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**IMPORTANT REMINDER - NO MONTHLY MEETINGS 10th APRIL OR 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**due unique coincidence of Easter and Coronation Mondays**

## Holiday 2023

We are proposing a **Galloway Coach Holiday "The Autumn Colours of Cornwall"** from **24th to 28th October 2023:** Day 1 Travel by coach

to **St Agnes** where we stay 4 nights at the Rosamundy Hotel

Day 2 Morning in **Padstow** with its medieval buildings. Afternoon in **Newquay**

Day 3 Full day to explore the world famous **Eden Project**

Day 4 Morning in **Falmouth** with its picturesque waterfront and quaint streets.

Afternoon in **Truro**, Cornwall's cathedral city with cobbled streets and Georgian houses

Day 5 Travel home

**Cost: half board in double or twin room £659pp, Single rooms** to be negotiated - approx **£40 single supplement** if available. Insurance £36pp. See more details on website - Autumn Colours of Cornwall on <https://www.travel-galloway.com/Tours/Search/Autumn%20Colours%20in%20Cornwall>

If you are still considering booking but cannot commit at the moment, we do need an idea of possible numbers in order to assess the feasibility of running the holiday as a u3a group.. The alternative option will be for members to book independently by going to Galloway Coach Holidays (or any tour operator of choice) which gives the freedom of choosing dates, destinations and price. Having researched the market we have found that prices have gone up across the board this year.

Please email [patsimonet@gmail.com](mailto:patsimonet@gmail.com) **ASAP** if you are thinking of going, indicating if you are willing to share, if you need single occupancy or if you prefer to book independently.

## Upcoming Day Trips

### Gainsborough's House in Sudbury on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

A group visit to get to the venue for coffee/ tea and biscuits at **10.50 to 11 am. We will have an introductory talk and then you are free to explore the whole complex - House, galleries and exhibitions. Cost £22.50 .**

**Transport by car or public transport**

**Please note** - the visit will involve several **sets of stairs**, though there are two small lifts to get to the upper floors. Please look at the website link : <https://gainsborough.org/> to see the plan of the property. **Contact Jill** email: [jill.owers@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.owers@btinternet.com)

### Beth Chatto's Garden on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

We plan to get to this lovely garden in Elmstead Market, Essex at 10.30 am and leave after lunch. As well as the impressive garden there is a lovely shop and café. Please look at the link <https://www.bethchatto.co.uk/> Cost £22.00 for coach and entry. **Contact Jill:** email [jill.owers@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.owers@btinternet.com)

## Sandringham House on Thursday, June 15th.

Visit the beloved Norfolk holiday home of Queen Elizabeth II. Cost for entry to house and garden and coach is £40 **Contact Jill** as above.

**Southwold + The Southwold Summer Theatre** – The dates are usually late July/early August but are not released until later in the year. We will email all members as soon as we have more information.

## Theatre in the Forest at Sutton Hoo on Wednesday, August 9th - A Winter's Tale by William Shakespeare

The Red Rose Chain are putting on another of their award winning and very entertaining outdoor productions which was thoroughly enjoyed by a group from Hadleigh u3a last year. Transport by coach. **Contact Jill** as above.

**Oxburgh Hall on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** We have joined up with Stour Valley u3a to go with them on their trip to Oxburgh Hall on September 21st. Coach pick up from Magdalen Road , Hadleigh.10.00am Cost £16.00 for NT members. £25.50 for non-NT members. **Contact Jill** as above.

## Andrew Davies Walking Tour of Islington on Thursday, 5th October

We will leave Hadleigh's Magdalen Street Car Park at **8.00 am** on a coach (with toilet!) to Islington where we hope to arrive at around 10.30. The total cost is **£40** per person. A **£15 non-refundable cash deposit** is required to secure a place. The balance will be collected just prior to the trip. Please **contact Roger Young** on [rogerdyoung@uwclub.net](mailto:rogerdyoung@uwclub.net) with any questions.

## PAYMENT FOR TRIPS Please make separate payments for each event.

Cheques to Jill please or pay online using the name of the trip as reference.

Online payment to Account No: 90999741 Sort Code: 20-44-51 Account Name: Hadleigh u3a No2

Cheques payable to Hadleigh u3a No2 Account , Send to Jill Owers, 5 Meriton Rise, IP7 5SB.Tel: 01473 823780.

**EVENTS HELP URGENTLY NEEDED PLEASE** Our events are always popular but we are sinking under the workload! Its an enjoyable job and brings you more into contact with other members. It only involves a one-hour monthly committee meeting, you do the rest in your own time. For more information contact Sue or Jill.

## MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETINGS – New Co-ordinator Tim Goodman – Contacts on Committee Page

Our speaker co-ordinator Tim Goodman has been a welcome addition to the committee, having seamlessly taken over from Jeff Curtis. Tim welcomes any ideas for good speakers you may have heard elsewhere or suggested themes.

Speakers for upcoming months are:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

April Easter Monday – No meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May Coronation Monday – No meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June Charlie Haylock – The History of Surnames

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July SUMMER PARTY – Speaker to be confirmed

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August Martin Lloyd – Passports, Assassins, Traitors and Spies

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September Rob Spray – Hidden Treasures of East Anglia's Secret Sea

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS Contacts for all groups on the full Groups List

### Antiques and Collectables – Ron Austin

Antiques Group has lapsed due to covid and the closure of many of the antique houses we used to visit, however I am currently examining the viability of starting up again once the weather gets warmer. Anyone interested should contact me.

### ART - Richard Fletcher

Whether you enjoy pencil, pen & ink, pastel, charcoal or watercolour come along to practice your skills at the U3A Art Group that uses the light and bright Community Room of the United Reform Church in Market Street, Hadleigh.. The group holds its sessions on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 10am to 12noon over three terms of Winter, Spring, and Autumn. The Group breaks for Christmas, Easter and Summer. Come along and try us out, the first session will be free, after that the group charges about £15 for each term of 6 to 8 sessions. We think it's good value for a time and place where you can sketch and paint without interruption, and in the company of like minded amateur artists who are only too happy to help in discussing techniques. [djzfletcher@googlemail.com](mailto:djzfletcher@googlemail.com)+

### Canasta - Sarah and Keith Earl

Canasta group is going well. We've had 2 meetings so far and have a full house of 20 people and a waiting list of 3. It's a mixed ability group but learners are picking it up well.

### Current Affairs – Ron Austin

The Current Affairs Group continues to be well supported. Although we are full at the moment, inevitably our numbers change from time to time and I have a waiting list for members who might like to join us. I can be contacted by phone or email.

### Creative Writing – Les Selby

Creative Writing members amount to just 5 stalwarts at present, so new members are always welcome. We have a member who lives in another town and for the winter period prefers to send in stories by email rather than having to drive in winter/night time for meetings. Maybe that could be a consideration to encourage you to join us.

### Family History – Kathy Selby

We have recently welcomed several new members to our group. We continue to enjoy sharing our discoveries, including the story of an ancestor of one of our members who was a private in the Grenadier Guards. In 1841, while on sentry duty, he apprehended a thief trying to steal a carpet from Kensington Palace!! Unfortunately, we haven't had any luck in deciphering the very old shorthand which I mentioned in the past.

### Lunch Groups 2 ... and 3! – Sue Witham

At first we found ourselves victims of our own success in that we had 19 people wishing to join the proposed new lunch group. Realising that such a large number would not be practicable for informal lunches in pubs and the like, it was agreed that we should form two groups – one for couples and one for singles. This was for the practical reason that we had 5 couples (ie 10 people) and 9 singles, not in any way to discriminate! Jenny Astill stoutly stepped up to co-ordinate the

initial arrangements for Group 2 (couples) and will be emailing them all shortly. I am hoping that someone will come forward to do the same for Group 3. **Mahjong – Pat Simonet**

Mahjong group has 11 members. 3 others have put their names down but have not come to the 2 meetings we have had. We meet in the seminar room in the library on Friday mornings to play this fascinating game. Mah Jongg is unique in that novices and seasoned players can play together in groups of three or four. Mahjong originated in China centuries ago and is still played widely throughout East and South East Asia. Imported to the West in the 1920s, it has seen a revival of interest here in recent years. A tile-based game of skill, strategy and calculation, it involves a degree of chance. Unlike the Chinese, however, we don't gamble!

### **Playreading – from Malcolm Kindell**

After a fairly enthusiastic initial interest in Play Reading we now have a core of regular attendees who seem to be enjoying the active involvement of play reading. Over the two meetings we have had so far, we have read three plays, all chosen from the U3A website. The first one called 'Browsers' was about a group of book reading enthusiasts who eventually progress to running a book shop. Similarities to the demise of Hadleigh High Street were recognised in the reading. 'Worzel Flummery' was our next play about a "well to do" member of parliament inheriting a substantial sum of money on the condition that he changed his name to Worzel Flummery; a sadistic joke on the part of his uncle. The third was a radio play called 'Three of Silk'. A psychological drama about new inhabitants to a spooky village.

Volunteers have offered plays to be read and our next play to read will be Heads you Lose.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Community Centre of the United Reformed Church at 2pm in the afternoon for two hours. We charge £3 per person per session to cover the hire of the Room and other expenses. Do come and join us for a bit of light hearted fun.

### **Scrabble – Pat Simonet**

Scrabble has 14 members attending. Newcomers welcome.

### **Social History Group 1 – John Robinson**

We continue to meet at the Library at 10am on the 4th Thursday of each month at which one of our members gives a talk on an annual agreed topic. This year our topic is Celebrations or Disasters. We are always happy to receive any member who would like to join us ( or just come and see how we operate.. Any one interested please contact me.

### **Social History group 2 – Marion Soper**

In January we had a very good New Years lunch at Cobblers cafe/bar in Hadleigh this was organised by our member Jessica Bailey. We then at our February meeting had an extremely interesting talk given by our newest member Joan Miller. The talk was titled Walking through Parliament which is where Joan held the post of head of I.T. for some time. We learnt many things about the "village of Westminster" both with relevance to social history and also about the history of the buildings themselves and the way government and parliament work, in practical terms, both today and historically. We also have other interesting monthly talks given by our members monthly coming up in 2023 and an outing to be booked for September to the Masonic Halls in Ipswich and possibly another one to visit the Unitarian Meeting House in Ipswich. The group continues to run very well and at the present time with a full number of eleven members.

## **Updated Special Interest Groups – Who, when and where**

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| Antiques & Collectables               | Ron Austin       | 829966 | <a href="mailto:ronaldedwardaustin@gmail.com">ronaldedwardaustin@gmail.com</a> | Various dates/<br>times/venues                  |
| Art ( <i>Drawing &amp; Painting</i> ) | Richard Fletcher | 827891 | <a href="mailto:djzfletcher@googlemail.com">djzfletcher@googlemail.com</a>     | 2nd & 4th Mon<br>10.00<br>URC Community<br>Room |

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| Books ( <i>Reading</i> )                    | Cathy Snow            | 824949           | <a href="mailto:snow0077@uwclub.net">snow0077@uwclub.net</a>                             | 2nd Thurs 2.00<br>Library Seminar Room                 |
| Calligraphy                                 | Polly Shearly-Sanders | 829601           | <a href="mailto:polly_shearly_sanders@hotmail.com">polly_shearly_sanders@hotmail.com</a> | 1st & 3rd Mon 10.00<br>URC Community Room              |
| Canasta                                     | Keith Earl            | 822049           | <a href="mailto:bonnyshoot@btinternet.com">bonnyshoot@btinternet.com</a>                 | 1st Mon 10-12.00<br>Library Upstairs Rm Starting 6 Feb |
| Computer Workshop                           | Sue Austin            | 829966<br>822559 | <a href="mailto:sueaustin707@gmail.com">sueaustin707@gmail.com</a>                       | 1st Tues 10.00<br>131 High Street                      |
| Creative Writing                            | Les Selby             | 822862           | <a href="mailto:ambala39@gmail.com">ambala39@gmail.com</a>                               | 2nd Thurs 2.30<br>Various venues                       |
| Current Affairs                             | Ron Austin            | 829966           | <a href="mailto:ronaldedwardaustin@gmail.com">ronaldedwardaustin@gmail.com</a>           | 1st Wed 2.00<br>131 High Street                        |
| Garden Visits                               | Margaret Jeffery      | 822056           | <a href="mailto:ivanmargaret5@gmail.com">ivanmargaret5@gmail.com</a>                     | 2nd Tues 10.00<br>Various venues                       |
| Family History                              | Kathy Selby           | 822862           | <a href="mailto:ambala.k@tiscali.co.uk">ambala.k@tiscali.co.uk</a>                       | 1st Wed 2-4.00<br>Library Seminar Room                 |
| Jazz Appreciation                           | Peter Jarvis          | 822990           | <a href="mailto:peter.jarvis14@btinternet.com">peter.jarvis14@btinternet.com</a>         | 3rd Thurs 2.30<br>8 Duke Street                        |
| Local Projects                              | Roger Young           | 828878           | <a href="mailto:rogerdyoung@uwclub.net">rogerdyoung@uwclub.net</a>                       | Details from Roger                                     |
| Looking at Art                              | Jean Styles           | 828532           | <a href="mailto:jean.styles@uwclub.net">jean.styles@uwclub.net</a>                       | 4th Mon 2.30<br>Library Seminar Room                   |
| Lunch Club 1                                | Julia Wild            | 829726           | <a href="mailto:john@twojays2.plus.com">john@twojays2.plus.com</a>                       | 1st Fri<br>Various times/<br>venues                    |
| Lunch Club 2                                | Jenny Astill          | 434106           | <a href="mailto:jennyastill@yahoo.com">jennyastill@yahoo.com</a>                         | Once a month.<br>Various dates and<br>venues           |
| Lunch Club 3                                | Sue Witham            | 07770<br>870405  | <a href="mailto:suetram@aol.com">suetram@aol.com</a>                                     |  |
| Mahjong                                     | Pat Simonet           | 824195           | <a href="mailto:patsimonet@gmail.com">patsimonet@gmail.com</a>                           | Fridays 10-12.00<br>Library Upstairs                   |
| Nature Watch                                | Jean Jeram            | 07521<br>761075  | <a href="mailto:jean.jeram@yahoo.co.uk">jean.jeram@yahoo.co.uk</a>                       | 4th Fri 9.30<br>Various venues                         |
| Playreading                                 | Malcolm Kindell       | 01787<br>211221  | <a href="mailto:malcolmkindell@gmail.com">malcolmkindell@gmail.com</a>                   | 3rd Tues 2-4.00 pm<br>URC Community Room from 17 Jan   |
| Quiz ( <i>joint with Stour Valley u3a</i> ) | Richard Pitt          | 657698           | <a href="mailto:j00n30194t8@btinternet.com">j00n30194t8@btinternet.com</a>               | 4th Wed 2.00 pm<br>Lambe School, E Bergholt            |

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| <b>Scrabble</b>                            | Pat Simonet   | 824195          | <a href="mailto:patsimonet@gmail.com">patsimonet@gmail.com</a>             | 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10-12.00<br>Library Upstairs<br>Rm Starting 23<br>Jan |
| Social History 1                           | John Robinson | 07485<br>063277 | <a href="mailto:johnmrobinson37@gmail.com">johnmrobinson37@gmail.com</a>   | Last Thurs 10.00<br>Library Seminar<br>Room                               |
| Social History 2                           | Marion Soper  | 822242          | <a href="mailto:marionsoper@btinternet.com">marionsoper@btinternet.com</a> | 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon 10.00<br>Various venues                               |
| Ukulele Group ( <i>with Stour Valley</i> ) | Richard Pitt  | 657698          | <a href="mailto:j00n30194t8@btinternet.com">j00n30194t8@btinternet.com</a> | 1st & 3rd Wed 2.00<br>pm<br>Lambe School,<br>E Bergholt                   |

List correct at 19.03.23 (E&OE)

If any of the above appeal to you or if you have any other suggestions for new groups please contact Sue or Liz (See following Committee page for contacts/) There is plenty of information and details of subject experts available and we can help with contacts and further advice on the practicalities of starting a group.

## Hadleigh u3a Current Committee

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

**More committee members needed in October – this is vital to our u3a's continuation** Our committee positions each have a specified period of tenure, so at our AGM each October those whose period of tenure is up either stand for re-election or stand down. Therefore we are always in need of members to join us to keep our numbers legal and enable our u3a to continue. The jobs are not arduous and we try to keep the whole thing enjoyable, working as a team with no-one left out on their own. We have one committee meeting each month and do everything else in our own time. We know that our membership includes people with rich and varied experience. Please come forward and help to keep us going!

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| Chairman+Newsletter+Events                                  | Sue Witham                 | 07770 870405                  | <a href="mailto:suetram@aol.com">suetram@aol.com</a>   |
| Vice Chair+ Events Coordinator                              | Jill Owers                 | 01473 823780                  | <a href="mailto:jill.owers@btinternet.com">jill.owers@btinternet.com</a>   |
| Treasurer   | Jean Jeram                 | 07521 761075                  | <a href="mailto:jean.jeram@yahoo.co.uk">jean.jeram@yahoo.co.uk</a>   |
| Membership Secretary+Website                                | Louise Daniels             | 01449 741666                  | <a href="mailto:had.u3a.mem@gmail.com">had.u3a.mem@gmail.com</a>   |
| Speaker Co-ordinator  | Tim Goodman                | 01449 741308                  | <a href="mailto:timgoodmanu3a@gmail.com">timgoodmanu3a@gmail.com</a>   |
| Events Treasurer  | Gill Skipper               | 01449 740298                  | <a href="mailto:jillyskipper@gmail.com">jillyskipper@gmail.com</a>   |
| Groups Coordinator+Events+Tea Rota                          | Liz Ferguson               | 01473 828015                  | <a href="mailto:esferguson@btinternet.com">esferguson@btinternet.com</a>   |
| <b>Ex Officio Volunteers :</b><br>One-off Event Organisers: | Roger Young<br>Pat Simonet | 01473 8228878<br>01473 824195 | <a href="mailto:rogeryoung@owclub.net">rogeryoung@owclub.net</a><br><a href="mailto:patsimonet@gmail.com">patsimonet@gmail.com</a> |