



Rayleigh News

University of The Third Age

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FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Members,

Welcome to our November Newsletter. As you are aware we do not have a formal meeting in December so please note that our first meeting for 2010 will be held on Friday 8th January when our speaker Colin Banks' subject will be 'Man of Hats'.

The Committee is delighted with the response for tickets to our Christmas Lunch at Saxon Hall on Friday 4th December. Please make your cheques payable to Rayleigh U3A and hand into our Ticket Desk at this month's meeting together with your completed application form indicating your choice of menu. Our entertainment will be, after their resounding success last year, our very own Acoustic Guitar Group and our Singing for Health and Pleasure Group.

Thank you to Sue Taylor, Group Co-ordinator, Group Leaders and Group Members who so successfully staged the October Meeting showing the progress and expansion of ideas from the last Group Presentation Day.

This month we have members of the Committee and Group Leaders attending two important meetings on your behalf. The first being The East of England Regional Meeting discussing regional development and the legal and financial aspects of running a U3A and the Association of Essex U3As Meeting for over twenty U3A's to plan and discuss an Essex Group Presentation Day in 2010. There will be feedback for members in our January Newsletter.

Rayleigh U3A has had a fantastic year of growth in membership and groups. We have successfully helped start a sister U3A at Rayleigh Grange which is going from strength to strength. We have a varied programme of speakers, trips and events organised and supported by an outstanding Committee and informed supportive membership.

Enjoy the seasonal festivities and look forward to a rewarding and interesting 2010 as a member of Rayleigh U3A. Please note the Renewal of Membership Form is included in this Newsletter.

Maureen

Chair Rayleigh U3A

Group Co-ordinators News

Group Presentations

I would like to personally thank all the Group Leaders and their various members who made such a fantastic effort to display information etc. about their groups at our monthly meeting. It was a brilliant effort by all concerned with all the various posters and cards etc. promoting what your groups have been doing over the time they have been up and running. I have had nothing but very good and positive feedback from all members I have been in contact with since. Once again thank you all very much indeed for all your efforts and help on the day.

Singing for Health & Pleasure

I am pleased to inform you that the group is continuing very happily and will be performing once again, at our Christmas Dinner. I am sure there are a few places available if anyone would like to go along and join this very friendly group, I am sure you will be made welcome. Please call me if you are interested. 01268 786405

Drama

Joanne has received a good response and several members have put their names forward to join this new group. They will have their initial meeting in January and the date will be announced at the next meeting.

Computing

This group is on hold until the New Year. I am planning to contact Rayleigh Grange to see if we can have a joint group. I hope this will help boost numbers and hopefully with someone coming forward with some experience/expertise to offer the group. If you do have any computer experience and would like to join this group, please contact Keith Dunt on 01702 201747 or myself on 01268 786405.

Serendipity

I am going to arrange a date for all those people who are waiting patiently to join the second group. I will be contacting everyone on the list over the next few weeks with a date for everyone to get together and discuss the way forward. Please contact me if you are not on the list and would like to put your name down. 01268 786405

New Activity List Layout

As you are now aware we have changed the layout of our Activity List. It is being updated each month but please contact your group leader if you have not attended a group meeting for several weeks, just in case there are other changes. You can see from this new layout there are some days that have far less activity than others and for any new groups starting up we can try to use these "less used" days.

Don't forget we are always looking for Group Leaders. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a leader.

Sue Taylor
Group Coordinator

NEWS FROM OUR GROUP LEADERS

Calligraphy Group

There was an overwhelming show of interest for our newly formed group at the October meeting. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate all those who would like to join us. Therefore, I will keep the waiting list and contact people in order as places become available. We will not be meeting in December, so hopefully, some new friends will be able to join us in January.

Irene Tyson 01268 742942

Wine Appreciation

At the October meeting we had two experts from Majestic Wines inviting us to sample their eight favourite wines. This gave us the opportunity to appreciate wines that none of the class had previously tasted, or for some, even heard of. These tastings certainly extended our knowledge of wine. At the conclusion we were able to order our preferred wines at discounted prices.

As there are frequently several of the wine group members away on holiday we can accommodate a few more people for this class. If you are interested and would like to hear more, ring Harry.

Dates of our meetings, all Tuesdays, are:-

10th November, 8th December, January - no meeting, 9th February, 9th March & 6th April

All 7.30pm start with a 9.30pm finish

All meetings are held at the Guides Hall, Hockley

Cost £6 per meeting

Harry Brickwood 01268-743838

Gardening Group

Garden Report for November

All members of the Rayleigh U3A are regarded as being members of the Gardening Group

Garden Visits 2010

Beth Chatto & Tudor Roost

Monday 14th June

Our first call will be Tudor Roost which is a private garden near Fingringhoe. This has a ¼ acre garden which is densely planted for all year round colour from its plants, climbers, shrubs and trees. Beth Chatto's garden needs no introduction, just to say that I am sure you will enjoy the visit.

Norfolk Holiday

Sunday/Monday 8/9 August

We will visit five gardens which are all very different, an Exotic garden, a large immaculate private garden, a garden with one of the best views in England, the garden at Corpusty Mill has many unusual features and follies while the Old Vicarage at East Ruston has one of the best gardens in England.

Booking forms for both these events are available at the Gardening desk at the November meeting

If you cannot get to the meeting give Heather a call – 01268 743838 - and she will send you a booking form.

Heather Brickwood 01268 743838

Local History Group

We had an enjoyable meeting on 16th October and it was especially good to see a "full house". David Fryer-Kelsey and David Carlton (Social History), with some of his members, gave very informative talks on the activities of the last year and the plans for the 2010 itinerary.

Our Walthamstow Gunpowder trip soon filled up and there was a reserve list. We have now arranged with Walthamstow to split into two groups where 24 can go on the land train while the other 24 look at the exhibition etc. and vice versa. We are, therefore, able to accommodate members from the reserve list and now have some more places available.

Our meeting at the Cloisters in February is almost up to the 50 limit, with only about 4 places left. As always, if you want to book for the above or pay any outstanding monies we will have our table at the back of the hall at the monthly meetings.

Thank you for all your support on what has been an enjoyable year, we were lucky on all our trips with the weather and as David said, that's the only thing we cannot guarantee for you next year!

Heather Flemmings 01702 204943

David Fryer-Kelsey 01702 203455

Ten Pin Bowling

Twenty-three of our tenpin bowling group were present at CJ'S for our October meeting. A great time was had by all and our winners this month were Brian Lambert, John Capel and Ann Reville.

The next bowling will be on November 10th at CJ'S in Hockley at 2pm

Alan Hudson 01702 202158

Please remember to look on the Notice Board in the Underspire Room for any further news/ photos and other group information.

HEADLINES FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Book Stall and Bring and Buy

Our Book Stall continues to thrive with the proceeds going towards speakers and administration costs for our U3A. Thank you to Doris and Brian Lambert for their efforts in making this popular part of our monthly meetings a success. This has become an integral part of our meetings and would be sorely missed without their help in continuing to run the stall.

Reminder - Parking at Holy Trinity

Please remember to always display a **U3A CAR PARK CARD** on the dashboard of your car when parking in the Church Car Park for our monthly meetings. If the car park is full please use the Council Car Parks. If you do not have a **U3A Car Park Card** please ask for one from Brian Kersey, Vice Chair of Rayleigh U3A.

The Holy Trinity Car Park is only be used by our members when attending a Meeting held at Holy Trinity. If you are attending a meeting at Stratford House or another venue in Rayleigh you are **not allowed** to use the Holy Trinity Car Park. Please adhere to these requests from the Rector. Thank you.

U3A - Nationally - "What's going on?"

November - Annual U3A meeting at the National Institute of Medical Research
Shared Learning Project at the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology
See Notice Board for further details of the above.

Some visits and events to look forward to

Christmas Dinner – Friday, 4th December

Tickets cost £21.50 and there are a few tickets remaining. For full details please see the Notice Board and enquire at the Ticket Desk.

Lunch with an Antiques expert, Auctioneer and Valuer – Friday, 29th January, 2010

Tickets cost £15.00 and have been on sale since the October meeting. For further details please see the Notice Board and enquire at the Ticket Desk.

New Trip - Olympic London - Thursday, 18th February, 2010

A visit has been arranged for next February to see the tremendous scale of developments that are transforming a neglected area of London's East End into a series of world class venues for the 2012 London Olympics. In just three years time one billion people will be looking at the transformation of the London we shall see on that day. The cost of our fully guided day trip will include morning coffee and biscuits as well as a roast beef lunch. After meeting our guide in Stratford for coffee and biscuits in a lovely pub we shall drive over Pudding Mill & Fish Island in the lower Lea Valley and although we won't be allowed entry into the Olympic Park we shall stop at a canny viewing point for a view. The vast stadium is due for completion this Autumn so we shan't just see the foundations.

Nearby the aquatic centre is taking shape and should be ready late next Spring. It will be a fascinating morning and real eye opener. In addition to seeing the 2012 venues we shall hear the entertaining and enlightening story of the first two London Olympics of 1908 and 1948. There are some great stories to tell.

Back to Stratford town centre for a roast lunch with all the trimmings. We shall be able to buy hot drinks or bar drinks and if we have room will be able to order desserts (which are not included in the cost) from the specials on the blackboard.

Following lunch, in the afternoon we shall drive through the ever changing landscape of the Royal Docks to see sights such as the Sir Steve Redgrave Bridge and Excel which needs no further construction work to host the Boxing, Judo, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Table Tennis and Taekwondo. Then we shall cross the Thames for an interesting little drive out to see the longest parade ground in the world, then over to the Woolwich Barracks where some of the shooting events will be held. Finally, we shall stop at the North Greenwich Arena, which is the old Dome - now known as the O2. In October the O2 hosted the World Gymnastic Championships and London faced its first test in putting on a global event in an Olympic sport. At the end of our tour at the Dome we shall have the opportunity of stopping for a cup of tea rounding off an exciting day before heading for home by 4.45p.m.

Tickets will be on sale at the November monthly meeting and will cost £27 a head including driver's and guide's gratuities. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like a place on this trip please send your cheque made payable to Rayleigh U3A to Janet Carlton, 35 Curlew Crescent, Basildon, SS16 5HR. As the allocation of places is strictly on a first come, first served basis and members attending the meeting will take priority over postal applications, please mark the envelope "Olympic London" and the envelopes will be opened after the meeting. Thank you.

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, 4th December - Christmas Lunch - See Notice Board and enquire at Ticket Desk.

Friday, 29th January - Antiques Lunch - See Notice Board and enquire at Ticket Desk.

Thursday, 18th February - Olympic London – See page 5 for further information.

Tickets on sale at November meeting

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

Janet Carlton,
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Tel: 01268 452791

janetcarlton@blueyonder.co.uk.
To arrive no later than 15th December, 2009

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RAYLEIGH U3A WEBSITE

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January Meeting -Friday, 8th January, 2010

2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Speaker - Colin Banks - "Man of Hats"

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Treat the Earth well ..it was not given
to us by our parents .. it was lent to us
by our children.

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Activity List – November 2009						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Art I – Water Colours Visiting Essex Churches I & IV	3 Bird Watching Singing for Health & Pleasure Tai Chi	4 Art II– Water & Oil Cross Stitch/Crochet Walking I	5 Yoga	6 U3A MONTHLY MEETING	7	8
9 Family History (Beginners)	10 Midweek Dining II Singing for Health & Pleasure, Tai Chi Ten Pin Bowling Wine Appreciation (Evenings)	11 Art II– Water & Oil Aviation Family History II (Group 1)	12 Serendipity Yoga	13 History I – (Local History) Latin	14	15
16 Visiting Essex Churches II & III	17 Bird Watching Digital Photography Dining Group II Singing for Health & Pleasure Tai Chi	18 Archaeology Art II – Water & Oil Calligraphy Debating Visiting Essex Churches V	19 Scrapbooking Theatre (Thursford Trip) Yoga	20 Theatre (Thursford Trip)	21	22 Sunday Lunch Group II
23 Gardening Scrabble	24 Dining Group I Singing for Health & Pleasure Tai Chi	25 Art II – Water & Oil Music Appreciation Family History II (Group 2)	26 Art Appreciation Book Reading I Family History III History II- (Social) Yoga	27 Computing Latin Theatre Walking II	28	29
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Serendipity – Contact Leader – Various dates each month . **Theatre** – Contact Leader – Various dates each month – usually Fridays

This timetable is correct at time of printing but please always check with your group leader as to the date of your next meeting

GROUP LEADERS

Acoustic Guitar	Vera Ward	01268 755040	Holiday Group	Brian Kersey & Barbara Dale	01268 743959
Archaeology	Ian Haynes	01268 779749	Latin	Dave Filby	01268 770023
Art Appreciation	Barbara Curry	01268 775460	Music Appreciation	Les Geales	01702 206966
Art I – Water Colours	Sylvia Lester	01268 774201	Scrabble	Maureen Huntly	01268 777398
Art II – Waters/Oils	David Taylor	01268 777952	Scrapbooking	Janet Carlton	01268 452791
Aviation	Phil Gendall	01268 750324	Serendipity – Experiences/ Discoveries around London	Linda and David Clarke	01702 204559
Bird Watching	Laurie Denney	01702 615370	Singing for Health & Pleasure	Marjorie Sale	01702 346175
Book Reading I	Joyce Green	01268 771263	Sunday Lunch Club I	Maureen Goss	01268 777681
Book Reading II	Doreen Blake	01268 774871	Sunday Lunch Club II	Sue Barrows	01268 776775
Calligraphy	Irene Tyson	01268 742942	Tai Chi	Sue Taylor	01268 786405
Computing	Keith Dunt	01702 201747	Ten Pin Bowling	Alan/Gill Hudson	01702 202158
Cross Stitch & Crochet	Jackie Lewis	01245 401123	Theatre	Jean McKenzie & Helena Maxwell	01268 510570
Debating	Maureen Huntly	01268 777398	Visiting Essex Churches (Group I)	Marian Allen	01268 772061
Digital Photography	Brian Kersey	01268 743959	(Group II)	Audrey Morris	01268 743339
Dining Group I	June Morris	01702 527506	(Group III)	Brenda Perrott	01268 771644
Dining Group II	Marion & Laurie Wretham	01702 555783	(Group IV)	Liz Denney	01702 615370
Drama	Joanne Baker	01268 742252	(Group V)	Maureen Turner	01268 750967
Family History – Beginners	Terry Taylor	01268 786405	Walking I	Roger Baker	01702 331166/ 07867 588879
Family History I	Sue Taylor	01268 786405	Walking II	Les Poole	01268 773174
Family History II	Val Taylor	01702 206416	Wine Appreciation	Harry Brickwood	01268 743838
Family History III	Barbara Dale	01268 772018	Yoga	Suzanne Middleton	01268 743838
French	Terri Gouldsmith	01268 562803			01702 557389
Gardening	Heather Brickwood /Linda Clarke	01268 743838			
Golf	Kay Nevin	01702 204559			
History I – Local	Heather Flemmings	01268 780855			
Social History	David Fryer-Kelsey	01702 204943			
	David Carlton	01268 452791			

Rayleigh U3A
Membership Renewal 2010

The membership fee due 1st February 2010 is £20 per person. To renew your membership please complete this form and send it with your cheque to the Membership Secretary.

Membership will deem to have lapsed if renewal application forms are not received by the Membership Secretary by 28th February 2010.

Please note that you may be asked to produce your Membership Card when attending meetings and joining groups.

BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Title **First name** **Surname**

Mr _____

Mrs _____

Ms _____

Address _____

Post code _____

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Please renew my/our membership of Rayleigh University of the Third Age

I enclose my/our cheque payable to Rayleigh U3A for £

Signed

Date

Please list all Groups you are attending with the Group Leader's name

Please let us have your ideas for new Group subjects/trips or visits.

Please return  to:-

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