

PETERBOROUGH U3A

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The response to membership has been most gratifying with new members enrolling daily; our initial target is 1,000. Many Cities in the British Isles have reached and exceeded this figure and we see no reason why Peterborough should not do so too.

Encourage your relatives and friends to join the U3A, and mention the unique opportunities to social groups to which you may belong.

Many of the classes and groups will be free to U3A members, and others will be low cost... wonderful value for the £8.00 per year membership fee... there is no restriction on how many you may join.

UNIVERSITY OF THE 3RD AGE TRAVEL CLUB

The National Travel Club is open to all members of the U3A. There is an annual subscription of £3 per year which entitles members to three newsletters a year. This contains information on holidays arranged by the National Travel Club, in the UK and abroad. It is intended that these should have an educational element. There will also be offers of study tours, seminars, and a yearly national meeting. Members will have priority booking for all National Travel Club offers and will be entitled to invite one non member guest to accompany him/her on any booking, for whom there will be a small supplementary charge.

If you wish to become a member of the National Travel Club, contact Leslie Stacey, 1 Hawthorndene Road, Hayes, Bromley, Kent, BR2 7DZ.

U3A ACTIVITIES

The range of study groups within each U3A varies according to the interests and abilities of its members. All such groups exist as a result of members demand or enterprise. Once formed, a study group determines its own study topics, or agrees a programme with the group leader/co-ordinator, and determines the level of study to be undertaken. A group leader may organise and present a sequential study programme him/herself; coordinate presentations by individual group members; or organise a programme presented by external speakers.

WHERE DO U3A GROUPS FIT IN WITH THE NATIONAL EDUCATION SCENE?

U3A's are intended to supplement, rather than replace other educational provision. Education was severely affected by the 1939-45 war and as a consequence some people may lack the background knowledge and the confidence to participate in standard adult education. There is however, some evidence that as a result of their U3A experience, some members have acquired interests which they have pursued in Further and Higher Educational Institutions. Courses of study in all public institutions are subject to minimum class size regulations and the imposition of economic course fees. Neither of these factors inhibit U3A activities.

Recent changes in the organisation and funding of Further and Higher Education suggest that the U3A movement will fill an ever growing need for low cost educational provision for the age group it is intended to serve.

COURSES ARRANGED SO FAR

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP - *Group Leader Olive Alderman Tel:0733-572434*

The first class to start under the Peterborough U3A

Are you descended from a Countess or Courtesan? A Nobleman or sort? It's great fun discovering your roots.

A small group met Tuesday 21 September in the mobile classroom at Ken Stimpson School, Werrington for an initial 8 week course.

There is room for YOU, come and join this friendly group, 2.00 - 3.00 pm

This class is FREE to U3A members. Use the Rainbow car park.

COUNTRY WALKS - *Group Leader Mary Crunkhorn Tel: 0733-574116*

The first meeting will be held on 29 September at Bretton Woods Community School, at 10.30 am - 1.00 pm, to decide routes with an experienced group leader.

This promises to be an interesting activity. No course fee.

Ring Bretton Woods for starting points and starting times and a contact number.

Programme of walks to date:

All walks start at 10.30am

6 October; HELPSTON Park and meet near Buttercross

13 October; BARNACK Park and meet at Hills and Holes Car Park by the windmill

20 October; NASSINGTON Park and meet at layby opposite Black Bull Public House

27 October: THORNHAUGH Park and meet by church

3 November: CHESTERTON Park and meet at layby after Hill Farm (towards Oundle)

SELF DEVELOPMENT/SELF AWARENESS - *Group Leader Kathleen Chambers*

Tel: 0733-343273

Starting Friday 2 October, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. With a professional tutor. On a journey of self-discovery take the opportunity to explore and experience the growth and development of the personality, and identify areas where you lack assertiveness. Venue: in a private house in Longthorpe, with a group not exceeding 12 persons. If interested, book early as a few members have already done so. No course fee.

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP - *Group Leader Mrs Bruce Rahmany*
Tel: 0733-333408

Tuesday's from 13 October, 2,30 - 3.30 pm, held in the community lounge, Bretton Woods Community School, with an experienced group leader. No course fee.

LOCAL HISTORY - Group Leaders John Knight & Ann Roser Tel: 0733-261467

Come and learn about the City in which you **live**, an ideal opportunity to find out more whether you are new to Peterborough, or born here. Two course leaders with experience and knowledge will share this most interesting and enlightening course, starting Monday 5 October 2.00 - 3.30 pm at Bretton Woods Community **School**.

LOCAL HISTORY - Group Leader Ann Roser Tel: 0733-262738

This course will be held 11.00 am - 12 noon 5 October at the Kingfisher Centre, The Cresset, Bretton. (Members of the USA and the Kingfisher Centre are invited.)

CREATIVE WRITING - Group Leader Mrs K Ridell Tel: 0733-261467

The meeting will be held at Thorpe Junior School, Atherstone Avenue, Longthorpe starting on Wednesday 4 November, 2.00 - 4.00 pm, 8 sessions.
School Headmaster Eddie Woods Tel: 0733-264192

TRAVEL THE WORLD - Group Leader Mr G Herring Tel: 0733-236720

A series of films made by the group leader. Areas covered, Kenya, USA, Australia etc. 5 sessions starting Wednesday 4 November, 10.00 - 11.30 am, held in the Community Lounge, Bretton Woods Community School. No Course Fee.

Most courses will initially run for 6 - 10 weeks.

Further details available from **U3A, Bretton Woods Community School, Flaxland, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DF. Tel: 0733 261467**

To enable the U3A to extend our range of courses over the coming months, we ask for anyone who has a skill which they would voluntarily share as a tutor or group leader to enrich the lives of U3A members, or who would be willing to give a talk on interesting subjects at the monthly meetings to contact Bretton Woods Community School. Your valuable knowledge is needed in this very worthwhile project.

Other **courses** and activities are 'in the pipeline' and will be announced soon.