



Rayleigh U3A's first Study Day
(see page 10)

This Month's Meeting

Thursday, 3rd November, 2011
2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Tony Appleton

"35 years being photographed
with the rich and famous"

Rayleigh U3A Website – www.rayleighu3a.org.uk
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RALEIGHSMEN

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 I; 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; Tempin 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,

Congratulations to Group Co-ordinator Sue Taylor and her team who planned the Group Presentation Day in October. Also to all the Group Leaders and their helpers who put on such wonderful displays from Flower Arranging, Calligraphy and Essex Churches to Family History and Singing for Health and Pleasure. Well done to you all.

Our first Family History Study Day took place at Saxon Hall on Wednesday 19th October. The day included a programme of celebrated Guest Speakers talking about 'The Future of Genealogy on the Internet', 'The Census' and "Using Newspapers to trace your Family History". There was an exhibition of Family History material and a raffle with prizes amounting to over £400 in value. Congratulations to Pete, our Study Day Co-ordinator and his team of Family History enthusiasts.

In September Pete and I represented Rayleigh U3A at the National Conference in Nottingham. I was hoping to tell you all about it at this month's meeting but I have had an operation on my foot so I am not able to attend this month. However, as you will see, I have written a report telling you about the Conference which will give you some indication as to how enjoyable and worthwhile it was for us to attend.

On Saturday, 26th November we are holding a Christmas Quiz at the Holy Trinity Hall. Tickets are £4 per person and we are looking to form twelve teams of eight – a fun night for all. Not many tickets left.

Our Christmas Lunch & Musical Cabaret is to take place at Saxon Hall on Friday 2nd December. Tickets are £25 and include free raffle, table prizes, entertainment and pre-lunch drink.

There are a few tickets still on sale for the Book Tour Coach Trip on 21st March, 2012. Please apply to Secretary, Maureen Hayes, for any of the Event Tickets on 01702 473110 or, alternatively, apply by post to Maureen with a cheque made payable to Rayleigh U3A and send to 14 Agnes Avenue, Leigh on Sea, SS9 3SX.

On Friday, 24th February we have our Annual Speaker Lunch. Tickets are £17.50 for a two course lunch and the guest speaker is the acclaimed author and public speaker Mr. Fran Sandham. (See details in this Newsletter).

I am sure you take great delight in reading this Newsletter every month and look forward to hearing about Group News, forthcoming events and contact details

GROUP LEADERS

Acoustic Guitar	Vera Ward	01268 775040	Laptop Computing II		
Antiques/Collectables				Claire Dawson	01268 786918
	Sheila Read	01268 778926	Latin	Dave Filby	01268 770023
Archaeology	Ian Haynes	01268 779749	Music Apprec'n	Les Geales	01702 206966
Art Appreciation	Barbara Curry	01268 775460	Poetry	Doreen Bodey	01268 733616
Art I-Water Cols.	Sylvia Lester	01268 774201	Real Ale Group	Dave Filby	01268 770023
Bird Watching	Laurie Denney	01702 615370	Scrabble	Margaret Bristow	
Book Reading	Doreen Blake	01268 774871			01268 747639
Book Reading II	Marian Allen	01268 743339	Serendipity I	Linda & David Clarke	
Calligraphy	Irene Tyson	01268 742942			01702 204559
Canasta	Chris & Dave Towell		Serendipity II	Pam & Keith Dunt	01702 201747
		01268 528937	Serendipity III	Pat & John Pomfrett	
Ceramics	Brenda Perrott	01268 779590			01702 230253
Crib Club	David Sheffield	01268 743586	Serendipity IV	Sue & Mike Cairns	01268 743497
Digital Photog'y	Brian Kersey	01268 743959		Maureen Hayes	01702 473110
Dining Group I	Margaret Bristow	01268 747639		& Peter Britton	01268 777525
Dining Group II	Marion & Laurie Wrentham		Singing for Health & Pleasure		
		01702 555783		Marjorie Sale	01702 346175
Discussions on Points of View			S. Lunch Club I	Maureen Goss	01268 777681
	John Edwards	01268 747208	Tai Chi (J)	Sue Taylor	01268 786405
Drama	Joanne Baker	01268 742252	Tenpin Bowling	Alan Hudson	01702 202158
Family History Beginners				Bob Wren	01702 525311
	Terry Taylor	01268 786405	Theatre	Jean Mackenzie	01268 510570
Family History I	Sue Taylor	01268 786405		Helena Maxwell	01268 772061
Family History II	Pete Huntly	01268 777398	Theatre II	Sandra Wilson	01268 775184
Family History III	Barbara Dale	01268 772018	V.I.P.	Liz & Laurie Denney	
Flower Arr'ging	Irene Stokes	01268 774564			01702615370
Gardening Slide Shows			Visiting Essex Churches:		
	Linda Clarke	01702 204559	Group I	Marian Allen	01268 743339
Gardening (Propagating)			Group II	Elizabeth Baker	01702 331166
	Harry Brickwood	01268 743838	Group III	Brenda Perrott	01268 779590
Golf	Kay Nevin	01268 780855	Group IV	Jan Churchiill	01702 510296
History - Local	Heather Flemings	01702 204943	Group V (J)	Maureen Turner	01268 750967
	D. Fryer-Kelsey	01702 203455	Walking I	Roger Baker	01702 331166
History - Social	David Carlton	01268 452791			07867 588879
Industrial Awareness			Walking II	Les Poole	01268 773174
	Janet Carlton	01268 452791	Wine Apprec'n	Harry Brickwood	01268 743838
Keep Fit	Janet Carlton	01268 452791	Yoga	Suzanne Middleton	
Knit & Natter	Doreen Oliver	01268 743082			01702 557389
Lap Top Computing I			(J) = Joint with Rayleigh Grange		
	Frank Bodey	01268 733616			

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

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**To arrive no later than
Monday, 5th December**

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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 5th January, 2012
2.00 p.m - 4.00 p.m

Mel Rees

"My Family and Other Set Backs"

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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etc. Editorial Team, David and Janet Carlton work very hard to produce it every month so that it reaches your front door or on your email just before the monthly meeting. The Committee would like to recruit and train a member/members of the Rayleigh U3A to cover their roles when they are away on holiday so the membership will not be without the Newsletter. So please, if you have the skills, expertise and time to help then contact our Committee Secretary Maureen Hayes on 01702 473110 for further details.

Sincerely,

Maureen – Chair, Rayleigh U3A

NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

In September my husband Pete and I had the privilege of representing you at the Annual Conference and AGM of the Third Age Trust, the U3A's national body, held at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham University.

It was good to meet members of so many U3As from across the UK from small communities in the Highlands of Scotland to one of the largest, Poole U3A in Dorset with 1600 members and a membership fee of £38 per year! It made me realise what an amazing organization we all belong to that encourages us to achieve personal fulfillment and empowerment and to keep active and independent resulting in increased confidence, improved health and well being both mentally and physically.

The theme was "Celebration" and to appreciate how the Trust is run and seeks to meet members' needs. Members of the Trust gave readings from some of the 140 submissions from the membership telling of their experiences in U3A. Moving stories of how U3A had helped them cope with retirement, loneliness, bereavement and other major changes to their lives plus making the most of retirement having fun and making friends whilst learning.

A well thought out Conference programme allowed more than 200 delegates to compare notes with other U3As giving us the opportunity to attend some of the ten different themed discussion groups on aspects of running a U3A.

Baroness Estelle Morris, the Labour peer and former Education Secretary, was the first of five speakers. She gave a passionate talk on “Education for All”. Interestingly, both she and Professor John Benyon, who later spoke on “Learning and the Ageing Society”, referred to an experimental programme that is bringing low-key learning into Care Homes.

The ever enthusiastic Professor Heinz Wolff had us in stitches with his talk “Anybody want to go to Mars - How, When and Why?” especially with his diagrams of how a lavatory would work in zero-gravity!

Professor Peter Kalmus gave the most challenging talk of the Conference. “Particles and the Universe”. This topic provoked a lot discussion. “Just because you can’t find something, it doesn’t mean it’s not there” said Professor Kalmus, as he explained about the Hadron Collider and neutrinos which (as I understand it) whizz through the ether and pass through solid objects – even your bed when you’re sleeping in it!

The final speaker was Dr Eric Midwinter, one of the founders of the U3A, with a rousing talk entitled “Look Back in Wonder”. He looked back over the last 30 years and the successful growth of our movement quoting the Encyclopædia Britannica. “The U3A is one of the largest movements for libertarian education in Europe” – from only 200,000 pensioners in 1981 being involved in any activity, the U3A now has over 700,000 active members. He stressed the importance of U3As for intellectual and social delight. “We are activists”, he said, adding, “We are inventing our own destiny”. This echoed Estelle Morris’ assertion that childhood dreams needn’t be behind us.

His aim of having a U3A within 5 miles or 20 minutes of every Third Ager has largely been achieved. This overcame negative comments such as “You’ll never start a U3A around here – it’s full of old people!” Eric maintained that stimulus and companionship summed up the U3A. He was given a standing ovation as the Conference was brought to a rousing end.

Maureen & Pete Huntly

**Chair and Gift Aid/Study Day Co-ordinator
& Trustees of Rayleigh U3A**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 26th Nov.

Quiz Night, £4 per person

Tickets now on sale

Friday, 2nd Dec.

Christmas Lunch and Musical Cabaret

£25

Tickets now on sale

(see separate menu sheet included in last month's Newsletter)

Friday, 24th Feb. 2012

Annual Speaker Lunch, £17.50

Tickets now on sale

Wednesday, 21st March, 2012

London Book Club Tour, £28.50

Tickets now on sale

ADVANCED NOTICE OF AUTUMN SOCIAL EVENTS

Grand Christmas Quiz

To be held at Trinity Hall on Saturday
26th November, 2011, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Teams of 8
Tickets £4 per person. Maximum of 12 teams
Lucky Ticket Prizes and Fun Games
Team Prizes

Hosted by David Lutterloch

Christmas Lunch

To be held at Saxon Hall on Friday, 2nd December, 2011
12 noon for 12.30 pm

Tickets £25.00 - including Gratuities for Staff

Pre Dinner Drink, Free Raffle and Table Prizes

Three-course meal

Musical Entertainment by Pete George – Singer and all round
Entertainer

(SEE SEPARATE MENU SHEET INCLUDED WITH OCTOBER NEWSLETTER)

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

GROUP CO-ORDINATOR'S NEWS

Group Presentations - Thank you all for the efforts and hard work you put in which made this afternoon such a great success. I have received lots of good feedback and hope you all enjoyed seeing what many of our groups are doing each year. A big thank you also to Brenda Perrott, Irene Tyson, Irene Stokes, Marjorie Sale and Rayleigh Grange Singing group for their displays and demonstrations throughout the afternoon. I know there was a lot of interest and members have said how much they enjoyed seeing the "hands on" demos and being able to listen to the choirs.

Canasta - The initial meeting for this went extremely well with a large turnout. Chris and Dave even managed to finish the evening with a few hands being played.

Lap Top II - Thank you to Claire Dawson who is to be the new Group Leader with help from Carol Cowling, and thank you to Doreen Blake for hosting the meeting each month. The initial meeting has now been held and regular meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each month. For further information please contact Claire on 01268 786918.

Poetry - Thank you to Doreen Bodey for becoming Group Leader. Doreen kindly offered to start this new group and they had their initial meeting on the 18th October. More news to follow. If you are interested in any aspect of poetry and are thinking of joining this group please contact Doreen pm 01268 733616.

**Sue Taylor – Group Co-ordinator susan.taylor106@tesco.net
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NEWS FROM OUR GROUP LEADERS

TEN PIN BOWLING

The cups for September were won by Graham Godfrey, Sid Sharod and Peter Goodwin. Our October meeting turned out to be a very high-scoring afternoon. Alan Brown with a brilliant 168, Roy Lewis with his highest score - 109 - and Maureen Brown with her highest of the year - 102. After checking the overall scores, the cups were won by Alan Brown, Graham Godfrey and Peter Goodwin.

Our November meeting will be at CJs in Hockley at 2pm.

Alan Hudson – 01702 202158

SOCIAL HISTORY

The inaugural meeting for a second Social History group will be held in November. If you are interested in joining this new group please contact me

David Carlton – 01268 452791
davidcarlton@blueyonder.co.uk

LOCAL HISTORY

Get all the latest details of the group on our blog.
<http://lhgu3arayleigh.blogspot.com>

On **Friday, 16th December** we have arranged a talk at Southchurch Hall about Christmas in Tudor times. 10.30am to 12.00. £2.50 per head. Will all those who have booked please pay at the U3A November meeting.

Paul Taylor will give a talk illustrated with slides about the “Southern Belle”, W.I. Hall on **Thursday, 22nd March, 2012.**

“Southern Belle” was a charabanc which took parishioners on an extensive mystery tour of surrounding areas. Very good pictures of locations/scenery and the people on the charabanc wherever it stopped. 10.00am to 12.00
£4 per head to include tea/coffee/biscuits.

Wed., 18th April sees us at the Chelmsford Museum in Oaklands Park. This contains the Bright Sparks exhibition about Chelmsford industry, also the story of Chelmsford from the Ice Age showing how people lived. Then there is the Essex Regiment Museum showing its history from its origins in 1881. All housed in a beautiful Victorian house in 12 acres of parkland. Option to adjourn to Hylands Hall afterwards for tea/coffee.
£1 per head. 10.30am onwards.

Coach trip to Sutton Hoo and Woodbridge on **Wed., 16th May**. First stop Woodbridge where you may visit the various attractions, eat, drink and shop. Then to Sutton Hoo where a café is available. Entry to exhibition/visit Tranmer House/walk around site – your choice.
Leave Kirbys at 08.00am. £19.50 per head or £13 for National Trust members.

Book visits with Heather Flemmings, monthly U3A meetings, email 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 payable to Rayleigh U3A please.

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

THEATRE GROUP I

Five of our group joined with members from Theatre Group 2 to attend a concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday, 9th October.

USED STAMPS FOR THE RNIB

Please save all your British and Foreign stamps over Christmas for the RNIB and place them in the box by the notice boards after Christmas.

Many thanks - **Doreen Little**

FRONT PAGE PHOTO



Members pictured at our U3A's first Study Day. The event took place at Saxon Hall and the theme was Family History. Three speakers attended during the day all speaking on different aspects of Family History. The day was a

resounding success and enjoyed by all and has set a precedent for future Study Days.

U3A DIARIES

Please note that U3A Diaries for 2012 are now on sale at the Reception Desk at a cost of £2.00.

DEADLINE DATE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Please note that due to the Xmas and New Year holiday shut downs, the deadline date for anything you would like included in the January Newsletter is Monday, 5th December. Please contact me if you have any queries - Tel: 01268 452791.

Thank you - Janet Carlton - Newsletter Editor

Family History Study Day – Saxon Hall – 19th October, 2011

A very successful and enjoyable day was attended by 125 U3A members with representatives from Rayleigh, Rayleigh Grange, Basildon & Billericay, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Hullbridge and Thorpe Bay U3A's.

Peter Christian, author of the best-selling book "The Genealogist's Internet" published by the National Archives, spoke about "The Future of Internet Genealogy". This illustrated the ever increasing amount of information which is now available and more easily accessible.

Meryl Catty and Audrey Gillett presented an entertaining account of a census enumerator interviewing a householder in 1851, which illustrated the conditions at the time and why we can't always find our ancestors in the records and when we do the information needs to be treated with caution.

After lunch Meryl Catty spoke about our rich newspaper heritage with amusing historical snippets from a number of newspapers.

The day included an exhibition of family history material prepared by members of the Rayleigh and Rayleigh Grange Family History Groups and a raffle was held with prizes donated by many of the major commercial companies including "Find My Past", "The Genealogist" and "Genes Reunited". Other prizes included a year's membership to the Society of Genealogists and subscriptions to three of the major monthly Family History magazines.

The day concluded with a question and answer session.

Pete Huntly – Study Day Co-ordinator

Faiths and Beliefs

The Speakers for the Faith and Belief Sessions commencing in January and taking place at the Womens' Institute Hall, Rayleigh have now been booked and include Ministers from local Christian denominations, the Salvation Army and the Seventh Day Adventists. There are still a few tickets remaining at £8 for all three sessions. Please send a cheque made payable to U3A together with a stamped addressed envelope to Marian Allen, 20 Crown Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HG or telephone for further information 01268 743339.'

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" and had a lovely afternoon.

Following our disappointment that "Betty Blue Eyes" has been withdrawn, we have booked "Ghost", the musical instead for 48 people on the **19th January, 2012**. We will be hiring a coach from Kirby's at a cost of £9.00 per person. This is to be confirmed and we request that this money be paid at the next meeting on **3rd November**. Please see Jean or Helena at that meeting to confirm the cost and pay.

Twenty-six of our Group are going to see the Thursford Christmas Spectacular on **29th November** staying overnight at the Wensum Valley Hotel outside Norwich.

Will all members booked for this trip please be at Kirby's depot by 8.45 a.m. Tickets for the show will be distributed on the coach. Any queries please contact Jean.

A reminder that our next Group meeting will be on Friday, **18th November** at 10.30 a.m. in the WI Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

**Jean Mackenzie – 01268
510570/07719800733**

**Helena Maxwell – 01268
772061/07952574907**

THEATRE GROUP II

A small group of members had a very successful trip to the Royal Albert Hall on the **9th October** to hear Vivaldi's "Four Seasons". Would those who went please see me at the next meeting on 3rd November for a travel cost refund.

Anyone going to see "Legally Blonde"/ "Warhorse" who has not paid the coach fare please do so by 3rd November. Please let me know your pickup point and if you want me to book Bistro 1 for lunch. The "Holly and the Ivy" tickets should

be available for collection by the next monthly meeting.

Sandra and Kathy wish everyone A Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.
Sandra and Kathy

Sandra Wilson – 01268 775184

Sandra.alanwilson@yahoo.com

WINE APPRECIATION

Meetings are held at the Guide Hall, Hockley and we meet monthly.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 15th November**, 7.30 pm start.

The format is that we taste four whites and four reds and we manage to get 18/20 samples out of each bottle.

Cost is £6 per evening which covers wine, hall hire and organisers' expenses.

There are a few vacancies for those interested in attending on a regular basis.

You will need two wine glasses (one for white and one for red) goblet or tulip shaped, a jug for residues, dry biscuits, cheese (cheddar), water and serviettes or tea cloth.

Dates for our next meetings are, all on Tuesdays, 6th December, 7th February, 13th March, 17th April, & 8th May. There is no meeting in January

If you have any questions please give me a call. **Harry Brickwood – 01268 743838**

RAYLEIGH U3A – 2012

HEADLINES AND ACTIVITIES

!!! IMPORTANT !!!

YOUR U3A MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012

The Application Form for the renewal of your U3A Membership for 2012 is included as an insert/e-mail attachment with this Newsletter. To remain a member in 2012 please ensure you complete it and return the whole form to me as soon as possible with a cheque made payable to Rayleigh U3A for the appropriate amount.

This will help considerably in avoiding a build-up of renewals and applications leading up to the Christmas period and will let us know you want to stay with us - we have a long waiting list for new members!!!!

Please note that the cheques will not be banked until January.

Many thanks.

Doreen Blake - Membership Secretary

OUR YEAR OF CELEBRATION FOR THE SPOKEN & WRITTEN WORD

ANNUAL SPEAKER LUNCH

'TRAVERSA'

A solo walk across Africa from the Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean

On 24th February, 2012 we welcome Author and Public Speaker, Mr. Fran Sandham, to speak at our Annual Speaker Lunch. The critically acclaimed author Fran took on the challenge of a lifetime by walking solo across Africa (at least solo apart from a disastrous donkey!!)

He had no backup, no support team, no one to carry his gear, no sponsors, no film crew, no journalists, no fuss, no cheering crowds and no string attached. Above all it was a one-way ticket – no safety nets, no get-out clauses and nothing to fall back on.

He is a lively and engaging speaker whose journey on foot across Africa needs to be heard to be believed. Further details www.traversa.co.uk

Join us to hear his incredible story at Saxon Hall on Friday, 24th February, 2012. The price of the ticket - £17.50 - includes a two course lunch with tea/coffee and mints, raffle and gratuities.

Tickets on sale at the November Meeting or please send a cheque for £17.50 made payable to Rayleigh U3A with a sae to:- Secretary: Maureen Hayes, 14 Agnes Avenue, Leigh on Sea, SS9 3SX. Tel: 01702 473110 with your menu choices as follows:-

Main Course

Lamb Roast or Scampi, Chips & peas or Vegetarian Option

Dessert

Trifle or Blackberry & Apple Crumble or Ice Cream

Tea/Coffee & Mints

It has given me great pleasure to organise our U3A Members Holiday for 2012 and I now invite you to join me on our

Cheshire Holiday 2012

A Coach holiday to Cheshire and North Wales staying in Chester at the Best Western Queens Hotel for four nights commencing Monday 17th September 2012. The cost is £378 per person for National Trust Members, plus an additional £50 for NON Members. There is also a single supplement of £80.(£20 per night)

(In the event a non U3A member accompanies a U3A member there will be an additional charge of £5 to cover insurance for that individual).

The price quoted above includes:

Travel by Kirbys coach throughout and use of Car Parking facilities at Kirbys yard whilst we are away..

4 nights' accommodation with breakfast and three course dinner each night

Excursions and entrances to the following =

National Trust properties :- Erddig, Dunham Massey, Quarry Bank Mill Estate and Shugborough

Single journey on the Llangollen railway, Boat trip over the Canal in the Sky (Pontcyslite Aqueduct)

Guided walking tour of Chester and afternoon tea at the Chester Grosvenor Hotel.

Optional Visit to the Coventry Museum of Transport and or Coventry Cathedral on outward journey.

Afternoon lunch/ light meal at Shrugborough on journey home

Gratuities, to driver, hotel and waiting staff and guides.

If you are interested in joining me please complete the attached booking form letting me have your deposit for £60 per person to secure a place on the holiday. I shall let you have details about paying the balance as soon as possible .

If you need any further information please contact me.

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Rayleigh U3A Holiday Booking form

Coach Holiday Cheshire and North Wales 17th/21st September 2012

To: Fred Carter
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Shotgate
Wickford SS11 8QX



Please reserve Place(s) on the above holiday, in accordance with the Prospectus attached the terms of which I/we accept, at a cost of £378 per person.

I am/am not a member of the National Trust

NB non-members enter NT properties at own expense approx. £50

I enclose a cheque for £..... (payable to Rayleigh U3A) being a deposit at the rate of £60 per person. we wish to be accommodated in a twin-bedded/double/ single occupancy room (please delete as applicable). Single occupancy rooms attract an £80 supplement.

I understand that I am/we are responsible for arranging our own travel insurance if required.

Please advise whether you have any specific dietary requirements:

Name/s.....

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Address.....

.....

Telephone.....

Mobile.....



Please give the name and tel. No. of somebody who may be contacted during the course of the holiday in case of emergency (this person should not also be on the holiday)

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Signed

(Person responsible for booking)