



Broomfield & District

Newsletter June 2023

GROUPS:

- Badminton
- Beer Appreciation
- Book Group
- Bus Pass
- Canasta
- Cookery
- Gardening (with Chelmsford U3A)
- Geology
- Health Matters
- History
- Jazz Appreciation
- Lacemaking
- Natural History
- Needlework
- Photography
- Scrabble
- Table Tennis
- Ten-pin Bowling
- Ukulele
- Walking

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From the Chair

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Welcome to our June newsletter.

At last, we are seeing a bit of sun so rack out the flip flops & slap on the sun cream

Thanks to Faith Marchal for last month's talk on slavery. Get ready for the Great Stink this month, as we heard about Joseph Bazalgette and his work to clean up London: a talk by Jef Page.

Don't forget to think about putting your name forward for the new committee in October: our branch will cease to function without a strong team to drive it.

Please remember to let Peter Radford know if you are coming to the meeting, this helps us when we are setting up the tables and if you could sign in on the forms on the tables this allows us to keep a track on numbers.

Don't forget your mugs and badges.

Remember it is your u3a branch & we want you to have your say on what goes on.

Best wishes Jim Jenkins

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Please note: the Meeting is open and refreshments are available from 1.45pm. The speaker is scheduled to start at 2.15pm.

Please ensure you have confirmed to Peter Radford (peterradford799@btinternet.com) that you wish to attend, no later than midday on Tuesday 13th June.

The revised arrangements we have made over the last meetings seem to have worked well. Seating at well separated tables with lots of circulation space, rather than in close rows, besides reducing risk, has contributed to a more convivial atmosphere.

Raffle proceeds have been a great help towards covering (increased) hall hire charges.

Meeting Schedule - 2023

14 th June	Bazalgette and the Great Stink	Jef Page
12 th July	Dr. Livingston, I presume	Fran Sandham
	<i>There is no meeting in August</i>	
13 th September	Fun with English	Tim Moorey
11 th October	Thomas Becket and Henry II	Dennis Eraut
8 th November	Don't Eat the Cabin Boy	Toni Neobard
13 th December	50 Years in Rock and Roll	Alan Goldsmith

Calendar for June and July

(Times, locations and contact details can be found in the individual Group reports.)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
June	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	June
	Badminton Canasta		Gardening	Table Tennis				
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
		Walking	u3a Meeting	Photography Ukulele	Lacemaking			
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Badminton Beer Appreciation Canasta	Health Matters Natural History		Gardening Scrabble Table Tennis		Bus Pass		
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
Badminton Book Group	Geology			Lacemaking				
July	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	July
	Badminton Canasta		Gardening	Table Tennis <i>Ukulele</i>	Lacemaking			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	Badminton	<i>Walking</i>	u3a Meeting					
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	Badminton Canasta	<i>Health Matters Natural History</i>		Photography Table Tennis <i>Ukulele</i>	Lacemaking			
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Badminton Bus Pass	Geology		Scrabble				
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Badminton Book Group	No details supplied for August yet						August	

Notes and Notices, June 2023

Introduction

With the holiday season nearly upon us, if you are going abroad, you should make sure you have valid documents. If you don't, give yourself plenty of time for replacements: -

<https://www.radiotimesmoney.com/news/paul-lewis/if-you-need-a-new-passport-it-could-take-10-weeks/>

Radio Times reports that over 2,000 dogs are stolen each year in the UK, with reports increasing since the pandemic, driven mainly by their increase in value. There is concern that the cost-of-living crisis will trigger a new wave of dognapping, with criminals seeing it as a way to make quick cash. Quotezone.co.uk has revealed ten tips to help prevent dog theft: -

<https://www.radiotimesmoney.com/news/over-2000-dogs-stolen-each-year/>

A Which? investigation found the online chat functions of seven major retailers gave inconsistent - and often incorrect - advice on consumers' rights to a refund, repair or replacement for faulty products: -

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/major-retailers-online-chat-functions-give-dodgy-faulty-goods-advice-afANG8K20oGF>

Talks and Events

Several talks programmes have come to an end until after the Summer.

Gresham College still has a few talks this month: "Alan Turing: Pioneer of Mathematical Biology" by Professor Sarah Hart, will highlight Turing's ground-breaking work in biology. Professor Ronald Hutton will question "How Pagan Was Medieval Britain?". Professor Joanna Bourke will complete her series on "A Cultural History of Disease" with a lecture on "Sickle Cell Disease: A Cultural History", which will explore the importance of racial politics in understanding this disease. Rory Stewart OBE will deliver The Annual Sir Thomas Gresham Lecture 2023 in his exploration of "Populism, Aristotle and Hope" to suggest ways of re-energising the centre ground of politics - <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on?see-all>

Camden Council are running a series of free online adult learning talks during June 2023. These include "Animals at the British Library" and "Daily life in ancient Egypt". To sign up use the link below and scroll through the list to find the talks you would like to join.

<https://www.webenrol.com/camden/?page=list&catID=5&>

Fraud

Losses to mobile banking fraud have risen by 16%, but there are steps that banks and customers can take to make life harder for criminals

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/weak-banking-security-is-leaving-customers-vulnerable-to-fraud-aFsBs5U6nAFR>

Money Matters

From car modifications to storm damage, here are the T&Cs that could scupper your insurance claim and how to make sure you're covered.

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/are-you-sure-youre-insured-beware-these-10-small-print-surprises-abLTa8Z7yJSv>

Which? reveals the best time of the day to pick up supermarket bargains from the likes of Aldi, Asda, Lidl and Tesco, plus how to spend less on your shop.

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/best-times-of-day-to-get-yellow-sticker-supermarket-bargains-revealed-aRzv22f0s7L>

and finally

I don't know if anyone has a classic car but owners, and others, should heed this warning over seatbelt laws

<https://www.radiotimesmoney.com/news/classic-car-owners-issued-warning-over-seatbelt-laws/>

BROOMFIELD & DISTRICT U3A – GROUP REPORTS

BADMINTON

The next session will be on Monday, 5th June between 12 - 1 pm at the Melbourne Sports Centre. (Future dates are 19th and 26th June, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st July)

Barbara Bartlett

BEER APPRECIATION



As mentioned last month, we were unable to meet as a consequence of diary clashes; however, the good news is that we will be meeting in June. We will be returning to an old favourite – The Ale House – by Chelmsford Bus Station. It can be relied upon to have a wide choice of beers (and lagers) to fit every palate from “Halfpipe to Hell” to “I Wanna be a Dreamer”! Need I say more? We will meet at 2.00pm on Monday 19th June.

Next month we will pay a long awaited return visit to the Chelmsford Beer & Cider Festival in Admirals Park (11th – 15th July), we will discuss and confirm the date in the July newsletter.

Malcolm Taylor

BOOK GROUP

We met on Monday, 22nd May in Broomfield Library where we discussed *Into the Blue* by Robert Goddard. Harry Barnett lives the life of an Englishman on permanent holiday in Greece, housesitting for a powerful friend and hiding from a past disgrace. That is, until a guest at the villa disappears on a walking tour and Harry is the number one suspect. What has happened to the young woman, who took her? Harry finds himself at the centre of a dangerous puzzle which he endeavours to solve. Once again members views were varied, a few thought the book was too long, while others thoroughly enjoyed it. The overall score was 7/10.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 26th June at 2.30 pm in Broomfield Library where we will be reviewing *A Spot of Bother* by Mark Haddon. (Future meeting will be on Monday, 24th July)

Barbara Bartlett

BUS PASS

We enjoyed a lovely sunny day for our trip to White Elm Garden Centre where we were impressed with the quality and range of plants on sale. The date for our next visit - to Hyde Hall - has been changed to **Saturday 24th June**. This is due to bus timetables. We hope for another fine day. There is a reduced entry price of £9.70 for non-members arriving by bus (£1 for those on pension credit) so make sure you keep your bus ticket. If you would like further details but aren't on my mailing list please get in touch.

On 24th July, we'll go to Heybridge Basin which we last visited in 2019.

Carol Greatrex

CANASTA

The Canasta Group has restarted, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays as before shut down. This is for information only as we are full and I cannot accept anyone else into the group.

Marie Mackie

COOKERY

Things are still on hold.

Pat Radford

GARDENING

The Chelmsford Garden Group outing for June is to Peacocks, a garden in Margaretting, on June 22nd. The group will meet there at 2:00. Cost is £12 for a guided tour and refreshments. The address is: Peacocks, Main Road, Margaretting, CM4 9HY. Contact me for details if you would like to go.

The Little Waltham Gardening Club outing for June is on June 7th. The group will visit Sandy Lodge, Howe Drive, Heddingham Road, Halstead, CO9 2QL. Meet there at 2:00. Cost is £4.50 + teas.

The LWGC outing for July is to Strandlands, on July 5th. The address is Strandlands, off Rectory Road, Wrabness, Manningtree CO11 2TX. Meet there at 2:00. Cost is £7.50, including light refreshments.

Please contact Maggie Williams if you intend to go to either of the LWGC outings.

Maggie Williams

Pat Radford

GEOLOGY



Ros & Ian

We contemplated a time gap in the sedimentation for around 50 million years - the only evidence being some phosphate nodules, whale bone and some box stones that occasionally contain surprises, plus the rare megalodon tooth a prize find at The Naze.

Next time on Tuesday 27th June at 2pm, we shall begin to consider the Ice Age. Cold climate rivers dominate until the Ice Sheet finally reaches Essex. Behind Max the Steppe Mammoth is Ice Age Chelmsford.

HEALTH MATTERS

At last month's meeting, we listened to 2 charity workers from Age Well East which although they are based in Colchester, they cover all of Essex. Loneliness is one of the major problems of people of our age and they explained how this charity can help alleviate this as well as other services that they can provide. They also encouraged us to become a volunteer friend and so help someone near us to feel less lonely as well as getting to know our community.

At our June meeting on the 20th June at the Pavilion, Great Waltham CM3 1DF, we are having a talk/demonstration by a member of the St. John Ambulance Service on Emergency First Aid. **The meeting will be at 6pm instead of our usual 2.30** time as our speaker is working during the daytime. As sunset is after 9pm this should not deter you from attending!



New members are always welcome but please contact me first.

Gill Sturman

HISTORY

Proposed Visit to Waltham Abbey Royal Gunpowder Mills: We are considering a visit to the above in September, if there's enough interest. If you'd like to visit the Mills, please let Glynn Wadeson know via e-mail or speak to Glynn or Maggie Williams at the next monthly meeting.

Glynn Wadeson

JAZZ APPRECIATION

Because of a reduction in attendees, we have decided to put the group on hold until the Autumn. Please contact me if you are interested in joining then.

Mick Fryer

LACEMAKING

Lacemaking takes place on the 1st and 3rd (and sometimes 5th) Fridays of each from 2pm to 4pm. New members are always welcome and we have equipment available to get you going. Contact me first as parking can be a problem.

Wendy Talley

NATURAL HISTORY

Due to illness and the weather, we did not meet in May. Our next meeting will be at 13 Hearsall Avenue for a mini beast hunt and coffee. Meeting at 10.30am. on 20th June.

There is plenty of parking. This event will go ahead regardless of the weather!

Future meetings:

- July 18th Phyllis Curry Reserve.
- August No meeting.
- September 19th TBA.
- October 17th Hyde Hall, identify trees by leaf shape.
- November 21st Walk to Writtle from Admirals Park.
- December 19th Christmas meeting, Oaklands Park.

If you would like to join our friendly and knowledgeable group please get in touch with your email and contact telephone number.

Sue Browning

PHOTOGRAPHY



Glynn Wadeson

Next meeting: 15th June at Little Waltham United Reformed Church (meetings are every third Thursday of the month)

Look forward to seeing everyone back after our month's gap.

Hope we've managed a few! Look forward to seeing your notable photos since the last meeting

Don't forget, the last 'challenge' was to attempt a panning photograph...

Anyone interested in joining the group or needing further info, please speak to me, Glynn.

SCRABBLE

We shall meet as usual on the 4th Thursday of the month, 22nd June at 2pm at Broomfield Methodist Church.

Cost £2.50 to cover the cost of the hire of the room.

Heather Steed

TABLE TENNIS

Please do come along for light-hearted games of Table Tennis at Melbourne, Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre, at 11.00am on Thursday, 8th June and on 22nd June at 11.00 for an hour – cost £2.

Jean Lock

TEN-PIN BOWLING

We hope to have positive news next month – keep your fingers crossed for now!

Lorna Stuart

BROOMFIELD UKULELE GROUP (BUGS)

The Ukulele Group will meet on the first and third Thursdays of June at 2pm. Please contact me for details of the venues.

Pat Platt

WALKING

We had a very enjoyable walk around Moreton. Despite the promise, it was somewhat longer than expected as once again you-know-who missed a marker! But an interesting time was had by all as we reverted to the old-fashioned method, hack through the jungle, don't wade the stream, read the map and lunch will still be fantastic!

We did meet a few interesting locals, who wanted to stay and talk (??) but we had to move on.

Our June walk, hopefully on track, will be 5 miles along part of the Essex Way from Toot Hill via North Weald Bassett. Think woods with an ancient trackway running through them and then over an iron track of a heritage railway line.

We will meet in the car park of the Broomfield Royal British Legion, Saxon Way, Broomfield at 9.15am on Tuesday 13th June 2023.

We shall be car-sharing, as usual, cost £2.50 each. As usual please let me know if you are coming and if you are willing to drive. Mobile 07375 604506 operative on the day.

Malcolm Taylor



GROUP LEADERS

Badminton	Barbara Bartlett
Beer Appreciation	Malcolm Taylor
Book Group	Barbara Bartlett
Bus Pass	Carol Greatrex
Canasta	Marie Mackie
Cookery	Pat Radford
Gardening	Pat Radford
Geology	Ros Mercer
Health Matters	Gill Sturman
Jazz Appreciation	Mick Fryer
Lacemaking	Wendy Talley
Natural History	Sue Browning
Photography	Glynn Wadeson
Scrabble	Heather Steed
Table Tennis	Jean Lock
Ten-pin Bowling	Lorna Stuart
Ukulele	Pat Platt
Walking	Malcolm Taylor

New Group Leaders needed!

Any proposals for new groups?

Contact the editor for inclusion in next month's newsletter *or* if you'd like to talk it over first, please contact Pat Radford, our Group Co-Ordinator.

THE COMMITTEE

Chair	Jim Jenkins	-
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Vice Chair & Speaker Coordinator	Glynn Wadeson	-
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Treasurer	Gill Sturman	-
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Secretary	Roger Warner	-
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Membership Secretary	Peter Radford	-
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Group Coordinator	Pat Radford	-
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	Dick Chapman	-
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	Roy Perry	-
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Many thanks to Malcolm Taylor for continuing to act as Website Editor