

Blackwater u3a Newsletter

June 2026



Displays by the Flower Arranging Group

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Reg. Charity No. 1113334

From the Chair

It is with some trepidation that I write this, my first monthly effort. My “performance” at the AGM wasn’t fantastic – I forgot my reading glasses (so I couldn’t read a thing on the carefully prepared changes to the constitution), I couldn’t get the microphone to work (and I can’t guarantee to improve on this over time), I had very little idea of what was expected (it has been a very, very long time since I chaired anything other than a family meeting, where nobody takes any notice of me in anyway), and the previous chair disappeared.....

I aim to do better, but I will require some time and some training, so bear with me over the next few months.

I’m not good at jokes, so those of you who were hoping for a little chuckle will be disappointed. I can tell you that I thoroughly enjoyed the talk on the beginnings of the SAS. I lived in Hereford in the early 90’s and everyone knew who were SAS by the desert boots and suntans. The usher to the courts (that was where I worked) doubled for the court martials which were held in secret in the dark reaches of the night. He would stumble into the building after a night of “hush, hush” hearings and promptly fall asleep as soon as the court was convened, to the annoyance of the clerk. My knowledge of the SAS was limited but one morning I arrived at the office early to find the place in lockdown with fully equipped men, complete with machine guns, guarding the front door, the stairs to the offices, the courtrooms and the roof, complete with helicopters circling. I had to prove I was me and they radioed ahead so their colleagues wouldn’t frisk me more than once on my way to the office. It was quite surreal, with “roger, roger” being whispered into mouthpieces all around us. We all thought it was hilarious, so much fuss (and no prior notification), because one of their number was up in court about arrears of child maintenance and he had expressed a desire to harm me rather than submit to a discussion.

Needless to say, he didn’t turn up to his hearing, so an arrest warrant was issued and I eventually interviewed him in the police cells, where he turned out to be no threat to anybody at all. He didn’t have any assets or money so there was nothing to be done.

My children found the idea of me having an armed presence at the court quite amazing - but this was the 1990’s!

Anyway, it takes me back to the very different world we used to live in. I dread to think how such an (almost daily) occurrence would be dealt with these days, though one would imagine trauma counselling, trained negotiators etc would be just the start....

Don't forget to be gentle with me for the next few meetings. I do still have contacts....

Chris Walker

Deadline for the July Newsletter

The deadline for the July Newsletter will be **Friday, 19th June,**

Please submit items in the usual way to Di Martin:

diironmar@btinternet.com

Treasurer's Request

When making payments by Bank Transfer please make payments for the following categories:

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Quoting: 'Theatre' / 'History' etc.

Payments by cheque should be made payable to 'Blackwater U3A'.

Payments can also be made at the Monthly Meetings by Debit/Credit Cards.

Thank you, *Chris Daines*

Support and Befriending Group

If you are in need of some help or support, please telephone one of the following numbers and they will try to put you in touch with someone who can help.

Dennis Eraut	01621 829758
Christine Wright	01621 853171
Roger Wilson	01621 842455

We have a short list of members who have offered to be called upon to provide help if needed but additional names would be much appreciated. If you would be prepared to provide very occasional assistance, please contact any of the above.

Membership Renewals

Thank you to all members who have renewed. If you have not yet received your email with your new membership card (or your physical card for those without email) please let me know.

If you have not renewed by the end of May your membership will lapse. After that time, you will not be able to attend any of the interest groups or the monthly meetings. The annual membership fee remains at £30.00 (£26.00 for those whose main membership is not Blackwater u3a). Please see the Treasurer's request in this newsletter for details of how to pay.

Please let me know if any of your details change during the year (e.g. address, phone number, emergency contact).

Gerry Davis

Membership Secretary

01621 843217 or send me an email via the link on the website (Contact – Committee and Newsletter – Membership secretary)

History and Science Group

We had a highly successful visit to Kentwell Hall and involved ourselves in the Tudor period. There must have been over 100 adults plus children acting their parts from showing us the rooms in the house to explaining the Tudor kitchen, dairy and brewing activities. Many of us were intrigued by the food preparation and the wide variety of spices and herbs available. Fortunately, a lot of the rooms in the house were open for viewing. The house was built in the 1480s and much of it now unaltered since about 1530, but some rooms were "improved " in 1825 in the Gothic style and then changed idiosyncratically since 1971 by the current owners.

There were huge mirror carp to see in the moat and wonderful "Pied Piper" topiary to see at the back of the house. The play George and the Dragon performed was a mixture of farce and pantomime and more suitable for children, but the May Day procession with May Queen was colourful with all the costumes. *Dennis Eraut*

On Tuesday 9th June we shall be meeting up at West Square for a 'Maldon Ale Trail' led by Stephen Nunn. There are still some vacancies for this walk which will take approximately two hours.

Contact Geoff Pugh on 07579028328 or email geoffreypugh@btinternet.com

In July we will be having a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament. There are just two places available for this. If you are interested let Geoff know as soon as possible. More details on our website.

Co-ordinators: Peter Holmes, Dennis Eraut and Geoff Pugh

Card and Board Games Group

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Linton Room from 2-4pm.

Co-ordinator: Sheila Rowsell 01621 740820

Art Appreciation Group

Sue Thompson kindly gave us the talk for April. She introduced us to the British landscape painter Albert Goodwin (1845-1932) who most of the group had not heard of so it was good to see just how good he could be although some of his paintings are rather dark now. He painted many water colours as well as oils and had a liking for buildings in the landscape with sunsets with reddish sky. He did live about the same time as Turner, so Sue gave us some interesting comparisons of their work. Ruskin the art critic was most impressed by him.

Our next meeting will be on the 23rd June at 2pm and at this moment is planned for another session with DVDs from Prof.Kloss on Renaissance Artists.

I hope to see you then and new people very welcome.

Co-ordinator: Dennis Eraut 01621 829758

Birding Group

We had a glorious morning at Abberton on the 1st May although The nightingales were not so obliging as they were on our previous visit to Fingringhoe last month. We did hear a few but other migrants did not disappoint. chiffchaff, blackcap, whitethroat and reed warbler along with wren, robin, Cetti's warbler, kestrel, great crested grebe, widgeon, blackbird. black headed gull and cormorant.

The Layer Bretton causeway was productive too with good sightings of Canada and Egyptian geese, great white and little egret and nesting spoonbills. We had a close fly past from a spoonbill which was a treat.

Our next trip is to Hanningfield reservoir on 5th June.

Car share from WMCC at 9.30am

All are welcome new, novice and seasoned birders alike

Co-ordinator: Stephy Eraut 07710 677789

Flower Arranging

April's arrangements were based on Spring flowers.



Our next meeting will be on 26th May when we will be using unusual containers for our arrangements and at our June meeting our arrangements will represent a cake or cakes.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Linton Room at WMCC from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Co-ordinator: Di Martin 01621 856347

Rummikub

There were only six members so that made two groups of three.

Sue won in her group, and I won in my group which was great and we all had a good time.

Co-ordinator: Patricia Harding 01621 843099

CHAI (Churches of Historical & Architectural Interest) Group

On 8th May the CHAI Group set off to look around two churches and their first visit was to All Saints' Church in Stisted. We were welcomed by Pat, who greeted us with refreshments and gave us a chat about the church she obviously loved.

The church is situated at the edge of the former parkland of the Stisted Hall estate.

The church is 12th century with the 5-bay northern arcade being the oldest remaining area (1180-1190). The chancel with its lancet styled windows in 13th century. Within the church is a plaque dedicated to a previous church warden, Andrew Richard Motion (1987-1999), a relative of the poet Andrew Motion. There is a font which is dedicated to EM Forster's grandmother, wife of Revd Charles Forster. There are many beautiful stained-glass windows, some showing farming references with one showing cows and a tractor.

In 1844 major restorations took place which was funded by the local Savill-Onley family, which included rebuilding the tower and the western wall of the nave, and re-roofing the chancel. Through the lychgate there is a spacious and peaceful churchyard.

After a delicious lunch in Coggeshall at Bakealicious the Group visited St Peter Ad Vincula Church (ad vincula meaning in chains – where Peter was said to be put in chains and freed by an angel).

Bob, our guide, gave us a very interesting tour and talk. The church stands on the site of one, or possibly two earlier churches (Saxon and Norman) and is one of the biggest in Essex with Saffron Walden and Thaxted being larger. To the north of the chancel the Paycocke family were responsible for St Catherine's chapel. There are various memorial brasses on the floor including ones for John Paycocke and his wife dating from 1533 and Thomas Paycocke who died in 1580. Thomas Paycocke left a charity "for the *continuall* relief of the *poore* of *Coxall* for ever" and the charity is still in existence. One unusual item in the church was a coffin cart which would have been decorated with flowers for a funeral.

We had an enjoyable day visiting both churches.
Sylvia Rickett.

Future Meetings of the CHAI Group

12th June

A visit to Srinivasa Perumal temple, Hatfield Peveral, and St Nicholas Church, Witham.

Meet at WMCC for car share at 10.30am for visit to Srinivasa Perumal Temple, CM3 2DL.

Followed by lunch around 12 noon at The Owl on The Green, Terling, CM3 2PH. At 2pm we will visit St Nicholas Church, Witham, CM8 2JS.
Geoff

10th July

St Andrew's Parish Church, Hatfield Peverel. CM3 2LE. A guide has been arranged.

Lunch has been booked at The Coffee Lounge, Hatfield Peverel Village Hall, CM3 2HP.

Meet at WMCC at 10.15am for car share. There is ample parking at both the Church and the village hall. *Chris Elliott*

Co-ordinators: Geoff Pugh, Jim Skelly and Di Martin

Cribbage Group

Again, just eight of us at our gathering but some fun games were played. John and Beryl tied with Mary and me, each pair winning 3 games. An unusual high score of 19 was also a win this month.

We meet every second Wednesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at WMCC and we have a break for refreshments.

If you are interested in joining the group, then please contact me.

Co-ordinator: Terri Hardcastle 07934 349959

Play Reading Group

At our May meeting we read “Rough Justice” by Terence Frisby. This is a courtroom drama about a television commentator who is on trial for the murder of his severely handicapped child. He decides to conduct his own defence claiming manslaughter. During the trial he comes into conflict with the judge and with the prosecutor and as the trial continues it seems that maybe he is not the one who ended his child’s life.

This was an interesting play and one we enjoyed, dealing with a very emotional topic of the value of life and the justification of euthanasia.

Gill Swanson (on behalf of Anita Parkes)

Reading Group

“Before the coffee gets cold – Tales from the café” by Toshikazu Kawaguchi was this month’s choice. Unfortunately, it had very mixed reviews with only three members actually enjoying it, although everyone agreed that the basic idea of going back to a particular time in the past to resolve an issue that has been troubling the traveller was a very interesting concept. The travellers cannot change events, but they can discuss and clarify feelings or misunderstandings. This is done very briefly by sitting in a chair recently vacated by, in this case, a ghost and they have the time in the past to go to and return before their coffee gets cold.

For many members the Japanese names and relationships to each other caused confusion and the different culture is difficult to understand as a Westerner. The average mark was 4 ½ with marks ranging from 2 to 7.

Co-ordinator: Gill Swanson 07975 920460

BLACKWATER u3a HOLIDAY GROUP

There are a few spaces left on the Yorkshire Explorer Holiday Group trip leaving Monday 7th September 2026 for 5 days half board. Itinerary as follows:

First day - Newark on Trent and staying at the Best Western (PLUS) Hotel, Milford.

Second day – visiting Castle Howard.

Third day – Emmerdale village, Otley, and Ilkley. A narrow boat cruise on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

Fourth day – Ripon and the Yorkshire Dales and Pateley Bridge. A ride on the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Heritage Railway.

Fifth day – Melton Mowbray and Rutland Water. Journey home via the Great North Road.

The trip Includes 4 nights half-board (dinner, B & B) in en-suite bedrooms, ground floor rooms (no lift) accessible room, visits on outward and return journey. Entrance to Caste Howard & Gardens, fare for Skipton canal trip, Embsay/Bolton abbey train fare (single).

Cost per person: £659 sharing twin or double room. Supplement for single occupancy of a twin or double room: £56. All room types are still available,

Deposit £65 per person (on booking). Balance due 8 weeks prior to departure.

Through Boon's Calibre Travel, Homestead, Ulting Road, Hatfield Peveral, Chelmsford CM3 2LY. Contact Suzanne on 01245 382 397 or 07899 738963

If interested and for further details please contact either Liz or Robyn.
u3a Co-ordinators: Liz Jones 07979 664587 or Robyn Slade 01621 928536

Shakespeare Group

We have started our latest history play with Richard III following on from the others involved with the Wars of the Roses.

It is quite clear from Act one that Shakespeare in 1594 plays him as "deformed, unfinished and sent before my time" and scheming to get to the throne of England through the murder of his elder middle brother and somehow the death of his eldest brother King Edward IV. This is followed in wonderful repartee by Richard wooing Anne Neville whose brother and father he has killed in battle. The Yorkists have to be shown as "Bad" so that the defeat of Richard III and the succession of Henry Tudor as Henry VII is shown as a "Good" thing. This of course is Tudor propaganda and pleases Queen Elizabeth, Henry's granddaughter, and her censor, the Chamberlain.

Richard is optimistic in his great opening lines of the play;

*"Now is the winter of our discontent
Made glorious summer by this son of York."*

We look forward to the future scheming and with that in mind we are going to see on TV the great classic Laurence Olivier and John Gielgud version of the film on June 12th in Dennis's house. Our meeting after that is on June 26th at 2pm in the WMCC.

Would anyone new like to come and join us?

Co-ordinator: Dennis Eraut 01621 829758

Country Dancing

The group is friendly, happy and supportive, but it still has to be organised and fortunately John has agreed to take this on for me.

*Co-ordinator: John Rogers 07860 162328 or
email diana.rogers2@btinternet.com*

Members On Their Own (MOTO) GROUP

In May we had lunch at The Museum of Power, Langford.



Later in the month we will enjoy Afternoon Tea at The Crown at Sandon.

If you are interested in joining this group or finding out more about it, please contact the Co-ordinator.

Co-ordinator: Robyn Slade 01621 928536

Canasta

We meet every third Thursday of the month in the Linton room, from 2-4pm for fun games of Canasta.

New players always welcome.

Co-ordinator: Stephy Eraut 07710 677789

Gardening Group

Our meeting in May was to Oak Farm, Wakes Colne.

Monday, 15th June - Keeway, Creeksea CM0 8PL 2-4pm. Cost £10 includes entrance and light refreshments.

Monday, 20th July - The Mount, Epping Road, Roydon CM19 5HT 2-4 pm. Cost £10 includes entrance and light refreshments.

Co-ordinator: Sandy Cowan 07734 795426

Petanque Group

The Petanque group is extremely popular, consisting of members from Blackwater, South Woodham Ferrers, Limebrook and Maldon. Attendance is averaging over a dozen at a time and total membership is nearly thirty.

The Petanque group is at full capacity so there will now have to be a waiting list. If anyone would like to set up a second group, I would be happy to assist in getting it started.

Play takes place every Tuesday afternoon in the Maldon Promenade Park meeting at 2pm. Please arrive 10 minutes before so we can allocate teams.

Co-ordinator: Phil Hopkins 07902 918574

RAGs (Real Ale Group)

Our next meeting is 27th May.

I have sent an updated events sheet on WhatsApp to all RAG group members so please let me know if you have not seen it.

Co-ordinator: Paul Allen 07712 052303

Walking Group

May 28th – Terling Village Hall

June 25th – Boreham Church

July 23rd – Meadowcroft Garden Centre SS11 7QU

We walk on the fourth Thursday of the month, starting at 10am. New walkers would be very welcome and if you are interested, please ring me, or see me at the monthly meeting.

Co-ordinator: John Mayes 01245 222530

Table Tennis 1 & Tai Chi

Table Tennis: Monday mornings 9.30am till 12pm all standards accepted.

Tai Chi: Monday afternoons 2pm till 4pm learners and all standards welcome.

Co-ordinator: Peter Harden 07754536639

Table Tennis 2

We meet on Thursday afternoons at West Maldon Community Centre between 2.30pm and 4.30pm. We have four tables for our use and play doubles and singles, depending on numbers. The group is now full; however, I am happy to add names to a waiting list.

Co-ordinator: Kath Little 07762 312838

Local Theatres Group

Pride & Prejudice* (*sort of) – Chelmsford Theatre
Thursday 17th September 2026 at 2.30pm, Tickets: £42.50



Opening at Chelmsford Theatre ahead of their UK tour, David Pugh presents the Chelmsford Theatre production of *Pride and Prejudice* (*sort of)* By Isobel McArthur after Jane Austen.

After its triumph in the West End, where it won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy and the Evening Standard Award, *Pride and Prejudice* (sort of)* returns by public demand and is a unique and audacious retelling of Jane Austen's most iconic love story.

Men, money and microphones will be fought over in this irreverent but affectionate adaptation where the stakes couldn't be higher when it comes to romance. This multi-award-winning production features a string of pop classics including *Young Hearts Run Free*, *Will You Love Me Tomorrow* and *You're So Vain*.

It's the 1800s. It's party time. Let the ruthless matchmaking begin.

Payment to be made by 3rd June 2026, please.

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Quoting: Local Theatre (Pride)

The Great British Bake-Off Musical

Witham Public Hall.

Saturday 31 October 2026 at 2.30pm

Tickets: £20.20 (including booking fee)



Come and see *The Great British Bake-Off Musical* for a warm, witty, and uplifting night out that captures all the charm of the beloved *The Great British Bake Off*. Bursting with catchy songs, delightful humour, and larger-than-life characters, the show whisks you into a world of cakes, competition, and camaraderie. It's a feel-good celebration of friendship, resilience, and the joy of baking—perfect for anyone who loves a sprinkle of nostalgia with their entertainment.

Payment to be made by 1st July 2026, please.

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49532057

Account: Blackwater U3A No 2
(Bake)

Quoting: Local Theatre

Please note if you wish to have tickets these MUST be paid in advance so we can ensure purchasing these, some events are popular, and tickets need to be purchased well in advance. Thank you.

Any suggestions for shows, please let me know.

Co-ordinator: Janet Watson 07952 925164

Curry Club

In May we paid a return visit to King Traditional Indian Curries in Maldon High Street. The menu was interesting and there were several special dishes available, with tasters provided for two of these. As usual it was a good social occasion. There was plenty of time to socialise too.

It was not a busy Tuesday, but the food did not arrive until 90 minutes after we did. I appreciate that the food is freshly cooked, but the wait did seem very lengthy. I wonder if the service is much quicker with a smaller number of people.

The food, however, was highly rated and 9/10 voted the restaurant as very good.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd June. Members of the group will be notified of the venue via the WhatsApp group.

There is a waiting list to join this group. Is anyone interested in setting up Curry Club 2?

Co-ordinator: Gerry Davis 01621 843217.

Blackwater u3a Community Garden

The team usually meet on a Friday morning for about an hour and volunteers are always welcome.

The garden was created in 2010 for the benefit of residents and visitors to Maldon as it is on the corner of New Street leading to the White Horse car park entrance.

Over the years, the garden has been awarded several certificates from Maldon in Bloom.

Please contact Dorreen for further information dorren@dorreenlinton.uk or 01621 853428.

Dorreen Linton 01621 853428

Blackwater u3a Facebook Page

I'd like to share more information and photos about the different groups on our Facebook page. If you have any news or photos, I can include to help promote your group, please let me know

I would like to hear from anyone who has an event or group they would like to share information on.

I can be contacted via the Blackwater u3a Facebook Messenger or by email karengrove64@gmail.com or 07834 763006
Karen Grove

Golf Group

The Golf group is a small friendly group which plays at different local golf courses on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. All members have a list of dates and venues. If you are interested, please contact the co-ordinator.

Our next meeting is on **Friday 12th June at Birch Grove golf club**. Meet at 10.15am in the car park.

Co-ordinator: Peter Holmes 01621 854108
peterholmes4427@gmail.com

Wine Tasting Group

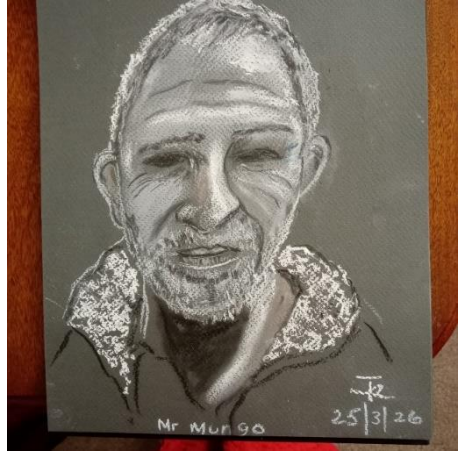
A report on our May meeting will be in the July newsletter.

Co-ordinator: Frances Butcher 01621 853352

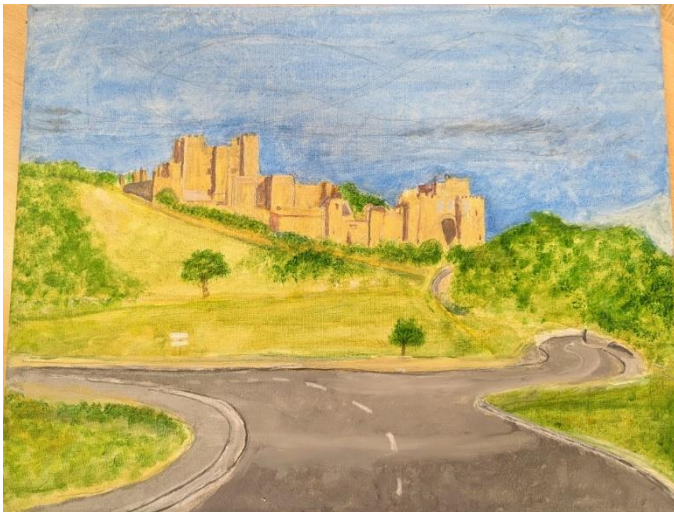
Art Group 1 – Mundon

How rash I was to think about sketching outdoors instead we have been turning up the heat in the Hall!

The photos show some of the members' work during May.



Two pastels by Jenny Riley



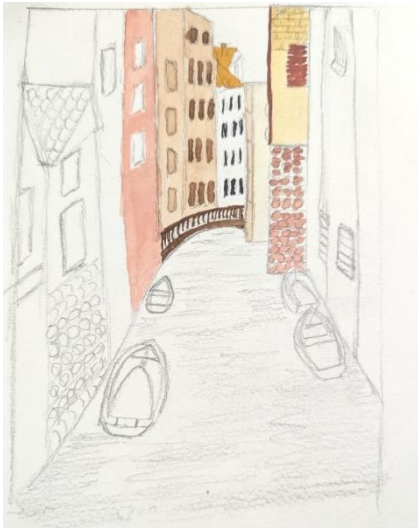
Jim Palmer, Acrylic. Dover Castle



Dennis by Val Wilson,
pen and watercolour



Chris Walker
Watercolour in progress



Oswald,
Watercolour in progress



Anne

Anita Sandison, Pencil

Please contact me if you would like a taster session and all materials provided.

Co-ordinator: Anita Sandison 01621 741351
asandison@gmail.com

Art Group 2 – Heybridge

We enjoyed our challenge of each bringing in an article, perhaps with a story to tell, and which could be the focus of a picture. Most of the things brought represented a very personal memory. A few of these are shown.



We will have the chance to brush up our watercolour skills at our next meeting with a demonstration from Janet Reid.





If you would like an artistic challenge or just to indulge in some therapeutic picture making, we still have room for two or three more, all levels of ability very welcome.

We meet on the first and third Fridays of each month from 2pm to 4pm.

If you would like to join us or want to know more contact Carol Greenhalgh on 07585 593028.

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June Programme

As well as the schedules on the back of this booklet, please check the Events page on the Blackwater u3a website and the Newsletter items for the latest up to date information.

OUR CLUSTER GROUP

Do you know what our cluster group is and what it enables you to do?

Our cluster group consists of seven u3as all in the local area, they are all listed below and on our web site.

What this means is that you are able to join any of their groups as long as there is space. Again, you only have to look at their web sites to find out what groups they are running and who to contact. You do not have to join these u3AAs, but you will be asked to show your membership card or number and have your emergency contact recorded. There are already in the newsletter some long standing joint groups with Maldon u3a which in future will be called Cluster Groups as there are many others currently running such as table tennis and Tai Chi to name a few.

Well, what are you waiting for, there are so many different groups available.

Peter Harden

Maldon and District	http:// www.maldonu3a.co.uk/
Limebrook	https://limebrook-maldon.u3asite.uk/
Burnham on Crouch	https://bocu3a.org/
Dengie	https://dengie.u3asite.uk/
Crouch Valley	https://u3asites.org.uk/crouch-valley/home
South Woodham Ferrers	https://swf.u3asite.uk/

And of course, a reminder of our own website:

Blackwater u3a <https://blackwater.u3asite.uk/>

Cluster Groups with Maldon u3a

Singing for Pleasure	Jacky Holmes	01621 854108
Tenpin Bowling	Alan Buck (Wed)	01245 227709
	David Coombes (Thurs)	01621 855358
Croquet	Geoff Macro	07462 333742
Padel Tennis	Ken Hazel	ken_hazell@icloud.com

Co-ordinators

Interest Groups Co-ordinator	Janet Watson	07952 925164
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Art Group 2 (Heybridge)	Carol Greenhalgh	07585 593028
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Birding	Stephy Eraut	01621 829758
Canasta	Stephy Eraut	01621 829758
Card and Board Games	Sheila Rowsell	01621 740820
Card Makers	Kathy Leggett	01621 852377
CHAI, <i>Churches of Historical and Architectural Interest</i>	Jim Skelly	01621 740799
	Di Martin	01621 856347
Community Garden	Dorreen Linton	01621 853428
Country Dancing	John Rogers	01621 853841
Cribbage	Terri Hardcastle	07934 349959
Curry Club	Gerry Davis	01621 843217
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Family History	Geoff Pugh	01621 843297
Flower Arranging	Di Martin	01621 856347
Gardening	Sandy Cowan	07734 795426
Golf	Peter Holmes	01621 854108
History and Science	Dennis Eraut	01621 829758
	Geoff Pugh	01621 843297
	Peter Holmes	01621 854108
Local Theatres	Janet Watson	07952 925164
London Theatres	vacant	
Luncheon Club 3	Sid Sutton	07711 258802
MOTO	Robyn Slade	01621 928536
Petanque	Phil Hopkins	07902 918574
Play Reading	Anita Parkes	01621 857730
Reading	Gill Swanson	07975 920460
Real Ale Group	Paul Allen	01621 856303
Rummikub Group	Pat Harding	01621 843099
Shakespeare	Dennis Eraut	01621 829758
Table Tennis 1	Peter Harden	07754 536639
	Jack Veash	07388 420968
Table Tennis 2	Kath Little	07762 312838
Tai Chi	Peter Harden	07754 536639
Walkers	John Mayes	01245 222530
Wine Tasting	Frances Butcher	01621 853352

Monthly Meeting Speaker's Corner

3rd June – Porridge – Lindsey Whitehouse

1st July – “Giggly Pig” by Tracy McGuinness

5th August – Afternoon Tea

Rotas for Refreshments

JUNE	Flower Arranging and Art Group 2 (Heybridge)
JULY	Cribbage and Art Group 1 (Mundon)
AUGUST	MOTO

Doors will be open for helpers and co-ordinators setting up at 1.30 pm. Doors are open for other members at 2.00 pm. If you have insufficient members between your groups, please contact me in advance.

Welcome Team:

Jenny and her buddies will be on hand to welcome new members.

Set-up and Clear-up rota

JUNE	History & Science and Wine Tasting
JULY	Tai Chi and Walkers
AUGUST	Golf and Curry Club

When setting up the hall please start with the row furthest away from the speaker, leaving sufficient gangways as normal. When clearing up, please do not put the chairs away until requested by a committee member.

Thank you all for your co-operation, *Janet Watson*

June 2026 Programme

RED INDICATES A MORNING MEETING
BLUE INDICATES AN AFTERNOON MEETING
BLACK INDICATES UNSPECIFIED TIMING

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1 Table T 1 Tai Chi	2 Pétanque Card and Board Games	3 Monthly Meeting	4 Table T 2	5 Birding Art 2	6 MOTO	7
8 Table T 1 Tai Chi	9 Pétanque History and Science	10 Art 1 Cribbage Croquet	11 Play Reading Table T 2 Reading	12 Golf Singing CHAI Shakes- peare	13	14
15 Table T 1 Tai Chi Gardening	16 Pétanque	17 Art 1	18 Rummikub Table T 2 Canasta	19 Art 2 News- letter deadline	20 MOTO	21
22 Table T 1 Tai Chi	23 Flower arranging Pétanque Art Appreciate Curry Club	24 Art 1 Croquet Real Ale	25 Walking Table Tennis 2 Wine Tasting	26 Golf Singing Shakes- peare	27 MOTO	28
29 Table T 1 Tai Chi	30 Pétanque					