



University of the Third Age

## **SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS**

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### **Newsletter**



### **September Wine Appreciation 1 Zoom Meeting**

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### **From the Chair**

I hope you are all keeping well and safe. Another month has passed by and I cannot see things changing for the foreseeable future, only darker evenings from the end of the month.

We are continuing with our monthly Zoom meetings and details will be sent out shortly by email for the 7th October meeting.

Please keep sending items to Lyn for the newsletter, stories, quizzes, etc.

Janice

### **Social Committee**

Hi all, I hope you are all still managing to keep yourselves safe and not getting too confused with the problems plus changing rules of Covid-19.

Whilst I appreciate that any events the Social Committee might want to do in the near future may be a long way off, I thought each month that I would give you all an idea of what we could put on when social gatherings might take place once again.

The first one that comes to mind would be a “GOODBYE TO COVID and CELEBRATE THE FUTURE” with a music of your choice and afternoon tea at the Bell Public House in Woodham Ferrers. Obviously this would be more enjoyable in the warmer weather so could be one to bear in mind for the future when weather permits.

I will give you one taster over each of the coming months whilst these dreaded restrictions remain in place..

If you have any comments to make on any of these future Social committee outings and/or ideas for the future. You can contact me on my email address. [brian.hurrell10@gmail.com](mailto:brian.hurrell10@gmail.com).

Brian Hurrell

**Hello Everyone,**

During lockdown Brian, Keith and myself have been enjoying Jays Virtual Pub quiz on You Tube on a Thursday and Saturday evening. We found it to be fun and a light relief from all the repeats and reruns on the TV. The quiz took off quite unexpectedly, and is now airing its 50th quiz. He has specialist rounds on other nights of the week if you are a quiz freak. There is no charge to join the quiz but he regularly supports charities to which you may donate via just giving. 50 questions each night but on a Saturday during the break he has been doing something he calls Diploids. Thought I'd share a few with you.

So here are your first 12:

To give you some help the first one is 1760 Yards In A Mile

1760 Y I A M	15 R B I A G O S	13 C I A S	39 B I T O T
16 O I A P	1, 2 B M S	3 L R	8 N I A M S
A B A T 40 T	8 F I A M	3 C O A T L	4 S I A P O C

Answers next month although on a Saturday we have just 5 minutes max.

**London Walks 1**

I really hope you are all keeping well and safe in these extremely different and difficult times.

I trust you all have December 16th in your diaries for our ‘Last Christmas’ Zoom meeting. More details to follow next month.

For your information Chris Miles, ‘Picks, Bricks and Moore’ and us, ‘London walks 1’ are joining together in booking two virtual tours. Details of this can be found under ‘Zoom Based Virtual Tours’ in this newsletter. I know others of you have been doing these walks and they are excellent. Maybe even more welcome during the coming winter months.

Take care, stay safe and keep well everyone.

Mary

**Janice suggested that if we had a story to tell it could be used to fill up space in the Newsletter in these strange times. This is a true story. I hope it makes you chuckle.**

A FROG-----OR MAYBE NOT!

Housework is very boring and not easy so people generally fall into one of two groups, those that hate it and those that love it. My mother was, during my childhood, definitely a member of the first of these groups. I don't think she enjoyed washing and cleaning but she had to toil every day to do all the jobs to keep our house to the standard that she felt was required and that was difficult in those days. There weren't many labour saving machines to make housework easier. My mum seemed always to be cleaning or washing or shopping and having a small girl around must have been quite frustrating for her. Therefore my sister, who is nine years my senior was often given the task of amusing me.

Marjorie had been the pampered, indulged and privileged only child for nine years. Imagine how she felt when I came along. She must have resented me and I feel really sorry for her having to cart me round wherever she went. I can remember many times when this happened.

On this one occasion that I remember so well and she has completely forgotten, she and her friend Hilda were going to spend a morning having fun at a local area of scrub land called Pex Hill which was very like Danbury Common and about the same distance away. Of course they had to take me. That must have been a complete blow for them.

I don't really remember how we got there but we probably walked and by the time we arrived at our destination my sister and Hilda had come up with a cunning plan. They told me they had caught a frog which they needed to take home. I was given the task of keeping the frog safe until it was time to return for our mid-day meal. I don't remember having seen the frog but it was placed on the ground underneath a spread out handkerchief, on which I was told to keep my fingers securely fastened.

In this way my companions kept the frog a prisoner and me fully occupied watching out for its escape. They then disappeared to do what teenage girls did in those far off days. I watched the handkerchief diligently, never taking my eyes from this white crumpled prison.

I suppose they must have been gone for twenty minutes or more and never once was I diverted from my task. I must admit I remember well the feeling of apprehension that the truants wouldn't return and I would be abandoned there for hours. My sister however was governed by the same strict regime as myself so, of course, they returned eventually probably after only about twenty minutes but it seemed much longer.

Then I was confronted by shock and horror because when the handkerchief was lifted the frog had --- escaped. How this had happened I have never been able to explain. I must admit I have often puzzled over the problem during the passing years.

Suddenly, however, the truth dawned on me quite recently. The girls hadn't been particularly cross with me so I guess that there hadn't been a frog at all. It had just been a trick to keep me occupied. I feel so stupid to have been duped in this way but I was only about four at the time so can be forgiven for my innocent trust. I asked my sister when I visited her in Australia a few years ago about the frog incident and she couldn't remember anything about it but I have remembered it so clearly for all these years. I wonder why?

### **London Theatre**

Unfortunately our plans for theatre trips are still being thwarted. I've heard from the booking agents that the shows planned for the remainder of this year have been cancelled. They are working through the list and will be making refunds. As soon as I receive the refunds I will be in touch to confirm repayment.

I hope everyone is still coping with our restrictions but I definitely miss meeting with everyone and enjoying our theatre trips. Keep our fingers crossed that there will be better news in the New Year. Keep well. Best wishes, Pauline

## **Pics, Bricks and Moore**

Leo Heaton treated us to an excellent virtual Street Art tour via Zoom on the 22nd September. Her knowledge of the subject is impressive and her presentation top class. I think we all learnt so much about the evolution of street art and fascinating facts about the artists that create it.

Encouraged by how well that went we have joined forces with London Walks 1 to book two more Virtual Tours that Leo offers. These are based upon the archaeology of London and **further details can be found under 'Zoom Based Virtual Tours' in this Newsletter.**

The tours are **open to all SWF u3a members** but you will need access to the Zoom app.

Best wishes

Chris and Roy

### **Zoom Based Virtual Tours (open to all SWF u3a members)**

Pics and Bricks and London Walks 1 have joined forces to offer two virtual tours over Zoom. The tours are presented by Leo Heaton who delivered an excellent tour on Street Art in September. The cost for each tour is £5.00 per person (£10.00 for couples). This is based upon at least 14 people joining the tour.

If you are interested and would like to book please pass or send a cheque to Mary or Roy Brindley made payable to South Woodham Ferrers u3a.

We are taking bookings for both tours so **please write on the back of your cheque which tour(s) you are booking for.**

Mary and Roy's address is:

6 Bickerton Point

South Woodham Ferrers

CM3 5YG

Both tours are booked for an 11.00 am. start but we have arranged for the Zoom session to be open at 10:45. Each tour will last approximately an hour followed by questions and answers. There were lots of questions after the Street Art tour which was excellent so **we suggest you allow 2 hours in total.**

Tour details:

What Lies Beneath, Part One: Archaeology in the City of London (Wed 21st October)

On this virtual walking tour of the City of London, we will peel back the layers and take a look. Over an hour, we will trace the City's history through its archaeology and examine some of the most exciting and unusual finds. The Roman settlement of the 1st and 2nd century AD offers up amazing remains at every turn: from the ruins of the amphitheatre lying beneath the City's art gallery, to the sections of the Roman boundary wall revealed by Second World War bomb damage. Which piece of buried treasure will be your favourite? This is a perfect tour for all those interested in what can be found beneath the ground as well as what is currently above it!

What Lies Beneath, Part Two: The Archaeology of Crossrail (Tues 24th November)

Part two of Leo's 'Archaeology in the City' series, this virtual tour will escort you down to the tunnels and brand new rail stations of Europe's largest ever infrastructure project, Crossrail, to have a closer look at the finds unearthed during its construction. From everyday items, like Victorian chamber pots and Roman coins, to rare treasures such as medieval bowling balls and a piece of 55 MILLION year old amber – come and explore the sites and some of the objects that this remarkable project uncovered one by one. Is it true that bodies were discovered still carrying 14th century plague pathogens? What gruesome discovery had to make way for the new Liverpool Street station ticketing hall? And what on earth were 13,000 jam jars doing buried underneath Tottenham Court Road?! Join Leo to spend another fascinating hour putting together a few more of the pieces that make up London's archaeological jigsaw puzzle.

### **Walking Group**

**Friday 16th October** - Crondon Park Golf Course Walk - 7 miles - please meet in Galleywood Common car park which is on the left just off of Margaretting Road, ready to start at 10.00.

**Friday 6th November** - Goldhanger Walk - 6 miles - please meet in Chequers Inn car park just before 10.00.

**Friday 20th November** - Purleigh Walk - 5.5miles - please meet in Purleigh Sport Field just before 10.00.

### **Executive Committee**

Chairman	Janice Tyas	01245 321110
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Member	Ian Mathews	07938226503

### **Social Committee**

Group Leader	Brian Hurrell	07913390302 social@swf-u3a.org
Member	Graham Evans	01621 742524
Member	Pat Golding	01245 320846



## 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 28th October to Lyn Kear using one of the following:  
11 Clemments Court SWF  
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 & Dining	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					