

The University of the Third Age

RAYLEIGH



NOVEMBER

Learning for Fun With 'Third Age University'

An organisation that encourages older people to experience the pleasure of learning for fun and by choice.

The University of the Third Age – or “U3A” as it is known - is committed to real lifelong learning. It is not a conventional university but a group of like minded people who are retired or semi retired and are looking to pursue new interests. Members share their knowledge and experience by meeting in groups, often in private homes and gain further enjoyment by visits to explore a chosen subject and who wish to take the opportunity to make new friends.

Welcome to our November Meeting. We are delighted that sixty four people came to our inaugural meeting in October and 43 people took up membership of the Rayleigh U3A. We were pleased that Mark Francois MP for Rayleigh attended and wished us great success and has officially invited us to visit The House of Commons in the spring. (to be arranged later).

SPEAKER

Our interesting and informative guest speaker this month is Stuart James (Financial Director) who is going to tell us all about the history of Essex's own Tiptree Jams.

GROUPS

During the refreshment break **members** will find tables showing new groups starting this month. Please speak to the person at the table and put your names down as soon as possible. If we have more than the required number for one group then we will have two – simple! Groups are Essex Churches; Bird Watching; Digital Photography; Gardening with visits to gardens; Walking (two groups – Striders and Pacers); Scrap Booking; Family History; Acoustic Guitar and more.....

There will be **no meeting in December** but our first meeting of 2008 will be on **Friday 4th January at 2pm**. We look forward to seeing you all then when we will enjoy musical entertainment and refreshments plus the introduction of some exciting new groups for you to consider joining in the New Year.

JOIN NOW

Our Membership Secretary Irene Carter is waiting to accept your completed forms for membership till January 2009 for only £14. This covers administration and meeting expenses and you will receive a newsletter and a quarterly magazine.

GUESTS

We welcome guests to our monthly meetings at a charge of £2(includes refreshments)

Please remember to sign our Welcome Book at every meeting

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