

Leigh Estuary U3A - Previous Speakers 2016

15.12.16	<p>Christmas Party We were entertained by the ukulele group and a singer whilst enjoying a delicious afternoon tea.</p>
17.11.16	<p>Rev. David Tudor – ‘Barbados – Slave or Free’ David is the Rector of Canvey Island and Rural Dean of the 12 surrounding parishes. He is based at Canvey Island and he is known for his wit and upbeat style.</p>
20.10.16	<p>Cathy Cotteridge – People Trafficking Cathy will be speaking to us about people trafficking in this area</p>
15.9.16	<p>Miranda Pender – Late flowering Lyricist Miranda will be telling us how she overcame a life-threatening illness and reinvented herself as a singer-songwriter. She'll be offering us an entertaining and inspirational mix of words and music. This is a story of how it may never be too late to change direction in life; how she learned the importance of 'seizing the moment'; and how, with a bit of determination, ALMOST anyone can do ALMOST anything. (OK, she won't be talking anytime soon about 'How She Became An Olympic Gymnast').</p>
18.8.16	<p>Martyn Harrison – Les Miserables to Lion King Martyn worked as a professional opera singer whose career has now diversified, with time, into several associated areas of the performing arts as stage director, guest speaker and vocal coach. As a tenor he has worked with our major opera companies and has appeared in London musicals including Phantom of the Opera, Sweeney Todd & Bernadette. He tours extensively as a guest speaker on music theatre, operetta & opera in the UK, Germany & Australia.</p>
21.7.16	<p>‘Snakey Sue’ Sue Coleman has worked as a Professional Belly Dancer since 1978 and Snake Dancer from 1994. She has run a sanctuary for people’s unwanted pet snakes since 1996. Sue has approximately 60 snakes living in her sanctuary and it’s a “Not for Profit” facility called “Snakey Sue’s Serpent Sanctuary”. Her talk will include an optional encounter with her snakes.</p>
16.6.16	<p>Keith Baldwin - “When policemen and doctors start to look young!” Keith Baldwin is 'the Tallfellow' and when you see him you will know why, although he says he peaked at 6'4" and is now on the way down! In his early days Keith was a soldier in the Household Cavalry</p>

	<p>and served for six years, gaining the rank of Corporal. He then joined the police service, retiring as a Superintendent - which he says was just slightly less important than being a Corporal and didn't involve too much work. However, he did manage to command an Operational Division and gain a Master of Arts Degree at the University of Hertfordshire.</p> <p>He is now a professional speaker and has said that his talk will include Keith's rules on age and how to avoid the pitfalls with a royal touch.</p>
19.5.16	<p>Gordon Parkhill - History of the Salvation Army Home Farm Gordon, together with Graham Cook has published a book on the Home Farm at Hadleigh and will be talking to us about the purpose and history of the farm from its purchase by the Salvation Army to the present day.</p>
21.4.16	<p>Ian Keable - Charles Dickens Conjuror: The Playbills of Victorian Showmen Ian has been performing one man shows, all over the country, since 2007 and has previously entertained us with his talk on the Corked Conjuror back in August 2014. This time he will be talking about Charles Dickens, Conjuror. It is a little known fact that Dickens was a distinguished amateur magician. In this talk one of Dickens's own conjuring playbill is brought to life by reference to showmen who influenced him and the performance of some actual Dickensian magic tricks.</p>
17.3.16	<p>Martin Saunders - Filming life in the Arctic Martin has worked as a film cameraman since 1968 and has worked on films with David Attenborough, Alan Whicker and on several wildlife series including "the Living Planet". His talk will explore the work of a natural history film cameraman when filming in the Arctic and he will include video sequences from "the Kingdom of the Ice Bear", "the Living Planet", "the Realms of the Russian Bear" and the wildlife special "Polar Bear".</p>
18.2.16	<p>Steve Ellis - The London Wreck Project Local diver, Steve Ellis, will give a talk on the "London" wreck project. The project is dedicated to the exploration, by divers, of the second rate warship which sank a short distance from Southend nearly 350 years ago. Steve has been diving the site since 2010, working in extremely difficult conditions as the wreck is situated close to the shipping channel and is subject to strong tides and poor visibility.</p>
21.1.16	<p>Commander David Philips MVO RN – Trinity House David is the Chief Harbourmaster of the Port of London Authority, a younger brother of Trinity House. He is an ex-submariner and his last command was the Trident submarine HMS Victorious.</p>

	From May 2010 until Jun 2012, David headed the marine planning and execution of the Diamond Jubilee River Pageant.
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