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LOTTERY FUNDED



SHIPS, DISASTERS AND STORIES OF CANVEY'S MARITIME PAST

A talk by Rod Bishop and Graham Turner

Firstly, apologies for deafening everyone with the feedback from the microphone. As usual, we set it all up and checked it was all working before you came in, so we don't know why there was suddenly an issue. Gremlins?

Anyway, we welcomed Rod Bishop and Graham Turner, past veterans of our Local History Group talks before Covid (B.C.?), and many of us have fond memories of the wallpaper scroll, before they became more hi-tech. They started with a familiar sight of Essex barges, a painting by Harry Russell of Stacky, one of the barges, off Thorney Bay. There were once over 100, and they were used in this case to take hay to London for all the horses at work on the street. They had a crew of two only.

We then told about a series of disasters, mainly collisions. I can appreciate it can be quite tricky in fog and the shipping channel isn't that wide, but I was surprised at the number. Ben Mohr in 1902, on a foggy day, was bringing 1500 tons of cement in barrels, when it was hit by SS Banffshire, a cargo ship. The skipper of the Ben Mohr ran it aground on Thorney Bay to clear the channel. The cement turned solid in the barrels and was salvaged by Hester (Winter Gardens, monorail fame). It was used as foundations for Beach House and Marlborough House, and the barrels can still be seen around the island, mainly as decorative features.

In 1924, the Matatua was involved in a collision with another ship, witnessed by Harry Russell. This was off Hole Haven. The Matatua was collecting explosives made in this area. (Wat Tyler Country Park is the site of an explosives factory as an example. Flat area by river, not many inhabitants in case it goes up). Although 8 of the crew were lost, the ship was salvaged and returned to service. In 1945 MV Erinna had 8000 tons of petrol from Shell Haven, when yet another collision led to a broken tank and fuel burning in the sea. Fire tenders were stationed at the Lobster Smack jetty (war time). A complicated laying out of pipes led to a bravery award, the fire was put out and the boat towed to safety. In 1948 the Skum (Norwegian) was listing and spilling its timber cargo load. However, this may have occurred off Harwich as a passenger liner rescued 20 of the crew, so the timbers around Canvey shores may be nothing to do with the Skum, which was involved in many North Sea convoys, and was regularly at Southend.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Your newsletters contain the private contact details of many of your fellow members and we must ask you to ensure that when you have finished with your newsletter you dispose of it thoughtfully. Where possible please shred pages containing private contact details. While these members are happy to share their details with you, they might not be so happy to receive contact from anyone who has obtained their details from a thoughtlessly discarded newsletter. Many thanks.

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

I would be grateful if you could please let me know of any changes you have made to your:

HOME ADDRESS
EMAIL ADDRESS
TELEPHONE NUMBER/S
I.C.E. CONTACT/S

as soon as possible so that I can update my records.

Many thanks, Jan

PLEASE DO NOT VISIT THE DESKS AT THE BACK OF THE HALL UNTIL AFTER RAFFLE HAS BEEN DRAWN.

GOING TO THE DESKS AT THE BACK DELAYS THE START OF THE MEETING.

THERE WILL BE AMPLE TIME TO BOOK TRIPS, ETC AFTER THE RAFFLE.

THANK YOU

GROUPS

The Groups Convenors would be grateful if you could let them know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend a group session as many of them prepare materials, etc for use at each meeting.
Thank you



ART



The Art Group hold their meetings at
The Jubilee Hall at the rear of
Waterside Farm Sports Centre on
alternate Thursdays from 10am – 12pm



CINEMA



In May we saw The Book Club - The Next Chapter with Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen. The film was very light-hearted and enjoyable.

In July we saw Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny, which was an extremely fast moving and "edge of your seat" adventure sequel.

Two very different films, as we try to keep things varied.

For details of future cinema visits please contact Georgia

MONTHLY MEETINGS 2023

These are the 2023 Friday monthly meeting dates for your diary

To be held at St. Nicholas' Church Hall,
Long Road, Canvey Island
Once a month on Fridays
between 9.45am – 12pm

18th AUGUST
OUR 2023 AGM

15th SEPTEMBER
20th OCTOBER
24th NOVEMBER
15th DECEMBER

DOORS WILL OPEN at 9.45

We aim to be seated by 10am ready for notices to be read, etc.

We would ask that our members do not arrive at the car park until after 9.30 please





Birthdays
of the Month



AUGUST

8th Sharon Savage

9th Sandy Goddard

17th Barbara Ovenden

17th Lesley Clubb

19th Linda Walker

21st Alan Powell

22nd Annette Clark

24th Brenda Crathern

25th Diane Smith

25th Susan Sutton

25th Christine Nash

28th Barbara Allberry

29th Maureen Figgins

31st Mirian Beaumont



HAPPY
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If your name is not shown here your birth date was omitted from your membership form.
Please let Jan know your birthday to add to our records.

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CANASTA

AND PERHAPS WHY YOU SHOULD THINK OF JOINING THE GROUP

Canasta – what on earth is Canasta? Isn't it the Spanish word for basket? Is it a card game? Is it easy to learn and fun to play?

Perhaps as you flicked through the pages of the monthly newsletter or as you noticed the group information slips on Linda's desk at the monthly meeting, a passing thought may have been "I wonder what Canasta is"? Then you have flicked the page over or continued on passed the table and dismissed the thought of Canasta and joining the Canasta group.

Or, perhaps you lingered a while on that page or paused to look at the Canasta Group information slip and thought of finding out a bit more about the game and the group.

What is Canasta?

Canasta is an easy to learn card game which is played by four or six players in two teams with two standard decks of cards and wild cards. Each card has a score value and the object of the game is for each team to score points and one team to reach 5000 points before the opposing team.

To score points players in each team together attempt to make canastas. A canasta is a group of seven cards of the same numerical rank. A team "goes out" by one of the team playing all the cards in his hand. The points are then counted and a new game begins again until one team reaches 5000 points.

Then you may have asked yourself:

- If I am interested in joining this group, is the group a friendly one?
- Do they welcome new group members with open arms?
- Do they help new group members learn the game?
- Does that help continue until the new member is comfortable with the game?
- Would it be a way of pleasantly passing an afternoon, learning new card skills with a group of friendly group members, some of whom I may currently know, or other members I will get to know and become friends with?
- Will playing help keep my brain active with a gentle workout?
- Does the alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays timetable fit in my schedule without a commitment?
- Do the playing times of 2pm to 5pm suit me?
- Would I be able to play just occasionally if other commitments crop up?
- Does playing in the Morrison's community room have its attractions because it's free and convenient to pick up some shopping before or after the game?



On the other hand, if you have played Canasta in the past, you may be thinking whether you would enjoy getting reacquainted with the game. Perhaps you play occasionally with other non-u3a groups already and you may be thinking it would be good to meet and play with new players. You probably then are asking yourself the same questions a member with no Canasta knowledge has.

Well, there is just one answer to those questions and that answer is YES.

So why not join our friendly group and enjoy a relaxing game of cards in great company while keeping your mind active and giving your brain a gentle workout at the same time.



Let's
play
Canasta!



(The group meets on alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 2pm and 6pm in The Morrison's Community room).



CRAFT



GROUP NOW FULL

We meet every 4 weeks.
We provide everything.
The cost is £4 per session.
You take home your masterpieces!
Refreshments can be bought instore or bring
your own.

**WE MEET IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM,
MORRISONS STORE, NORTHWICK ROAD
FROM 13.30 TO 15.30**

VARIOUS CRAFTS

Choose your craft, have a go.



Lots available, beginners or
experienced

Meets last Tuesday each month at
1.30pm at Jeans house.

NEWS & INFORMATION

FRIDAY MEMBERS MEETING SPEAKERS LIST JULY to SEPTEMBER 2023

JULY 21st JOANNE LARNER
Her talk is titled - Understanding hand
writing

Her talk is meant as a light-hearted introduction to
handwriting analysis and is excellent fun – there will also be
a chance to analyse your own and others' ...

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AUGUST 18th MARTYN LOCKWOOD
His talk is titled - Saucy Seaside
Postcards

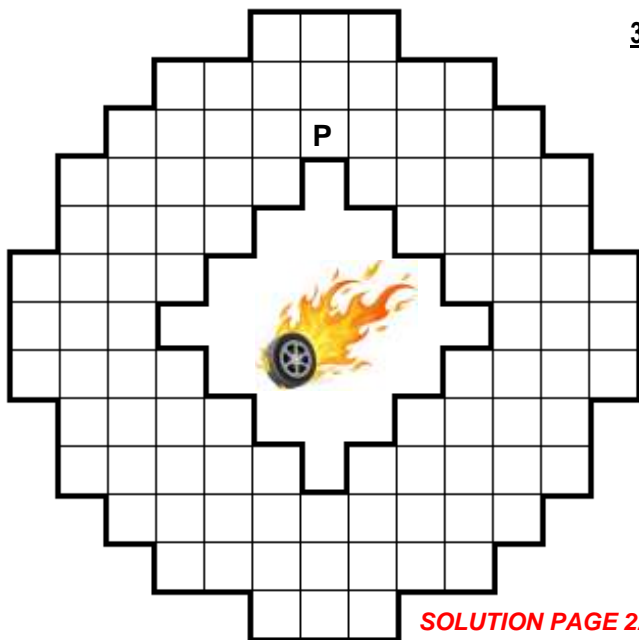
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SEPTEMBER 15th
The talk is titled - Medical Detection
Dogs.

Using their amazing sense of smell dogs can be trained to
identify minute odour changes emitted prior to an emergency
and alert the person to take preventative action.

WORD WHEEL

Can you fit the words correctly into the grid?



3 LETTER WORDS **4 LETTER WORDS**

- ALE
- BUS
- ERR
- HER
- KEN
- RIP
- TEE
- URN

- BAKE
- BURY
- ENVY
- ETCH
- EVEN
- GAIN
- ITEM
- MOLE
- NICK
- RARE
- SHIN
- SLIP
- SPOT
- STIR
- TILT
- TUNE

5 LETTER WORDS

- BAIRN
- ELDER
- ENDUE
- GLOVE
- OLIVE
- SHORT
- TENON
- TENOR

7 LETTER WORDS

- BEARPIT
- OBVIATE
- RECEIPT
- RECLINE

9 LETTER WORDS

- BANKNOTES
- BLUEPRINT
- SOLITAIRE
- TENTATIVE

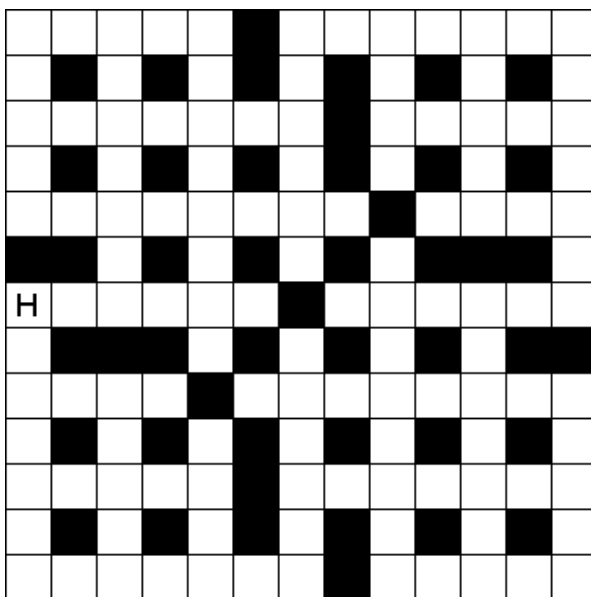
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The first letter of each answer is written next to its clue in alphabetical order. One letter has already been entered.

Can you find the words then fit them correctly into the grid?

- A. Ire (5)
- A. Editorial (7)
- A. Astonish (7)
- B. Occupied (4)
- D. Haul (4)
- E. Teacher (8)
- E. Enclosed territories (8)
- H. Environment (7)
- H. Concealed (6)
- I. Whole number (7)
- L. Involvement (7)
- M. Strength (5)
- M. Play charades (4)
- S. Remnant (5)
- S. Form (5)
- S. Trap (5)
- S. Purloined (6)
- S. Raucous (8)
- T. Military vehicles (5)
- T. Curt (5)
- T. Large drum (7)
- T. Perfidy (7)
- T. Shudder (6)
- T. Melodies (5)
- T. Tropical cyclone (7)
- V. Winner (6)
- V. Observant (8)

ALPHA-CROSS



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CRIBBAGE

The crib group is full as we meet at people's houses and 8 is our maximum. Perhaps if anyone else wants to play a new group could be formed?

We aim to meet about every two weeks but this will depend on people's other commitments.

Jan



CROCHET & KNITTING



This group meets on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month



ARE YOU SITTING COMFORTABLY?



A STRANGE STORY OF THE DEAD CHURCH

A new pastor in Topeka, Kansas, USA, spent the first four days making personal visits to each of his prospective congregation inviting them to come to his inaugural services.



The following Sunday the church was all but empty. Accordingly, the pastor placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the church was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Christian burial. The funeral would be held the following Sunday afternoon.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the 'funeral'.

In front of the pulpit they saw a closed coffin which was covered in flowers. After the priest had delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his congregation to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead church.

Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a 'dead church', all the people eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each 'mourner' peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look.

In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

FRIDGE FOR SALE?

Raymond, from Woodley, Reading, Berkshire purchased a new fridge. The local council wanted £20 to remove his old fridge in an environmentally friendly fashion, so in order to save money he put it in his front garden with a sign that read, 'Free to a good home. You want it, please take it.'

The fridge stood untouched for 4 days.

Raymond changed his tactics. He made a sign saying, 'Fridge for sale - £50.'

One day later the fridge disappeared: stolen!



INDOOR GAMES

The Indoor Games group meets every other Wednesday at the Jubilee Hall from 1.45pm till 3.45pm.

We play a variety of games - mostly board and card games.

We are full at the moment but if you would like to start a second indoor games group please contact Linda, our Groups Co-ordinator.

Regards, Jan & Den



KEEP FIT

Our Keep Fit Group meetings are held:

EVERY TUESDAY
(2 morning sessions)

At: **THE JUBILEE HALL**
at the rear of Waterside Farm Sports Centre
The sessions are run by Karen Lawrie





SOCIAL, FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY



WE MEET AT THE CAFE/BAR IN SANDY BAY, THORNEY BAY ROAD
(The bar is left past the entrance, near the pool)

FUTURE 2023 MEETINGS:

25th July: Long Gone Canvey Industries 1: Egens and particularly its links to Ekco of Southend.

22nd August: Long Gone Canvey Industries 2: Prouts Catamarans and how they started (and finished).

19th September: Georgia is talking about DNA testing and family tracing, which will help us use tests we have had done or might encourage us to have a test done. (Ancestry regularly do offers, as one example.)

17th October: Graham Stevens has asked to do a talk for us on his family's first settlement on Canvey in the early 1900s, including a connection with William Wilberforce. He and Rod were regular contributors to our local history group at St Anne's.

14th November: Wills. This was suggested last time. I will do a general introduction on wills, including a few funny ones I have come across. The best bit will be examples you bring in, as they do tell us a lot about families, possessions etc. So dig them out and bring them along.

12th December: Further details about life in 1921 based on the census. Since we last did sessions on the 1921 census, a lot of research has been done on what it tells us about life then.

Meetings will, hopefully, continue into the new year, 9th January, 6th February etc.

I hope membership continues to grow. Please share what we do to encourage more to join and people to come back.

DEAR DIARY

DEAR DIARY - DAY 1

All packed for the cruise ship -- all my nicest dresses, swimsuits, short sets. Really, really exciting.



Our local WI Group decided on this "all-girls" trip.

DEAR DIARY - DAY 2

Entire day at sea, beautiful.. Saw whales and dolphins.



Met the Captain today -- seems like a very nice man.

DEAR DIARY - DAY 3

At the pool today. Did some shuffleboard, hit golf balls off the deck.

Captain invited me to join him at his table for dinner.

Felt honoured and had a wonderful time.

He is very attractive and attentive.



DEAR DIARY - DAY 4

Won £800.00 in the ship's casino.

Captain asked me to have dinner with him in his own cabin.

Had a scrumptious meal complete with caviar and champagne.

He asked me to stay the night, but I declined.

Told him I could not be unfaithful to my husband.

DEAR DIARY - DAY 5

Pool again today. Got sunburned,

and I went inside to drink at piano-bar,

stayed there for rest of the day.



Captain saw me, bought me several large drinks.

Really is charming.

Again asked me to visit his cabin for the night.

Again I declined.

He told me, if I did not let him have his way with me,

he would sink the ship.. I was shocked.



DEAR DIARY - DAY 6

Today I saved 1600 lives.

TWICE!



EYE RHYMES

In each sentence below, two words are incomplete. The two words end in the same three letters, so they look like they should rhyme, but they don't. See if you can figure out the missing letters in each sentence.

Example: One symptom of bronchitis is a ro___ co___. (The two words are: rough & cough.)

1. I was in the l___ until I tripped and ended up d___ last.
2. I cr___ the last time I sk___ because I broke a leg.
3. We want to know wh___ book you ch___ for the award.
4. A particular fast car could be called a qu___ Bu___.

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RHYMING PAIRS

Think of two-word rhymes that are described by the clues:

Example: noisy gathering of many people Answer: loud crowd

1. mild-mannered guy
2. small space where reading material is kept
3. shortcoming of a legislated rule
4. brilliant electromagnetic radiation

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MINION MOMENTS

READ THIS OUT LOUD!

This is this cat.
This is is cat.
This is how cat.
This is to cat.
This is keep cat.
This is an cat.
This is idiot cat.
This is busy cat.
This is for cat.
This is forty cat.
This is seconds cat.



NOW GO BACK AND READ THE THIRD WORD ONLY IN EACH LINE FROM THE START.



I don't like to think before I speak.
I like to be just as surprised as everyone else about what comes out my mouth.



PC/LAPTOPS & PHOTOGRAPHY



The PC/Laptop and Photographic groups meet regularly every two weeks, from 1.30–3.30pm, at B.O.P.H, Charfleets Close.



If anyone has old photos they wish repaired or transferred to disc, we are willing to do this.

A small donation would be welcome for this service, if possible.

SUNDAY GROUP

ARE YOU AT A LOOSE END/WOULD LIKE COMPANY AT THE WEEKEND?

JOIN THE SUNDAY GROUP.

WE HOPE TO MEET ONCE A MONTH, MOSTLY ON SUNDAY, TO HAVE LUNCHES, VISIT PLACES OF INTEREST, ETC.

SUGGESTIONS ARE MOST WELCOME.



THEATRE

UPCOMING THEATRE EVENT

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

AIN'T TOO PROUD TO BEG

Price is £60.00

Deposits now being taken



WALKING



We intend to walk once a month, keeping the walks easy and as local as possible and will increase the frequency, walk length and travel further afield in the Spring.

Strong shoes/trainers or walking boots are recommended.

Please contact Sue and Dave for details of their next walk.

FUN STUFF

SAMURAI SUDOKU

Moderate difficulty



The objective of Sudoku is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 subgrids that compose the grid contain all of the digits from 1 to 9.

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