security guards. Would you believe there is even a colour in the textile and wool trade known as Goose Turd Green! Old Tom was a goose adopted by the stall holders of the market, who, after dying at the age of 37, lay in state and had an obituary printed in The Times.



Pigs in blankets were a surprisingly modern innovation dating only from 1957. Our guide regaled us with the details of the extravagant fare provided for the Christmas table through the ages, in contrast to the meagre meals in the work houses, and the fat and horsemeat Christmas dinner eaten by Captain Scott in the Antarctic.



We talked about bread sauce whilst standing outside Bakers Hall, the site of the Worshipful Company of Bakers since 1506, and ate mince pies provided by our guide. We discussed the lavish ingredients of plum pudding whilst standing in Pudding Lane and the oldest of all Christmas ingredients, marzipan,

introduced by crusaders in the 11th century.

And of course, ending in Borough Market after crossing the river Thames, we couldn't forget the humble Brussel sprout!

Photos by Brigitte Whiteing and Julie Lake

There will be no Walks in January and February.



A list of forthcoming walks is on page 10.

The cost for each of the walks is **£12 per person**. Payment by cheque in advance please – payable to Maldon & District u3a. One cheque per event please.

To reserve your place or for any further info please contact: Julie Lake

18th March	Publish and be Damned	Meet at Temple Underground station
15th April	The History of Medicine	Meet at Russell Square Underground station
20th May	Old Westminster	Meet at St James Park Underground station
17th June *	Brunel's River Cruise	Meet at Embankment Underground station
15th July	The Inns of Court	Meet at Holborn Underground station

* The June River Cruise will incur an extra charge for the boat trip payable on the day and the tour will last 3 hours. More details will be provided nearer the date.

SUNDAY STROLLERS

Meetings to discuss our programmes for 2025 will be held in the **Oak House, 35 High Street, Maldon CM9 5PF.**

For Sunday Strollers please come along on **Sunday 19th January** at 10.30.

For our Tuesday Strollers please come along on the Tuesday **28th January**, same time 10.30.



STROLLERS TOO

The first Sunday strollers walk will be on **Sunday 16th February**, if you would like to join the walk, then please contact me for further details. The first Tuesday walk will be on **25th February**. Details about this walk will be in the February newsletter. These walks are some 4.0 miles and we walk at a steady pace, usually starting from a pub and returning to it for lunch, if you would like to join any of this year's walks, then please contact me.

Please join us. All u3a members are very welcome.

Malcolm Case

FILM GROUP

Our chosen films for December were:

Gangsta Granny – a British comedy–drama based on another David Walliams book, about a boy who visits his Granny who he thinks is boring until he discovers her past as an international jewel thief called the Black Cat. Julia Mckenzie stars as Granny. **Whisky Galore!** – a remake of the 1949 British comedy by Ealing Studios starring Gregor Fisher, Eddie Izzard, Sean Biggerstaff and Naomi Battrick. The story, based on the running aground of the SS Politician, concerns a shipwreck off a fictional Scottish island, the inhabitants of which have run out of whisky because of wartime rationing. The islanders salvage the 50,000 cases of whisky, against the opposition of the local HM Customs and Excise men.

Both available on BBC iPlayer, with plenty of viewing time left.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 29th January**, 7.30pm by Zoom. If you would like to join us, please get in touch.

Shirley Macro

Thank you

Last year, through our collection of spare change in mini jam pots!, we raised £221.90 in aid of the RNLI.

That brings the total raised since 2019 to £861.84. Well done and keep up the good work.

Mary Burd



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MARITIME GROUP

At our Maritime group meeting on Monday 6th January, our speaker was Ian Kirby who gave a fascinating and very interesting talk entitled ***My River Thames***. His talk covered his memories of growing up on the banks of the river Thames in Vauxhall, Central London, and of the people that he met later as a City of London Guide. Ian took us on a trip downstream from Putney to Greenwich recollecting the riverfront changes with stories and information from people that he had met. He highlighted the old and new buildings, monuments, and industries on the riverfront and the ceremonies and festivals that have taken place along this stretch of the river Thames. The talk finished at Waterloo Bridge, which is also known as Ladies Bridge as the rebuilding of the bridge was completed by women as most of the men had gone off to war. Ian then played his signature tune *Waterloo Sunset* by the Kinks. This was a most interesting talk, both factual and, at times, very amusing.

The next meeting of the Maritime Group is on **Monday 3rd February**, starting at 10:00am at the Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge Basin, Maldon. CM9 4SD for a talk by Alison Mainwood on ***A brief history of Navigation***. Early navigators used the position of the sun and stars to navigate. In this talk Alison will discuss how scientists and sailors developed tools to measure positions accurately, including the compass, the sextant, the chronometer and finally GPS. Please join us.

All u3a members are very welcome.

Malcolm Case



MARITIME GROUP Programme 2025

- Monday 3rd March** Talk by Jimmy Byam–Shaw on ship development in Spain and England during the time of the Armada.
- Monday 7th April** Talk by Julie Ann Miller of the Combined Military Services Museum, Maldon on the ‘Cockleshell Heroes’ of Operation Frankton.
- Monday 5th May** Bank Holiday—No Meeting
- Monday 2nd June** Trip to the Thames Barrier. Depart WMCC at 9.00. There will be a tour of the centre with commentary about the barrier. The cost is £35 pp. This includes coach hire, parking, driver’s gratuity and tour of the centre. Contact Malcolm Case to add you name to the list, or bring your cheque to January’s general meeting.
- Monday 7th July** Talk by John Johnson–Allan on HMS Truculent, a British submarine of the third group of the T class
- Monday 4th August** Trip to tba
- Monday 1st September** Possible trip with Groups Direct to Ware and Hertford for a tour and a river cruise along the picturesque flood plains of the river Lee. Enroute to Hertford we will pass through two original locks.
- Monday 6th October** Talk by Roger Butler on Treasure Islands – exploring the Hebrides looking at islands, ferries, wildlife, etc in the Hebrides as well as travelling out to far-flung St Kilda.
- Monday 3rd November** Talk by Richard Pusey on Antarctic exploration (Scott v Amundsen v Shackleton).
- Monday 1st December** Talk by Kris Taylor on the Cable & Wireless super yacht and its race around the World in 74 days, 20 hours and 58 minutes.

AVIATION GROUP

Hello everyone. A happy and prosperous NEW YEAR to you all!
We open our 2025 season on **Friday 31st January** with the film ***Murphy's War***, starring Peter O'Toole as a lowly air mechanic who learns to fly in taking his personal quest for revenge on the U Boat and its crew who sank his ship and killed his comrades off South America during the latter part of WW2.



The fabulous Grumman Duck float plane is the real star of this film!

Although aviation is the central theme to this film, there is something for everyone to see with Peter O'Toole at his fabulous hell-raising best!

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

AVIATION PROGRAMME 2025

Friday 28th February We will have an illustrated talk by Dave "Flash" Davies, who is a local professional photographer, for many years the company photographer at Marconi in Chelmsford and more recently the official photographer at Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome.

His subject matter will be Photography ABC with an emphasis on the infancy of photography from the air and its evolution from WW1 to more recent times.

Friday 28th March This meeting is devoted to a considered evaluation of the air disasters that befell the Boeing 737 Max. This will start with a short, illustrated talk by Chris Samson about the phenomena of the "Super Stall" which led to electronically signalled stall recovery systems for civil airliners followed by an illustrated presentation from a non-aviation specialist who brings a refreshingly new approach to analysing what went wrong in causing not

one but two catastrophic failures of the latest aspiration of arguably one of the most successful passenger carrying aircraft ever produced.

Friday 25th April

We will show a **film** of the flight by 3 members of the AUSTER Club who took their aircraft to Normandy to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-day last June and to commemorate the contribution made by the AUSTER AOP (Artillery Observation Post) to the success of the landings.

Thursday 22nd May

We will visit the **RAF Museum , Hendon**, combining with the Garden Group who we will drop off at Capel Manor Gardens, Enfield on the way to Hendon.

We will travel by coach with the first pickup at the Fords yard in Althorne, then West Maldon Community Centre and finally at Eves Corner, Danbury (*this may change if the parking charges at Eves Corner make this impractical*).

Entry to the museum is free; coach cost is **£30 pp**, bookings will be accepted from January 2025 with cheque please made out to Maldon & District u3a.

Thursday 26th June

We will visit the **Spitfire Factory at Biggin Hill airport** for a guided tour of the facility where 12 or more Spitfires are undergoing complete rebuilds to full flying status. We are combining with the Garden Group who will then proceed to Hever Castle, Edenbridge, (about 20 mins from Biggin). The plan is for the coach to return to Biggin to collect members after the Factory tours, to then visit the Air Museum, then return to Hever to collect our Gardens colleagues before heading for home.

As usual we will travel by coach, with the first pickup at the Fords yard in Althorne, then West Maldon Community Centre and finally at Eves Corner ,Danbury (this may change if the proposed parking charges at Eves Corner make this impractical). The cost of the Guided Tour is **£49 pp**, and the coach cost is approximately **£31 pp**; bookings will be accepted from January with cheque please made out to Maldon & District u3a .

AVIATION PROGRAMME 2025 CONTD

Friday 25th July

A Show and Tell event

The same formula as we used last June when members brought along items of interest or had related family stories to tell.

Please let me know of your interest so that I can build a programme where everyone has time to relate their story or discuss their exhibit.

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

With such changeable weather of late I am sure that we are all looking forward to Spring and the start of our Garden visits.

We begin with two local gardens in April:

Tuesday 8th April 2pm Feeringbury

Manor, Feering, CO5 9RB

£12.00 pp including tea and cake

This is a tranquil 10 acre garden with woodland, ponds, stream, a wide variety of spring flowers and the "jewelled lawn".



Tuesday 29th April 2pm

Ulting Wick, Crouchman's Farm Road, Ulting, Maldon, CM9 6QX

£12.50 pp including tea and cake

A favourite for tulips and many other spring flowers.

We shall also be making the first of our day trips (by coach, organised jointly with the Aviation Group), on **Thursday 22nd May** when we shall be visiting Capel Manor Gardens, Enfield. The cost of this trip is **£39pp**, including garden entry.

I am now taking bookings for this trip.



And as you will have seen from the Aviation Group Programme we are also planning a trip to Hever Castle on **Thursday 26th June**. Details of this trip will be advised to Group Members later this month and, also, in next month's newsletter.

If you are interested in any of these visits, but are not a member of the group, you will be able to join us as long as there is sufficient space. Please let me know so that I can put you on the list.

ASTRONOMY

The next meeting of the group is on **Monday 27th January**, starting at 7:30pm at the Chigboro Fishing Club, Chigborough Road, Heybridge, Maldon for an evening of observing the night sky, all u3a members are very welcome to join us. Telescopes and binoculars will be available, but please bring yours if available. Please remember that whilst viewing the night sky you can get very cold; to help, we always have tea/coffee and biscuits available at a very small charge.

Jupiter will be visible from the end of January through to the end of February. Venus is a bright pre-dawn object throughout the month of February, low down in the South East.



The constellation of Orion 'The Hunter' is due South at 7pm in late February, followed by the 'Dogs' of Canis Major and Minor. Canis Major (Greater Dog) contains the brightest star in the sky, Sirius, and is located to the lower left of Orion. This constellation does look a bit like a dog, but Canis Minor (Lesser

Dog) to the left of Orion is simply made up of the bright star Procyon and a scattering of faint stars – and so is one of the least sensible of the ancient constellations in terms of what it is supposed to represent.

The bright stars of Sirius and Procyon along with Betelgeuse in Orion make up the 'Winter Triangle'. Both Procyon and Sirius are binaries, with their companions being white dwarf stars – tiny, hot and dense remnants of stars that have run out of hydrogen fuel. A small piece of a white dwarf star the size of a sugar cube would weigh several tonnes.



This is a good time of year to see 'Earthshine' on the dark portion of the Moon. This is the faint illumination of the lunar surface from the light reflected from Earth. In our sky the Moon is of course a bright object, but as seen from the Moon, the Earth appears in the sky much brighter. New moon is on 9th February, and daylight expands more rapidly through February as the sun climbs higher each day. By the end of the month sunset is at 5.45pm and twilight lasts until after 7.30pm so the stars are best seen after that time. By late evening the constellations we in the northern hemisphere associate with Spring are visible in the East, including the constellations of Leo, Virgo and Boötes. Arcturus is both the brightest star in Boötes and the brightest star in the northern half of the sky. It can be seen this month about a third the way up the sky from the horizon at midnight, looking due East. Arcturus is noticeably orange in colour and is about 37 light years from our solar system.

Malcolm Case

GERMAN CONVERSATION

Please note that our next meeting is **Tuesday 21st January** from 2—4pm. Please contact me prior to the meeting if you will be attending.

In February we will meet on 4th.

Howard Broadbridge

THE BIG BALTI

The next curry night will be held on **Monday 27th 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

HANDICRAFT GROUP



We are a small, very friendly group who meet on the **third Monday** of each month, 10.00 – 12 noon at a member's home, usually in Cold Norton. Over the next few sessions we are planning to teach members how to crochet, but will also be covering a wide range of projects related to many forms of handicrafts.

There is no charge, whilst we are not meeting in hired venues, apart from the costs relating to your own projects.

Why not come along.

Please contact us for further details.

Marian Manning

Brenda Heal

ROYAL HISTORY GROUP

The new year sees us move onto the Edwardian period.

We meet every second Thursday in the WMCC. Our next meeting is **Thursday 13th February** at 10.00 where we will not only be discussing the Edwardian Royals but also events that were happening in the UK and around the world at this time.

Why not join us.



BIRD WATCHING GROUP

There will be no meeting in January. All rendezvous times are 10.00.

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| 1st February | Abberton Reservoir. Meet in car park |
| 2nd March | Heybridge Basin. Meet in Daisy Meadow car park |
| 5th April | Landguard Point, Felixstowe. Meet in car park at the end
View Point Road. (TBC) |
| 3rd May | Fingringhoe Reserve. Meet in Reserve car park |
| 8th June | Blue House Farm, North Fambridge. Meet in Reserve car park |
| 5th July | Walton on the Naze. Meet in Visitor Centre car park |
| 30th August | (September meeting brought forward)
Chigborough Lakes. Meet in car park opposite
Chigborough Road entrance (TBC) |
| 5th October | Wallasea Island. Meet in Reserve car park |
| 1st November | Hanningfield reservoir. Meet in Visitor Centre car park |
| 7th December | Langdon nature discovery park. Meet in Visitor Centre car
park |

For location details or car shares contact coordinators.

Mike Bagshaw
Peter Gaywood

GEOLOGY GROUP

We have had a very interesting few months for the Autumn session, covering a wide variety of subjects. This included the origin of Oceans and Ocean currents, the Permian/Triassic Period and Mass Extinctions and looking at El Nino, La Nina and the effect of the Jet Stream.

We have now gone back to the very early time of the Cambrian Period around 550 million years ago so this would be a good time for any interested new members to join us.

We meet at the West Maldon Community Centre on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2p.m and are planning to carry on to the Ordovician Period a mere 490million years ago!

We are very much an amateur group with little professional input, so group participation is essential with the help of books and the internet.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 19th February** at 2 p.m. at WMCC in the Jubilee Room and we would be pleased to welcome new members with or without any Geological knowledge.

Sylvia Cousins

MAHJONG

We are a small , very friendly group that meet every other **Friday** in the Linton Room, West Maldon Community Centre from **1.45—3.45pm**.

Our group is currently full but for more information or to be added to the waiting list, please contact Mags Pell.

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.

ART APPRECIATION GROUP

On 8th January 14 members of the Art Group met in Andy's house to view two further films from the National Gallery. This time 18th Century French and British Art.

They included Francois Boucher and Vigee Le Brun, followed by Hogarth, Gainsborough, Stubbs and Reynolds



The two showings were interrupted by the customary tea and cakes, de rigueur for our friendly little group.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, 12th February**, for further National Gallery Treasures. These will then be followed by paintings from the New York Met and the Louvre. In the Spring we hope to undertake more gallery visits.

Judith Johnston

Andy Simmonds

PADEL TENNIS GROUP

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

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

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 **Monday 3rd February**.

Kris news.maldon3a@gmail.com

friends extra

Have you logged onto our website recently ? On the left hand side you'll see Links to other websites. This will take you to many links, not only to other local and national u3as but online courses, general information on how to, and in particular to a sign up for **u3a Friends**, a monthly email, and to a sign up for **Friends Extra**.

u3a Friends Extra - is a new range of benefits, offers and services exclusively for members of our u3a Friends community. The benefits include discounts for shopping, travel, insurance , theatre tickets and more - and we hope really add to your u3a experience.

Thank you

Thank you to all who gave a donation and to those who came on the walk along the river Crouch on a cold but sunny Sunday in November.



We raised a total of £562.50 for the BBC Children in Need appeal.

Malcolm Case

FYI

You may notice at future monthly meetings that many members are wearing red lanyards. This is not a political statement!! It is in order to make it easier for members to source either a committee member or a group coordinator.

WITH REGRET

It is with great regret that we have to advise you of the death of Enid Hall on 27th December 2024; Enid was the coordinator for the Music Appreciation group and was the first coordinator of the Geology group. Due to ill health Enid ceased being a u3a member in the 2021–2022 membership year, however she was one of the founder members of our u3a.

JUST JAZZ GROUP



Our next meeting is **Monday 20th January** 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

YOUR COMMITTEE

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Meet & Eat	Joan Cummins
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Photography	Tony Groves
Poetry	Jo Robson
Rummikub	Janice Martin
Russian Conversation	Irina Vahonina
Sing for Pleasure	Sue Garnham
Strollers Sunday & Tues	Malcolm Case
Tenpin Bowling	Alan Buck David Coombes
Wine Circle No. 2	tba
Wine Circle No. 3	Mary Burd
Wine Circle No. 4	Ann Goody
Writing for Fun	Patrick Forsyth

Schedule of Events – February 2025

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