

General Meetings are held on the **second Thursday** of the month at 2.00pm
at Christ Church, 164 New London Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AW

General Meeting Speakers

Thursday 9th April 2026 Easter Social

Thursday 14th May 2026 Martin Oakin - The Story Of The Beatles part 1

Thursday 11th June 2026 Andy Stuart – Tall Tales Or Real History

See pages 22 and 23 for a list of the Chelmsford u3a Interest Groups, pages 24 and 25 for the Chelmsford u3a March 2026 Calendar.

Chelmsford u3a Membership - Renewal time is here again!



Thanks to so many of you who have renewed your membership for this year (due from 1st March), if you haven't yet renewed please look out for a reminder message.

View from the Chair



What a great presentation by Yvonne Lawrence about Chelmsford theatres and cinemas from the 19th to the 21st century at our last members meeting, I did not realise there were so many in Chelmsford. How some had switched between being theatres to cinemas and back again as trends change.

I would like to remind our members that our April social is on Thursday 9th April, there will be cakes/teas/coffees. Quizzes and a raffle.

The Choir group is having its first meeting on the 1st of April at Christchurch. There is also a Motorcycle group being formed. In June a new Ukulele group will be starting, we are looking for 10-15 members for an initial ten-week course. Please contact me if you are interested.

If you have any thoughts about groups that we could establish or if you would like to run a new group, please contact our group's coordinator Lesley Wood.

Two of our Committee members will be standing down at next year's AGM. We would welcome any member who is interested in a role on our Committee to join us as an observer. Anyone who is interested please contact me or any Committee member. Our next Committee meeting is on Wednesday 22nd April, at 10-00 am in room 2 at Christchurch.

Significant events from March 1926

- On March 7th, 1926, the first transatlantic telephone call was made between London and New York.
- On March 16th, 1926, Robert H. Goddard launched the first liquid-fueled rocket, it travels 184 feet or 56 meters.
- On March 26th, 1926, at the 85th Grand National: Billy Watkinson was victorious aboard 25/1 bet Jack Horner; the first Australian jockey to win the race.

Alan Caddy

Coach Outings Group

You are invited to join us on a spectacular day out at The Kent & East Sussex Heritage Railway on Sunday 17th May 2026 for what promises to be a day of pure nostalgia, recreating the sights, sounds and fashions of the 1940s.



Take a step back in time with a visit to this annual 1940s event - experience the 40s lifestyle as the railway turns back the clock to wartime Britain. Why not join in the fun and come in your own 1940s finery!

The cost of the trip, including coach travel, and unlimited travel on the steam and diesel trains is just £50 per person. The coach leaves Chelmsford at 9.30 am and return is estimated to be 6.30 pm.

Upon arrival collect your free identity card before immersing yourself in the nostalgic 1940s atmosphere created by the re-enactors, live performers and authentic 1940s displays. Trains are every 45 minutes throughout the day between Tenterden & Bodiam Stations. The D Day Singers will be performing at Tenterden and there is a full size replica Spitfire on display at the station.

Enjoy some refreshment from the NAFFI van or Vintage Allsorts Tea Room at Bodium Station. Costumed re-enactors, military and civilian vehicles all add to the atmosphere. Visit the 1940s Corner Shop. Bodium

Castle is easily reachable on foot from Bodium station. National Trust members may enter the castle free of charge, non-members get a 10% discount if they show their KESR ticket.

To make a booking contact Lesley Wood on lesleywood54@yahoo.com

ROCK & POP MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

Leader: Bruce Knight



A Joyful Start

The new Rock and Pop Music Group has quickly become a warm, lively space where members explore music, share memories, and enjoy each other's company. Each session is built around a simple theme or none, and members contribute one or two song choices. To everyone's amusement, the chosen theme for the group's 3rd meeting was: **"Songs To Be Played At My Funeral."** It may sound unusual, but the more we thought about it, the more creative and thoughtful the suggestions became — even if "Going Underground" by The Jam pushed the boundaries of taste just a little! Eventually, we ended up with a wonderfully varied and heartfelt playlist.

The session opened with John Lennon's "Imagine", after which each member said a few words about why they had chosen their song. Other examples included Elton John's "Funeral For A Friend"; "Enjoy Yourself" by The Specials; "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" by The Clash; and "Turn! Turn! Turn!" by The Byrds.

One especially touching moment came with George Ezra's "Green, Green Grass". Its nominator shared that she hoped her grandchildren would be dancing in the kitchen during the post-funeral gathering — and if you know the song, you'll understand why it brought both smiles and misty eyes.

Then, unexpectedly, came "The Laughing Policeman" by Charles Penrose. The story behind the choice was moving: Tommy Cannon once presented a documentary about his late comedy partner Bobby Ball, who in his final days told friends, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." That spirit certainly resonated with the group.

The collective mood of the group was quickly lifted once more when Jeannie’s contribution of Jerry Lee Lewis’s “Great Balls of Fire” raised the decibel counter, eventually closing the afternoon with Andrea Bocelli’s beautiful “Time to Say Goodbye”. It proved to be a session filled with music, reflection, laughter, and new friendships — everything the members hoped the group would offer.

It’s wonderful to see everyone coming together, enjoying the process of creating this new group, and bonding over our shared passion for music. We’re fortunate to have such a positive, creative, and like-minded group, united by music that not only inspires us but also brings back cherished memories. I’m already looking forward to our April session and the wide variety of music it will bring.

Bruce Knight

London - The City & its People Group

Leader: Berry Cornell

If you would like to join the London Group please contact the membership secretary Chris Rycroft for further information: Tel no. 01245 473047 email: c.rycroft123@btinternet.com.

The Group **usually** meets up on 4th Monday of the month at 2pm but **dates in bold** are exceptions due to Bank holidays, Christmas and availability. Meetings are held at Christ Church, New London Road, Chelmsford.



Programme for the 2026

27th Apr Talk - Slavery in the City - speaker David Williams.

18th May Visit - Stephens House & Gardens. This visit is now full.

22nd Jun Annual walk in the City - Money Tour: coffee shops, Bank, Royal Exchange with City of London Guides. A flyer will be in the May Newsletter

27th Jul Visit - Thames Barrier & Greenwich. A flyer will be in the June Newsletter.

24th Aug Talk - The building of St. Pauls - speaker Alison Woollard

Committee: Berry Cornell Convenor 01277 355823, Susie Fowkes, Chris Rycroft, David Marsh, Dave Sayers, Bob Smith Deputy Convenor.

Wonder of Words

Leader: Lindsay Whitehouse

We met again at Chelmsford Library, with one of our members using WhatsApp to access the meeting from her home in France.

We have made a start on writing our audio project and spent some time discussing the first scene and suggesting editing amendments. We plan to produce one scene a month with a different group member writing each scene. When it is ready we will explore if u3a groups wish us to perform it to them.

We had fun with a word game where we had to use the end of one word to form the beginning of another word. There were some impressive results in terms of quantity and quality of words produced, including a number of words that most of us had never heard of!

Our writing task this month was to focus on writing a piece loosely based on a character's behaviour or actions which caused difficulty for others. The end products were interesting and illustrated our differing thought patterns. One member wrote a blank verse poem listing the negativity one person's behaviour was having on another person.

Another story warned of taking care about what we wish for, in case we get it. There was a powerful piece about a personal relationship that had turned toxic, another one was about a dysfunctional relationship exacerbated by a generation gap. Finally, one person wrote about the chaos originating from the office of POTUS (we daren't mention the name).

The group remains open to new members. Our room capacity is limited but if anyone is interested please contact me via the link on the website and we can arrange for interested members to attend initially as a guest to see if the group is for them. We have identified some larger alternative venues so we could accommodate an influx of new members, give it a try, writing is recognised to be an activity with great benefits for mental health and a sense of well being. No previous experience is needed.

Lindsay Whitehouse Group Leader

Spanish Conversation Group

Leader: David Gout



Six of us gathered on 18th March 2026 for our first meeting in our new venue (Room 2 in Christ Church, New London Road).

One of our members had spent a week in Nerja, near Malaga, to attend an immersive Spanish course for people over fifty years old. The whole week is conducted entirely in Spanish. Attendees came from several different countries (Norway, Germany and the United States), although surprisingly there were two other people from Chelmsford there! As well as classroom conversational sessions, the week included tutorials on things such as Spanish cooking and visits to Malaga and one of Andalusia's famous "white villages" up in the hills. Our member really enjoyed it and found that it helped her Spanish improve considerably.

Other news items included how we had celebrated Mother's Day (afternoon tea at Layer Marney); buying clothes; and a visit to Hyde Hall where our member had bought a rare Wallemia Pine (apparently it originates in Australia, is very ancient and is endangered!)

Later in the meeting I put our members into situations where things had gone wrong and they had to say how they would resolve them. For one of our members the problem was pigeons in the loft, but she told us that she lives in a ground floor flat, so the issue could not possibly arise! If I had known, I would have suggested a mouse infestation! I told everybody about when the clutch in my car failed three weeks ago and I had to get a breakdown truck to take it to the garage for repair. The gear was stuck in neutral, the car wouldn't move, so I had no alternative!

If you can hold a basic conversation in Spanish and are keen to improve your language skills, we will be happy to include you in our meetings.

David Gout

Local History Group

Leader: Jane Humphreys 01245 259590

It was a pleasure to welcome back Lindsay Whitehouse – this time in person, the last time was during the pandemic when we were meeting on Zoom. For our talk on 3 March, Lindsay took us back in time to 1978 and the fire which did severe damage to the Victorian buildings of Chelmsford prison in Springfield Road. This was long before Lindsay was Deputy Governor but definitely in the period when he enjoyed watching Porridge on TV. Once the prisoners and staff had been decanted to other secure establishments, work began to secure the site and recover data while rebuilding was planned. At the same time, plans were under way to make a film of Porridge. This was a golden opportunity to set Ronnie Barker, Richard Beckinsale, Fulton Mackay and Brian Wilde in a real prison, and shooting took place in the snowy months of January and early February 1979. Chelmsford prison staff on site were extras.

On location the script-writers added in the White House visible next to the prison buildings. This had originally been the chaplain's residence, and is now converted into flats. At the time it was the officers' mess but for the film it became the building through which some of the characters escaped (or indeed had to burrow back in for the sake of the plot). In 1878 the chaplain had heard the prisoners panicking as smoke seeped into their cells from another fire. He bravely went to calm the prisoners promising that he would unlock the cells if necessary. At the time the Rev William Faithful Lumley had just lost his wife following the birth of their sixth child. This baby son went on to be the grandfather of Joanna Lumley who followed up her family history in 2007 with a private visit to the prison.

We are hoping for fine spring weather for our next meeting when we will be at Gosbecks Archaeological Park, Colchester. Richard Bale will guide us around the site which includes the largest of the five known Roman theatres in Britain, and a Romano-Celtic temple within a large four-sided precinct. If you would like to join us, please contact Nick Bailey 07854 822225, nickbailey01245@outlook.com. The cost is £10 (preferably paid in advance), and we will meet at 1.45pm on Tuesday 7 April.

The next 3 items in our 2026 programme are:

7 th April	VISIT: guided walk around Gosbecks Archaeological Park, Colchester	Richard Bale
5 th May	A tale of fire, water and waste – Chelmsford City centre	Yvonne Lawrence
2 nd June	WALK: the good, the bad and the ugly – Chelmsford buildings	Alan Pamphilon

Visitors are welcome to meetings, held at Boreham Village Hall starting at 2.15pm, for £3.

Jane Humphreys

Essex Branch of the Historical Association

Country walks through Colonial Britain.

By Corinne Fowler, Professor of Colonialism & Heritage. University of Leicester.

2.30pm Saturday 25th April at Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford CM1 2XB.

Visitors and prospective members warmly welcomed – £5. Booking not required

Art Appreciation Group

Leader: Brenda Kelly

This month we travelled up to London to see two very different exhibitions. Our first visit was to the National Gallery to see the exhibition 'From the Shadows: Joseph Wright of Derby'. Wright (1734-1797) used bright light and deep shadow to create pictures which were filled with drama. 'An Experiment on a Bird in an Air Pump' shows people watching a scientific (though cruel) experiment where the imprisoned bird is gradually being drained of air. The people watching have different reactions - some children cannot bear to watch, another couple seem to be deep in conversation, while other watchers are fascinated by this experiment.



It was a small exhibition with over twenty works showing how Wright used the night time to explore sombre themes. He also created prints of his work in mezzotint which were more affordable than his paintings - some of these were on show. He was a well-known artist from the town of Derby, where this is a museum of his work.



We then moved round the corner to the Mall Galleries for the Annual Exhibition of the Royal Society of British Artists - a Society which in the past had Whistler as a member. It was a large exhibition with well over 300 pictures in three rooms showing a wide range of talent from living artists. We saw landscapes, still lifes, portraits, pastels, prints and some fascinating sculptures. There was a lot to see, we all enjoyed it - and the café provided us with a light lunch.

Some of our members went to see the documentary 'EOS: Turner and Constable' about the current exhibition at Tate Britain at Chelmsford Studio Theatre. It was a fascinating insight presented by two curators and an artist into the work of these two artists born at the same time (1775) - though Turner lived longer by fifteen years. Turner was widely travelled and his works show scenes from all over the world while Constable loved his home county of Suffolk painting mainly local scenes, although his pictures of Brighton were on show.

Next month we travel up to the Courtauld Gallery to see the exhibition 'Seurat and the Seas', but in May we shall be at home for a talk on 'The Pre-Raphaelites/William Morris' by Jef Page.

Book Group

Leader: Andy Moir

At our March meeting we discussed Brighton Rock by Graham Greene.. Brighton Rock, published in 1938, is a noir thriller set in 1930s Brighton, featuring Pinkie Brown, a 17-year-old sociopathic gangster whose gang murders Fred Hale to avenge the death of their former leader. In order to cover his tracks and to silence her, he manipulates and marries a naive waitress, Rose. He is pursued by the tenacious, justice-seeking Ida Arnold who briefly met Hale and suspects foul play when his death is ruled a heart attack. Ida acts as an amateur detective, investigating Pinkie.

The novel contrasts absolute evil with naive innocence, exploring themes of damnation and Catholicism.

As frequently happens the group was divided in their opinion about the book. With comments ranging from:

“My critique of Brighton Rock is fairly short. I found the plot totally unconvincing and the characters, Pinkie, Ida, Dallow etc. implausible. That a seventeen-year-old had such control over a gang of mature, although petty criminals, beggars belief, nor does Ida’s quest to bring Pinkie to justice convince.”.

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“I loved the book and Greene’s writing, ready to read another. I felt the plot rolled along at an enjoyable pace, the characters were superbly well drawn, the background scenarios of Brighton were really effective in supporting the scene”.

Our books for the next three meeting are:

Mon Apr 20 th	Sense and sensibility by Jane Austen
Mon May 18 th	Three Days in June by Anne Tyler.
Mon Jun 15 th	The Predicament by William Boyd

Lunch Club – Group 4

Leader: Loraine Linard and Barbara Childs

This month's outing took Lunch Club 4 to Baddow Road (just round the corner from the Odeon Cinema and the multistorey car park) to SharJan Tandoori - "Serving Chelmsford since 1979". A dozen of us attended and it was a very successful session.

The menu range was impressive and well received. The restaurant had no hesitation in catering for vegetarians, pescatarians and coeliacs (we're a demanding bunch, aren't we?). The chef was very accommodating regarding our various quirks and foibles. The staff were attentive without being intrusive.

I was slightly concerned by their “modest” lunchtime opening hours - would we be pressured to leave at some stage? but I needn't have worried - SharJan Tandoori is a very efficient and courteous operation.

The feedback from those attending has been very positiveand my “leftovers/doggy bag” went down well.

Mark Forster



IT Group

Leader: Lyn Parsons

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8 April, 10.00–11.30

Our next IT Group session will take place on **Wednesday 8 April, from 10.00 to 11.30, at Christ Church, New London Road, Chelmsford**. We meet on the **second Wednesday of each month**, with a three-month summer break.

There is **no charge** for attending. Chelmsford u3a covers the room hire so that this group can continue supporting members in the ever-changing world of technology.

What the group offers:

We're fortunate to have a dedicated team of friendly helpers who are on hand to support members in getting more confident with their devices. This is a **drop-in group**, and most people come for a couple of sessions to sort out the issues they are facing.

Below is a sample of the topics our helpers have recently assisted with. If any of these sound familiar, or if you have a different question do come along and make use of this valuable resource.

Examples of help available

- Creating shortcuts to apps, programmes, folders and websites on Windows
- Bookmarking websites
- Zooming in/out to read small print or view images
- Creating folders and organising files
- Drag-and-drop between folders
- Opening new browser tabs without losing your place
- Taking screenshots with the Snipping Tool
- Housekeeping: clearing files/emails to free up space
- Backing up and restoring files/photos to a memory stick
- Recognising and avoiding phishing scams
- Sending emails to multiple recipients
- Opening and saving email attachments
- Using the u3a Beacon system (for Group Leaders and helpers)
- Using the Chelmsford u3a website to find groups and contact leaders
- Airdrop: transferring photos between Apple devices
- Photos: simple editing, albums, deleting
- Email: using the Mail app
- Facebook: viewing groups
- Spreadsheets: simple lists and more
- Re-ordering icons on screen
- Contacts: adding and deleting
- Phone ringtones: changing or adding personal ones
- Notes: creating and deleting
- Reminders: one-off or recurring
- Calendar: adding new appointments

Bookworms

Leader: Marion Jenkins

This month the group read Joanna Lumley's My Book of Treasures. The book is a collection of her favourite writings interlinked with comments from Joanna as to why the pieces were important to her. Joanna includes some very well known verses and pieces in this book such as Rudyard Kipling's If, interspersed with pieces that are very personal to her, such as an essay from her then seven-year-old goddaughter entitled "My Ideal Garden", which was included in its original format with its original spelling errors.

Although most of us in the group read the book from cover to cover it is probably more of a coffee table book that you can easily dip in and out of and read a bit at a time, as the general consensus was that there was not a coherent theme running through the book. That said, you could clearly see the things that had influenced Joanna's life, and some of things were quite interesting (such as the antics of the locals in Naples during WWII), and some of the things were funny (for example, list of things that a couple of people found common). On the whole though possibly not a book to read at one sitting as there was no 'story' per se.

Meeting on the third Thursday of the month are next three reads are as follows

April - Moonrise by Sarah's Crossan

May - Tom Jones by Henry Fielding

June - Watchers by Dean Koontz

Travel Group

Group Leader: Anne Brereton

The Travel Group has has two holidays running at the moment . One to Wales in May 2026 and the other to Sicily in October 2026. We would like to now open this out to all u3a members who would like to join us. For more details the Travel group page on the Chelmsford u3a website at https://chelmsford.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/the-travel-group/

If you would like to come with us, please book with the Travel Agent and let me know at cu3atravelgroup@gmail.com. I do hope there is something you might enjoy with friends. .

For Travel Group members. This year I have booked the County Hotel Chelmsford for our Christmas lunch instead of Bartellas. It is much easily accessible by bus Also they do have a car park at the back with limited spaces, you do have to put your car reg number in when you go in. The date for your diary will be Friday 11th December 12pm Lunch. I have not got the menus yet but I will be requesting deposits in April. So watch this Space.

Sunday Lunch Group 1

Leader: John Tritton

Our lunch this month coincided with the Chelmsford Marathon which created traffic problems in Chelmsford, so only a small group of four sat down at 'The Old Windmill', South Hanningfield, a pleasant pub opposite the reservoir with a large garden and car park.

The staff were very welcoming, and we sat at a nice table by the window. The menu offered a wide choice of dishes, and for the first course we all had something different. Mains included a choice of roasts, and

desserts were wide-ranging, including marmalade ice cream, which none of us had heard of before, but which the recipient said was very good. Our tea and coffee were served in very pretty China cups, a pleasant change from cardboard cups. The waitress good naturedly provided each of us with separate bills which made things easier. We all enjoyed our meals and it would certainly be worth a second visit sometime in the future.

The first Sunday of April happens to be Easter Sunday, so our next meal will be on 3rd May, organised by Marion Baker.

Brenda Kelly

Church Visiting Group

Group Leader: Brian Greatrex, Administrator: Michael Gray

Wednesday March 4th St Germain, Bobbingworth and St Mary, Moreton/



These two lovely village churches are set in verdant Essex countryside, off the Ongar road, not twenty five miles from London. Both date from the mediaeval period with many recognisable features in evidence and both were sensitively restored and developed during the Victorian period.

We were welcomed to St Germain's with coffee and delicious home-made cakes by Janet Leverich and Claire Cambridge, the deputy church warden, gave us an introduction to the history of the church. The Capel-Cure family, who live at Blake Hall, have been the greatest contributors to the church, with many impressive memorials to past members of the family. Displayed on the roof timbers are several royal hatchments.

Both here, and at St Mary's, are Purbeck fonts dating from the early Mediaeval period. St Germain's was lost for many years and only recovered from the churchyard at Little Parndon by Canon Gallop and reset on its ancient base.

The strong link between Bobbingworth and Moreton churches is bell ringing. St Germain's tower was built early in the 19th century to accommodate the ring of six bells and the porch of the tower is the ringing chamber. It does mean the service goes on have to negotiate the bell ringers to get into the church.

At St Mary's church the ringing chamber is on the ground floor at the base of the tower. 'BAMBI' stands for Bobbingworth and Moreton Bell ringing Institute. It has a strong membership of ringers who welcome any

excuse to ring the bells. Ken Heymer and Graham Cook told us about the bells and, with four more ringers, took the opportunity to ring the bells for us.

Apart from appreciating and learning about the bells, we were able to examine other features in and around the church. There are early English lancet windows and remnants of mediaeval wall painting carefully saved, giving the chance to visualise the church being decorated throughout. Next to the church is the handsome early Georgian rectory and the pretty village is approached over the stream by a small 18th century bridge.



Many thanks to Prue Jones for this report, and to Peter Cousins and Chris Bellamy for sharing their photographs. Our next meeting, on April 1st, takes us to two very different churches by the Colne in the east of the county, St Andrew Fingringhoe and St Lawrence Rowhedge.

The plans for the rest of the season are:

**May 6th St Peter and St Paul Foxearth CO10 7JE
and St Gregory and St George Pentlow CO10 7SP**

**June 3rd St Mary the Virgin Little Dunmow CM6 3HX
and The Black Chapel North End CM6 3PH**

**July 1st St Peter and St Paul Black Notley CM77 8LE
and St Michael Braintree CM7 1EY**

**August 5th St Mary the Virgin Tollesbury CM9 8QJ
and St Nicholas Tolleshunt D'Arcy CM9 8TS**

**Sept 3rd London – St Vedast EC2V 6HH
and St Mary le Bow EC2V 6AU**

**October 7th All Saints Epping Upland CM16 5DN
and St Alban Coopersale CM16 7QT
[or St John Epping CM16 5DN]**

Bus Pass Group

Leader Maurice Austin

When we did the first bus pass trip three years ago, it was touch and go whether anything would move. Heavy frozen snow, bitterly cold, little traffic and few travellers! Still, we had a plucky group which included two who would never come again! One was my lovely wife Angela, who sadly passed away a few weeks later and the other, Tony Boniface, whose passing was marked as we started our third year. Both are much missed.

In contrast, this year, the weather was dry, not too cold and it stayed pretty fair all day. I was greeted at the bus station by a happy crowd of u3a'ers ready for the off! I'm not really sure how many! Nineteen actually got on the bus, one new member joined "en-route" and there were two u3a members who were not part of the bus pass group who were just coming out on our trip! And then there were several who tried to join us but didn't! Margaret and at least one other tried to catch a C5 from Moulsham Lodge but couldn't as an incident caused two buses to be "cut". Polly kindly waited behind to see whether this little group could catch us up later in the day. We don't know what happened to them, they may still all be waiting at the bus station!

Anyway, I shall claim them all and say our first trip had twenty-five participants!

The 73 left promptly and picked up a few other passengers, some obvious regulars were surprised how busy the trip was that day! The lady driver drove carefully with great regard for the timetable. Hopefully, she was assisted by the pleasant sounds of chattering from the passengers. Our group interacting with the other passengers!

For many of us, the first surprise was the newish diversion to serve Beaulieu Park Station. This huge construction did not attract any passengers for our bus although there were a few people waiting on the platforms. Some of the surrounding plots which seem earmarked for "development" were flooded from the recent heavy rains, hopefully drainage will be improved before anything extra is built!

The bus passes through Boreham and Hatfield Peverel before leaving the "old A12" and heading south through Nounsley and the very narrow road back to the Ulting Road where we pass Does incredible collection of agricultural equipment, go through Langford with its platform signs for the former railway and through the enormous new housing estates.



On arrival at Heybridge, The Colliers, most of our party disembarked and took the short walk to The Basin where coffee and cakes were enjoyed at the Wilkins Jams tea rooms overlooking the Blackwater Estuary. Hardy members then walked into Maldon for further refreshments!

Several of us stayed on the bus to Maldon where we split again into groups who went into the White Horse for an all-day breakfast or found rather more genteel refreshments! Some had avoided the walking due to health issues; several because they wanted to explore and support Maldon's independent bookshop, one of a rare breed! Sadly, those who went there were disappointed at the offer.

Our now disparate group wended its way home, some by the wandering 73, others by the more direct routes through Danbury. From the lovely message on my answerphone, everyone had a lovely day out.

Our next trip will be on Friday 10 April when we will go to Saffron Walden, a lovely market town with much to see, including a beautiful church, Fry's Gallery and many eating and drinking establishments! We will have an early start and catch the X10 at 09.20 from Stand 1 of Chelmsford Bus Station towards Stansted Airport. We will change to a Stevensons 314 or 316 at Great Dunmow due to arrive at 10.44 in good time for coffee.

The trip back will be at 15.05, arriving in Chelmsford at 17.12 although there are earlier and later buses.

On 8th May, I have made arrangements with the National Trust for us to go to Coggeshall where we will have a private opening of Grange Barn where drinks and coffees will be available. Paycockes House will also be open, and we will be able to pre-book guided tours. Fuller details will be provided nearer the time. There is an admission fee for these properties, unless you are already a member of the NT. For those not wanting to explore these lovely buildings, Coggeshall has a host of other period properties to explore, including a marvellous church, St Peter Ad Vincula. And the Coggeshall Museum will open especially for us.

I look forward to seeing you.

Cycling for Fun Group

Leader: Tony Cox



After our two splendid rides in the sunshine of February we were hoping that March would continue the Spring-like weather. But instead early March produced strong winds, heavy rain and cold weather.

Our ride on 13th March was in quite cool weather and warm clothing was essential but at least it was dry. Numbers were quite low as people were understandably sensible, looking after their aches and pains and other winter ailments with some heading for winter sun. We welcomed new rider Richard B and five of us rode the shorter route from Central Park Cafe to the Bees Shed Coffee House at Lathcoates Farm in Galleywood. Just two stalwarts rode the longer route of a hilly 14 miles that was best described as 'a bit of a challenge'. Well done Ian and Chris.

We postponed our planned ride on 24th March because most of the Support Team, who lead rides and provide safety back-up, turned out to be on holiday - not all together!

It is very heartening that we continue to receive expressions of interest in the Group from members of Chelmsford u3a with three or four people in the pipeline. We ride mostly on quiet roads and we have a few members with electric bikes. Our membership numbers have grown to 30 and we hope to see lots more people riding out with us when Spring really returns.

Just a reminder - we are keen to offer cycling in a safe and supportive environment with lots of chances to socialise and meet other people. Feel free to contact me for more information.

Tony Cox
07758817559

Tai Chi Group

Leader: Alan Caddy

Tuesday 17th February saw the start of the Chinese New Year. The year of the Horse. As well as being an auspicious date in the Chinese calendar, it was also an important for our Tai Chi group as we reached a milestone in our learning journey. We have reached the second 'cross-hands,' move 55 of the 108 moves of the Tai Chi set. During our journey, amongst many other moves, we have experienced such things as 'white stork cools wings,' 'wave hands like clouds' and have even 'carried a tiger'.

The group has settled down now to between 20 and 25 regular enthusiastic attendees, many of whom have told me, despite some initial minor aches caused by moving in unusual ways, that they are experiencing improved health and balance.



For a couple of sessions, we have consolidated what we have learned before moving on to the second half of the set. We still have a long way to go before we reach move 108, and no-one will suggest that they remember every move or sequence yet. That will come with time and practice.



As a treat for the group to recognize their progress, two members of the Essex Tai Chi Academy (Carole and Lorrie) came along recently and provided a demonstration of Fan Tai Chi. The fan is a symbol of Chinese culture dating back hundreds of years, representing etiquette and grace. We all then joined in with some Qigong, a 4,000 to 5,000-year-old Chinese health system integrating breath and movement.

Terry Griggs

Science Group

Leader: Chris Bellamy chrisallenbellamy@btinternet.com

Deputy: Paul Chaplin paulchaplin@talktalk.net

Pegmatite Delight - a talk by Ian Mercer

Ian is a retired geologist and gemmologist who likes to talk about landscapes, rocks, crystals and gems. In his illustrated talk he described how Pegmatite was formed and the beautiful and amazing crystals this rock formation can produce. Through millions of years, where granite magma comes up towards the earth's surface it slowly cools. As it does so certain volatile chemical components are concentrated. Pegmatite rocks are rapidly formed, often with large crystals.



The crystals in Pegmatite are often extremely beautiful and when cut and polished lend themselves to use as gemstones in jewellery. Ian explained the mechanism and chemistry of the formation of many of the crystals which have formed over millions of years. This chemical treasure trove within the earth is truly amazing, and to accompany the illustrated talk Ian and his wife Ros set up a table with examples of Pegmatite crystals and gems which were beautiful to look at.

Ian's enthusiasm for rocks is infectious and his knowledge is deep thus making his talk most interesting and educational.

Thursday 16th April Medical Detection Dogs.

Medical Alert Assistance Dogs can detect minute changes in an individual's personal odour which is triggered by their medical condition and alert them to an impending medical event, helping them manage complex life-threatening or life-limiting medical conditions and improve confidence and independence.

Science Group talks are held in the Catholic Church Hall in Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford CM1 2DU. Doors open at 1.30pm and the talks start at 2.15pm. Tea/Coffee before the talk. **Non-members of the Science group are welcome. £2 for non-members.**

Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society

Should We Think Two-Dimensionally For Future Electronics?

by Prof Oliver Fenwick, Queen Mary University of London
15th April 2026, 19:00 Anglia Ruskin University

Lithium-Ion Battery Manufacturing : The Role of AI

By Dr Mona Faraji Niri, Associate Professor, Energy Innovation Centre, University of Warwick
22nd April 2026, 19:30 Anglia Ruskin University

For more details of their talks see the CES website at <https://ces.org.uk/>

Birding Group

Leader Alan Alexander 01245 248030 Mobile 07712 818499

On Friday 27th March sixteen members of the Birding Group met at the RSPB Reserve, Wallasea Island. I was not able to attend this meeting due to recent minor surgery, so I am grateful to Brian Priestley for this report.



It was cloudy and quite a chilly day with a south westerly wind, with a forecast promising rain (which did eventually come) so we decided to head for Caroline's Hide, stopping off at the viewing shelter for Grass Farm Lagoon on the way.

We saw Avocet, Bar Tailed Godwit, Blackheaded gull, Black Tailed Godwit, Buzzard, Canada Goose, Carrion crow, Coot, Cormorant, Curlew, Great Black-backed Gull, Grey Heron, Greylag Goose, Great White Egret, Grey Heron, Herring Gull, Kestrel, Lapwing, Little Egret, Magpie, Mallard, Marsh Harrier, Mediterranean Gull, Mute swan, Oyster catcher, Pheasant, Pintail, Redshank, Reed Bunting, Rook, Shelduck, Shoveler, Skylark, Starling, Teal and Wigeon.

Our next meeting is due to be on 24th April at **Wat Tyler Country Park SS16 4UM**. I will email members with full details soon.

New members are very welcome to join us, please feel free to contact me on the numbers above, or by the u3a website email address.

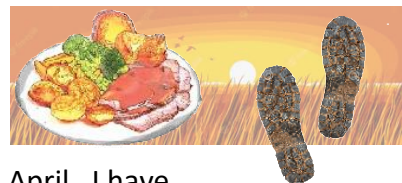
We meet at 10 am on the fourth Friday of the month at the chosen venue and set off about ten minutes later. The walking is not arduous; we usually spend more time standing or sitting in hides enjoying the spectacle of nature. There is no fee to join the group, and **all abilities are more than welcome** whether an experienced birder or total novice. If members would like to be added to our growing WhatsApp Group, please let me know and give me your mobile number. As always, if any members have ideas or suggestions for visits, please let me know. I will send all members an email nearer the time confirming the location and that we can go ahead.

Summer Evening Walks

Leader: Alan Mayo



Our walks are 4-mile circular routes, meeting at 4:30pm at a pub where, if we manage to find our way back (haven't failed yet) we will have an evening meal.



These walks are on the 4th Tuesday of six summer months, starting on 28th April. I have wiped my list clean from last year so anyone wishing to join this group, or ask any questions regarding the group, should email me directly at chelmsfordu3awalking@gmail.com or via the groups link on the website.

Garden Group

Group Leader: Chris Bellamy

'Farm, Fruit, Factory and Family – the Story of Wilkin & Sons' by Nick Wickenden

Nick explained that all four of the 'Fs' in the talk's title were interrelated. Tiptree is famous for two main names, Wilkin being the subject of the talk, but also John Joseph Mechi, a Victorian entrepreneur working in London who sold Mechi's Magic cut throat Razors. He made a fortune and was going to be the Lord Mayor of London. With his money he bought 130 acres of land at Tiptree Heath which he knew was poor soil, but which he hoped to demonstrate could be improved by running liquid animal manure in pipes underground. The farm was a great success but Mechi invested his money unwisely in a bank which went bust and he died penniless.

Mechi would have overlapped with the Wilkin family who were mainly arable farmers and horse breeders. The Jam Factory founder was Arthur Wilkin, born in 1835, and married Mary Ann in 1865, living in the family farmhouse called Trewlands. In the same year, Arthur started growing soft fruit which he was sending up to London as whole fruit. This meant getting the fruit up to Kelvedon Railway Station where he found the porters chucking his boxes

around so that they were getting bruised!. Nevertheless he carried on until in 1885, when he found Mary boiling some of the strawberries and making jam in the family kitchen. A lightbulb moment! With two friends he started the Britannia Fruit Preserving Company, making jams, marmalades, chutneys and



flavoured fizzy drinks. In the first year he sold much of their stock to an Australian merchant. Today they export to 68 countries around the world. Also in 1885, he corresponded with the Prime Minister, William Gladstone, who had made a speech to farmers encouraging them to grow soft fruit and make jam.

The Britannia Company went on for 20 years until it changed its name in 1905 to Wilkin & Sons. The Company archive contains a lot of original order forms, correspondence and adverts. Arthur was a scrupulously honest man who had the best interests of his workforce at heart, building cottages for them to live in – the Company now has nearly 70 properties which the employees can rent.

Nick described a number of events which affected the Company, including the Crab & Winkle Railway line which went from Kelvedon past the factory at Tiptree and onto Tolleshunt Darcy and Tollesbury. It operated from 1904 until the early 1960s.

In 1911, King George V granted the Company his Royal Warrant for jam, which could be used on labels, and letter heads. King George VI also granted his, and Queen Elizabeth extended it to jam and marmalade. Ultimately it was extended to all Tiptree products. After completing a 50 page environmental questionnaire from the King, we received King Charles' Royal Warrant in December 2024.

Two events in World War 1 affected Tiptree, including the crashing of a Zeppelin over Little Wigborough, and aerial correspondence with a pilot, Lt Milburn, who flew over the factory from the aerodrome at Stow Maries, dropping messages asking for jam to be sent to the airfield !

In 1924, the Company created miniature glass jars of jam , just 12 mm high, as a contribution to Queen Mary's Dolls House which is still on view in Windsor Castle.

Nick ran through the Wilkin family after Arthur's death in 1913. The second generation comprised Charles, Arthur Swinburne (ASW) and Stanley Swinborne. ASW ran the farm at Dagenham, but bought it off the family. Stanley also had other farming interests, but continued to run the farm at Goldhanger. The sons of ASW then returned as the third generation Wilkin family, Mr Fred and Mr Tom. Today, Arthur's great grandson is Mr Peter, Tom's son.

The Company grow strawberries raspberries, damsons, Victoria Plum, Morello Cherries, rhubarb, quince, medlar and mulberries on its farms. The most famous is the tiny Little Scarlet strawberry, that is now unique to Wilkin & Sons in the world. It was mentioned in 'From Russia With Love' as James Bond's favourite ! Today, soft fruit is grown in coir in long polytunnels, designed to be staggered over several weeks when the fruit is ready for picking. The Company has been working with mixed success with Anglia Ruskin University to develop a fruit picking robot. In a good summer, 35 tonnes of strawberries can be picked (by hand) every single day !.

Nick went on to talk about how the Company has diversified, firstly 50 years ago with the development of the mini jar, of which 350,000 are produced in the factory every day. He talked about the range of products today, and the different Essex tea rooms run by the Company.

The farm and factory have had royal visits, including Queen Elizabeth in 2010 for our 125th Anniversary, and TRH Prince Edward and Sophie, just before Lockdown. The Museum has photographs of our visiting celebrities, including Michael Portillo, and John Nettles, when the factory was used for a programme in the Midsummer Murders TV series.

The Museum is open every day of the week, adjacent to the tearoom and shop at Tiptree and is free. It contains archives and artefacts from the factory, the farm and the family.

Tony Boniface

I am sorry to report the Tony Boniface died on the 14th February, Tony was a very active member of Chelmsford u3a. He was the leader of the Ambling Group, for which he regularly lead "Fungus Forays". Tony also lead the Chess Group and was joint leader with his wife Judith of the Poetry Group. Tony was an active member of the Science Group, for which he regularly organised speakers as well as sometimes being the speaker. He also belonged to the Classical Music Group and the Bus Pass Group.

As well as being joint leader of the Poetry Group, Tony also wrote poems with a naturalist theme such as his poem below.

Birding in Frampton Marsh.

We trudged along the dusty path
In search of that elusive dove
Guided by that distant purring
A tantalising sound recurring
Until we almost gave up hope
Of observing through our telescope
The tortoiseshell pattern on its wings,
The neck vibrating as it sings,
Black markings on its collar patch,
A view, which is a perfect match
Of all the images we've seen
In every birding magazine.
For thirty minutes we watched this bird
Its cat-like purring still we heard,
And simply could not understand
Why someone in a distant land
Could kill a beautiful Turtle Dove
Destroy this species that we love,
But we will find time to remember
In winter days in dark November
This experience of birding
That makes a birder's life rewarding.

Are You Missing Our u3a Emails? Here's How to Fix It

Some members, especially those with **Hotmail / Outlook.com** addresses, have told us that emails sent through **Beacon** occasionally land in their Junk folder or disappear altogether. This happens because email providers often treat large group messages as marketing or automated mail.

Why It Happens

Beacon sends emails to many members at once, and some providers (particularly Hotmail) filter these messages very strictly. Sometimes they even accept the email and then silently discard it.

What You Can Do

A quick check of two settings usually fixes the problem:

1. Remove Beacon from Blocked Senders

Hotmail may have added our domain by mistake.

- Go to **Outlook.com**
- Settings → **View all Outlook settings**
- **Mail** → **Junk email**
- Under *Blocked senders and domains*, delete **u3abeacon.org.uk** if listed

2. Add Beacon to Your Safe Senders List

This tells Hotmail our emails are trusted.

- Under *Safe senders and domains*, click **Add**
- Enter:
 - noreply@u3abeacon.org.uk, or
 - **u3abeacon.org.uk**
- Click **Save**

If you need help with this why not come along to the IT Group drop-in session at Christ Church – on the 2nd Wednesday of the month between 10.00 – 11.30. No charge.

Lesley Wood
Beacon Site administrator

Reminder to Group Leaders

Please send copy for the May 2026 Newsletter to the editor, Andy Moir.
All copy must arrive no later than Friday 1st May 2026.

Interest Groups (as of 30/03/2026)

Group Leaders may be contacted by phone or by email via the relevant group page in our website

<https://chelmsford.u3asite.uk/>

Name of Group	Day of Month	Time	Group Leader	Phone
All Day Walks	2 nd Monday		Berry Cornell	01277 355823
Art Appreciation	4 th Tuesday	14.00	Brenda Kelly	01277 840621
Art Club	Mondays	11.15	Peter Anderton	07773 074105
Art for Pleasure	Tuesdays	9.30	Les Cooper	07976 292362
Birding	4 th Friday	10.00	Alan Alexander	07712 818499
Book Group	3 rd Monday	14.30	Andy Moir	01245 440007
Bookworms	1 st Thursday	14.20	Marian Jenkins	07986616748
Bridge (beginners)	Tuesdays	14.00	Alan Cardus	
Bus Pass Group	2 nd Friday	varies	Maurice Austin	
Canasta/Card Games	1 st & 3 rd Monday	1.30	Julie Haggar	07511 629563
Church Visits	1 st Wednesday	10.15	Brian Greatrex	01245 258833
Coach Outings	Various		Malcolm Lonsdale	
Cycling for Fun	2 nd Fri, 4 th Tues	varies	Tony Cox	
Discussion Group	2 nd Tuesday	13.00	Brian Littlechild	
Family History	4 th Friday	14.00	Lesley Wood	01245 601359
Fishing Group	Wednesdays		Alan Caddy	
French Conversation	2 nd & 4 th Wed	14.00	David Hall	01245 284409
Garden Group	4 th Thursday	14.00	Chris Bellamy	01277 353481
IT group	2 nd Wednesday	10.00	Lyn Parsons	
International Dining	3 rd Monday	7 pm	Jennie Cappin	01245 358629
Jazz and Blues	3 rd Wednesday	10.30	Heinz Kassier	
Local History	1 st Tuesday	14.15	Jane Humphreys	01245 259590
London City and its People	4 th Monday	14.00	Berry Cornell	01277 355823
Lunch Club 1	Last Friday	12.30	John Heathcote	01245 380766
Lunch Club 2	4 th Tuesday	12.30	Harry Glaser	01245 462760
Lunch Club 3	1 st Thursday	12.30	Laraine Linard & Barbara Childs	07855 312752
Lunch Club 4	3 rd Wednesday	12.30	Val Norfolk	07500 444518
Mah-Jong	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	14.00	Chris Paget	01245 474811
Philosophy	Thurs 4-weekly	11.00	Julia McClure	07941 480240
Philosophy & Religion	1 st Monday	10.00	Jim Mackay	
Philosophy & Religion 2	4 th Wednesday	14.00	Jim Mackay	
Photos on Face Book	Online		Alan Mayo	07979 540053

Name of Group	Day of Month	Time	Group Leader	Phone
Pickleball Monday	Monday weekly	13.45	Alan Mayo	07979 540053
Pickleball Tuesday	Tuesday weekly	15.00	Jayne Hughes	01245 495151
Pickleball Thursday	Thursday weekly	12.00	Neil Carroll	07964 386056
Poetry Appreciation	2 nd Wednesday	14.00	Judith Boniface	01245 266316
Quiz	4 th Thursday	10.00	Laraine Linard	07855 312752
Rock & Pop Appreciation	2 nd Wednesday	15.00	Bruce Knight	07963 592328
Science Group	3 rd Thursday	13.45	Chris Bellamy	01277 353481
Sewing, Knitting & Crochet	3 rd Thursday	11.00	Jacqui Norfolk	07714 258517
Short Walks	3 rd Friday	10.00	Robert Lloyd	01245 466167
Spanish	3 rd Wednesday	10.30	David Gout	01245 268923
Summer Evening Walks	4 th Wednesday	4.30 pm	Alan Mayo	07979 540053
Sunday Lunch 1	1 st Sunday	varies	John Tritton	
Sunday Lunch 2	3 rd Sunday	varies	Lesley Wood	01245 601359
Tai Chi	Tuesdays	14.00	Alan Caddy	
Ten Pin Bowling	2 nd & 4 th Fridays	10.30	Roger & Ruth Spall	01245 466486
Textiles (Fun with)	3 rd Monday	11.15	Chris McFarland	01245 263112
Theatre Outings	As and when		Lesley Wood	01245 601359
The Wonder of Words	3 rd Wednesday	14.00	Lindsay Whitehouse	01245 356363
Travel Group	See website		Anne Brereton	
Walking Group	1 st & 3 rd Fridays	10.00	Alan Mayo	07979 540053
WYBIG	As & when		Mark Foster	07531 726417

Contact Groups Coordinator: Lesley Wood chair@chelmsfordu3a.org.u3a

Chelmsford u3a Committee

Position	Name
Chair	Alan Caddy
Vice Chair	John Burrow
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Groups Coordinator	Lesley Wood
Deputy Groups Coordinator & Printed Newsletter	Brian Littlechild
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Marketing/Advertising	Mike Harmer
Monthly Meetings Organiser/Support Groups coordinator	Ann Goddard
Committee Member	Ann Bell

Events in April 2026

MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT		SUN	
	30		31		1		2		3		4		5
👤 11:15 am: Art Club		👤 9:30 am: Art for Pleasure		👤 7:00 am: Fishing		👤 10:30 am: Philosophy 2		👤 9:45 am: Walking Group				👤 12:00 pm: Sunday lunch Group 1	
👤 1:45 pm: Pickleball Monday		👤 2:00 pm: Bridge (Beginners)		👤 10:30 am: Church Visits		👤 12:00 pm: Lunch Club 3							
		👤 2:00 pm: Tai Chi				👤 12:00 pm: Pickleball Thursday							
		👤 3:00 pm: Pickleball Tuesday				👤 2:30 pm: Book Worms							
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👤 10:00 am: Philosophy & Religion		👤 9:30 am: Art for Pleasure		👤 10:00 am: IT Group		👤 12:00 pm: Pickleball Thursday		👤 Bus Pass Group					
👤 11:15 am: Art Club		👤 2:00 pm: Bridge (Beginners)		👤 2:00 pm: French Conversation		👤 2:00 pm: Monthly Meeting		👤 10:00 am: Cycling for Fun					
👤 1:30 pm: Canasta/Card Games		👤 2:00 pm: Local History		👤 2:00 pm: Poetry				👤 10:30 am: Ten Pin Bowling					
👤 1:45 pm: Pickleball Monday		👤 2:00 pm: Mah-Jong		👤 2:15 pm: Rock & Pop Appreciation									
		👤 2:00 pm: Tai Chi											
		👤 3:00 pm: Pickleball Tuesday											
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👤 All day Walks		👤 9:30 am: Art for Pleasure		👤 10:30 am: Jazz and Blues Group		👤 10:00 am: Sewing and Crochet		👤 9:45 am: Walking Group				👤 12:00 pm: Sunday lunch Group 2	
👤 11:15 am: Art Club		👤 2:00 pm: Bridge (Beginners)		👤 10:30 am: Spanish Conversation		👤 12:00 pm: Pickleball Thursday		👤 10:00 am: Short Walks					
👤 1:45 pm: Pickleball Monday		👤 2:00 pm: Discussion Group		👤 12:30 pm: Lunch Club 4		👤 2:15 pm: Science Group							
		👤 2:00 pm: Tai Chi		👤 2:00 pm: Wonder of Words									
		👤 3:00 pm: Pickleball Tuesday											

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	<p>👤 11:15 am: Art Club</p> <p>👤 1:45 pm: Pickleball Monday</p> <p>👤 2:00 pm: London: the City and its People Group</p>	<p>👤 9:30 am: Art for Pleasure</p> <p>👤 10:00 am: Cycling for Fun</p> <p>👤 12:30 pm: Lunch Club 2</p> <p>👤 2:00 pm: Bridge (Beginners)</p> <p>👤 2:00 pm: Tai Chi</p> <p>👤 2:30 pm: Art Appreciation</p> <p>👤 3:00 pm: Pickleball Tuesday</p>		<p>👤 12:00 pm: Pickleball Thursday</p>	<p>👤 9:45 am: Walking Group</p>		<p>👤 12:00 pm: Sunday lunch Group 1</p>

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