



**Step Back in Time**

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This Month's Meeting  
Thursday, 7th July, 2011  
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Neil Arnold  
"Mystery Animals of the South East"

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**GROUP ACTIVITY CALENDAR – Normal day each Group meets each month**

<b>Mondays</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Art 1 (Watercolours); Ceramics; Family History I; Lap Top Computing; Visiting Essex Churches 4 Crib Club (evenings); Visiting Essex Churches 1 Visiting Essex Churches 2 & 3
<b>Tuesdays</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Birdwatching; Digital Photography; Singing for Health & Pleasure; Tai Chi; Midweek Dining 2; Tai Chi; Tenpin Bowling; Wine Appreciation (evenings) Birdwatching; Dining Group 2; Singing for Health & Pleasure Tai Chi; Dining Group 1; Tai Chi;
<b>Wednesdays</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Golf (April, July & September); Walking 1; Archaeology; Golf (May, June, August); Scrabble Crib Club; Drama; Real Ale; Visiting Churches 5 Calligraphy; Family History 2; Music Appreciation; Serendipity 3;
<b>Thursdays</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Serendipity 2; Tai Chi; U3A Monthly Meeting Acoustic Guitar; Tai Chi; Theatre 1; Scrapbooking; Tai Chi Art Appreciation; Book Reading; Dining Group 1; Essex Social History; Family History 3; Tai Chi
<b>Fridays</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Keep Fit; Latin; Local History; Yoga; Keep Fit; Yoga; Keep Fit; Latin; Yoga Keep Fit; Walking 2; Yoga
<b>Saturdays</b>	Currently no Groups	
<b>Sundays</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Sunday Lunch 1 Sunday Lunch 2

Please note dates may vary more with some groups than others; particularly with trips or outdoor activities.  
Check with Group Leader for Gardening, Golf, Serendipity, Visiting Historic Places & Theatre (usually Fridays).

**PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK THE DATE OF YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH YOUR GROUP LEADER**

## FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Members,

I am sure you will join me in wishing our sister U3A in Hullbridge a very Happy First Birthday. The Committee and members have achieved a great deal in their first year and have a lot to be proud of.

Rayleigh U3A featured in the local press when our very own Frank and Doreen Bodey received their Volunteer Awards from the Chairman of the Council for their lifelong work with Scouting, the Local Community, Rayleigh U3A Committee plus organising our refreshments for over three years. Many congratulations and well deserved awards.

Please remember that the Newsletter is the main form of communication to all our members giving you up to date information on Groups, Events, Trips and Holidays. If you have any ideas for new Groups please contact Group Co-ordinator, Sue Taylor (01268 786405) or for Speaker recommendations, contact Speaker Secretary, Sylvia Mitchell (01268 770139).

July is the last meeting before our summer break. We meet again on 1st September when we will have Paula Short talking about "Sicily, It's Heroes & Villains".

This Autumn we can look forward to our 4th Anniversary Party Night in October, a Grand Xmas Quiz Night in November and our Christmas Lunch in December, not forgetting our Annual Group Presentation Day at the October Meeting.

This is an opportunity to say thank you to our hard working Committee who work selflessly to make our U3A the success it is. To our Group Leaders who have taken on the responsibility to give so many people knowledge, expertise and enjoyment in all their chosen interest groups. We thank all our members for their support, especially those who work as volunteers at Monthly Meetings, spreading the word about how fantastic it is to be a Member of the U3A. Enjoy your summer break.

See you all in September,  
Sincerely,

*Maureen, Chair - Rayleigh U3A*

## COMMITTEE, GROUPS, GROUP LEADERS

Chairman	Maureen Huntly	01268 777398	History - Local	H. Flemings	01702 204943
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Membership	Doreen Blake	01268 774871	Knit & Natter	Doreen Oliver	01268 743082
Group Co-ord'r	Sue Taylor	01268 786405	Lap Top Computing		
Events Co-ord'r	Terry Gouldsmith	01268 562803		Frank Bodey	01268 733616
News'l'tter Eds:	David & Janet Carlton	01268 452791	Latin	Dave Filby	01268 770023
Gift Aid/Study Day Co-ordinator			Music Apprec'n	Les Geales	01702 206966
	Peter Huntly	01268 777398	Real Ale Group	Dave Filby	01268 770023
Speaker Sec.	Janet Carlton	01268 452791	Scrabble	Marg'et Bristow	01268 747639
Halls B'king Off.	Barbara Hodge	01268 771820	Scrapbooking	Janet Carlton	01268 452791
Volunteer C'ord.	Irene Carter	01268 766149	Serendipity I	Linda & David Clarke	01702 204559
Other Com'ttee:	Fred Carter	01268 766149	Serendipity II	Pam & K. Dunt	01702 201747
<b>Groups/Group Leaders:</b>			Serendipity III	P. & J. Pomfrett	01702 230253
Acoustic Guitar	Vera Ward	01268 775040	Serendipity IV	Sue & Mike Cairns,	
Antiques/Collectables				Maureen Hayes	01702 473110
	Sheila Read	tbc		& Peter Britton	
Archaeology	Ian Haynes	01268 779749	Singing for Health & Pleasure		
Art Appreciat'n	Barbara Curry	01268 775460		Marjorie Sale	01702 346175
Art l-Water Cols.	Sylvia Lester	01268 774201	S. Lunch Club I	Maureen Goss	01268 777681
Bird Watching	Laurie Denney	01702 615370	S. Lunch Club II	Sue Barrows	01268 776775
Book Reading	Doreen Blake	01268 774871	Tai Chi (J)	Sue Taylor	01268 786405
Book Reading II	Marian Allen	01268 743339	Tenpin Bowling	Alan Hudson	01702 202158
Calligraphy	Irene Tyson	01268 742942		Bob Wren	01702 525311
Ceramics	Brenda Perrott	01268 779590	Theatre	Jean Mackenzie	01268 510570
Crib Club	David Sheffield	01268 743586		Helena Maxwell	01268 772061
Digit'l Photog'y	Brian Kersey	01268 743959	Theatre II	Sandra Wilson	01268 775184
Dining Group I	Margaret Bristow	01268 747639	Visiting Essex Churches:		
Dining Group II	Marion & Laurie Wrentham	01702 555783	Group I	Marian Allen	01268 743339
Drama	Joanne Baker	01268 742252	Group II	Elizabeth Baker	01702 331166
Family History Beginners			Group III	Brenda Perrott	01268 779590
	Terry Taylor	01268 786405	Group IV	Jan Churchill	01702 510296
Family History I	Sue Taylor	01268 786405	Group V (J)	Maureen Turner	01268 750967
Family History II	Pete Huntly	01268 777398	Walking I	Roger Baker	01702 331166
Family History III	Barbara Dale	01268 772018			07867 588879
Flower Arr'ging	Irene Stokes	01268 774564	Walking II	Les Poole	01268 773174
Gardening	Heather Brickw'd	01268 743838	Wine Apprec'n	Harry Brickw'd	01268 743838
	Linda Clarke	01702 204559	Yoga	Suzanne Middleton	01702 557389
Gardening (Propagating)					
	Harry Brickwood	01268 743838	(J) = Joint with Rayleigh Grange		
Golf	Kay Nevin	01268 780855			
Grumpy ol' U3A Members					
	John Edwards	01268 747208			

## GROUP CO-ORDINATOR'S NEWS

### NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, 1st September, 2011  
2.00 p.m – 4.00 p.m**

**Paula Short**

**“Sicily, It’s Heroes & Villains”**

### COMMITTEE CONTACTS

**Chairman:- Maureen Huntly - 01268 777398**

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**Group Co-ordinator:- Sue Taylor - 01268 786405**

**e-mail - [susan.taylor106@tesco.net](mailto:susan.taylor106@tesco.net)**

**Secretary:- Maureen Hayes - 01702 473110**

**e-mail - [mhayesghayes@talktalk.net](mailto:mhayesghayes@talktalk.net)**

### Visiting Historic Places/Buildings (V.I.P) – including a few coach outings

Laurie and Liz Denny have kindly volunteered to become Group Leaders taking over from Brian and Doris Lambert who left our U3A last year. This is great news and I would like to thank them both for coming forward. The first trip to Historic Bury St. Edmunds is already oversubscribed but names will be taken on a first come first served basis. Please contact Laurie or Liz for further information.

**Canasta** -Dave & Chris Towell have also kindly volunteered to become new Group Leaders. If you are interested in joining their Group, please be kind enough to put your name down on the list at our monthly meeting.

**Family History – Beginners** - Terry Taylor too has kindly agreed to run another Beginners group. The initial meeting is planned for the 4th July at 10.00am. This clears another waiting list.

**Grumpy Old U3A Members** - At the inaugural meeting of this proposed new group John Edwards stepped forward to become the leader. John held the initial meeting on the 16th June.

Many thanks to John for coming forward to lead this new group.

**Serendipity IV** - Initial Meeting set for 21st July.

**Propagating** - Now due to start in September with Harry Brickwood, Group Leader

**Antiques/Collectables** - This new group had their initial meeting on the 14th June. The new group leader is Sheila Read. For more information please contact Sheila on 01268 778926.

**Dining Club** - June Long has now stepped down after running this group for several months – thank you June for all your help. Margaret Bristow has now taken over as Group Leader. My thanks to Margaret.

There are still places available in the **Visiting Essex Churches Groups**. Please let me know if you are interested in joining.

I am looking to start the following new Groups over the next couple of months:  
**Astronomy and Laptop II.**

If you have any suggestions for new Groups you would like to see added to our lists please let me know.

**Sue Taylor – Group Co-ordinator**

**Tel: 01268 786405 e-mail: [susan.taylor106@tesco.net](mailto:susan.taylor106@tesco.net)**

## NEWS FROM OUR GROUP LEADERS

### LOCAL HISTORY

Get all the latest details of the group on our blog:

<http://lhgu3arayleigh.blogspot.com>

#### Wednesday, 20th July

Guided tour of Coggeshall with Michael Horne, Professor of Mediaeval History. There is a car park in Stoneham Street.

We meet at 10.00am by the Clock Tower in Stoneham Street. C06 1NH £2 per head

#### Wednesday, 17th August

Trip to the Essex Police Museum in Chelmsford. There is very limited parking at the site but it is within easy walking distance of the Chelmer Village Retail Park where there is ample free parking. On returning to your car you can indulge in some retail therapy and enjoy a coffee at Costa's.

Book visits with Heather Flemmings at monthly U3A meetings, email [heatherfl@lineone.net](mailto:heatherfl@lineone.net) or phone 01702 204943

Pay David Fryer-Kelsey at monthly U3A meetings or post to 113 Greensward Lane, Hockley, Essex, SS5 5HS. Cheques made payable to Rayleigh U3A please.

**David Fryer-Kelsey – 01702 203455**  
**Heather Flemmings - 01702 204943**

### GOLF GROUP

We would still like to welcome new members to the Golf Group so if you have a set of Golf Clubs why not join our Group for a game of golf? We meet monthly from April to September at Dunton Hills Golf Club. We play 18 holes on their par 3 course at a cost of six pounds per game finishing with a drink in the Club House. This has proved to be a really enjoyable event with a lovely group of people. For more information please give me a call.

Dates for 2011 will be:  
Wednesday, 13th July, Wednesday, 10th August, Wednesday, 7th September.

**Kay Nevin – 01268 780855**

### THEATRE GROUP I

Our next Theatre Group Meeting is on **Friday, 8th July in the W.I. Hall, Rayleigh at 10.30am.** Please come along with your suggestions for future theatre outings.

Would the 14 members who have booked to see Les Miserables on Wednesday, 14th September, please go to the Theatre Table to see Helena or Jean for their tickets and for further information.

**Helena Maxwell - 01268 772061**  
**Mob: 07952574907**  
**Jean Mackenzie - 01268 510570**  
**Mob: 0771980733**

## NOTICE

A sum of money was found in the hall at Mill Hall after our meeting.  
If you are aware that you have lost money please call me.

**Maureen Huntly – Chair on 01268 777398**

Stating your name and the amount lost.

*If no one claims the money it will be absorbed into the U3A Funds for the benefit of the membership.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Hatfield House Country Show  
**Tickets all sold**

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Visit to Rye  
**Tickets all sold**

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Family History Study Day - £12.50  
**Tickets on sale now**

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Party Night - £10  
**Tickets on sale at July meeting**

**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Bury St. Edmunds Xmas Fayre - £12.50  
**Tickets on sale at July meeting**

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Quiz Night £4  
**Tickets on sale at July meeting**

**Please send items for inclusion in the September newsletter to:-**

**[janetcarlton@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:janetcarlton@blueyonder.co.uk)**

Janet Carlton,  
35 Curlew Crescent,  
Basildon, SS16 5HR  
Tel: 01268 452791

**To arrive no later than**  
**Sunday, 14th August**

### NATIONAL OFFICE

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## ADVANCE NOTICE OF AUTUMN SOCIAL EVENTS

### **PARTY NIGHT**

To be held at Rayleigh Grange Community Centre  
On Saturday, 29th October 2011

7.30pm – 11pm

Tickets £10

Includes Finger Buffet, Musical Entertainment by Maggie Prince  
Free Raffle  
Lucky Ticket Prize

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### **GRAND CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

To be held at Trinity Hall on Saturday, 26th November 2011

7pm for 7.30pm

Teams of 8 – Tickets £4

Maximum of 12 teams

Lucky Ticket Prizes and Fun Games

Team Prizes

Hosted by David Lutterloch

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### *Some visits and events to look forward to*

**Wednesday, 19th October** – Family History Study day. Tickets £12.50

**Tickets now on sale**

**Saturday, 29th October** – Party Night Tickets £4

**Tickets on sale at July meeting**

**Saturday, 26th November** – A Quiz Night will be held at Trinity Hall on Saturday, 26th November at 7.30 pm. Tickets £4

Bring drinks and nibbles. Teams of eight.

**Tickets go on sale at July meeting**

**Friday, 2nd December** – Christmas Lunch, Saxon Hall

**Watch this space for further details nearer the time.**

**Other visits and events are being considered for the future and you will be notified as soon as more details are known**

### **THEATRE GROUP II**

Anyone who has paid for tickets and not received them, please collect them from the Group Two desk at the July meeting. Thanks.

Sandra Wilson – 01268 775184  
[sandra.alanwilson@yahoo.com](mailto:sandra.alanwilson@yahoo.com)

### **TENPIN BOWLING**

We all met at CJs in Hockley for our May meeting and with a number of our group on holiday we still had a nice afternoon. Winners of the month were Mike Edwards, John Capel and with her first ever win, Maureen Goss.

June's monthly winners were John Capel, Jill Marsh and Peter Goodwin. As I have said in previous Newsletters, we have new members who have joined our Group in the last few months, so if you would like an afternoon, of gentle exercise with some really nice people, please join us for our next meeting on the 14th July at 2pm.

Just to remind you that the July meeting will be the last before our August break. Our September meeting will be on the 6th at 2pm at CJs in Hockley

**Alan Hudson – 01702 202158**

### **GARDENING GROUP**

#### Tuesday 19th July

Coach outing to Suffolk to visit Bressingham Gardens & Helmingham Hall

Cost £23.50 covers coach fare, driver's tip and entry to gardens  
Departure times Kirby's 8.15 am, Webster's Way 8.25. Rayleigh Station 8.30

**Fully Booked**

#### Tuesday 9th August

Coach outing to Sussex to visit Merriments Garden and Gt. Dixter  
Cost £23.50 covers coach fare, driver's tip & entry to gardens.

Departure times:  
Kirby's 8.30 am Webster's Way 8.40  
Rayleigh Station 8.45

**Fully Booked**

ON ALL COACH TRIPS IT IS ASSUMED THAT YOU ARE BOARDING AT KIRBYS. IF YOU WISH TO BE PICKED UP AT WEBSTER'S WAY OR RAYLEIGH STATION YOU MUST ADVISE HEATHER.

#### Questions?

**See Heather at the Gardening Desk at the monthly meetings or phone Heather Brickwood – 01268 743838**

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#### Kent Gardening Holiday

Many thanks for all your kind cards and e-mails telling me how much you enjoyed the short holiday in Kent.  
Your kind comments greatly appreciated.

**Heather**

## HEADLINES AND ACTIVITIES

For your information the following statement from the Committee will be read out at the July Meeting  
Rayleigh U3A's Independent Examiner of Accounts

"It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that at the AGM the appointment of our Independent Examiner of Accounts was not referred to and recommended for 2011. The members present at the AGM should have agreed this. This is important, as it is a requirement of both the Third Age Trust and the Rayleigh U3A Trustees. We would therefore ask you to show your appreciation and thanks to Roger Baker for examining our Accounts over the last two years and to have your approval for the recommendation of the Trustees that Stella Lutterloch be appointed as our Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2011."

### Family History Study Day - 19th October 2011 at Saxon Hall

There are just a few tickets left. If these are not sold before or at the July Meeting they will be offered to other local U3A's.

#### **Pete Huntly - Study Day Coordinator**

Tel: 01268 777398 e-mail: [peter@phuntly.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:peter@phuntly.freeseve.co.uk)

### Front Page



Our Archaeology Group visited Lullingstone Roman Villa in June and found themselves transported back in time. Featured on the front cover are some of the Group's Members who visited the Villa on the day.

### Please Note

There will be no Monthly Meeting or Newsletter in August. The next meeting will be Thursday, 1st September with our speaker Paula Short "Sicily - It's Heroes and Villains". **The deadline for items to be included in September's Newsletter is Sunday, 14th August.** Happy Holidays to you all.

## VISITING INTERESTING PLACES

### BURY ST EDMUNDS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 2011

A trip has been arranged to visit this year's Christmas Fayre. Would everyone who expressed an interest in the trip at the June Meeting please pay your cheque to Laurie at the next monthly meeting on July 7th to secure your place. If you are unable to attend the meeting please post your cheque to Laurie at - 18 Marlborough Place, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2UA to secure your place.

The cost, including Drivers Gratuity and Coffee stop on route is £12.50. Please make cheques payable to Rayleigh U3A.

Greene Kings' brewery is less than 10 mins walk from the Town Square. If you would like to join a tour of the brewery this has to be arranged independently - Cost £8.00. The contact number for the brewery tour is 01284 714297.

### Coach Pick Up Points

Kirby's Depot - 8.30am (please arrive by 8.15am)

Webster's Way - 8.35am

Rayleigh Station - 8.45am

Please contact me if you have any queries. Laurie Denney - 01702 615370  
mob: 07583 398294

### Please Note

As you know, we endeavour to keep the Newsletter printing costs down. All members who have access to the Internet receive their Newsletter in good time for each monthly meeting via e-mail. We feel the time is right to up-date our database and to ask members who now have access to the Internet since they originally joined Rayleigh U3A, to inform us so we may add them to this list. If you fit this category of members please notify us by way of an e-mail. Thank you.

**Janet and David Carlton - Newsletter Editors**