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From the Chair

Hello everyone,

Well here we are and this will be my last “from the Chair” as I have decided to step down whilst I tackle continuing health problems . I do not feel I can give the position the time and energy that it requires but I hope to remain on committee.

I hope you have all received the latest advice with regard to groups opening, but it is going to be some considerable time before we can resume our main meetings. Hopefully you will all continue to keep in touch via Zoom or following the guidelines we have outlined. As we ease out of lockdown we must all remain vigilant and follow our instincts with regard to moving forward.

Stay well, stay safe and I hope that you all enjoy the entertainment following the AGM.

Brian

AGM

Just a reminder of our virtual AGM on Wednesday 5th August at 2pm. The entertainment will be in-house from Play Reading, Poetry, and Discussion groups. Please support our members who have spent a lot of time preparing for this.

The ID for the zoom meeting will be sent out early next week. Please join us as we need your support at this unusual time.

The Committee

Social Committee News

Hi everyone I hope this newsletter finds you all well at the present time, even though lockdown is easing very slowly for us all, if like me and my wife Diane, you still find it uncertain as to what social events to participate in. It seems to leave you a bit bewildered and uncertain to what the future may bring, so we are still trying to be very careful with the social distancing and trust you are all doing the same to care for your health.

In this respect as two of the events originally planned for this year were cancelled (V.E. Day and Kentwell) due to the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown and we are still not too sure when larger groups may get together, the U3A Quiz Night will be CANCELLED which was due or take place on Saturday 14th November 2020.

As the Quiz Night has been cancelled can ticket holder numbers "0001" 0002" please send your names and telephone numbers to my email address brian.hurrell10@gmail.com so that a refund can be made to you.

On a much happier note, I will do my utmost to get THE YEAR 2021 off to a better start with a few ideas and perhaps include the outings planned for this year can be re-scheduled for 2021, social distancing permitting. Let's keep our spirits up and look forward to the future in a positive mind.

Brian Hurrell

History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during 1919 Pandemic.

This is Timeless....

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed.
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



London Theatre

I hope everyone is well and hopefully enjoying the lovely weather and spending more time outside. Unfortunately there is no likelihood of a return to normal for the foreseeable future. There are no plans for theatreland to return at present although a trial was run at the London Paladium it doesn't look promising under current rules.

Mary Poppins - Thurs. Mat. - 10+ Band B/C £40. This show has been cancelled and funds are being returned. As soon as they are received I'll be in contact to confirm bank details or address for cheques.

The Prince of Egypt - Thurs Mat - 10+ £39.50, 25+ £32.50. Since there is no prospect of returning to the theatre for some time it has been decided to return funds currently held by the treasurer. I will contact everyone to obtain the address to send the cheque.

Pretty Woman I - Wed. Mat. - **9th Dec** - 10+ £32.50.

Pretty Woman II - Wed Mat. - **18th Nov** - 10+ £39.50.

Hello Dolly - Wed Mat. - **17th Feb. '21** - 10+ £44.50.

Although I currently have tickets for these shows it seems increasingly unlikely that they will go ahead on the planned dates, however, refunds won't be offered until this is confirmed.

Everyone's Talking About Jamie - Wed Mat - 10+ £35.00.

Witness for the Prosecution - Thurs Mat - 8+ £42.50.

& Juliet - Thurs Mat - 8+ £49.50, 10+ £35, 20+ £30.

I will look at new dates in the future. Take care and best wishes, Pauline

Pics, Bricks and Moore

Virtual Tours (Zoom)

Our virtual tour of the Wallace Collection has been re-arranged for the afternoon of Tuesday 18th August (3.00 pm).

We have also booked a zoom based **virtual Street Art** tour for **Tuesday 22th September (11.00 am)**

Shoreditch and Spitalfields are vibrant areas in the East End of London, associated with street food pop-ups, designer coffee, hipster culture, and some of the most incredible urban art you will see anywhere in the world. Join Blue Badge Tourist Guide and street art aficionado Leo Heaton for an in-depth, virtual explore of this amazing corner of town. Leo will explain the timeline of how this area went from 'no-go' to 'must-see' in the eyes of many visitors, and will introduce you to some of the best graffiti being created by major British and international artists working at the moment. From huge wall murals and three-dimensional creations to tiny 'slap' stickers and political paste-ups, get ready to embrace your inner Banksy for a slice of London at its most contemporary!

There is a minimum charge of £70 for this tour so, based upon at least 14 people attending; the cost per person will be £5.00 (£10.00 for couples). If there are less than 14 the cost per person may be a bit more.

Can you let me know by Friday 14th August if you would like to join this tour please to enable us to set the price. This tour will be **open to all SWF u3a members** but you will need access to the Zoom app.

Anagrams

The answers to last month's anagram quiz are:

1. William Morris House, 2. Harlow Sculpture Trail, 3. Watts Artist Village 4. Street Art, 5. Tate Modern, 6. Spencer House

Well done if you got all of those.
Best wishes

Chris and Roy

Walking Group

The walking group are meeting and walking in groups of no more than six with strict social distancing and no mixing between groups. If anyone is interested in joining the group, you can do so by just coming along to any of our walks. If you want more information just give me a ring on 01245 321110 or email me at robert.tyas82@gmail.com.

August Walks

Friday 7th - Stock/Margaretting Walk - 6.5 miles - meet in Stock Village Hall car park just before 10pm.

Friday 21st - Danbury/Blake Wood Walk - 5.5 miles - meet in Mayes Lane car park in Danbury for 10pm start.

September Walks

Friday 4th - Danbury Circular Walk - 7.5 miles - meet in Mayes Lan car park in Danbury just before 10pm

Friday 18th - Bicknacre Walk - 6 miles - meet in White Elms Nursery car park for 10pm start.

Bob

Executive Committee

Chairman	Brian Chilton	01245 321238 brian@swf-u3a.org
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Member	Adelaide Ogilvie	adelaide@swf-u3a.org

Social Committee

Group Leader	Brian Hurrell	07913390302 social@swf-u3a.org
Member	Graham Evans	
Member	Pat Golding	

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	Adelaide Ogilvie 01245 320716 adelaide.ogilvie@btinternet.com
Coffee with Coleridge 4th Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30	Doulla Day
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 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	Jill Hiskett & Rhona Hathaway 01245 320794 (Jill)
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	Adelaide Ogilvie 01245320716 adelaide.ogilvie@btinternet.com
Paint & Pastels Mixed Media 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 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
Crouch Valley U3A
Essex Association of U3A's
essexassociationu3as/welcome
National U3A

www.swf-u3a.org
www.u3asites.org.uk/crouch-valley
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Deadline for Inclusion in Next Months Newsletter

Please send your contributions to the next Newsletter by Wednesday 26th August to Lyn Kear using one of the following
11 Clemments Court SWF
E-mail: f.kear365@btinternet.com

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					