



Here comes Summer

This Month's Meeting

Thursday, 2nd June, 2011

2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Dudley Chignall

*"New Zealand -
Journey to Paradise"*

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RELLISTSMAN

GROUP ACTIVITY CALENDAR – Normal day each Group meets each month

Mondays	1 st Monday 2 nd Monday 3 rd Monday	Art 1 (Watercolours); Ceramics; Family History 1; Lap Top Computing; Visiting Essex Churches 4 Crib Club (evenings); Visiting Essex Churches 1 Visiting Essex Churches 2 & 3
Tuesdays	1 st Tuesday 2 nd Tuesday 3 rd Tuesday 4 th 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;
Wednesdays	1 st Wednesday 2 nd Wednesday 3 rd Wednesday 4 th 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;
Thursdays	1 st Thursday 2 nd Thursday 3 rd Thursday 4 th 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
Fridays	1 st Friday 2 nd Friday 3 rd Friday 4 th Friday	Keep Fit; Latin; Local History; Yoga; Keep Fit; Yoga; Keep Fit; Latin; Yoga Keep Fit; Walking 2; Yoga
Saturdays	Currently no Groups	
Sundays	2 nd Sunday 3 rd 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,

Rayleigh U3A is a part of a National Organisation that encourages people to help themselves by sharing skills, knowledge and activities to help others.

The 2011 U3A National Conference, celebrating the fact that we are now a quarter of a million strong, will be in **Nottingham's East Midlands Conference Centre from 17th to 19th September**. It will include the policy-making AGM, which takes key decisions on how the fast-growing organisation is going to face the future. Displays from regions will give an idea of the breadth of U3A activities.

For those members who are interested in **on-line courses** there are untutored courses available now in Digital Imaging, Garden History and Understanding Computers plus courses in Creative Fiction Writing, Creative Poetry Writing, Writing to Good Effect and Writing for Publication. Those interested in untutored Art History courses will find one suitable for beginners about Italian Art 1400 -1600. 'Artists of Spain' requires some knowledge as does 'Venice and her Artists' and 'Visiting Artists in Rome'.

The cost for access to all UK courses for twelve months is £10 but you must realise that there is NO FEEDBACK from a tutor. The course units can be downloaded at any time after the start of the course allowing you to work at your own pace and schedule.

Tutored courses cost an additional £5 on top of the £10 access fee. These generally consist of eight units weekly or fortnightly. You will work for 3 to 5 hours per unit fitting it into your day as you are able. You then submit your work to the tutor for evaluation. The tutor is available by e-mail to answer questions and give help. Most courses have a list of the participants with whom you can communicate providing the U3A hallmark of collaborative learning. It is also possible for a small group of participants (say 2 or 3) to work together on a course and submit work prepared jointly after discussion. This has proved very successful.

Visit www.u3a.org.uk for further details.

There will be news next month of our social events for the Autumn and Winter.

Enjoy the month of June.

Sincerely,

Maureen,

Chair - Rayleigh U3A

COMMITTEE, GROUPS, GROUP LEADERS

Chairman	Maureen Huntly	01268 777398	Golf	Kay Nevin	01268 780855
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Secretary	Maureen Hayes	01268 743110		D. Fryer-Kelsey	01702 203455
Treasurer I	David Clarke	01702 204559	History - Social	David Carlton	01268 452791
SocialTreas'r	Peter Walker	01702 202225	Holiday	Brian Kersey	01268 743959
S.T. Assistant	Margaret Reed	01268 761039	Industrial Awareness		
Membership	Doreen Blake	01268 774871		Janet Carlton	01268 452791
Group Co-ord'r	Sue Taylor	01268 786405	Keep Fit	Janet Carlton	01268 452791
Events Co-ord'r	Terry Gouldsmith	01268 562803	Knit & Natter	Doreen Oliver	01268 743082
News'l'ter Eds:	David & Janet Carlton		Lap Top Computing		
		01268 452791		Frank Bodey	01268 733616
Gift Aid/Study Day Co-ordinator			Latin	Dave Filby	01268 770023
	Peter Huntly	01268 777398	Music Apprec'n	Les Geales	01702 206966
Speaker Sec.	Janet Carlton	01268 452791	Real Ale Group	Dave Filby	01268 770023
Halls B'king Off.	Barbara Hodge	01268 771820	Scrabble	Marg't Bristow	01268 747639
Volunteer C'ord.	Irene Carter	01268 766149	Scrapbooking	Janet Carlton	01268 452791
Other Committee:			Serendipity I	Linda & David Clarke	
	Sylvia Mitchell	01268 770139			01702 204559
	Fred Carter	01268 766149	Serendipity II	Pam & K. Dunt	01702 201747
Groups/Group Leaders:			Serendipity III	P. & J. Pomfrett	01702 230253
Acoustic Guitar	Vera Ward	01268 775040	Singing for Health & Pleasure		
Archaeology	Ian Haynes	01268 779749		Marjorie Sale	01702 346175
Art Appreciat'n	Barbara Curry	01268 775460	S. Lunch Club I	Maureen Goss	01268 777681
Art I-Water Cols.	Sylvia Lester	01268 774201	S. Lunch Club II	Sue Barrows	01268 776775
Bird Watching	Laurie Denney	01702 615370	Tai Chi (J)	Sue Taylor	01268 786405
Book Reading	Doreen Blake	01268 774871	Tenpin Bowling	Alan Hudson	01702 202158
Book Reading II	Marian Allen	01268 743339		Bob Wren	01702 525311
Calligraphy	Irene Tyson	01268 742942	Theatre	Jean Mackenzie	01268 510570
Ceramics	Brenda Perrott	01268 779590		Helena Maxwell	01268 772061
Crib Club	David Sheffield	01268 743586	Theatre II	Sandra Wilson	01268 775184
Digit'l Photog'y	Brian Kersey	01268 743959	Visiting Essex Churches:		
Dining Group I	June Long	01268 730603	Group I	Marian Allen	01268 743339
Dining Group II	Marion & Laurie Wrentham		Group II	Elizabeth Baker	01702 331166
		01702 555783	Group III	Brenda Perrott	01268 779590
Drama	Joanne Baker	01268 742252	Group IV	Jan Churchiill	01702 510296
Family History:-			Group V (J)	Maureen Turner	01268 750967
Family History I	Sue Taylor	01268 786405	Walking I	Roger Baker	01702 331166
Family History II	Pete Huntly	01268 777398			07867 588879
Family History III	Barbara Dale	01268 772018	Walking II	Les Poole	01268 773174
Flower Arr'ging	Irene Stokes	01268 774564	Wine Apprec'n	Harry Brickw'd	01268 743838
Gardening	Heather Brickw'd	01268 743838	Yoga	Suzanne Middleton	
	Linda Clarke	01702 204559			01702 557389
Gardening (Propagating)					
	Harry Brickwood	01268 743838			

(J) = Joint with Rayleigh Grange

GROUP CO-ORDINATOR'S NEWS

Please send items for inclusion
in the July newsletter to:-

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To arrive no later than
Saturday, 14th June

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 7th July, 2011
2.00 p.m – 4.00 p.m

Neil Arnold

“Mystery Animals of the South-East”

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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Poetry – If you are interested in reading or even writing poetry, or just generally discussing various poets etc. then put your name down on the list at the next monthly meeting to find out more.

Antiques/Collectables – Another popular group which we will be setting up a.s.a.p. You may have an interest in particular Antiques/Collectables e.g. pottery, or you may just enjoy visiting places where various collections are on show. It can be decided once the group has its initial meeting. Watch this space!

There is not a lot to report this month but please be assured that at the next monthly meeting we will have more information about new groups which we are hoping to get up and running very soon.

Sue Taylor - Group Co-ordinator

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NEWS FROM OUR GROUP LEADERS

GARDENING

Monday 27th June, 2 pm

Visit to 'Cobwebs', a wonderful clematis garden in Stambridge Road, Rochford. Travel by your own car, map provided. Cost £4.50 per person, payable latest at the May meeting. Payment covers entry, tea and cake.

Meet at the car park rear of Trinity Church at 1.30 pm, lifts available.
A few spaces still available.

Tuesday, 19th July

Coach outing to Suffolk to visit Bressingham Gardens & Helmingham Hall.

Cost £23.50 covers coach fare, driver's tip & entry to gardens.

A few seats still available

Tuesday, 9th August

Coach outing to Sussex to visit Merriments Garden & Gt. Dixter.

Cost £23.50 covers coach fare, driver's tip & entry to gardens.

Fully booked.

Questions/Bookings?

See Heather at the Gardening Desk at the monthly meetings or phone.

Heather Brickwood – 01268 743838

LOCAL HISTORY

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

<http://lhgu3arayleigh.blogspot.com>

Wednesday 15th June

A tour of buildings of historical and archaeological interest in Billericay. Meet 10.00am at Billericay railway station, Radford Way, CM12 0BP
£2 per head.

Please note revised times for Thaxted visit on Wednesday 21st September. We leave Kirby's depot at 08.00am, Webster's Way at 08.10 and Rayleigh Station at 08.15.

Book visits with Heather Flemmings at monthly U3A meetings,
email heatherfl@lineone.net
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

THEATRE GROUP I

Not a great amount of news this month. The trip to The Mill at Sonning for 30th June is now fully booked and all 49 of us are looking forward to a lovely day out.

Your departure times are: Kirby's Depot 9 a.m., Webster's Way 9.05, Rayleigh Station 9.10 and Wickford 9.20. These times are approximate.

Some of us will be going to see "Les Miserables" on the 14th September. More information on this soon.

The Christmas Spectacular at Thursford is now finalised for 26 people, staying overnight at the Wensum Valley Hotel.

Luggage labels can be obtained from Jean. A reminder that our next meeting will be on

Friday, July 15th at 10.30 a.m. in the W.I. Hall. Jean and Helena will be looking forward to seeing you.

Jean Mackenzie – 01268 510570 Mob: 07719800733

Helena Maxwell – 01268 772061 Mob: 07952574907

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, 8th June, Wednesday, 13th July, Wednesday, 10th August, Wednesday, 7th September.

Kay Nevin – 01268 780855

TENPIN BOWLING

Sorry to all my Tenpin Group for missing the May Newsletter. I would like to welcome another two new members to our group - Roy and Maureen Lewis.

We had a first time winner in Doreen Jones. Other winners were John Capel and Steve Webb. Pam Lewis is moving to Norfolk and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her support. Pam has been with the group since our first meeting in 2008.

Our next meeting will be on the 14th June at CJs Hockley at 2pm.

Alan Hudson – 01702 202158

HEADLINES AND ACTIVITIES

FAMILY HISTORY STUDY DAY

This will take place on Wednesday, 19th October at Saxon Hall. The price is £12.50 which represents excellent value. Tickets on sale at monthly meetings.

Pete Huntly - Study Day Coordinator

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ICE NUMBERS

There are still a few ICE (In Case of Emergency) cards left. If you would like one please enquire at the Information Desk.

SOME VISITS AND EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Wednesday, 19th October – Family History Study day. Tickets £12.50
Tickets now on sale.

Saturday, 26th November – A Quiz Night will be held at Trinity Hall on 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 19th August Hatfield House Country Show
Tickets all sold

Wedn'day, 28th September Visit to Rye
Tickets all sold

Wednesday, 19th October Family History Study Day - £12.50
(see programme). **Tickets on sale now**

Saturday, 26th November Quiz Night, £4
Tickets on sale at July meeting

