



# What's On

## February 2020

# LEIGH ESTUARY U3A

### Main Meeting: Thursday 20th February

The doors at the Wesley Methodist Church open at 2 pm and the meeting starts at 2.30 pm. Please use the front entrance only.

### The Robin Hood Gardens Estate – Kois Miah and Nick Thoburn

Since its completion in 1972, Robin Hood Gardens Estate in East London has garnered much attention, due to its monumental brutalist form and latterly, to its dilapidated condition. Dismayed by the absence of residents' views in any coverage of the estate - which is due to be demolished after English Heritage declared that it "fails as a place for humans to live" - photographer Kois Miah and sociologist Nick Thoburn embarked on a project to capture the views of its last inhabitants. Kois is a British Bangladeshi photographer and along with Nick, photographed and interviewed the residents of this iconic and much maligned building development. The resulting work gave rise to an exhibition in Spitalfields and an article in the Sunday Times magazine. A portion of the Robin Hood estate is now part of an exhibition at the V and A Museum.

### SAVE THE DATE

Membership Renewals are being held next month at the Leigh Community Centre on the following dates:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2 – 4 (Room 1)**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2 – 4 (Room 5)**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10 – 12 (Room 5)**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10 – 12 (Room 5)**

**JUNE:** We will be celebrating National U3A Day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**AUGUST:** Our Summer Lunch at Saxon Hall will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Tickets will be on sale from the April main meeting onwards.

**CAN YOU HELP?** - We are looking for someone to help with the microphones and PowerPoint slideshows at our main meeting. If you are computer confident and would like to help occasionally, please speak to a committee member or email us at [leu3ale@gmail.com](mailto:leu3ale@gmail.com) for more information.

### COFFEE & CHAT

Drop-in sessions are held between 10.30 and 12 in the snug at Truleigh Scrumptious (opp Leigh Library) on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The next drop-in meeting is on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Open to all members and prospective members.



# GROUP NEWS



Interest in a new Monday **Table Tennis** (at the Rayleigh Megacentre) has been slowly growing but we do not quite have enough to make it fully viable. If you are interested but not yet given your name to our groups Co-ordinator then please get in touch and let him know. Contact can be made via the website or at [dwhiteu3a@gmail.com](mailto:dwhiteu3a@gmail.com).

**Local Walks 2** (short walks) are currently without a leader so if you are willing to take on the opportunity then please contact the Groups Co-ordinator.

There has only been limited interest in the planned Friday morning **Carpet Bowls** group so please get in touch with Peter, the Group Leader/Contact, via the website or call him on 01702 338032 before the opportunity goes.

The **guitar** group could do with a few more members so please contact group leader, David, via the website if you are interested. It does not matter if you are brand new to the instrument or been playing for several years but you will need your own guitar.

**We have spaces in several groups and please contact the individual group leaders if you are interested in joining any of the following:**

Art for Pleasure	Guitar
Art History	Local Walks 2
Carpet Bowls	Maths for Fun
Contemporary Novels	Photography
Country Walks	Physics for All
Cryptic Crosswords	Play Reading 2
Discovering Essex	Portrait Painting
Fabulous Fashion	Theatre
Gilbert & Sullivan	Ukulele

If your group has space and is not mentioned in the list above, then please let David White, Groups Co-ordinator know.

If you have any ideas for new groups that you would like to see us set up, please get in touch.

*Best wishes,*

*Ruth and the Team*