

WHAT'S ON

20th April 2022

Annual General Meeting:
Speaker: Chris Burleigh –
'My experience of preparing
and publishing a book'.

18th May 2022

General Meeting:
Speaker: Liz Cooper –
'Gainsborough'.

15th June 2022

General Meeting:
Speaker: Ian Mercer –
'Geology of Essex'.

20th July 2022

General Meeting:
Speaker: Peter Maggs –
'Murder in the Red Barn'.

17th August 2022

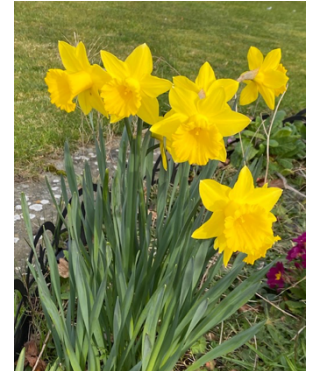
Speaker: Martin Lloyd –
'Passports, Assassins,
Traitors and Spies'.

21st September 2022

David Coulfield –
'Semi-Pro Sixties'.

Welcome to the April Newsletter!!!

Spring has arrived and the temperatures are going up and down. Spring flowers are in bloom and it is lovely to see all the colours. Groups are meeting up providing an opportunity for members to make new friends, discover new interests, go on trips and take part in activities with other members.



It was lovely to see so many of you attend our general meeting on the 16th March 2022. My thanks go to everyone who helped at the meeting.

Braintree Area u3a Facebook Group:

Braintree Area u3a has a members' only Facebook group, to share information, advice and support each other. There are currently over 55 members. If you are a



Facebook user and would like to join the group, please head over to Facebook and search for the group or email me at elaine.orpe@icloud.com and I will send you an invitation. Have your membership number handy as you will have to enter it to get accepted to the group. There is also a public Braintree Area u3a Facebook page with general information about Braintree Area u3a.

Spotlight on groups:

NEW GROUP!!

Beginners modern sequence dance – class held fortnightly Thursday 2 – 3.30pm at Cressing Sports and Social Club, Jeffreys Road, CM77 8JQ.

A good gentle exercise for mind and body led by a qualified teacher. The next session is on 21st April 2022 at 2pm. **New members welcome.** If you are interested and/or would like further information, please call Tony on 07790516580.

Family History Group: Following on from a previous article about the Family History Group and their participation in the u3a National High Street Project. Ann Bright received an email from the organisers with an update which listed Braintree's pages as an example of managing the pages online activity and the uploading of photos and documents to record and share additional information. The Braintree link is as follows: <https://u3ahsp.ibase.media/folder?WINID=1638269420401&g=94>. Well done to the Family History Group.

At present we have 26 groups running so if you are interested in joining any of the groups either go to the Braintree Area u3a website and click on the group you are interested in or contact the Group Co-ordinator, Linda Hellewell (contact details below) for further information.

If there is not a group with your particular interest or a group is full you can form your own group. The Committee is looking for a pianist for the Singing for Pleasure group. If you are interested or know of anyone who could help, please contact Linda Hellewell.

If you would like to spotlight your group in the newsletter, please contact Elaine Orpe.

Spotlight on Outings:

- Kew Gardens – 16th August 2022: £35.50 includes coach and entry.
- Eltham Palace – 12th July 2022: price to be confirmed.

Please contact Rebecca Fuller on 07710903975 or email her at braintreeareau3a@gmail.com if you would like further information or would like to book your place on either trip.

Planned Outings 2022

- Thursday 19th May 2022 – Maldon Military Museum. Sorry this trip has been WITHDRAWN due to lack of interest.
- Tuesday 14th June 2022 – Re-scheduled date for Self-drive trip to Bardfield Vineyard, Wine Tasting and Lunch. Organiser: Sheila Mead.
- Thursday 23rd June 2022 – NOW BOOKING update details below. We visit the Norfolk Broads for a trip aboard the paddle steamer 'Southern Comfort'. Organiser: Anne Britton.
- Tuesday 12th July 2022 – We visit Eltham Palace London. Organiser: Rebecca Fuller.
- Tuesday 16th August 2022 – A day out at Kew Gardens to wander at your leisure. Organiser: Rebecca Fuller
- Tuesday 27th September 2022 – Theatre trip Cliffs Pavilion to see 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. Organiser: Sheila Mead.
- October 2022 – A day out in Cambridge for you to explore as you choose. Organiser: Anne Britton.
- November 2022 – A Christmas Market to lead us into the festive season. Organiser: Sheila Mead.
- December 2022 – A visit to the Royal Albert Hall – a grand way to finish off the year. Organiser: Rebecca Fuller.

Each of the above trips will be released with full and final details 3 months prior to their departure date.

And finally – a reminder that our Annual General Meeting takes place on 20th April 2022 followed by the usual general meeting with invited speaker (see above). I look forward to seeing you there.

Keep well and take care.

Elaine

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