



University of the Third Age in Bury St Edmunds



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OCTOBER 2009 UPDATE

NEXT LECTURE AT THE ATHENAEUM — 17th NOVEMBER

Bombs, Beams & Boffins

by

Paddy Heazell

Orfordness on the Suffolk coast was the site of a secret radar research station in the Second World War. A former Headmaster, who became intrigued by Orfordness, Paddy Heazell is currently writing a definitive book, commissioned by the National Trust, intended to explain what really happened at the site.

THINKING AHEAD TO 16TH FEBRUARY 2010

This is a reminder to the membership of the vital need for volunteers for the committee to replace the three who will retire at the AGM to be held on 16th February 2010.

Members who are prepared to volunteer require a Nomination form, to be signed by both a Proposer and a Secunder, which should be given to the **General Secretary, Peter Dunster**, well before the AGM.

MEANWHILE - Co-opted on to the Committee.

Two members have kindly offered their services and have been co-opted on to the Committee. They are Bill Court who is helping John Child as the Membership Secretary and Adrian Twiner who has taken on the Monthly Lecture Series. We are very grateful to both of them.

U3A News.

The quarterly magazine published by the Third Age Trust is no longer being despatched to every member. If you wish to receive a copy, there are a number of ways to do so. Contact the Third Age Trust yourself (020 8466 6139) with your current year's membership number at hand and ask to have a copy sent to you (the magazine is free but you will need to pay the postage). Collect a copy at the monthly lecture meetings. Come in to the office and take a copy from our table at the foot of the stairs. Ask your Group Leader to make sure that he/she reads out any items of interest. Every Group Leader will receive a copy through the post and is encouraged to bring relevant items to the notice of the Group.

SIGNPOST – October 2009

Issue number ONE HUNDRED AND SIX

To see it click on <http://worldu3a.org/signpost/october2009.htm>

November Newsletter. Last day for submissions to Bill Gridley is 2nd November, either by
Email: bill@bandsgridley.co.uk or Post: 4 Russet Close, BSE IP32 7HD

***** Please note my new email address - bill@bandsgridley.co.uk *****

Membership for 2009 - 2010

Have you renewed yet?!!

If you have not yet got your new, orange membership card, your membership expired on 31st August. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you wish to renew.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON – 19th January 2010

Tickets will be on sale at our October & November meetings and at the office from 21st October.

Tickets for the Lecture and lunch (including the first glass of wine) - £19.50.

Tickets for the Lecture only - £3. **Margaret Seaman – Social Secretary**

A BARGAIN AT £2

U3A DIARIES will be on sale at the Athenaeum meetings and at the office.

Field Studies

Even members of the Field Studies Group grow older and less mobile. So, we will now concentrate more on indoor meetings to discuss specimens and various aspects of wildlife with just occasional field meetings.

We would welcome new members with a general interest in the countryside (or a special interest in plants, bugs or what have-you, come to that). We can introduce you to the more obscure forms of animal life in addition to the cuddly ones or teach you to identify flowers. Parking is available for members. Why not join us?

Phone **Geoff Heathcote** on **01284 754422**

The Coach House, Sparhawk Street, BSE IP33 1RY

FAMILY HISTORY

Due to smaller turnouts to our previous monthly meetings, it has been decided to close the group in its current form.

Those that were at the last meeting in July, agreed, that the present numbers attending would not cover the cost of hiring the Risbygate room on a forward booking arrangement without a substantial increase in funds. It was therefore agreed that those members who wished to continue meeting to discuss Family History would meet at various venues to be agreed.

The first of the new format meetings will be at the Greyhound, Chevington on Wednesday November 18th at 12 noon followed at 1pm, for those who wish to stay, by a meal.

A Family History talk will be given by John Smith.

At this meeting, a date will be agreed for our next meeting

Dates for your Diary 2009 - 2010

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| 17 th November | Athenaeum Lecture
"Bombs, Beams & Boffins"
by Paddy Heazell |
| 19 th January | Annual Luncheon & Lecture at the Athenaeum
"Birds 'n People"
by Mark Cocker |
| 16 th February | Annual General Meeting at the Athenaeum followed by the lecture
"Is your Conductor Really Necessary?"
by Hilary Davan Wetton
followed by entertainment from our own U3A Choir |

Please note that further details are available for the above events on notices on the board at the lecture and will also be published in more detail later.

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