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Welcome to this our 9th Newsletter.

Our new committee members have settled in well and are participating at our monthly meetings. Being a committee member can be very rewarding and is something any one of you can do. Please speak with one of us if you think this is something you might be interested in, as we do welcome new members.

A message from our Chair

I do hope you have been enjoying the lovely sunny days we have been having. Sadly they now seem to be making way for cooler, wetter weather, but that, of course, is only to be expected. The last few months have been full of activities with new groups

progressing and others coming back to life – such as London Walks which is being run by Rob Brigstock. Rob is currently organising a walk around Spitalfield Market which will be held towards the end of August. I suspect this will culminate in a visit to Wetherspoon's!

Jan and Alan Eaton recently took us on a very interesting tour of Chatham docks, which included the 'Call the Midwife' walk, The Ropery and, a first for me, entering a submarine; a very tricky operation and quite an experience.

Rita and Ray Noyce are organising our next trip in September to Audley End.

The floral art group is flourishing. The leader, Christine Alen, has placed some wonderful pictures of members' displays on the group table and some of these can also be seen on the web site.

Now a note on Bridge. I will be starting a beginner's bridge group on Wed 2nd October. This will be held from 10.30 to 12.30 and will run weekly.

We have over a dozen members now playing and progressing really well, so do give it a go and have a lot of laughs along the way.

We would love to hear from anyone with an interest or expertise that they can share with other members by starting up a new group. We would provide help and ongoing support, so why not give it a try.

My very best wishes to you all

Maryann

A couple of helpful hints:

- Are you fed up with nuisance calls? There is a way to solve this....

As soon as you have replaced your receiver just dial 14258 then press * * and the telephone number will be barred. This is only for landlines and as long as it is a service that your telephone provider is part of, it will work.

- Do you work or volunteer for any companies that have provided you with a lanyard? If so, do please remove the lanyard before you get into a vehicle. Should you be involved in an accident and the airbag be deployed, then the lanyard can cause you some physical harm.

Our forthcoming meetings and outings are shown below.....the committee look forward to seeing you at our next gathering.

Here's a summary of our meetings and events over the coming months...

Wednesday 21st August meeting: **Practical Action** is a charity that works with communities in developing countries, using technology to find practical solutions to poverty. **Dennis Eraut** will be giving us a talk on their work.

Tuesday 10th September: **OUTING** to Audley End House and Gardens

Wednesday 18th September meeting: **The Songs of Cole Porter & Richard Rogers** - speaker Steve Galler. Steve is an international Banjo player and his talk is focused on the songs of Cole Porter and Richard Rogers. He regularly delights audiences with comedy and music. He has often been asked to entertain the Royal family and has entertained on many cruise ships.

Wednesday 2nd October: Maryann will be starting a new bridge club for beginners.

Wednesday 16th October meeting: **Havens Hospices** - speaker Sally Bridger. Sally will be telling us of Havens hopes for the future in their new building.

Wednesday 20th November meeting: **Ten Pound Poms** – a talk by Maz Morgan on the scheme that was devised between Australia and Great Britain to encourage Britain's to emigrate. This assisted passage scheme attracted millions of people between 1945 and 1972.

