



Newsletter Edition No. 92 July 2019

Dear Members

Welcome to the July newsletter.

One of the features of our meetings, Study days and Talks for All, is the use of microphones and a projector. These are operated by Betty and Peter but we need more members to help if they are not available. Please contact me to discuss the details. Alternatively get used to meetings without sound and vision.

The Spring weather has been rather capricious, warmer than usual for the time of year but also unsettled. As we move into Summer we look forward to bright, sunny days to enjoy the many events that your U3A is providing for you.

Our next monthly meeting will be on the 4th July and the speaker will be Roger Slade and his subject is Shackleton and the Endurance Expedition. The talk will be about his Trans Antarctic expedition when his ship Endurance was crushed by the ice. Did he escape? Come to the meeting and find out.

The Summer school holidays will take up much of our time with looking after grandchildren. There will not be a monthly meeting in August. The next one will be on 5th September when Dudley Chignall will talk about Beatrice Potter.

One of our most popular features is the book stall at the Mill Hall. Many thanks to Les Shrubsole and his helpers for storing and transporting the books. We really do need some volunteers to help with this. It would only mean handling a box of books because we spread the load over several members. If you care about the book stall, please speak to me or another Committee member.

Best Wishes,

David Fryer-Kelsey, Chairman

GROUP COORDINATORS' REPORT

We had our New Members' Meeting, and we were really pleased at the friendliness and interaction between the members.

You can see Jackie Sollieux's slide show on our Website, which we hope captures something of the atmosphere.

Some new members have already been placed in groups and, where there are no vacancies, it is hoped to start up more Groups. So, come along to our table with your suggestions, queries, and any thoughts to contribute.

We already have quite a few names for Mahjong and Badminton, is there anyone who feels they could run these groups? Would anybody be able to get a Canasta Group up and running?

We have a vacancy list; some of the Groups on there are: Bridge, Family History, Digital Photography and Play Reading.

Two years ago, we formed a Serendipity Group and that has been very successful. I have a lot of names signed up to start a new Serendipity Group, so I have arranged a meeting at Trinity Church Cloister Rooms 10.00am to 12.00 noon on Tuesday 9th July. PLEASE DO LET ME KNOW IF YOU WISH TO COME ALONG.

Please remember Kate has a table at the U3A meeting displaying the quilt her Patchwork Groups have made. Raffle tickets are on sale until September and the monies will go towards funding toys for a local organisation such as Southend Hospitals Children's ward (or their new toy library).

N.B. Our role as Group Coordinators', once we have enough names, is to try and get a meeting which, if necessary, we attend. It is for the members to decide upon a Venue and choose a Group Leader (this of course can be a shared role).

David and Heather Fryer-Kelsey Group coordinators

PHOTOS FROM THE NEW MEMBERS' MEETING



NEWS FROM AROUND YOUR U3A

PATCHWORK GROUP



All the members of the three patchwork groups undertook to make a 'block' that would be used to make a bed quilt. All blocks were then put together, and the completed quilt will then be raffled. The money raised will be used to buy toys for a local organisation such as The Children's Ward. Next year's project is already afoot.

FLY FISHING



The first outing for the group was to Chigborough Trout Fishier at Heybridge. The group, Ray (Group Leader), Laurie, and John were assisted by a friend of Ray's who offered to help with the fly-fishing novices. A good day was had by all, both Laurie and John landed fish (with a little help). It was a great pleasure to teach such enthusiastic members. Looking forward to our next outing.

CHURCH VISITING GROUP 2

Members had a very enjoyable visit to St Andrews Church Ashingdon.

Val and Jim Whitehouse



NEWS FROM AROUND YOUR U3A (continued)

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP



On the 20th March the group went to Warley where they had lunch at the Thatchers Arms. After lunch we visited the nature reserve to take photos of the daffodils which covered the fields adjoining the woods. We were just in time, a few more days and they would have been over.

Our next trip was on the 17th April when we went by coach to the newly reopened Leonardslee in West Sussex. This estate has been closed for some years and has now reopened with a new owner who is a South African wine producer. You will see in the photo (below left) that they have now planted some vines on the estate. Leonardslee is said to have the finest woodland in England.



GARDENING GROUP

We took a coach trip to Capel Manor (near Enfield) which is also a training college. The grounds are extensive, so we took our time. A variety of gardens were set out showing urban planting and the older style of gardens. One photo shows a driveway bordered with old exhausts from various vehicles – we were not sure about this idea but no doubt it could be termed recycling!



June Jennings

NEWS FROM AROUND YOUR U3A (continued)

COOKING GROUP



On Friday 10th May Rays cooking Group met. The theme was Chinese. Frank had requested to cook sweet and sour chicken. There was also a Thai curry and various other accompaniments to the dishes. Frank's sweet and sour chicken was lovely. At 12.15 we all sat down to a lovely meal we had cooked and chatted. The next meeting will be Spanish tappas (we are going around the world with the dishes).

FUTURE EVENTS

EVENT CINEMA SCREENINGS

Details of screenings for July/September currently shown on the website are listed in the table below. If you wish to join a group booking please contact Sheila on **07724095299** or email her at sh.fa.40@gmail.com .

| DATE | VENUE | FROM | START TIME | DURATION |
|---------------|----------------|---|------------|----------|
| Tues 2 July | Odeon Southend | National Theatre All My Sons | 19.00 | 165 mins |
| Sat 6 July | Odeon Southend | Croke Park Stadium, Dublin Westlife: The Twenty Tour Live | 20.00 | 120 mins |
| Thurs 11 July | Odeon Southend | Hyde Park The Cure Anniversary 1978-2018 | 20.00 | 150 mins |
| Wed 31 July | Odeon Southend | RSC Measure for Measure | 19.00 | 180 mins |
| Tues 10 Sep | Odeon Southend | London Stage Literary Event – Live Interview Margaret Atwood | 19.30 | 110 mins |
| Thurs 26 Sep | Odeon Southend | National Theatre One Man Two Guvnors (encore) | 19.00 | 210 mins |

FUTURE EVENTS (continued)

Talks for All

Monday 14th October 2019

John Dudley & the Nine Day's Queen

by Dianne Mannering



John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland put the unfortunate, tragic & undoubtedly unwilling 16 year old Lady Jane Grey on the throne of England. Was he the power crazy, grasping schemer that historians would have us believe? Dianne will tell us that he had an undeservedly bad press over the last 500 years and does her best to shed light onto what happened.

**Cloister Hall, Holy Trinity Church,
Rayleigh SS6 8BB**

2.15pm— 4.00pm

**Entry £3.00 includes
Tea & Coffee
& Biscuits**





A Murder Mystery evening at the Museum of Power on Wednesday 16th October 2019

Coach trip to the Museum of Power, Langford, arriving 6pm, arrival drink and three course dinner. Walk round museum looking for clues. Solve mystery. Leave for home at 10pm. Coach will pick up at Kirby's depot at 5pm, then Webster's Way, then Rayleigh Station.
Evening full of surprises.



Tickets cost £39.50 per person which includes three course dinner/arrival drink.
On sale at monthly meetings.

SPEAKERS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

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| Thurs 4 th July 2019 | ROGER SLADE | SHACKLETON 'ENDURANCE' EXPEDITION |
| Thurs 5 th September 2019 | DUDLEY CHIGNALL | BEATRICE POTTER THE LAKE DISTRICT HER ART AND INSPIRATION |
| Thurs 3 rd October 2019 | COLIN VAN GEFFEN | LADY HOUSTON THE LADY WHO SAVED A NATION |
| Thurs 7 th November 2019 | DR JAMES TAYLOR | BRILLIANT BRITISH HUMOUR ART OF PICTURE POSTCARDS 1840–1950'S |

All the monthly meetings are held at **THE MILL HALL, RAYLEIGH**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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| Saturday 13 th July 2019 | QUIZ NIGHT FEW TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE If interested, please contact Val (01702 512717 or email val_whitehouse@yahoo.co.uk) | TRINITY CHURCH HALL, RAYLEIGH 7.30 – 10.30pm Bring your own nibbles and drinks |
| Tuesday 20 th August 2019 | TIPTREE FARM TOUR & CREAM TEA TICKETS NOW SOLD OUT | Coach departs 12.30pm from WEBSTERS WAY/RAYLEIGH STATION |
| Thursday 12 th September 2019 | POP-IN COFFEE MORNING | WI HALL, RAYLEIGH 10.30 – 12noon |
| Wednesday 18 th September 2019 | STUDY DAY 65 years in HORTICULTURE TICKETS on SALE at JULY MONTHLY MEETING | SAXON HALL, AVIATION WAY, SOUTHEND, SS2 6UN 12.30 – 3.30pm |
| Sunday 22 nd September 2019 | Coach Trip to CHATHAM DOCKS SALUTE to the 40s TICKETS on SALE at JULY MONTHLY MEETING | Coach pick up WEBSTERS WAY 8.45am & then RAYLEIGH STATION Coach returns to Rayleigh 6.00pm (approx.) |
| Monday 14 th October 2019 | TALKS FOR ALL JOHN DUDLEY & the 9 days QUEEN TICKETS on SALE at JULY MONTHLY MEETING | CLOISTER HALL TRINITY CHURCH, RAYLEIGH 2.00 – 4.00pm |
| Wednesday 16 th October 2019 | COACH TRIP MURDER MYSTERY EVENING TICKETS on SALE at JULY MONTHLY MEETING | MUSEUM OF POWER, MALDON COACH pick up KIRBY'S DEPOT 5pm & then Websters Way/ Rayleigh station Coach returns to Rayleigh 11pm |
| Thursday 14 th November 2019 | FESTIVE COFFEE MORNING | WI HALL, RAYLEIGH 10.30 – 12noon |
| PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Saturday 23 rd November 2019 | QUIZ NIGHT TICKETS on SALE at SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING | TRINITY CHURCH HALL, RAYLEIGH 7.30 – 10.00 pm Bring your own nibbles and drinks |
| Monday 25 th November 2019 | TALKS FOR ALL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TICKETS on SALE at SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING | TRINITY CHURCH HALL, RAYLEIGH 2.00 – 4.00pm Includes Afternoon Tea |