

u3a

South Woodham Ferrers Monthly Newsletter



**It was good to get back but
remember, it still out there
and we all need to be careful**

**November 2021
N° 183**

From the Chair

Good day All.

Well, it was great to have a 'live' meeting at last. Thank you for the support from those who attended. Normality is slowly returning. Apologies for my enthusiasm taking hold in the break session, lesson well learned.

The committee have decided that for logistic reasons we will not be issuing a newsletter now until February. I know some people will be upset but most of the news is based around groups and they appear to be well communicated with.

An aspect of monthly meetings that will be change from this November's meeting will be the shortening of the break between our group business and the speaker. A review will be undertaken in February when a decision will be made regarding the re-introduction of refreshments.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible on the 3rd of November's meeting.

Stay safe.

Ian Mathews. Chair.

Speakers Information

Novembers Speaker

The speaker for November is Chris Truran and his talk is "Dabs and DNA detects Criminals."

December Speaker

December's speaker is David Williams who will give a talk on Pounds Shillings and Poverty. We have had David before and he has always been very entertaining.

January Speaker

There will be no speaker at our JANUARY meeting, instead there will be an IN HOUSE production by Find Your Voice and The Play Reading Group entitles "When I Grow Up"

A not-so-nostalgic look at work from the comfort of retirement
The Hall will be laid out differently for January so don't think you've come to the wrong place!

Importance Information about Future Newsletters

The newsletter has changed very little over the life of our u3a and during the last 18 months and even before the pandemic, the content has decreased quite considerable. The Committee, therefore, have decided that the time is right to review its format and to change from monthly to quarterly publication. After this month's edition, the next newsletter will be published in February 2022, and then every three months.

Monthly Meetings Information and Request

Until we are able to provide tea and coffee, the break between the general and group information and the speaker will be reduced to 15 minutes.

The Committee are seeking to set up a chairs rotor for the setting up and the putting away of chairs at monthly meeting and your help would be very much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer please contact any of the committee members.

News from the Social Committee

Hi all, it was great to see many faces at our first U3A meeting at Champions Manor Hall on Wednesday 6th October. At the meeting, the take up for the Quiz on Saturday 6th November 2021 has reached an incredible sale of tickets so far and as I write this newsletter the amount of tickets has reached fifty. At our next meeting at Champions Manor, tickets will still be available. So come along on the evenings of the quiz and test your brain power or not, but mostly just enjoy yourselves.

So just to recap:- QUIZ NITE SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER.

QUIZ NITE at Champions Hall Manor on Saturday 6th November 2021. Doors will open at 7.00 pm for start at 7.30 pm. Finishing around 10.00 pm.

Tickets on sale again at our next monthly meeting at Champions Manor on Wednesday 3rd November.

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Tickets will be £3.00 per person, which includes entrance to quiz plus raffle prizes.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles (and sanitizer). All tables and chairs will be disinfected by us prior to commencement of Quiz.

Please advise your group preferences on purchase of tickets as table group of eight would be great.

IT DOES NOT MATTER IF YOU ONLY WANT TO KEEP IN YOUR OWN BUBBLE WITH LESS PEOPLE.

THERE ARE TABLES THAT CAN BE FILLED AT PRESENT AS SOME STILL NEED ADDITION OF 2 or 3 TO REACHED THIS NUMBER OF EIGHT.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting

Brian Hurrell
Social Committee

London Walks Group

London Walks group meet in London each month for a two hour guided tour to see areas that you possibly have never seen before. It is both educational and entertaining. The guides we use are very knowledgeable and however much you think you know about London they will always be able to surprise.

There is, at the moment, only one group and I will be taking names for interest at my table at the meeting and invite members from group 2 as due to the very sad circumstances this has no leader at the moment.

Once we feel that we are comfortable to travel to London again, which I don't foresee until the Spring, I will review the numbers and we can decide the way forward.

Mary Brindley

Walking Group

We are a friendly group who enjoy the outdoors and walk at a fairly steady pace with few breaks. If you would like to join, you can just turn up or contact Bob for more information (mobile given below). Suitable walking boots and appropriate clothing are essential, and don't forget to bring water for drinking. At the end of a walk we often visit a local pub, but its not compulsory.

The walks for the next three months, which all start at 10am, are as follows:

November Walks

Friday 5th - Burnham on Crouch Walk - 6 miles - meet in the Marina car park (CM0 8BL).

Friday 19th - Goldhanger and Blackwater Walk - 6.5 miles - meet in the Chequers Inn car park (CM9 8AS) in Goldhanger.

December Walks

Friday 3rd - Danbury Circular Walk - 7.5 miles - meet in Mayes Lane car park in Danbury (CM3 4NQ).

Friday 17th - Woodham Ferrers/Hyde Hall Walk - 6 miles - meet in the sports field car park in Lodge Road.

January Walks

Friday 7th - Bradwell Walk - 6.5 miles - meet in St Peters on the Wall car park (CM0 7PN).

Friday 21st - Stock/Margaretting Walk - 6.5 miles - meet in Stock village hall car park (CM4 9NF).

Please note that some of the above walks are different than those previously published.

Bob (07889949685)

Local History Group

It was good to see members of the group at the October main meeting. Allen, Mary and I are working on putting a programme together for next year starting in April. We are looking forward to starting visits again and will have more details in the New Year.

If you are currently not a member of the group but would like to join you can speak to us to find out more about the group and sign up at the monthly meetings or email u3aswft@outlook.com.

Just to remind you that Chelmsford Historical Association have a talk on historic houses via zoom on 4th December at 2.30. It is free to join, details were emailed in September, if you can't find the email then let me know and I can re send it.

Kate, Mary and Allen.

Bowling Group

The bowling group is starting up again at Madison Heights in Maldon under the leadership of Diane Hurrell. The group will be meeting every Friday morning with bowling lanes booked for 10 am. Cost, which includes the hire of shoes and coffee is £6 per head.

For more information contact Diane on 07969012451

Curry Clique

Maldon u3a invite South Woodham Ferrers u3a Curry Clique members to a joint curry night on Monday 22nd November at Bulti Bhujon, Maldon. Address 24 Mill Road, Maldon. CM9 5HZ. at 7.00 pm. Free poppadom's with meal.

Contact:-

Bob Gowers on 01621 815482, email bobgowers@btinternet.com
or Graham Evans on 01621 742524.

London Theatre

Cinderella - Wed Mat - **19th or 26th January '22** - 10+ £49.50, 20+ £39.50
New musical from Andrew Lloyd-Webber. I now have sufficient names to make a booking so please let me know asap if you'd like to be included. I've made a request for the above dates, however, if seats are not available we can look at a date later in the year.

& Juliet - Thurs Mat - **17th or 24th March** - 8+ £45.00 - 10+ £35.00, 20+ £30.00.
Only booking until the end of March. I still only have 5 names so I won't be able to book for this show unless there is more interest.

Prince of Egypt - Thurs Mat - **25th November or 9th December** - 6+ £29.50, a new special seniors rate. Unfortunately this show is coming off on 2nd January so I've contacted all those on my list with the new dates, however, there aren't sufficient numbers for this date to make a booking. If you are interested and able to go on either of these dates, please let me know immediately.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in November.
Pauline

Pics and Bricks

Pics and Bricks is an Art and Architecture appreciation group and we arrange visits to Art Galleries, Museums and other places with an artistic and / architectural interest. Typically we arrange a guide to talk about and explain what we are looking at. Our normal day for visits is the 4th Tuesday of the month but this will sometimes change to fit in with venue opening days.

We are starting to plan for next year and current thinking is to start our programme in April 2022.

We have made two provisional bookings. Firstly a **walking tour of Colchester** and secondly a visit to Battersea to see and learn about the regeneration of the area that includes the **new American Embassy** and the repurposing of the **Battersea Power Station**. In each case a guide will be arranged. We don't have dates for these at the moment but are happy to take expressions of interest.

Further visits will be added in the coming weeks and months.

If you are not a member of our group but would like to be kept informed about our programme please contact Chris Miles and I can add you to our email circulation list (my contact details are included in this newsletter) Chris and Roy

Executive Committee

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Interest and Activity Groups

The information given below is for U3A purposes only and not used for other purposes or passed on without the persons permission.

Where no contact details are given please use the Groups Coordinators e-mail, groups@swf-u3a.org for initial contact details.

Activity Groups	Contact Details
All Kinds of Music 2nd Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00	Jenny Dale
Book Group 1 1st Monday at 10.00 am	Anne Turner 01245 322933 anneturner70@hotmail.com
Book Group 2 1st Monday at 7.30 pm	Pam French 01245 400311 derekpamfrench@hotmail.com
Bowling Group Friday each week from 10.00 am at Madison Heights in Maldon	Diane Hurrell
Cards & Games for Fun 4th Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00	
Coffee with Coleridge Poetry Group 4th Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30	Contact Judith 01245 321380
Craft Group 1st & 3rd Thursday 10.00 - 12.00	Sandra Rolfe 01245 320374 sandra.rolfe@btinternet.com
Curry Clique 2nd Wednesday odd months	Graham Evans 01621 742524
Discussion Group Meets second Tuesday 2.0 – 4.0 pm	Contact Alan W 01245 321380
Digital Photography Meets 4th Friday at 10.00am	Ali-J Wilson
Drawing 4th Monday 2.00 - 4.00	Ali-J Wilson

Find Your Voice 2nd Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30	Shirley Masterson 01621 740110 fambridgehouse@yahoo.co.uk
French 2nd Thursday 1.00 - 3.00	Jean Foddering 01245 320874
Gardening 2nd Monday	Janet Tipping 01245 323424 dandjtipping64@gmail.com
Gin Appreciation 1st Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm	Mary Brindley 01245 329162 rbmb4546@yahoo.co.uk
Golf Every Monday morning	Phil West 07751022666 philwest33@sky.com
Local History 2nd Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00	Kate Smith u3aswfhistory@outlook.com
London Theatre Meet to suit tickets	Pauline Coster 01245 320437 costerpc@outlook.com
London Walks 3rd Wednesday (March to November)	Mary Brindley 01245 329162 rbmb4546@yahoo.co.uk
Luncheon Club 2nd Thursday at elected venue	
Paint & Pastels Art Meets third Wednesday 10.30 am – 12.30 noon	Contact Judith 01245 321380
Pics, Brick & Moore - Art & Architecture 4th Tuesday (may vary due to venue)	Chris Miles 01245 401015 Chris.miles48@yahoo.co.uk
Play Reading Meets third Tuesday 2.0 – 4.0 pm	Contact Judith 01245 321380
Science & Technology 1st Thursday 10.00 - 12.00	Ken Pratt
Singles Social & Dinning 3rd Monday 11.30 am	Joan Bridger 01245 328369

Strollers 4th Monday at 10.30 am	Jill Hiskett 01245 320794
Tai Chi Meets every Monday 1.15 - 2.30	Gareth Chandler 077602234536 gochandler@btinternet.com
Walking 1st and 3rd Friday at 10.00 am	Bob Tyas 01245 321110 robert.tyas82@gmail.com
Whiskey Appreciation 4th Friday	Alan Golding 01245 320846 alan.golding@btinternet.com
Wine Appreciation1 2nd Friday 2.00 - 4.00	Janet Tipping 01245 323424 dandjtipping64@gmail.com
Wine Appreciation2 2nd Friday 2.00 - 4.00	Gerald Malone 01245 325572 gjmalone@yahoo.com
Wine Appreciation3 2nd Friday 2.00 - 4.00	Brian Chilton 01245 321238 sheila.chilton@talktalk.net

Useful Links

South Woodham Ferrers U3A

www.swf-u3a.org

Crouch Valley U3A

www.u3asites.org.uk/crouch-valley

Essex Association of U3A's

www.u3asites.org.uk/essexassociationu3as/welcome

National U3A

www.u3a.org.uk

Deadline for Inclusion in next Newsletter

Please send your contributions to the next Newsletter by Wednesday 19th January to Bob Tyas at webmaster@swf-u3a.org or deliver to 55 Clements Green Lane, SWF. Alternatively you can ring him on 01245 321110.

Day of the Month	Week of the Month				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Monday	AM	Golfing Group Book Group 1	Golfing Group	Golfing Group Singles Social & Dinning	Golfing Group Strollers
	PM	Tai Chi Book Group 2	Tai Chi Gardening	Tai Chi Discussion Group	Tai Chi
Tuesday	AM				
	PM	Gin Appreciation	Discussion Group	Play Reading	Pics, Bricks & Moore
Wednesday	AM		Find Your Voice	London Walks Paint & Pastels	Coffee with Coleridge
	PM	Monthly Meeting	All Kinds of Music		Cards & Games for Fun
Thursday	AM	Craft Science & Technology		Craft	
	PM		French		
Friday	AM	Walking Group		Walking Group	Photography
	PM		Wine Groups 1,2 1,2 &3		Whisky Appreciation
Theatre as Arranged, Curry Clique 2nd Wednesday of odd months					