



## **SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS**

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### **Newsletter**



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## **From the Chair**

Hello Everyone

Another month gone of this awful lockdown and is Christmas looming.

National U3A guidelines say no groups can meet indoors, so once again everything is on hold until the New Year.

The National website has been revamped with a new logo which is on the front of this newsletter.

Don't forget our virtual monthly meeting on Wednesday 4th November at 2pm when our speaker will be Roger Smith. His topic is Air over Essex 1915—1918. Details of the Zoom meeting will be sent out by email.

Take care. Hope to “see” you Wednesday.

Janice

## **London Walks Group 1**

I do hope you are all keeping safe and well in these gloomy times.

Here is a date for your diary which I know my London Walkers should all have already but I thought I would put it in the Newsletter in case anyone else would be interested.

On Wednesday 16th December at 4 pm we will join London Walks guide Adam via Zoom on a Musical Tour of Christmas featuring locations from the movie inspired by the music of George Michael. We'll visit the locations featured in the movie *Last Christmas*. We'll also tell tales of Christmas music down through the ages. Will there be singing? Absolutely! Along the way we'll explore the history of the West End and reveal its hidden stories.

Anyone interested please contact me.

Mary

## **Social Committee**

At the time of producing this update, we are once again dealing with the loss of some of our freedom due to the restrictions of this awful Covid-19 pandemic. I hope that some happiness is coming out of it for you in some way or other and you are bearing up in all this changing confusion.

This is number two suggestion for the future:

Top sail cruises in Maldon on the barges.

TWO ISLAND CRUISE.- With buffet. (For up to 50 Guests)

The boat takes you down past Northey Island, Heybridge Basin, Mill Beach to Osea Island before returning to base. This is a lovely relaxing cruise with beautiful views of the Essex countryside and lots of interest on the way. I think Allen Surrey arranged something similar a while back and it was very popular, so why not try it again.

Any comments relating to all future events in any form would be appreciated. This could be ideas of things not done before, cost involvement, time of year when more beneficial, how far you would be willing to travel and time commitment, would you prefer week days or weekends, in school holidays or otherwise. Any suggestions will be considered.

In my October newsletter I mentioned possibly of having smaller group outings, limited to about 16 to 18 people in number. At the last committee meeting, it was decided that this is not beneficial to all members of the South Woodham Ferrers U3A and would be unfair to limit any interest to all and cause unnecessary bias. Therefore this idea has been shelved.

You can contact me on my email address. [brian.hurrell10@gmail.com](mailto:brian.hurrell10@gmail.com)

Brian Hurrell

### **Wine appreciation group 1 says goodbye to past leaders**

Tony and Joyce Lees and David and Deidre Courtenay were presented with decanters by Janet Tipping current group leader of Wine group 1 on behalf of the group. The two couples who were founder members are moving away from South Woodham to be closer to their families. Tony and Joyce are moving back to Tynemouth and David and Deidre to Dunstable. The group are very grateful for their time as leaders and in particular the great kindness they have shown to many members over the years. We wish them all the best in the stresses of moving house and much happiness in their new homes.



Hello everyone,

So here are the answers from last month's Diploids and twelve more for you to try:

1760 Y I A M	1760 yards in a mile
15 R B I A G O S	15 red balls in a game of snooker
13 C I A S	13 cards in a suit
39 B I T O T	39 books in the old testament
16 O I A P	16 ounces in a pound
1, 2 B M S	1, 2 buckle my shoe
3 L R	3 legged race
8 N I A M S	8 notes in a musical scale
A B A T 40 T	Ali Baba and the 40 thieves
8 F I A M	8 furlongs in a mile
3 C O A T L	3 colours in a traffic light
4 S I A P O C	4 suits in a pack of cards

Here are your next 12:

12 E in a D  
6 S on a C  
21 G S  
4 F on a H  
90 D in a R A  
10 Y in a D  
12 D of C  
2 H on a C  
A P is W 1000 W  
3 B G G  
1969 N A W on the M  
3 L on a T

### **Bit of Fun**

Came across a fun video recently and though I would share it with you. If you are interested please follow this link <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=hms+pinafore+guy+noble>

Mary Brindley

This is another story I have written. It is about my parents escape from France in 1940. It is a long story so I've broken it up into sections.

### **Escape!! Part 1**

My parents were born in Cheshire. That fact conjures up a picture of a rural iddle. Nothing could be farther from the truth, however, as they were, in fact, born in Runcorn a dirty, industrial town situated on the southern bank of the River Mersey about twelve miles east of Liverpool. The biggest employer in those days was a chemical factory owned by Kastner Kelner which has since become owned by ICI. On the north bank of the river directly opposite Runcorn is the town of Widnes, the town of my birth. Widnes too was a dirty, smoky, industrial town and the two places were joined by The Transporter Bridge.

My father, Frank Hughes was born on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1900. He was the next to the youngest child of Sarah and William Hughes. My paternal grandfather had brought his family from Glyn Ceiriog, in North Wales to Runcorn to work as a navvy building the Manchester Ship Canal. Unfortunately my grandfather was injured in an accident. He could no longer work and as there were no benefits at that time the family existed in very reduced circumstances. There were eight children. My dad was a twin and his twin sister Gladys was the only girl. I loved my Auntie Gladys. She was such good fun and when I stayed with her or visited her as a child we had such adventures.

My dad left school when he was fourteen and was employed by James H Dennis and Co at their factory in Widnes. James H Dennis was a company concerned with the production of a copper based product. The factory had an enormous chimney which could be seen for miles around and this chimney was the outlet for the furnaces which melted down the copper. The end product of this process was copper sulphate which is mixed with slaked lime and is called Bordeaux mixture. This is sprayed onto grapevines to prevent infestations of downy mildew, powdery mildew and other fungi. My dad was employed in the laboratory as a trainee chemist. He went to night school and from there qualified as a Metallurgical Chemist.

## **Walking Group**

The walking group continue to walk provided it abides by the rule of six and maintains social distancing.

### **November Walks**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Goldhanger Walk – 6 miles – meet in the Chequers Inn car park in Goldhanger (CM9 8AS) just before 10am.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Purleigh Walk – 5.5 miles – meet in Purleigh Sport Field car park just before 10am.

### **Advance Notice of December Walks**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Burnham on Crouch Walk – 6 miles – meet in the Marina car park (CM0 8BL) just before 10am.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Woodham Ferrers/Hyde Hall Walk – 6 miles – meet in the Sports Field car park in Lodge Road just before 10am.

Bob Tyas

## **A Lawyers Tale**

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children, needed to move because his rental agreement was terminated by the owner who wanted to reoccupy the home. But he was having a lot of difficulty finding a new house. When he said, he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the place. He couldn't say he had no children, because he couldn't lie we all know lawyers cannot and do not lie. So, he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 of their kids. He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent. He loved one of the homes and the price was right -- the agent asked: "How many children do you have? He answered: "Twelve." The agent asked, "Where are the others?" The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look answered "They're in the cemetery with their mother."

MORAL: It's not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words... and don't forget, most politicians are unfortunately lawyers.

### **Executive Committee**

Chairman	Janice Tyas	01245 321110
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### **Social Committee**

Group Leader	Brian Hurrell	07913390302 social@swf-u3a.org
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Member	Pat Golding	01245320846



## 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](mailto:groups@swf-u3a.org) for initial contact details.

Activity Groups	Contact Details
<b>All Kinds of Music</b> 2nd Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00	Jenny Dale
<b>Book Group 1</b> 1st Monday at 10.00 am	Anne Turner 01245 322933 <a href="mailto:anneturner70@hotmail.com">anneturner70@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Book Group 2</b> 1st Monday at 7.30 pm	Pam French 01245 400311 <a href="mailto:derekpamfrench@hotmail.com">derekpamfrench@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Cards &amp; Games for Fun</b> 4th Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00	Adelaide Ogilvie 01245 320716 <a href="mailto:adelaide.ogilvie@btinternet.com">adelaide.ogilvie@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Coffee with Coleridge</b> 4th Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30	Doulla Day
<b>Craft Group</b> 1st & 3rd Thursday 10.00 - 12.00	Sandra Rolfe 01245 320374 <a href="mailto:sandra.rolfe@btinternet.com">sandra.rolfe@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Curry Clique</b> 2nd Wednesday odd months	Graham Evans 01621 742524
<b>Discussion Group</b> Meets second Tuesday 2.0 – 4.0 pm	Contact Alan 01245 321380
<b>Digital Photography</b> Meets 4th Friday at 10.00am	Ali-J Wilson
<b>Drawing</b> 4th Monday 2.00 - 4.00	Ali-J Wilson
<b>Find Your Voice</b> 2nd Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30	Shirley Masterson 01621 740110 <a href="mailto:fambridgehouse@yahoo.co.uk">fambridgehouse@yahoo.co.uk</a>

<b>French</b> 2nd Thursday 1.00 - 3.00	Jean Foddering 01245 320874
<b>Gardening</b> 2nd Monday	Jill Hiskett & Rhona Hathaway 01245 320794 (Jill)
<b>Gin Appreciation</b> 1st Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm	Mary Brindley 01245 329162 rbmb4546@yahoo.co.uk
<b>Golf</b> Every Monday morning	Phil West 07751022666 philwest33@sky.com
<b>Local History</b> 2nd Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00	Kate Smith u3aswfhistory@outlook.com
<b>London Theatre</b> Meet to suit tickets	Pauline Coster 01245 320437 costerpc@outlook.com
<b>London Walks 1</b> 3rd Wednesday (March to November)	Mary Brindley 01245 329162 rbmb4546@yahoo.co.uk
<b>London Walks 2</b> 4th Thursday (March to November)	Janice Tyas 01245 321110 janice.winyard44@gmail.com
<b>Luncheon Club</b> 2nd Thursday at elected venue	Adelaide Ogilvie 01245320716 adelaide.ogilvie@btinternet.com
<b>Paint &amp; Pastels Mixed Media Art</b> Meets third Wednesday 10.0 am – 12 .00 noon	Contact Judith 01245 321380
<b>Pics, Brick &amp; Moore - Art &amp; Architecture</b> 4th Tuesday (may vary due to venue)	Chris Miles 01245 401015 Chris.miles48@yahoo.co.uk
<b>Play Reading</b> Meets third Tuesday 2.0 – 4.0 pm	Contact Judith 01245 321380
<b>Science &amp; Technology</b> 1st Thursday 10.00 - 12.00	Ken Pratt
<b>Singles Social &amp; Dinning</b> 3rd Monday 11.30 am	Joan Bridger 01245 328369

<b>Strollers</b> 4th Monday at 10.30 am	Jill Hiskett 01245 320794
<b>Tai Chi</b> Meets every Monday 1.15 - 2.30	Gareth Chandler 077602234536 gochandler@btinternet.com
<b>Walking</b> 1st and 3rd Friday at 10.00 am	Bob Tyas 01245 321110 robert.tyas82@gmail.com
<b>Whiskey Appreciation</b> 4th Friday	Alan Golding 01245 320846 alan.golding@btinternet.com
<b>Wine Appreciation1</b> 2nd Friday 2.00 - 4.00	Janet Tipping 01245 323424 dandjtipping64@gmail.com
<b>Wine Appreciation2</b> 2nd Friday 2.00 - 4.00	Gerald Malone 01245 325572 gjmalone@yahoo.com
<b>Wine Appreciation3</b> 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](http://www.swf-u3a.org)  
[www.u3asites.org.uk/crouch-valley](http://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 25th November to Lyn Kear using one of the following:  
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E-mail: [f.kear365@btinternet.com](mailto:f.kear365@btinternet.com)

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