RAYLEIGH GRANGE u3a

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Welcome to the November Newsletter

Our next monthly meeting at the Grange is on

WEDNESDAY 4th November 2026 *at 2.00 p.m.*

SPEAKER: Jane Piper

Weird Christmas

Join Mrs Claus and meet some of the more bizarre characters who appear during the Christmas season.

We will travel around Europe, encountering dangerous trolls, scary scarecrows, demons, witches and all manner of odd characters whose job is to terrify children into being good if they want to receive their presents.

But fear not, we will meet some benevolent characters along the way too!

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



St Michael's Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive
Affiliated to Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh

PART ONE
St Michael's Church celebrated 70 years of being in Sir Walter Raleigh Drive on the 3rd October 2026.

Jackie Dillnutt, Social Secretary from Rayleigh Grange u3a, sent out a notice about the above event which my wife Helen and I attended. We are not regular parishioners at the church, however, have attended a special service there (more information about that later).

By chance whilst visiting the church during this day of celebration we met a couple who were near neighbours when we lived in Avondale Close, Rayleigh. The lady's is name Florence, she and her husband Clive have been members of the church for 40 years. We enjoyed reminiscing about the 'good old days' in Rayleigh.

Bishop Adam of Bradwell, along with Rev Jackie Turner, took a short service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of achievements as part of the day's events.

There were presentations from some church members. Florence, whose roots were from Uganda, and her husband told the congregation of the work St. Michael's had done over the 28 years in building an Anglican Church in Uganda with continued encouragement and support today.

We were shown inspiring pictures of the rural parish with its well-attended churches. Over the years lasting friendships have developed with Florence, her husband and other church members embarking on the long-haul flight to Uganda.

Another major achievement of this modest church was embarking on a mission to change the lives of young women living in Hyderabad in India. It was explained to the congregation that these innocent young women had little option but to 'work on the streets' just to earn enough money to barely live on £3.00 per day.

Members of the church were so appalled on discovering this that they decided they must try to help. Their answer was to give these young women sewing machines and basic training. This proved to be a huge success with the girls making saris for a living which has given them a safe, sustainable income of £5 per day and we were told gave them reasonable standard of living.

Back in Sir Walter Drive church members have made vast improvements to the church kitchen and resurfaced the paths and drive too.

After the service everyone attending was invited to enjoy cake and a cuppa!

PART TWO
Wedding Banns

Going back to the summer of 2020 when the Covid pandemic was still looming large and affecting the lives of the population Helen and I were finalising our wedding plans with the wedding Banns and wedding ceremony scheduled to take place at Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh.

However, due to the many restrictions on public gatherings, including church services our plans had to be modified.

I recall that we had to attend a service at St Michael's to have the Banns read with other engaged couples. The restrictions were: social distancing, one metre apart, everyone wearing face masks, no singing of hymns, no talking to other parishioners and a reduced length of the service.

My little story has a very happy ending – Helen and I were married at Holy Trinity Church on the 20th September 2020.

Memories!!!

Edward Byford
Chairman

OUR OCTOBER SPEAKER

On 7 October 2026, we were treated to an interesting and amusing presentation about Mr Lindsay Whitehouse's time in the prison service where he finished his career as a Governor of Chelmsford Category B Prison.

Lindsay had us all answering his questions and then reciprocated by answering ours which involved some great audience participation.

I think I can safely say that all who attended, despite the weather, had an entertaining afternoon. We look forward to welcoming Lindsay back sometime in the future for Part 2 which will be, I am sure, as enlightening and fun.

Donna Lowe



STAMP APPEAL

For many years our members have saved their used postage stamps to support The Bone Cancer Research Trust. Every ten minutes somewhere a child, teenager or adult is diagnosed with primary bone cancer. The Trust has encouraged more researchers to explore primary bone cancer and has funded many research projects.

Christmas is the time of year when we receive more stamps than at any other time, apart from possibly our birthday. To receive an item of post with a stamp these days is becoming quite rare. Christmas is a good time to start recycling what might otherwise be consigned to the bin and help a charity without making a dent in your finances.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly continued to collect their stamps. I always have a collecting box at the monthly meeting to collect your contributions.

Ann Rawlinson



SAMBA CANASTA GROUP

Fancy a card game that's good for the brain, great for the conversation and capable of making two hours disappear in what feels like twenty minutes?

Come and join our friendly **Samba Canasta Group**!

After the fantastic start Dave made with the Samba Canasta Group Deborah Blair and I have taken up the gauntlet to run the meetings.

We have moved to the *Travellers Joy* for twice monthly meetings and now we have settled in we can open a list for new members. If you would like a join us we have started a waiting list for January. Debs and I are a long way from being experts, but we can work with you to follow Dave's comprehensive instruction sheet.

Samba is Canasta's larger, livelier cousin. It uses more cards, offers more ways to score and provides plenty of opportunities to outwit your friends while pretending you knew exactly what you were doing all along.

Whether you're an experienced player or someone who thinks a meld is something that happens to old cheese, you'll be made very welcome.

Why join us?

- Exercise your brain without setting foot in a gym
- Enjoy laughter, conversation and friendly competition
- Learn a fascinating game that's easy to start and rewarding to master
- Meet new people and make new friends
- Enjoy refreshments while plotting your next brilliant move

Warning!

Side effects may include:

- Losing track of time
- Becoming strangely excited about card combinations
- Telling friends and family about your latest Samba triumph
- Looking forward to the next session before the current one has finished

Come along, have a cuppa, play a few hands and discover why so many people find Samba Canasta impossible to resist.

No experience necessary. Enthusiasm optional, but usually inevitable.

If you are interested, please contact Carol Bright - Group Co-ordinator via the web page.

Jane Gee & Deborah Blair
Group Leaders



FACEBOOK

Rayleigh Grange u3a has had a Facebook group for 6 years.

It began in the early days of the Covid pandemic, as a tool for members to stay in touch during lockdown.

We currently have 68 (RGu3a) members in the group which has private/closed membership. This means that only members of our u3a who are members of the group can gain access. Nobody else can read or respond to anything posted within the group. So it's exclusive to us and is safe.

We would like to get more engagement within the group.

- Planned group activities.
- Interaction or comments regarding our monthly speaker.
- Need more members in your group? Include it in the FB group.

I am sure that there will be other suggestions.

If you are not currently a Facebook member and would like to join you will need to create an account and answer a few questions. Then you can request to join our group.

If you are already a Facebook member and would like to join you can request to join our group. You will be asked a couple of simple questions.

How to do it depends on which device you are using. I have joined a few other groups, including a couple of my old schools and, as a result, I am now in contact with three old school friends. Something that I didn't expect when I joined FB.

Mark Wiseman



TREE FEST '26

Don't forget to visit the lovely **Christmas Tree Festival** at Holy Trinity Church from *27th – 30th November* and vote for our u3a Christmas Tree which has been decorated with hand-made decorations by our **All Things Crafty Group**.



QUIZ – ARMS AND LEGS

Each answer is a word that starts with Arm or Leg i.e. Armament or Legend

1. Its capital is Yerevan	**2.** A popular child's game
3. Italian fashion designer	**4.** Fleet of warships
5. In music, notes that are played or sung smoothly and connected	**6.** Cartoon rooster
7. Portrayed by Antonio Banderas in the 1994 film "Interview with a Vampire"	**8.** Eastenders' doctor
9. A soldier (in particular of ancient Roman or France)	**10.** One who is bequeathed a portion of a testator's estate

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A conversation with…
Deborah Blair, Joint Group Leader of Samba Canasta



New interests, new friendships and plenty of laughter: these are the highlights of u3a life for Deborah Blair. I caught up with our Joint Group Leader of Samba Canasta to find out how she went from newcomer to helping others enjoy themselves.

When Deb and her husband Darren moved to Rayleigh they didn't know anyone in the area. Looking for activities to join, they did some research and discovered the u3a. Neither had heard of the organisation before and they weren't sure what to expect.

They decided to take the plunge — and soon had plenty to talk about. Both joined several groups, deliberately choosing different activities, although they attend two groups together. As Deb points out, pursuing their own interests gives them lots to share when they get home.

What stands out for Deb is the welcome they have received. Alongside the chance to explore her interests, she enjoys the friendship and camaraderie of meeting a variety of people. Seeing familiar faces regularly has helped those connections grow into friendships, giving her even more to look forward to at each gathering.

So, what inspired her to become a Group Leader? Deb wanted to give 'something back'. She loves seeing people enjoying themselves and having fun — and the laughter that can often be heard is one of the pleasures of the role.

Taking on the role has also widened her circle of acquaintances. She appreciates the opportunity to have a say in decisions and some control over the group's activities — all without stress.

Thank you, Deb, for sharing your experience — and for helping make those moments of friendship and laughter possible.

Carol Bright
Group Co-ordinator

A TRIP TO THE FAWLTY TOWERS LUNCH EXPERIENCE

On Friday 4th October members of Rayleigh Grange u3a set off for London to enjoy something a little different: **Fawlty Towers: The Lunch Experience** at the President Hotel. From the moment we arrived, it was clear we were in for an afternoon of chaotic fun inspired by one of Britain's best-loved sitcoms.

A Warm Welcome… of Sorts

On arrival in the bar area, and before we had even taken our seats, the "staff" were already causing mayhem. Basil, Sybil and Manuel swept into the room with all the familiar energy — Basil flustered and sharp-tongued, Sybil with her unmistakable laugh and Manuel eager, confused and wonderfully unpredictable. Nibbles were offered by Manuel, but only those who could catch well got any as peanuts flew around the room!

Lunch with a Side of Pandemonium

The actors improvised interactions with guests began immediately. Napkins were misplaced, orders were muddled and Basil's patience evaporated at record speed. It felt as though we had stepped straight into the world of Fawlty Towers.





The meal itself was delicious and plentiful, though it was hard to focus on the food with the constant stream of comedy interruptions. Manuel's attempts at serving were a highlight, ranging from enthusiastic plate-balancing to complete misunderstandings of even the simplest requests. Basil's exasperation grew with every mishap, while Sybil kept the entire room in check with her signature charm and razor-sharp timing.





The cast worked the room brilliantly, involving guests in the unfolding chaos. Several of our members found themselves unexpectedly part of the show — whether being scolded by Basil, serenaded by Manuel or being targeted by Sybil to lead a dance. Laughter echoed throughout the dining room from start to finish.











A Show Within a Lunch

Between courses, short scenes played out around the tables, recreating classic Fawlty Towers moments with clever twists. The physical comedy, quick improvisation and affectionate nods to the original series delighted everyone. It was clear the performers understood not just the characters, but the spirit of the show: fast, funny and gloriously unpredictable.



A Memorable Afternoon for Rayleigh Grange u3a

It was an afternoon that reminded us how joyful shared experiences can be, especially when they involve a bit of silliness and a lot of nostalgia. It was also a great way to celebrate Betty Dafter's 97th birthday!

Jackie Dillnutt
Social Secretary

Some Chuckles from Steve Rix

Due to the ongoing water shortage in Ireland, the swimming baths in Dublin have just announced they are closing lanes 7 and 8.

My brother applied for a job at the Post Office. He was well qualified for the position on offer, passed the interview with flying colours and was offered the job there and then. He was told the Personnel Department would be in touch with him shortly. A fortnight passed and he received a letter on Monday informing him to start last Wednesday.

My wife got upset because she thinks I no longer like her cooking. So, to prove her wrong, I had another slice of her gravy.

I ordered some German food over the internet. The sauerkraut has arrived, but the wurst is yet to come.

A contestant on Who Wants to be a Millionaire has just got his second question right and is on £200. Jeremy Clarkson says, "Here's the third question."

Who was known as the Great Train Robber? Was it:

A) RONNIE Biggs?
B) RONNIE Barker?
C) RONNIE O'Sullivan?
D) RONNIE Wood?

The contestant replies, "Well Jeremy, I've had a great time, but I'm going to take the £200. Final answer."

"What?" says Jeremy, "Are you mad, you still have all your lifelines left!"
The contestant replies, "I might be mad Jeremy, but I'm no grass."

You won't be hearing from me for a while, I'm being investigated for stealing swimming pool inflatables. I've gotta lilo.

Amazon has just announced that the male version of Alexa will be released. It will be called Alex and you have to ask the same thing 10 times and wait 6 months to do it.

When I was baptised the vicar wore a false beard, glasses and a wig. It was a blessing in disguise.



QUIZ – 20th CENTURY

1. James Earl Ray was responsible for whose death in 1968?	**2.** Who created havoc in 1938 when his radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" was believed to be true?
3. Which major British newspaper closed down for almost a year in 1978?	**4.** What were Benjy and Laska which were sent into space in 1958?
5. Who was the biggest-selling female music artist in America in the 1990's?	**6.** Which British monarch was on the throne at the beginning of the 20th century?
7. Which American President saw active service in both the First and Second World Wars?	**8.** Why was Louise Brown famous in 1978?
9. In what year was London due to host the Olympic Games, but couldn't because of the Second World War?	**10.** Which three films did Steven Spielberg direct that were among the top ten highest grossing films of the 20th century?

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

AD HOC HISTORY GROUP



On 30 September we finally managed our **Mystery Walk of Southend-on-Sea** with Adrian Fox and his companion, Richard.





We began our walk at the Royal Hotel at the sea end of the High Street and were treated to many interesting facts and, surprisingly, magic which was very amusing.

The walk lasted about two hours and covered around a mile looking at the wonderful buildings on Royal Terrace to name just one of the streets and hearing about the local history and ghost stories.

We learnt about Nelson and Lady Hamilton and several other celebrities, about the Royal Hotel and the Pier Hotel's use during WWI.

Unfortunately, there were so many terrific facts and stories I cannot tell you them all here. But if you are interested in joining this tour please let me know and I will pass on the details. I really would recommend this for everyone and I had some wonderful feedback from the group who enjoyed it very much despite being the one day it decided to precipitate a little!

Donna Lowe
Group Leader

GARDEN GROUP
VISIT TO FEERINGBURY MANOR



In early October members of the group visited Feeringbury Manor which is out towards Coggeshall. We were welcomed by the owner, Sonia, who led us through a wall into the beautiful garden.





Whilst we had a drink and cake, she gave us some background information about the property.
The house is a Grade II listed medieval manor house which, over the years, has had various bits built on. The gardens cover around 10 acres and border the River Blackwater. The owners have spent over 30 years restoring and developing the design of borders and features.



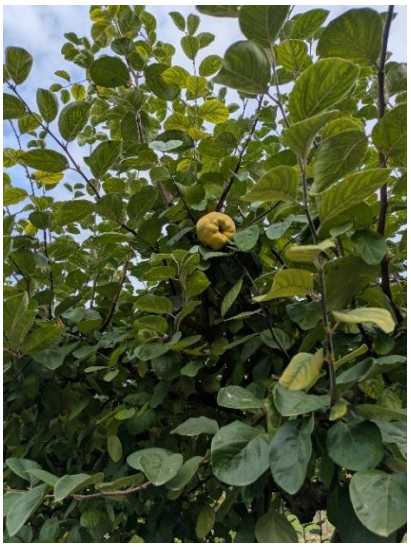


There are two large ponds, one with a functioning Victorian waterwheel. Sonia told us that she likes to cram plants into the borders so that they fill them with colour and shape throughout the year.

Throughout the gardens we noticed some huge metalwork features which have been produced by Ben Coode-Adams (the owner's son).



There were some "interesting" metal gates, decorative trellises forming arches and other shapes over central pathways and sculptures around the garden. The arboretum is over 3 acres and has a collection of rare, young and large trees.





The owner Giles Coode-Adams, as well as having a high-end banking career in the City, ran a business in blackcurrant production which supplied the production of Ribena. For a time, he was also the President of the RHS and ran the Foundation at Kew Gardens, being one of the founding members of the Millenium Seed Bank.



We were extremely lucky with a beautiful sunny day and after the visit most of us went to Perrywood Garden Centre, Tiptree for lunch.

Ann C-O
Group Leader

ANSWERS – ARMS AND LEGS

1. Armenia	**2.** Lego
3. (Georgio) Armani	**4.** Armada
5. Legato	**6.** (Foghorn) Leghorn
7. Armand	**8.** Dr. Legg
9. Legionnaire	**10.** Legatee

SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP
REVIEW



This month's venue was The Bull at Corringham. I booked through a recommendation and discovered it had excellent reviews. It's not in the area we usually go to, but it was easy to get to and we arrived early after just 16 minutes travelling. It is an old traditional pub next to the church in the old village.

We were warmly welcomed and shown to our table. It was a little cool at first, but soon warmed up as we chose drinks and looked at the menu. The starters looked promising and three of us chose Fried Brie which was delicious. Others chose Duck Spring Rolls which were equally good. The Mushroom Soup was "proper" homemade and the Prawn Cocktail was enormous. Everyone chose a roast except two who chose salmon. Pork belly was pronounced excellent as was the gammon and lamb. The beef was good, but perhaps the least popular. It was the trimmings that surprised us – bowls of crispy roast potatoes, two bowls of red cabbage and two of broccoli, swede, mangetout and carrots along with Yorkshire Puddings and boats of gravy …. Wow! It went very quiet on our table!

A few of us chose desserts. Toffee Apple Crumble, Lemon Meringue Pie and ice cream (two people shared with two spoons).

Comments included "a real old-fashioned Sunday lunch and highly recommended" to which we all agreed.

Susan Neil
Group Leader

ALL THINGS CRAFTY

For our October session we had a great time creating 3 Christmas cards each. Our wonderful Pam took us through our paces along with providing all that we needed. She had prepared so much for us - it must have taken her hours. It's certainly inspired me to create some more.





Sarah Kay
Group Leader

BIRDWATCHING GROUP
FINGRINGHOE WICK – OCTOBER



Swan

Another splendid location that always delivers, and although it's an hour's drive from Rayleigh Grange, it's well worth the effort. We were so lucky with the weather, a beautiful sunny autumn day sandwiched between two days of the worst that English weather could conjure up.

Fingringhoe Wick is a few miles south east of Colchester; the reserve being managed by the Essex Wildlife Trust and well worth a visit if you enjoy a walk in the wonderful Essex countryside.



Black Tailed Godwit



Little Egret

Anyway, we made straight for the big hide that overlooks the River Colne hoping to see lots of wading birds feeding on the mud flats left exposed by the outgoing tide. Although the tide had ebbed more than I'd hoped, we still managed to spot lots of species, including Teal, Curlew, Cormorant, Widgeon and Black tailed Godwit to name a few.



Stone Chat



Grey Plover/Golden Plover





Muntjac

We ate our packed lunches there and then moved on to the Kingfisher Hide. Unfortunately, we didn't see any Kingfishers but we did see Stonechat, Little Grebe, Shelduck, Heron and even spotted a Muntjac quenching his thirst. A great day and between us we spotted in excess of 20 species.

Steve Rix
Group Leader

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FRIDAY PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP
VISIT TO HYDE HALL

















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DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY STORY



Who is hiding in your family tree—and which ancestor is responsible for the family nose? Whether you are taking your first step into family history or already chasing an elusive ancestor, our welcoming Family History Groups will help you turn names and dates into vivid stories. New members are warmly invited: bring your curiosity and discover why every family tree has a few nuts.

- Unlock census records, archives and family-history websites with confidence
- Break through stubborn research "brick walls" with practical, friendly support
- Swap proven tips, remarkable stories and fascinating finds with fellow members

Bring one name, one mystery—or simply your curiosity. A single clue could reveal a surprising story, open a new branch of your family tree or finally put a face to a long-forgotten name. When the trail goes cold, you will have an enthusiastic group ready to help you pick it up again.

Do not leave your family's best stories undiscovered. Come along, meet like-minded people and start following the clues — your next great discovery could be waiting in the very next record. No experience, dusty attic or time machine required!

If you are interested in joining one of the groups, please contact Carol Bright our Group Co-ordinator.

ANSWERS – 20th CENTURY

1. Martin Luther King's	**2.** Orson Welles
3. The Times	**4.** Mice
5. Mariah Carey	**6.** Queen Victoria
7. Eisenhower	**8.** She was the first test tube baby
9. 1944	**10.** "Jurassic Park", "E.T." and "The Lost World"



FROM THE EDITOR

The clocks have changed now and summertime is at an end. As I write the tail end of Storm Buelo is blowing and fortunately not causing any undue damage in our part of the world. The weather has been very kind to some of our groups who have enjoyed lovely autumn days for their various trips. How fortunate they have been to be able to enjoy this lovely time of year "ere the winter storms begin".

There is another new feature this month "A converstion with……." which I hope we are able to continue and enjoy. Thank you to all those who have contributed to another colourful edition.

A special request to those who send in their contributions – please, please, please send them to the designated email address which is below in future. Your editor has more than one email address and one of these days something might be missed which has been mixed up with other mail. Many thanks.

The deadline for receiving articles for the December 2026 Newsletter is

Wednesday 25th November 2026

rgu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

DECEMBER MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2nd December 2026 AT 2.00 PM

MUSIC BY "RAFFLES"

We will be entertained by a duo called Raffles. With festive music and cheer.

GROUP CALENDAR

If you are interested in joining any of these Groups please contact the Group Co-ordinator

GROUP	DAY	TIME	GROUP LEADER
AD HOC HISTORY	**To be advised**		Donna & Steve Lowe
ALL THINGS CRAFTY	**2nd Tuesday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Sarah Kay
ARCHAEOLOGY	**2nd Thursday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Ian Haynes
ART APPRECIATION	**3rd Wednesday**	**2.00 – 4.30 pm**	Pat Shephard
BADMINTON 1	**Thursday – Fortnightly**	**10.00 am**	Jacqui Butcher
BADMINTON 2	**Wednesday – Fortnightly**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Geoff Pearce
BIRD WATCHING	**4th Thursday**	**10.00 am**	Steve Rix
BOOK GROUP	**Last Thursday**	**3.00 pm**	Jackie Dillnutt
BRIDGE	**As agreed**	**Various**	Mark Wiseman
BRIDGE BEGINNERS	**1st/3rd Friday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Mark Wiseman & Ken Paton
CANASTA 1	**2nd Monday**	**2.30 – 4.30 pm**	Doreen Brown
CANASTA 2	**3rd Monday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Edna Webb
CANASTA BEGINNERS 1	**3rd Wednesday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Ann Clarke-Overy
CANASTA BEGINNERS 2	**2nd Wednesday**	**2.30 – 4.30 pm**	Jane Gee
COFFEE & CONVERSATION	**4th Wednesday**	**10.30 – 12.30**	Barbara Oliver
CHESS	**Last Monday**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Darren Blair
CINEMA	**Wednesday (various)**	**Morning**	Christine Shaw
CRIBBAGE	**4th Thursday**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Susan Neil
DARTS	**Thursday – Fortnightly**	**11.00 – 1.00 pm**	Ray & Maureen Saveall
DISCUSSION	**3rd Thursday**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Doreen Brown
FAMILY HISTORY 1	**1st Monday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Ann Rawlinson
FAMILY HISTORY 2	**1st Tuesday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Ann Rawlinson
FAMILY HISTORY 3	**2nd Wednesday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Ann Rawlinson
FAMILY HISTORY 4	**4th Wednesday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Ann Rawlinson
FILM APPRECIATION	**3rd Monday**		Joan Hanscomb
GARDEN GROUP	**Various**		Ann Clark-Overy Susan Neil
JAZZ APPRECIATION	**Wednesday (various)**		Dave Westall
JUST SEW & SEW	**1st/3rd Friday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Chris Roffey
KNIT & NATTER 1	**2nd Thursday**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Ann Clarke-Overy
KNIT & NATTER 2	**4th Thursday**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Sarah Kay
LUNCH SUNDAY	**3rd Sunday**		Susan Neil
LUNCH WEEKDAY	**2nd Wednesday**		Edna Webb

MAHJONG	**Tuesday – Fortnightly**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Ann Clarke-Overy
MARITIME HISTORY	**1st Monday**	**2.30 – 4.30 pm**	Sue Howarth-Reading
MINDFULNESS/MEDITATION	**4th Monday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Carol Bright
OUT AND ABOUT 1	**Various Days**		Ann Clarke-Overy
OUT AND ABOUT 2	**Various Days**		Julie Witts & Christine Wilson
PETANQUE	**1st/3rd Monday**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Margaret Cudby & Theresa McAninch
PHOTOGRAPHY MONDAY	**Various**		Geoff Kittle
PHOTOGRAPHY FRIDAY	**3rd Friday**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Maureen Cheesewright
POETRY APPRECIATION	**3rd Thursday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Ann Rawlinson
PSYCHOLOGY	**2nd Monday**	**1.30 – 3.00 pm**	Jean Thraves
PUDDY GALORE	**4th Tuesday**	**4.00 pm**	Anne Berry
RUMMIKUB 1	**1st Monday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Lynda Rooke
RUMMIKUB 2	**2nd Thursday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Pam Green
SAMBA CANASTA	**1st/3rd Thursday**	**10.00 – 12.00 pm**	Jane Gee & Deborah Blair
SCRABBLE	**3rd Monday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Wendy Bedwell
SHAKESPEARE APPRECIATION	**3rd Friday**	**10.30 – 12.30 pm**	Paula Whittle
SHORT MAT BOWLS	**Tuesday – Fortnightly**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Susan Neil
SINGING FOR PLEASURE	**1st/3rd Tuesday**	**10.30 – 12.30 pm**	Joan Wayman
SOLO WHIST	**2nd Monday**	**10.00 – 12.00**	David Lobley
TABLE TENNIS	**1st/3rd Friday**	**1.30 – 3.00 pm**	Maureen Saveall
TENPIN BOWLING	**Tuesday – Fortnightly**	**11.00 – 3.00 pm**	Jacqui Butcher
THEATRE/EVENTS	**Various times & days**		Doreen Brown Edna Webb Susan Neil Ann Clarke-Overy
TRIVIAL PURSUIT	**4th Tuesday**	**2.00 – 4.00 pm**	Steve Barns
u3a BAND	**Various – Cedar Centre**		Steve Lowe
WALKING MIDWEEK	**3rd Monday**		Gwen Bushell
WALKING SUNDAY	**Last Sunday**	**10.30 – 12.30 pm**	Christine Shaw
WINE THURSDAY	**Various**	**7.00 pm**	Susan Neil Ann Newman
WINE FRIDAY	**Various**	**7.00 pm**	Susan Neil Ann Newman
WOMEN IN HISTORY	**Last Friday**	**2.30 – 4.30 pm**	Lynda Rooke
u3a MONTHLY MEETING	**1st Wednesday**	**1.30 – 4 .00 pm**	Various Speakers

For specific dates please liaise with your Group Leader.