



**South Woodham Ferrers
Monthly Newsletter**



Colourful Summer Flowers

**September 2021
N° 181**

From the Chair

Hello all.

How quickly these months come around!

This past month has seen a gradual return to activities and from what I am hearing this will continue. Great News! After all, group participation is one of the main reasons we became U3A members.

One of the main changes within groups is being permitted to return to the halls, Champions and Village. As group leaders have pointed out there are certain restrictions, but it remains with each other to retain our vigilance in ensuring we all remain safe and make our own decisions regarding Covid 19 precautions.

An aspect to changes of our 'Monthly' meeting is the potential introduction of 'Hybrid' (partial Zoom and live) meetings. Stay tuned for that.

As Bob mentioned in the last newsletter please contribute any group news, photographs or news bits to increase the content of our newsletter.

In the meantime, support your group leaders, stay safe and enjoy the latest but restricted freedom in whatever group you participate in

Best wishes.

Ian

This Months Speaker

September speaker Andy Bennett, Around the World in 33 years and 7 months.

News from the Social Committee

Hi all, things have still remained unchanged at the present time for the current two events booked for your enjoyment in November and December of this year.

These are as follows:-

1) Quiz Nite on Saturday 6th November 2021 at Champions Manor Hall.

Bring own nibbles and drinks. Table arrangements for teams to be decided nearer the time. Cost of tickets will be inclusive of entry to the venue plus raffle prizes.

2) Christmas Party Saturday 18th December 2021 at South Woodham Ferrers Village Hall. It will be hosted by DJ Tony Silk who comes highly recommended, he will help you with your party spirit for dancing the night away and get you into the mood for the coming festive period. The village hall has its own bar, so just bring your own nibbles.

Again the tickets will be available closer to the event and cost will include entrance to the venue plus raffle prizes.

You will be notified how to obtain tickets for these events in due course. I hope you will be able to attend either of these events once we have the green light to do so.

Should you have any suggestions or comments on current or future events. Please contact me on my email address.
brian.hurrell10@gmail.com

Brian Hurrell
Social Committee

Wine Appreciation Group 3

Wine group 3 spent an extremely pleasant afternoon in the beautiful garden of Roy and Mary Brindley. We all enjoyed our own bottles of wine and nibbles and spent the afternoon catching up with each other, many of whom we have not seen for some time.

We have previously met up at Compass Gardens, but were plagued with flies and dog walkers on the last occasion. Roy and Mary's garden provided a very pretty backdrop for an excellent sociable afternoon in the sunshine. Many thanks to them both.

Obviously we are looking forward to getting back to our meetings in the Village Hall once again, and some normality.

Sheila



Wine Appreciation 3 - August Meeting

The Strollers

The Strollers group took its first trip out since the pandemic on Monday 23rd August and we were very fortunate with the weather. Fifteen of us joined Shirley Masterson for a guided tour round North Fambridge starting at the Ferry Boat Inn and following the river for a while before walking across the fields to Blue House Farm and beyond.

Along the way we came across a spectacular show of wild flowers, funded by David Wilson Homes and tended by the locals and Shirley herself, a mammoth task but well worth their hard work as it is beautiful.

After crossing the road we followed a path through more fields, across the railway line and eventually arrived back at the Inn where we had a very welcome coffee in the garden. All in all it was a great morning out

Our next walk will be on Monday 27th September when we hope to visit Heybridge Basin for a circular tour ending up at the Lock tea room for coffee. Jill will confirm nearer the time.

Jill



Strollers Photo Call

Walking Group

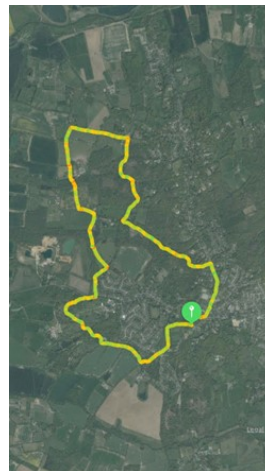
Our next four walks are as follows

Friday 3rd September - Danbury Circular Walk - 7.5 miles - meet in Mayes Lane car park (CM3 4NQ) just before 10.00.

Friday 17th September - Bicknacre Walk - 6 miles - meet in the Sport Field car park adjacent to Bicknacre school (CM3 4ES) for 10.00 start.

Friday 1st October - Goldhanger and Blackwater Walk - 6.5 miles - meet in Chequers Inn car park (CM9 8AS) for 10.00 start.

Friday 15th October - Maldon/Beeleigh/Langford Walk - 7 miles - meet in Tesco car park in Maldon (CM9 4LE) just before 10.00.



Taking a break halfway into Danbury/Blake Wood Walk

London Theatre

One or two folk have recently ventured up to London and feedback has been that they have felt quite comfortable but have travelled out of rush hour.

Pretty Woman - Wed. Mat. - **13th October '21** - 10+ £39.50. Tickets will be available nearer the date.

Cinderella - Wed Mat - **19th or 26th January '22** - 10+ £49.50, 20+ £39.50 New musical from Andrew Lloyd-Webber. I only have 6 names so far so unless there is more interest we won't be able to attend this show. Please let me know if you are interested urgently and which dates you are able to attend.

& Juliet - Thurs Mat - **17th or 24th March '22** - 8+ £45.00 - 10+ £35.00, 20+ £30.00. Only booking until the end of March. I have only received emails from 4 members to reconfirm so unless there is more interest I won't book for this show. If you haven't contacted me recently and would like to attend, please let me know promptly.

Prince of Egypt - Thurs Mat - **12th or 19th May** - 6+ £29.50, a new special seniors rate. If you haven't already done so, please let me know if you are interested. If we don't book '& Juliet' then we could bring forward this show to the 17th or 24th March. Please let me know if you are available for any or all of these dates.

Pauline

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
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 1 3rd Wednesday (March to November)	Mary Brindley 01245 329162 rbmb4546@yahoo.co.uk
London Walks 2 4th Thursday (March to November)	Janice Tyas 01245 321110 janice.winyard44@gmail.com
Luncheon Club 2nd Thursday at elected venue	
Paint & Pastels Art Meets third Wednesday 10.0 am – 12 .00 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 gimalone@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 Months Newsletter

Please send your contributions to the next Newsletter by Wednesday 29th September 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 & Dining	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 Family History
Wednesday	AM		Find Your Voice	London Walks 1 Paint & Pastels	Coffee with Coleridge
	PM	Monthly Meeting	All Kinds of Music		Cards & Games for Fun
Thursday	AM	Craft Science & Technology		Craft	London Walks 2
	PM		Luncheon Club 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					