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- Direct access to the site is via the address given above. To save re-typing in future, save the page to your Favourites/Bookmarks.
- Most of the site is open access (without logging in) and can be navigated using the menu tabs. Login is only required for access to My Details, My Activities and Minutes. Use your **membership number** and **password** – you should have received this when you first joined the U3A. If you have forgotten your password there is a link at the login page to have a reminder sent.
- Please check your personal details under the **My Details** tab and make any changes there e.g. to your email address (if you have changed it since the start of your membership) or phone number etc. If you record changes here you do not need to contact the Membership Secretary, remember to click **Save My Details** at the bottom before you leave the page.
- For help contact Alan Locke at pu3awebsite@gmail.com

PETERBOROUGH U3A

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

ACTIVITIES DAY

SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 2018

AT THE FLEET

Fleet Way, High Street, Fletton, PE2 8DL

11.00am – 4.00pm

(Bus: Citi5 to Fletton High Street)

- See what's on from September
- View displays and demonstrations by many groups
- Browse the bookstall
- Renew your membership (bring cheque/cash)
- Bring friends and invite them to join the U3A
- Meet the Committee, Group Leaders and other members
- Enjoy the refreshments

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NEW MEMBERS' MEETING

Saturday 13 October 2018

Christchurch Hall

**1 Benstead, Orton Goldhay, PE2 5JJ
(Orton Centre)**

Coffee Served from 9.30am

Meeting Starts at 10.00am

Prospective members and
any members who have missed previous
New Members are welcome to attend

**The 25th Annual General Meeting of
Peterborough U3A
will take place at
Peterborough Town Hall on
Thursday 25 October 2018 at 10.15am**

Tea/coffee will be served from 9.45am
before the start of the AGM

PU3A BIG QUIZ NIGHT

60% INCREASE IN SIZE

**23 November 2018 7:00pm for 7.30pm start – 10.00pm
at JACK HUNT SCHOOL, LONGTHORPE**

TICKETS £6.00

INCLUDES PLOUGHMAN'S PLATTER (BYO drinks and glasses)

A NIGHT OF FUN AND LAUGHTER

TO BOOK A TEAM TABLE FOR 6 – 8 PEOPLE

CONTACT HILARY KEEGAN

**PHONE - 01733 265769 or Email - hilary@briankeegan.demon.co.uk
General Enquiries – Alan Locke 01733 370279 or pu3awebsite@gmail.com**

**If you are a single player (or less than 6) who would like to take part – no problem
Contact Hilary and we will add you to a team or make your number up to 6+ for a team
If any profits are made then a donation will be made to a charity (still to be decided).
FOR MORE INFO GO TO THE WEB SITE @ www.peterboroughu3a.org.uk/ (Latest News)**

U3A BARN DANCE

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2019

7.30 to 11.00 pm

**with Dennis Cuddles Starlight Band
at**

Jack Hunt School Hall

**“Bring Your Own Buffet, Drink And Glasses To Share With
Friends On Your Table”**

TICKETS £10.00

available from Mary and Bill Purdon

Telephone 01733 306196

e-mail mary@purdon.org.uk

Cheques payable to Peterborough U3A

Also available on Activities Day

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

My time on the Committee is coming to an end. The past twelve years have been a pleasurable part of my life. True there have been some issues to address and some interesting views to consider but all in all the Committee has worked hard together to achieve the best outcomes for you our members. In my estimation PU3A is one of the best organisations I have been involved with.

Your Committee is made up of talented individuals who have brought their various skills and energy to work for you all. You can see that from looking at the Committee list in the newsletter. We are now looking for several more people to take up a place on the Committee. For instance over the years as technology has evolved we have needed to have members with some specific skills. We have been lucky to have two Committee members with excellent IT skills. You can see that from the quality of our website. At some time one or both of them may wish to stand down so we would have to find a replacement. So why not bring your skills and energy by getting the nomination form completed. It was delivered with this newsletter. It would be great to have a good number of nominees and have an election.

As I look forward to this change I hope to find time to join another group or two as well as catching up with friends and relatives before I am too old to do all the driving. My allotment will get more of my time too.

Brenda Fearon

From PU3A Committee

The PU3A Committee are aware that concerns about the finances of a small number of groups appear to have given rise to various misconceptions and rumours circulating which are based on a misunderstanding of the facts.

The efforts to regularise the system of paying for accommodation are not a whim of the Treasurer. They were discussed by the Committee and a policy agreed for the future.

These measures follow a decision by the Charity Commissioners to alter the basis on which all U3As produce their accounts. If PU3A is to continue as a charity, with the financial benefits which flow from that, then we need to change our accounting procedures in the financial

year starting in September. Because of our substantial annual turnover, we will have to account clearly for our income from members, both generally and within each group. The Committee asks for the co-operation of all members and groups in making the necessary changes.

If groups do decide that they no longer want to operate under the umbrella of the PU3A, then groups' members should be aware that their activities in that group will no longer be covered by U3A insurance.

Brenda Fearon, Chairman
Chris Wareham, Secretary
On behalf of the PU3A Committee

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal forms, along with the new Data Protection and Privacy Policies, have now been sent out to all members. If you have not received one please let me know, my telephone number is on the inside front page of this News, my email address is membership@peterboroughu3a.org.uk. It is important that all members complete a renewal form, signing the consent where applicable, and either send it to me in the post or bring it to Activities Day. We need your consent to continue sending you this important and informative magazine and the Third Age Trust publications.

Next year will be the fourth time I have carried out renewals and enrolments for our U3A. At that point I feel it will be time for me to relinquish this task. Consequently I am looking for a volunteer to take on this role. This is a very important position and it would be ideal if someone came forward to join the Committee this October and shadow me until I finish.

Included with this magazine is the nomination form for election to the Committee. If you are interested in taking on this role please fill in and return a nomination form. There will be several vacancies on the Committee to be filled in October, as some long serving members will be standing down, so if you have any interest in helping to run this wonderful organisation, please nominate yourself.

Mary McCarthy
Membership Secretary

MONTHLY MEETINGS

AT THE TOWN HALL

Coffee/Tea are available from 10.00am. Notices and updates, and a monthly speaker from approximately 10.30am. We hope at least one member from each group will attend.

Members of the Committee are available to assist with and/or register any queries to be raised where possible at the next Committee Meeting.

Group Leaders please note: Each group is asked to send along at least one representative.

Several Committee members will be present also numerous lists for new group possibilities available for signing.

27 September – 10.00 for 10.30am

Terry McCarthy - *Inca Way or Incapable Way?*

A photographic trip to Peru, with particular reference to the Inca and other sites of interest visited in the course of travels by plane, train and mini bus, which culminated at Machu Picchu. Terry is a PU3A member who has given talks to many groups in and beyond the U3A.

25 October (AGM) - 9.45 for 10.15am

Ian Keable - *Unmasking the Cock Lane Ghost*

Ian came to speak to us a couple of years ago. (The Vanishing Maid Servant) and was well received by those present. He delivers his talks with humour and Graphic Satirical Art. He is a member of the 'Inner Magic-Circle' - with Gold Star, using his knowledge/skill to unmask these 18th Century hoaxes. The Cock Lane Ghost Story became the precursor to Victorian Spiritualism.

29 November – 10.00 for 10.30am

Sue Jakeman - *The Fascinating world of Bee.*

Sue's talk is both amusing and informative. She brings with her a Bee keepers suit, an empty hive for inspection, and numerous photographs and, hopefully, a supply of honey for sale too.

**WEDNESDAY 12 December – AT THE FLEET IN FLETTON PU3A
Christmas Gathering from 2.00 to 4.00pm**

PLEASE allow us time to prepare the hall and, unless performing, do not arrive early. Remember it's December and likely to be cold outside.

Any Groups or individuals representing groups, who wish to perform, please forward your name to a Committee member and don't be disappointed or offended if not selected. As a Committee we strive to involve as many groups as possible whilst maintaining a varied programme for everyone's enjoyment.

Donations to the raffle stall (seasonally wrapped) much appreciated. Any/all profits given to a Charity

Jan Bearman-Brown

GROUPS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

August again and another year for Peterborough U3A is drawing to a close. I do hope that you have all enjoyed taking part. Some of the groups continue to meet throughout August, but many have a break and restart in September.

Activities Day this year is on Saturday 18 August 11.00am to 4.00pm at the Regional College. There will be plenty of parking (use the Park Crescent entrance for preference, also on the No 2 and No 5 bus routes), and much more space for groups to display so please come along, renew your membership, socialise with friends, have a tea/coffee and visit the group stands.

Existing groups looking for more members

Craft, Bowls at Bretton (summertime), Canasta, Beginners Line Dancing, Indoor Bowls, Acoustic Strings, Crime Readers, Badminton, Moto Bikers, 50's Rock and Roll, Scrabble 2

If anyone wishes to consider any of these please contact me for details on 01733 265769.

New groups started since the last magazine

(detailed in the accompanying meeting of groups booklet)

Cycling - the Wednesday group now has a choice of short rides and longer rides. Members can decide their preference on the day.

American Square Dance started weekly in early May at Marholm Village Hall

The Grumpies started monthly in July.

Groups finishing

Holistic Health - After very many years leading this group Rosemary Steel has regretfully decided that it is time for her to finish. Many of her group members are very disappointed about her decision but no one feels able to take Rosemary's place.

Tuesday Watercolours - The leader, Val McNeil, has made the decision to stop running her class as a U3A activity, although her members are to continue to meet under a private arrangement.

Writing Life Stories Group B - Gwen Bunting, leader, has also decided that their group as a U3A activity has come to a natural end although members will probably continue to meet from time to time.

Intermediate Guitar - This group struggled for members so John Francis decided to withdraw it.

My thanks go to all these leaders for their contribution to the success of Peterborough U3A and I hope they will continue to enjoy the opportunities we provide by being part of other groups.

I am always happy to talk to anyone who feels that their interest is not being catered for in our U3A. Many groups start by a member saying to me "why have we not got a ?????? group?" and then we go from there, so don't be backward in coming forward. It doesn't mean you will have to be the leader, this job can usually be divvied up between two or three people.

A reminder that any member wishing to join a group must contact the group leader beforehand to gain details of the activity and whether it is OK to attend. Please, please do not just turn up. Also, remember to take your current membership card with you (green for the coming year) when attending a first meeting.

The Committee has been considering our responsibility concerning disability factors. Members are encouraged to make the group leader aware of any difficulties they have in participating in the group so that the situation can be improved if possible.

I was very pleased to be able to arrange some everyday first aid sessions over the last few months run by the Red Cross, which were

fully subscribed and well received. More may be organised if there is interest.

In the Autumn I hope to arrange, through a government initiative, **free** courses for members feeling left behind in their knowledge of how to use smart phones, tablets, kindles, computers etc. There will be a stand about this with more information on Activities Day.

Can I remind all U3A members, but particularly group leaders and those who send out emails on behalf of the group leader, to use the **Bcc** option when communicating with their group members. If anyone is unsure what this means, then just contact me and I will explain.

The Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month and if any member wishes a point to be raised then please feel free to contact any Committee member. All telephone numbers are inside the front cover of this magazine. We are also available at the Town Hall meetings held on the last Thursday of the month.

Hilary Keegan
Groups Coordinator

PROPOSED NEW GROUPS

Proposed - Motorhome And Camper Van Group For Single Members

As retired motor caravanners, we can go camping all year round, but some of us do not do it anymore. Not because we no longer like camping, or we no longer have our motorhome or camper van, but because we suddenly found ourselves on our own. And it is not easy being one when everyone else is in twos.

So, if you are on your own and have a motor home or a camper van, why not meet with like people? Meets will be all over the country, mainly using the Caravan and Motorhome Club and the Camping and Caravanning Club sites. Once a month (except January), for a long weekend (Thursday to Monday).

This will be for friendship. It will not be a dating agency. Pets will be welcome, as long as their owners are well behaved.

Well....why not give it a try. Contact me, Mauricette, on 07508 577 416 or mauricetteandray@icloud.com.

Look forward to meeting you.

Mauricette Proud

Proposed - Photo Group

I'm proposing to start a new PU3A Photography Group. The agenda/interest will mainly centre around visits to venues not too distant from the centre of Peterborough, which are considered photogenic, places/building/landscapes; of course this does not exclude people photography. People often add a great deal of interest to an image.

My thoughts are to meet up once a month at an agreed place and time, share transport, visit places, get a few images, which we feel are the 'bee's knees', have a coffee or lunch, return to base. Then perhaps every three months, or during the winter months, we could meet in a member's home and view some of our digital images, talk through why we did something a particular way, invite constructive comments/guidance from the other members.

I'd like us to be a group that just generally wants to take photos of nice things and places as well as people. I do not want this group to become a venue based, speaker/competition orientated group. PU3A are adequately covered in these areas.

Images displayed will be digital not prints. However, if someone has a particular print they feel is extra ordinary, bring it along.

What do you think? Are you interested?

If so in the first instance please make contact me at kenpu3a@talktalk.net or 01733 688694.

Ken Wakeford

New - The Grumpies

Proposed new PU3A Group run along the lines of a Grumpy Old Man scenario, willing to moan about everything and anything, however we must not exclude the ladies of our great organisation. So the proposal is for a mixed gender group.

If you're interested and consider you're a *Victor Meldrew* type character, or not, then come and join us, nothing too controversial, or personal please, just good humoured moaning about general topics.

We look forward to your company, the first gathering will be in our home between 2.00 and 4.00pm (day and date to be advised), then on a monthly basis thereafter, light refreshments will be available at a small charge.

If interested please contact us on 01733 688694, kenpu3a@talktalk.net or 07794962217, jean1411@hotmail.co.uk or make contact through the Groups Coordinator, Hilary Keegan hilary@briankeegan.demon.co.uk

Jean and Ken Wakeford

New Archers Appreciation – see under From The Groups Section

New Art History in Depth – See under From The Groups Section

New – Tiny New

The **Raspberry Pi** group is larger than a credit card!

The Group started meeting in July with two small test sessions per month - one on the first Wednesday at 5.00pm, the second on the third Wednesday at 12.00 lunchtime. If this timing works it may continue. The members will decide.

Both meetings will be at the Botolph Arms where the Landlord generously welcomes us as long as we buy at least one drink each. Members are welcome to come to either or both monthly sessions.

Each meet will start with a getting to know you session, a discussion about timing and a “Show and See time.... ” when we can see what the Pi is like and share our experience, ideas and hear about targets for these tiny computers and consider other potential doings.

Colin Yarwood

New Theatre Group (2019)

Following the news that Dorothy and Graham Woods are relinquishing their leadership of the Theatre Group, a new team is planning a programme that will run in much the same way from January 2019.

Our sincere thanks must go to Dorothy and Graham for their hard work over the past few years.

Visits to a number of shows will in future be advertised using the U3A Website, which will be updated at 4.00pm on Tuesdays as Graham did. Enquiries about availability of seats and bookings (maximum 2 paid-up U3A members) can then be made via Margaret Gaunt whose details will appear on the Web Site.

We aim to continue to use Fowlers Coaches and the organisation on the day of the show will be as previously.

We look forward to seeing many regulars and also new friends on our visits to theatres in London, Milton Keynes, Leicester and Nottingham as well as concerts at the Royal Albert Hall and Cadogan Hall. Please look out for further details on the U3A Website and on Activities Day.

We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year.

David Baron

FROM THE GROUPS

American Square Dancing

Well, classes have begun and we are four weeks into the fun of American Square dancing. The gentlemen in particular seem to be enjoying the experience. After all, American Square is ideal for men, they get to lead, but at the same time they are told what to do. We have more ladies than gentlemen so some ladies have decided to dance as men. Square Dancing is done at a smart walking pace most of the time. There is no skipping or vigorous swinging.

What is American Square? Well, in most other country style dancing you are taught the moves and the dance. In American Square you learn the moves and the caller can then use them in an ad-hoc dance sequence. This means American square is good exercise for both your brain and your body.

All our details are on the PU3A website including a small video of American Square Dancing. Contact me on 01733 246585

Mick Jarvis

Archaeology and the Human Journey

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10.30am in the Community Room on the ground floor of St Mary's Court (the block of flats opposite the Passport Office in the City Centre) to continue our exploration of different aspects of human history, ancient and modern.

Recent topics have included the history of Cuba; the Pyramids; the Peterborough East Station WW1 project and the history of the weather forecast. We hope that the future programme will continue to cover a wide range of topics including the role of the Lady in great medieval houses, Petra and scientific developments in archaeology.

Chris Wareham

Archers Appreciation (Radio)

The group will meet to discuss characters, plots, locations both current and in the past. There will be quizzes, possibly trips and visiting speakers.

It is open to all who, like me, love discussing the latest episodes of this amazing and long-running radio programme. I have been listening off and on (mainly on!!) now since Midnight and Grace were killed in the stable fire way back in the 60s, but newer converts are most welcome and I am sure as a group we will share many different perspectives on the storylines and characters.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Sheila Brown

Art History

Alphabet of Art [1] and [2]

An Alphabet of Art is an introduction to Art History and members learn about the background to paintings and artists across the ages. We are working progressively through the alphabet and in our sessions look at, and discuss, an eclectic mix of aspects of art including artists, paintings, genres, terms used in art, periods and schools. We aim for breadth rather than depth, but without, hopefully, being too superficial.

The sessions are very visual, and we occasionally use music, poetry, historical writings and fiction to enhance our enjoyment and understanding of the topics we are studying. Members of the two groups contribute to the lively discussions and everyone's views are listened to and respected.

Previous experience of 'studying' art history is not necessary, but a love of art and a questioning mind most certainly are!

We meet on the second Thursday of each month (not August) at Paston Farm Community Centre. The morning group begins at 10.30am and finishes at 12.30pm and this session is repeated in the afternoon from 1.45pm – 3.45pm.

John Shearman

Art History in Depth

This is a new group commencing in September 2018 and is aimed at those who wish to take their knowledge of art history to a deeper level than the more generalist *Alphabet of Art*.

During the year we will be learning about **The Impressionists** (September – January) and **Art in Northern Europe during the Renaissance period** (February – July). One session during the second half of the year will consist of a group visit to a gallery (probably the National Gallery) to look at works associated with the two topics we have been studying.

The two topics will be studied thematically rather than merely looking at individual artists. For example in The Impressionists we will, at some point, be discussing the painters' techniques; women Impressionist painters, locations favoured by the Impressionists, etc.

The sessions will be interactive with members contributing to small group discussions and for this reason membership will be limited to twenty-five (25) persons. Members may sign up for either or both blocks to be studied in 2018/19. If you are considering joining this group you should be aware that the sessions within each block build on previous months' discussions, and do not 'standalone'. For this reason you should be fairly confident of being able to attend every session in the block.

We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month (not August) at Paston Farm Community Centre, starting at 10.15am and finishing at 12.30pm. Please note that lunch and breakfast can be bought at the Centre.

For further information contact me on 01733 270910 or johnfrancis43@live.co.uk.

John Shearman

Board Games

This group was formed under a year ago. We meet on a Thursday afternoon at Copeland at 2.00pm and welcome new members. The idea is that a number of different games, of members choosing, go on at the same time.

At present the following games are available to play: Backgammon, Canasta, Chesword, Cluedo, Connect 4, Jenga, Labyrinth, Mastermind, Othello, Pictionary, Rummikub, Scrabble, Sequence, Sorry, Stay Alive, Trionimos, Uno, and Yahtzee. Members are invited to bring their own games along if they would like to. Don't be put off because you haven't played before, it is a friendly group, all willing to help each other.

One of the games, which nobody knew when we started, is now so popular that it is played every week by some of the group. One of our members introduced us to another game, Kwirkle, which is proving very popular. There is a small charge solely to cover the cost of the rental of the accommodation, at present it is under a pound a week to each person and the more members we have the cheaper it will get.

If you would like to join us for fun and games or would like more information please contact me on 01733 574118.

Betty Sims

Bird Watching Group

The group meets at 10.00am on the first Wednesday of each month at various localities around Peterborough for a walk of about 2-2½ hours looking for birds and other wildlife. The walks are conducted at "bird watching pace" - which is fairly sedate - and none of the localities are strenuous, but the paths may be uneven, wet and muddy and, of course, the weather may not be kind to us. Suitable clothing and footwear is essential and you will also need a pair of binoculars.

Beginners are very welcome and the group is a good way of getting to know some of the excellent wildlife sites in this area and of seeing things you would perhaps not find on your own. This year's programme is listed on the website, as well as details about the next meeting, such as directions to the meeting place and the sort of things we will be looking out for. Regular members also receive an email giving these details during the week before a meeting.

Stuart Ball

Bretton Crime Readers

Our group of avid readers of all types of crime/thriller fiction meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 3.00pm at Bretton Library for about an hour. The library provides us with the same book or at least one by the same author or in the same series and we have a lively discussion about each story – usually with many different points of view. Recently we have read a number of books shortlisted for *the Crime Novel of the Year* but we also read older novelists, those set in many different countries and eras and everything from the 'cosy', to the police procedural or the complex psychological thriller. Numbers are

limited but if you would like to join us please contact me on 01733 331261.

Linda Verdegem

Canoeing

I have had numerous enquiries about the canoe course and that has made it harder to accommodate everyone as I can only take five U3A members on each course.

So as not to disappoint interested members, through the winter and now through the summer, I am providing adhoc two hour taster sessions at £5.00 a time. As with the course fee, this cost includes all the equipment plus my time as a Canoe England coach. The fees are paid directly to the Packers Canoe Club that is stationed at Ferry Meadows, as the club supplies the canoes etc.

In May I started a new ten week course and that is going well, we're on week three as I write. You may have seen some pictures and video of the canoeing on the PU3A Facebook page.

I have a further six members who are on my list and they will be doing the adhoc sessions over the coming months.

I may not be able to get to the Activities Day now so if you are interested in trying canoeing then read the website information, email me and I will add you to the waiting list. There is only one of me and there are some weeks I am paddling four or five times a week so bear with me if it takes a few months to sort out timings for sessions.

Les Ranford

Belly Dancing

We meet every Friday at St Jude's Hall, Netherton. The beginners class runs from 1.15 to 2.15pm and the Improvers Class runs from 2.30 to 3.30pm. Belly Dancing is a low to medium impact activity, which builds core strength and improves flexibility, as well as lifting the spirits. Led by a fully qualified instructor, no previous dance experience is necessary and it is suitable for all ages, even those with injury or chronic conditions. We learn dances to lively music, have a lot of fun and warmly welcome new members. Contact me for more information or come for a taster session. A few spaces for beginners available.

Jackie Marjoram

Bowls at Barnack

The Bowls at Barnack Group meets at The Barnack Bowls Club on Thursday and Saturday mornings at 9.45am to 12 noon. The group is for U3A members who enjoy playing the game of outdoor bowls and for those who would like to learn to play the game of bowls.

Members can attend either the Thursday Group or the Saturday Group or both. Sets of bowls are provided by the club and free coaching is available for beginners. The fee is £2.50 per session inclusive of tea and biscuits.

The season runs from mid April to mid September. The bowling green is in a lovely country setting with free parking on site.

We have a membership of 59; we enjoy using the barbecue facilities at the Club and the end of season dinner. Last May the Group enjoyed a 4 day break at the Potters Leisure Centre. The objective of the group is to have fun and enjoy playing the game of bowls.

Should any U3A members wish to attend for just a one off session to give it a try they are very welcome to join us any Thursday or Saturday.

For further information please contact me on 01733 571246.

Malcolm Bayes

Calligraphy

Our group still remains with 12 members, one or two have left for personal reasons, but we have taken on new members in their place.

We had a period of time when we did not have a teacher, and it was a difficult time without anyone to guide us. Ann joined us during the year with Shirley assisting her and we are all very grateful for their expertise and patience.

Ann started us more or less back at the beginning to ascertain what level we had attained and we have progressed from there. She has encouraged us to try different techniques etc but using mainly 'italic' lettering.

We have only a few more lessons before the end of the term and we are now in the process of preparing work to display at Activities Day in August – so do come along to support us and view our work.

Yvonne White

Canasta

The group meets every Monday between 2.00 and 4.00pm From 6 August 2018 we will meet at Copeland Community Centre, South Bretton, PE3 6YJ.

We welcome new members, with or without experience, to come along and have a light-hearted afternoon playing Canasta.

For further information contact us on 01733 615402 or email jessie.wilkinson@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Roy and Janette Wilkinson

Classic and Kit Car Group

Since our last report in the April Issue we've continued to use the Milton Golf Club as a meeting venue.

We had to cancel our February meeting because of the snow! In March and April members did meet to share news and discuss plans for the year. Coffees and light lunches were available and also enjoyed.

On Wednesday 23 May members with their navigators took part in the **U3A John Clare Classic Car Run**. Many thanks go to Graham Nunn and Mary for organising this run. As Graham said we all came back smiling and we agreed we did enjoy ourselves with only one or two wrong turns!! We met for lunch at the Milton Golf Club where we also had time to share our news with each other and preview the driving instructions. Setting off around 1.30pm, just as the sun was coming out, our route wound through country lanes following instructions and references to John Clare's poems. We covered 44 miles and arrived back at the Golf Club for tea and scones/cakes around 4.30pm

As Classic and Kit Car enthusiasts we are aiming to get together on a regular basis, usually monthly on the last Wednesday, and also to fly the flag for U3A at various Events.

If you are interested in joining the group or would like further information about forthcoming meetings please contact me via johnburton1942@gmail.com or phone 01733 252615.

John Burton

Computer Help

If anyone in Peterborough U3A has a particular, one off, computer problem, please contact me to see if I can help. I am not a professional and am mainly self-taught so cannot guarantee a resolution to your

issue, but will do my best to help. A visit to your home can be arranged if necessary. My details are in the list of Groups.

Mary McCarthy

Creative Writing

The group runs fortnightly at members' homes in and around Peterborough. The Writers Forum Group no longer exists. Due to dwindling membership, it was incorporated into this group. Unless we have a huge influx of new members in August this is how it will remain.

Pam Kounougakis

Cycling

The Group continues to grow, catering for cyclists of varying ability, with pedal or electric bikes. Rides take place, at a steady pace, on cycle paths and, at times, minor roads. We have recently introduced both a 'shorter' and 'longer' ride, each week, with members choosing which ride they would like to take on the day.

The social element of the Group is important to us, and both rides include a 'caffeine and cake' stop, so that we can catch up with each other.

As numbers have grown, at time of writing, the Group is closed to new members, so that we can ride safely and find cafés that can take us! We will continue to review the Group structure and size. If you would like to join us please contact me at caffeinepluscakes@gmail.com.

Matt Colley

Cribbage Group

Since the inception of the PU3A Cribbage Group at Activities Day 2016, I think, we have gained both in size and ability, those members that came to learn are still with us, thank you. We started meeting in a member's home, once a month, this, because of numbers, soon changed, as did the number of meetings.

We've been at Copeland now for over a year and although the membership fluctuates we are a thriving group of very friendly people of mixed abilities. Always looking for new members to join us. While a fee is necessary due to rental cost this is kept at a reasonable level.

Our year runs from September to July, we meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month; fees are due at the start of the new year in September, however that does not preclude anyone joining

throughout the year, for which there is a pro-rata charge. Light refreshments are available, again there is a small charge for this. We have several Cribbage boards and sets of cards, again this does not preclude you bringing your own.

Please contact me at kenpu3@talktlak.net, on 01733 688694 or **text only** to 07885099785 (please don't phone the mobile).

Happy hands and good 'pegging' to you all.

Ken Wakeford

Engineering Group Report

We hold our meetings in conjunction with Peterborough Engineering Society. Last year's talks included Railway Tunnels, Church Clocks, The Pathfinder Force and the History of the Ferguson Tractor.

In June we had a visit to the Waste Recycling Centre in Waterbeach and in July a guided tour of Peterborough Quays Development.

Next year we are planning talks about Peterborough's Blue Plaque scheme, W.O Bentley, Healey 3000 and Fletton Quays.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm from October to May at Perkins Engines Conference Room in the Learning Centre and have a couple of visits in the summer.

Brian Keegan

Family History

As a Committee we have been busy looking at next years programme for the group. We have had a busy year, including visits and informative talks on Peterborough Cathedral and its influence on the City. We have looked at deciphering handwriting on old documents and at how we use computer programmes in our research.

This year starting September, we are looking at dating photos, and we all have boxes of those with no clues; workhouses and their social stigma and we continue to delve into how we can record our findings and follow up on clues.

We are a friendly group and welcome new members. We do not untangle your family tree for you, we leave that to *Who Do You Think You Are*, but we may be able to point you in the right direction.

Maureen Hudson

Friday Strollers

We are a walking group enjoying gentle exercise with companionship and conviviality. We number some 25 active members with an average of 15 to 18 on each walk. Our walks take place on the second and fourth Friday of each month, walks are arranged on an informal rota basis by group members, generally within a radius of 15 to 20 miles from Peterborough. The walks usually start at 10.45am from a pub or other suitable venue and finish with an optional light social lunch.

Distance is not the main consideration with most walks taking about one and a half hours, the object is to allow members to walk at a pace they find comfortable. Seasonal conditions vary so it is important to wear appropriate clothing.

We are reaching our preferred maximum group size of around 30 members, but are, from time to time, able to take new members, so if you are looking for a healthy and social activity, totally devoid of extreme sports, you may find our group to be worthy of consideration, give me a call on 01733 222324 or email at colinb23@hotmail.co.uk

Colin Baker

Harmony for Pleasure

The group has recently embarked upon rehearsals for its October concert in Crowland. This will be based on songs from around the world and will include items from Wales, Ireland, Africa, Finland, United States and other countries. It is a challenging programme as some of the songs will be performed in the local language.

Peter Best

Map Reading

We have had three map reading courses so far and I will be looking to run another one at the end of the summer months. As with the previous courses, I can only take five/six U3A members at a time. Although a small number, this enables me to have closer control over learning and development.

The course consists of eight sessions that are initially centred at Elton Methodist Chapel with some basic instruction on maps and the use of a compass. We then venture out into the surrounding area to practise taking bearings and learning some of the terminology used as the course progresses. Terms such as 'aiming off', 'handrails', 'attack points' and 'back bearings' soon trip off course members' tongues. As the sessions progress course members will be seen 'pacing' their way

across parts of Ferry Meadows or standing on lofty outcrops learning how to work out their position from distant known points. For the last few sessions of a course, members use their acquired skills in outings to both Wakeley and Fineshades Woods on an orienteering course.

I was overwhelmed by the amount of interest in previous courses but as I can only accommodate five at a time there is a waiting list so please bear with me if you are interested in joining with me.

My apologies that I will not be at Activities Day this year so please read the website information and e-mail me if you are interested.

Les Ranford

Mah Jong

The group continues to expand. We regularly have ten tables of four, which makes for a lot of laughter and social chit-chat. Because it is so easy to learn the basics of the game it only takes a week before newcomers are playing on their own. Almost everyone in the room began by being taught enough to go solo, and then over the following weeks picking up the length and breadth of the game. If you want to join us contact me on 01733 233840 or s.osborne7@ntlworld.com

Stuart Osborne

Nordic Walking

Our friendly group meets once a week at 1.30pm on a Friday afternoon throughout the year. We walk about three miles in scenic locations in and around Peterborough, often in or from Ferry Meadows; we get an exemption for the parking fee there. The health benefits of using Nordic Walking poles include whole body exercise and improved posture, which can help back and joint problems. We have fun walking and chatting with our fellow group members and finish off with a drink - and sometimes cake! - at a café or pub. Recent venues for our walks have included Thorpe Meadows, Thorpe Wood, Castor, Alwalton, Burleigh Park, Werrington and Whittlesey as well as Ferry Meadows.

If you are interested ring me on 010733 239595,

Christine Dilley

Opinion Time

This is a lively, often forthright group. We meet to reflect on news and current affairs on the *last Friday of each month* (ML) with members presenting and offering thoughts on items that have caught their attention. We aim to challenge one another to improve our

understanding of contemporary issues. Recent debates have covered diverse topics, including anti-Semitism in the Labour Party and racism more widely, what should be done about the housing crisis, and whether education has improved since the film *Kes* appeared in 1970. We have invited expert speakers on topics like Europe and Housing, and showed the film *I Daniel Blake* to introduce worries about the benefits system.

Sessions run from 2.00 to 4.00pm with tea and biscuits served during the second hour. Approximately 3 topics are debated at each meeting, with discussants agreed in advance. But many concerns are raised spontaneously and members chip in with their own thoughts.

Our meetings are usually held at 2 Earlswood, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough, PE2 5UG but individual members also volunteer to host meetings by prior arrangement. To express interest, please contact me at rekrab3@gmail.com or phone 01733 236241. There is a short waiting list.

Bernard Baker

Our Alpine Adventure

It is 3.30am on a Monday morning in June and 15 members of the Walkie Talkies are on their way to Luton airport for a holiday in Switzerland. Our destination is Grindelwald, a small village in the Bernese Alps, 1,034 metres above sea level. We arrived at Geneva airport mid-morning and travelled on to Grindelwald by a closely timed succession of trains.

On our first full day we all caught the local train up to Kleine Scheidegg. The journey on a rack and pinion railway climbed 2,061 metres to a mountain pass situated below and between the Eiger and Lauberhorn peaks. From there we walked on a mountain trail to Wengernalp. The views on this walk would have been spectacular with snowy mountain tops and alpine valleys. Unfortunately, the weather was against us and cloud prevented us from seeing it at its best. However, there was plenty of interest negotiating the tricky rocky paths and trying to identify the stunning alpine plants flowering in the meadows.

The village of Grindelwald is nestled in a green hollow and surrounded by the commanding mountain scape of the Eiger North Face and the Wetterhorn, but on this wet morning on our second day we were still not privileged with a view. After some discussion it was decided to visit Trummelbach Falls. There are ten glacier waterfalls

accessed by a tunnel lift and once inside you are greeted by a loud, thundering and roaring of foaming and churning water. Europe's largest subterranean water falls are located in the Lauterbrunnen Valley, often called the valley of 72 waterfalls. It was a cold rainy day and by the time we had walked from the Lauterbrunnen railway station we were a little wet. It was just as well we were dressed for the weather as it is a very wet place with spray from the falls hitting you at every turn.

The mountain tops are visible from our hotel on day three and the sun is shining. Some members of the group took the Jungfrau railway from Grindelwald to Jungfraujoch – Top of Europe. Jungfraujoch is a notable saddle in the Bernese Alps, connecting the two 4,000 metre peaks - Jungfrau and Mönch, at an elevation of 3,466 metres (11,371 ft). It was their lucky day with blue skies and panoramic views from the top.

The remainder did the First cliff walk. A gondola lift takes us to First mountain and a metal walkway suspended from the side of the cliff with unspoilt views of the valley towards Grindelwald. We then walked to Bachalpsee Lake; a so-called easy hike along a broad, well developed path through a flowering alpine valley.

It is our fourth day in this beautiful place and the sun is still shining. A relaxing day on a boat was called for. The train from Grindelwald took us to Interlaken where we boarded the ferry for a trip around Lake Thun. After a stop in Oberhofen to visit the Schloss and stretch our legs, we picked up the ferry for a return trip to Interlaken. We ended the day with a trip on the funicular railway to the Harder Kulm lookout where you can look down upon Interlaken, Lake Brienz and Lake Thun as well as admiring the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau mountains in the distance. It was here that one of our group lost his wallet with his credit cards, cash and rail passes. We think it may have been stolen and after contacting our travel representative, a new travel pass was issued in Interlaken. This obviously put a dampener on the day.

Day five was another sunny day and the group again divided. Two of us went to Mürren and Schilthorn. Mürren is an archetypal Swiss mountain village of pretty houses and gardens of alpine flowers. The top of Schilthorn, as well as Mürren, is where some scenes of the James Bond film, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" was filmed. We then walked from Mürren to the cable car at Lauterbrunnen through pine trees and alpine meadows. The remainder of the group enjoyed

the Mannlichen circuit involving several trains, cable cars and gondolas.

The final day saw more varied activity. An alpine botanical garden, the destination for six of our group, is accessed by another rack and pinion railway from Wilderswil. The plants were supplemented by an adder sat on the path, and a noisy alpine marmot. Others decided they wanted to explore Interlaken and Lake Brienz.

The holiday was very well organised by our group leader Lynn and her husband Roy. We all had a wonderful time and will have fond memories of our time in Switzerland with our friends.

Lynda Brimmell

Plane Daft (Aviation)

Since the last report, attendances have ranged from 35 – 29, declining as the counter attractions of holidays and the garden kick-in.

Alastair Goodrum made a welcome return in March when he considered the Night Defence of East England in Two World Wars. Aerial defence during World War I was lacking, with few suitable aircraft, no organisation and little pilot training. Despite that, some German airships were shot down more by luck than judgement. Establishment of the RAF was seen as offering a solution, but the inter war period saw little development of night fighters, but as the Second World War approached the issue was taken more seriously. Development of radio location (Radar) made detection of aircraft at night feasible. To make best use of this, ground control was developed, besides suitable aircraft and trained aircrew, all evolving rapidly between 1939-42. A ground control centre near Peterborough, guided radar-fitted aircraft from Wittering (Blenheims initially, later Beaufighters and ultimately Mosquitos), onto targets, which often fell to their guns. In one case, the target, a Dornier bomber, crashed on to a pub in Bourne, killing some customers. As Alastair expressed in his title, it was 'no place for chivalry', but it was of great interest.

In April, John Connelly, Vulcan captain (retired) started by running through a Vulcan's crews' preparation for 'quick reaction' duties during the Cold War ie 1960s. He itemised clothing donned and the necessary checks for flight carrying a Blue Steel stand-off atomic weapon, mindful that such activities were geared to Vulcans on the 'Quick Reaction Force' getting aloft in four minutes (to avoid incoming missiles) and setting course for their assigned target. In reality this was viewed as a one-way trip – nothing to return to and insufficient fuel. The

relief when such exercises were cancelled, whereupon they returned to base was palpable. Would he have dropped his weapon if it was a real attack? Yes, because having taken the Queen's Commission he was duty-bound to do so.

After this stark introduction, John outlined his career and development of the Vulcan bomber. Then some of his adventures were considered, including a non-stop Vulcan flight to Australia (with in-flight refuelling) and almost running out of fuel over Lincolnshire, having been ordered not to land at two bases, and ultimately, desperation led to disobeying orders not to land at Coningsby – the flight sergeant in charge of refuelling, told him he had never put so much kerosene into a Vulcan before!

For many group members also part of the Vulcan force in varying capacities, memories were exchanged at tea time, as they shared many of John's experiences and feelings.

The final meeting of the 2017-18 programme was a show of Terry and Robert McCarthy's photography from various Royal International Air Tattoos (RIAT) between 1990-2015. Images included pre 1939 and World War II vintage aircraft, early jet fighters, Cold War fighters and bombers, as well as contemporary aircraft. Apart from the flying displays many interesting aeroplanes featured in ground displays, including the Tu 95 'Bear', Sopwith Camel and Concorde. The only untoward event witnessed aerial collision of two Mig 29s, was shown thanks to member John Hennis. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the crash, but one pilot was given a broken jaw by the other, on landing!

Thanks to all those who attended meetings regularly and loyally, they made it all worthwhile. Thanks is also due to John Truluck and Peter Gilbert and helpers, who made the tea/coffee sustaining our socialising! Only two things remain: the annual trip to Newark Aviation Museum, and completion of the 2018-19 programme.

Terry McCarthy

Poetry Appreciation.

There are two groups which meet on either the third Thursday or the third Friday of the month at Longthorpe Memorial Hall from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Our range of poetry reading is far reaching from Elizabethan to Modern, We read and discuss poems, with me giving some help on interpretation and background to the poems and comments on the life of the poet we are discussing. I have some room on Thursdays but sadly not Friday at present, though I am happy to keep people's names

in mind in case of a vacancy. If you are interested please contact me on 07525 767471 or colyer5@gotadsl.co.uk

John Hucklesby

Railways Studies

Since the last report three Railways Studies meetings have taken place, when between 32 and 40 group members and guests attended.

In March we welcomed the return of Brian Sullivan and Tommy Tomalin from Kettering. They gave what became the first part of a presentation on the route from Rugby to Cambridge, as it “finished” just east of Peterborough on the line to Ely. As ever, it was an entertaining, informative and copiously illustrated presentation. Part II has already been scheduled for next year’s programme.

Thanks to Geoff Catlins, we were delighted to welcome Roger Hardingham in April, who spoke about Barry Scrapyard, derived from his booklet entitled ‘The Barry Story’, which has run to several editions. Beginning with an outline of Barry Docks in the 1880s and its integrated railway system, which together made Barry one of the leading coal exporting ports prior to 1919. Decline, especially in the 1950s, led to the establishment of several scrapyards, one of which was Woodham’s Yard, famous in the late 1960s for the presence of over 200 steam locomotives, which British Railways sold for scrap. Most were subsequently sold to preservation societies, many being restored to steam (including 34081 ‘92 Squadron’ on the Nene Valley) and it was these that were the focus of the talk. Overall, a most interesting discourse, enjoyed by all present.

The May meeting concerned another locomotive preservation project, namely LMS Jubilee class locomotive 45596 Bahamas – not the West Indian island which two young ladies assumed – John Hillier married one of them!!! He outlined, in word, music and photographs the history of Bahamas’ purchase from BR and subsequent restoration. He concentrated on the locomotive’s latest (third) major overhaul, soon to be completed, which will allow Bahamas to return to the mainline for another seven years. It proved a fascinating and informative presentation.

The final meeting scheduled for 2017-18 features Terry McCarthy outlining the origins of the Great Western Society and 50 years of Didcot Railway Centre. Meanwhile the programme for 2018-19 is in hand and intends building on the group’s success in its first seven

years. Our final event for the year is the annual trip, this year to the Gloucester and Warwickshire Railway where we can sample steam motive power working to the recently opened extension the delightful village of Broadway.

Particular thanks are due, to the membership for their loyal attendance, and especially to Alan Compton, Peter Gilbert and their helpers for the tea and coffee served thus quenching members' thirst during our social break – next year there might be biscuits too!

Terry McCarthy

Rummikub Club

We have now completed a full year with the new Rummikub Club and it has been a great year! Those members who had never played before joining us, have said what an easy game it is to learn and are thrilled that it is such a sociable club. We pick cards to see who we play with so we don't always play with the same people every time. The game is based on the card game Rummy but is played using tiles, which are laid onto one central playing area.

We do have a break for tea/coffee and a bicky half way through to give us the energy for the last half!

The new term starts on Friday 7 September at 2.00 to 4.00pm. We meet at Copeland Community Centre, Copeland, South Bretton, PE3 6YJ. There is good parking and it is on a bus route.

Why not give us a try? For further info give me a ring on 01733 246585.

Lyn Jarvis

Singing for Pleasure

Since its inception the group has frequently given performances for various societies, clubs and other institutions but, for a number of reasons, has not done so for some time. However, a poll of its members has shown that we should resume this activity and the group leader is liaising with some of those who have requested our presence and a programme will be arranged.

Peter Best

Social History

This year the group reached a membership of 87 and there was an average attendance of 55 at our monthly meetings. Topics this year

included Holme Spitfire Excavation, WW2 in the Deepings, East Anglian Air Ambulance and many more.

We finished the year with a day visit to the Bure Steam Railway and Norfolk Broads Cruise on the 20 June. Once again we had exceptionally good weather and 53 people left Peterborough at 8.15am. The journey took us deep into the Norfolk countryside passing through fen country green with new crops.

A warm welcome was received at the Bure Steam Railway and after a leisurely stroll we were served with a light lunch and very welcome drinks of tea and coffee.

We took our places on the train for the 45 minute ride to Wroxham and this felt like something from Alice in Wonderland, sitting in small carriages pulled by a narrow gauge steam engine. All very enjoyable.

Arriving at Wroxham, we boarded the boat for a two hour cruise and this was a lovely way to see what the broads offered and the water was calm as we motored serenely along. There were areas of yellow waterlilies, wonderful houses, geese, swans and beautiful trees. It was a truly lovely trip. The coach was waiting on the quay for our return to Peterborough. We had so many things to recall as this was such a good visit enjoyed by everyone.

A big thank-you to Doreen for organising this trip, and also the yearly programme. Many thanks also go to members who make the tea and coffee and put the chairs out for our monthly meetings.

Eileen Clark

Tai Chi

The Tai Chi groups continue to be popular, with loyal support from our long-term members. However, during the last year, although there was much initial interest from new beginners, a number did not stay the course. This means that we are able to move some of our members to different classes, and will be able to offer a new beginners' class for the year commencing in September. We hope a number of you would like to take up this calming exercise.

For those unfamiliar with the concept of Tai Chi, it is based on the healing, meditative and ancient martial arts of China with each of the seemingly gentle movements having a practical application. We practice the Yang family style of Tai Chi in which the emphasis is on slow, soft, controlled movements.

Tai Chi may be practised by people of all ages and abilities. It is said to bring health benefits, including posture, balance and circulation, and is being recommended by many health professionals. It can also bring a sense of relaxation, well-being and inner peace.

As mentioned earlier we are looking to start a new beginners class in September. Because of the progressive nature of learning the Tai Chi forms it is difficult to include new beginners mid-term. Therefore we run a waiting list and when a suitable opportunity arises we are able to invite those on the list into a new beginner's course.

We usually run a taster session for potential new members, details to be announced later.

Monica and Bruce Gwynne

Ten Pin Bowling League

We are near the end of the 2017/18 season and we have seven teams from fourteen still in with a chance to win.

The new season will start in September. This is a doubles league and if anyone or team is interested in joining us for the start of the new season, please contact me any time on 07967 134677

Yours in sport.

Steve Powell

Theatre Group (2018)

They say that Variety is the Spice of Life and, as a group, we certainly have had variety so far this year.

Musical comedy with Ross Noble and Lesley Joseph in *Young Frankenstein*. Vincent and Flavia doing their "thing" with *Tango Moderno*. The songs of Dusty Springfield in *Son of a Preacher Man* followed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall with their *Classical Spectacular*.

Following on with Matthew Bourne's ballet *Cinderella* and the Edgar Wallace play *The Case of the Frightened Lady* shows that many aspects of 'theatre' have been covered.

As the year continues, we have the Meatloaf musical *Bat out of Hell* and two favourites: *The King and I* at the London Palladium and the long running *The Phantom of the Opera* in the West End.

The Christmas shows are already circulated but before then, there will be more, so don't forget: first come, first served.

Dorothy and Graham

Travel Club Visit To Central Spain

Clear, blue skies, temperatures in the upper 20s, traffic jams in Madrid and tempting food delicacies are some of the memories following our visit to central Spain. We stayed in the UNESCO world heritage city of Alcalá de Henares, twin town of Peterborough, about 20 miles east of Madrid, where our visits included the historic university, the museum with remains of the Roman town Complutum and the birthplace of Miguel de Cervantes, author of *Don Quixote*. We passed by the bishop's palace, birthplace of Katharine of Aragon, one of the many buildings with nests of storks, recently arrived from Africa for the breeding season.

Our two days spent in Madrid, included a morning at the impressive El Prado art gallery and an afternoon in the immense royal palace. We also visited the El Retiro Park built by king Felipe II in the 16th century as a private retreat.

Another day was spent in Toledo with its huge cathedral and Jewish quarter but the highlight was the day in Segovia, an attractive town under the world-famous aqueduct built by the Romans to feed water from the snow-covered Guadarrama Mountains to the town and to the picturesque Alcazar palace. The aqueduct was in use until the mid-19th century.

Our final lunch was in the hill town of Chinchon where, in the usual U3A style, the local aniseed liqueur was sampled. Some of the lady members purchased bags of the special local garlic cloves from the market to enhance their home cooking.

This trip was the fourth Spanish visit that I have had the pleasure to lead in the last five years but now that Sheelagh and I have moved to Warwickshire, I hope that someone else will take over the reins.

Viva España!

John Douglas

Tuesday Watercolour Group

Unfortunately the Tuesday Watercolour Group will have closed as a U3A group by the time this edition of the Peterborough U3A magazine is circulated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the group for the loyalty and support they have shown me.

Valerie McNeill – Group Leader

Friday Watercolour Group

Having assisted Bob Frank for some years, when he decided to retire he persuaded me to take over the Friday Watercolour Group and I have really enjoyed my time as leader. However, I feel it is now time for the baton to pass again so at the start of the new U3A year in September, a small team of people, headed by Maureen Hudson and Jill Hucklesby are going to lead this very vibrant group of artists.

I would like to thank all the class for the support they have shown during my time as their leader. I do still intend being involved with the group and look forward to being able to work on more of my own paintings on a Friday afternoon in the company of lovely people.

If you would like to see some of the paintings produced by this very talented group then please visit www.fridaywatercolours.org.uk where there is a vast collection for you to admire. At the moment there are 37 enthusiastic painters in the group so it is fully subscribed but if you wish to go on the waiting list then please contact Maureen Hudson on 01778 349413.

Valerie McNeill

Walkie-Talkies Walking Group

The group has continued its weekly walking schedule since the beginning of the year. By 1 June we had completed 22 walks with the rota filled in for the rest of the summer.

With some new blood in the group, new areas have been introduced including two walks out on the Fens at Stonea Camp, and Chatteris walk which was enlivened by an egg hunt where the walk leader had hidden chocolate eggs around the route. Whilst some of these had been taken by the Fenland Wildlife during the night, sufficient survived for each walker to find at least one egg.

Heading further South another new walk was at Spaldwick. Walkers were advised to note items of interest, particularly the village sign at Stow Longa. Later, in The George pub a short quiz was held to see how alert members of the group had been. Surprisingly the four tables produced scores of between 16 and 18 out of 20, which was very encouraging.

A recent walk was a circumnavigation of Molesworth Airbase. Whilst there was very little sign of activity, although some of the trappings of an airbase (fire engines, fuel tankers, etc.) were visible

through the wire, it seemed to be mothballed. We had heard rumours (at another U3A meeting) that a nuclear bunker had been built at Molesworth and some of the infrastructure could be imagined as entrances to underground workings protected by blast walls.

In the middle of June 15 members of the group went to Grindelwald in Switzerland. For more details of our Alpine Adventure see page 25.

Less than a week after our return from Switzerland we took two dayboats on the canal at Silesby in a repeat of the activity we did last year. In fact this has proved so popular that we have had to book another day in August to deal with the demand.

Our Day Walk in July took us up Burrough Hill near Somerby. In the right weather this gives stunning views over Lincolnshire and Leicestershire.

In September, 14 of us will be staying at The Crown in Wells for our annual UK walking holiday. This venue is ideally located for walks through the Ebbor Gorge (from Wookey Hole) and Cheddar Gorge (if we feel up to the 1000 feet of ascent).

Lynn and Roy Turner

Ukulele for Beginners

Very pleased with the group; we have reached a decent standard, and care homes/centres are requesting us to come and play. There is an enthusiasm about when we start playing our favourites, the old numbers from the 50s and 60s bring back memories, and get our aching bones rocking and rolling. It is a fun group that meets at Copeland, room 3 on Tuesday mornings, 10.00 to 12.00 noon. New members are always welcome; please let me know if you are coming, I will have an instrument ready for you. Let me know if you are left handed, as I need to tune one differently for you. I prefer emails, although my landline has an answerphone. Contact me on brianhaswell@ymail.com, or 07732 051 185, or 01733 700896.

Brian Haswell

Writing Life Stories

If your children and grandchildren ask you about times gone by and you would like to put things down in writing but are struggling to find inspiration, why don't you join a small group of us who write on an

agreed topic each month, then share our stories. We all find that reading our stories aloud, hearing the supportive comments of the rest of the group and finding out how others have written to make their stories interesting and sometimes amusing, helps us all to hone our writing style. Our subjects can include experiences, hopes and fears, achievements and memories of family and friends. We meet from 2.00 to 4.00pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the home of one of the group. If you are interested in joining us, come and find us on Activities Day or contact me on 01733 243453

Mandy Thompson

GROUPS ACTIVITIES

Joining a Group:

There are a number of simple stages to go through to join a group or groups – there is no limit to the number of groups you can join:

1. Look at the list of groups to find the contact details of the group leader. Telephone them to find out more about the group, particularly whether there is any limit/waiting list, cost involved in being a member of that group (shown by this symbol on the 'List of Meetings') – a small contribution might be required for refreshments, to fund hire costs or relevant expenses.
2. When you attend meetings, take your membership card with you – please sign it and add a contact number on the back.
3. Please let the group leader know if you cannot attend a group meeting for any reason – if you miss three consecutive meetings without giving an explanation, you may be deemed not to be a member of that group any longer.
4. Enjoy and contribute to the group by sharing your knowledge and experiences.

MONDAY

Afternoon Tea Dance

Gwenn Roffe 01733 554537

The group is still enjoying two afternoons a month of Sequence and Ballroom Dancing at Stanground Community Centre on the first and third Monday of the month at 1.45pm.

Astronomy

Brenda Kilby 01733 394785

Will be meeting monthly on the second Monday in Orton at Brenda's home at 2.00pm.

Bowls at Bretton

Sadie Stratton 01733 268456

The group meets weekly at the Bretton Bowls Club from May to September at 2.00pm. Contact Sadie for more information.

Camcorders

Brian Pears 01733 391945

We meet fortnightly in members' homes at 2.00pm. If interested first contact Brian.

Canasta

Roy & Janette Wilkinson 01733 615402

We meet on Monday every week at 2.00pm at Copeland in South Bretton. Contact Roy or Janette if interested.

Chess

Norman Harris 01733 266296

Why not join us and have a friendly game on Monday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30pm at Copeland Leisure Centre, South Bretton. There is just a small charge per term. We are a happy band of about 16 ladies and gents from beginners to more experienced, rotating from player to player, no set pattern. Chess sets not required, just bring yourselves and have a cup of tea and a biscuit while you play.

Cycling

Dave Catling 01733 260626

& Dave Moakes 01733 555020

Meets weekly at the Lido at 10.00am. For cyclists of reasonable ability. Rides are normally between 25 and 35 miles with a refreshment stop.

Earth Science

Stuart Osborne 01733 233840

s.osborne7@ntlworld.com

At Orton Waterville Village Hall from 10.00am to 12 noon. So far we've followed the Earths last 550 million years when we've crashed massive Tectonic Plates together, producing huge mountain ranges, and seen how the Geology of East Anglia and Peterborough have formed. We've also done some Rock Dating, although that's not to be recommended

as they're rather poor company and don't go to restaurants or pubs. If it's anything to do with the Earth we cover it. If you want to join, contact Stuart.

French Conversation

Improvers 1

Gigi Stephens 01733 573457

Weekly at Hodgson Community Centre Werrington at 2.00pm. Phone Gigi for further details.

Golf – 9 holes

Jack Alderdice 01733 231710

Tee off time at Orton Meadow Golf Course at 09.00 – 09.40am. The cost for playing 9 holes is £5.10.

Greeting Cards Making

Elaine Bridger 01733 572087

Anne Harris 01733 321666

Meets weekly in the Bowls Centre, Burton Street from 10.00am to 12 noon. New members welcome.

Keep Fit

Julie Taylor 01733 574213

Weekly at 4.00pm at Paston & Gunthorpe Community Centre. For further details contact Julie.

Knit & Twitter

Kathleen Daniels 01733 326825

Weekly at Bishopsfield at 2.00pm. Contact Kathleen for details.

Painting for Pleasure

Alan Landsburgh 01733 890141

We meet at Brookside Methodist Church, Gunthorpe Road at 2.00pm every Monday.

Patchwork and Quilting [2]

Winnie Wakefield 01733 577629

All Saints Church Hall, weekly 10.00am to 12 noon. Join friends and enjoy sharing your skills. You will be made very welcome.

Pitch and Putt 1

Philip Makepeace 01733 554970

Group 1 continues to be very well supported, playing every other Monday with members enjoying the (not too serious) game throughout the year. We hold a draw before each session to determine playing partners, this ensures a good mix and offers the opportunity to get to know one another across the whole group. The draw takes place around 9.55am to enable us to tee off at 10.00am (when the schools are on holiday we start 30 minutes earlier). We play 12 holes (1 to 9 then 1 to 3) and it usually takes just over the hour and most of us 'retire' to Notcutts café for tea/coffee and more chat! I look forward to welcoming all who enjoy a little light exercise and a good chat.

Pitch and Putt 2

Norman Burdon 01733 380183

Moira Davies 01733 756505

The Group meets every other Monday at 10.00am. We had an enjoyable year on the course at Ferry Meadows. The weather has been kind to us on our Monday and long may this continue. We are a small but enthusiastic group who enjoy the game in the fresh air, coupled with an hour of gentle exercise and friendly people. We have room for new members and require no particular 'standard of play'. Please contact Norman or Moira first.

READING

First Crime

Christine Evans 01733 572303

We meet on the **first** Monday of the month at Werrington Library from 2.00 to 3.00pm. Please ring Christine for further information.

Crime Curious

Janet Quick 01733 320223

We meet on the **second** Monday of the month at Werrington Library from 2.00 to 3.00pm. Please contact Janet for further information.

Monday Murder Mystery

Mary Purdon 01733 306196

We meet on the **third** Monday of the month at Werrington Library from 2.00 to 3.00pm. Please ring Mary for further information.

Orton Bookworms

Mary-Helen Shakespeare 07711 764684

Meet on the first Monday of the month at 3.00pm on Mondays at Orton Centre Library.

Painting for Enjoyment (Mixed Media) Trevor Cross 01733 208727

07831 577427

The name of the *Watercolours Just for Enjoyment* group has been amended to the above. We are a group of artists who enjoy the medium of painting with like-minded people and meet on a Monday afternoon at the Alwalton Memorial Hall between at 1.00pm (excluding Bank Holidays). We **do not** provide tuition and any U3A member would need to understand how to paint if wishing to join us

We meet for 3 separate terms - September to Christmas, January to Easter and then through to the end of July. Each member pays their share of the Hall rental at the start of each term.

We currently have a few places available for the Christmas term. If you are interested please contact Trevor.

Rhythmairs + Jazz

Brian Haswell - brianhaswell@gmail.com

Weekly at Paston Farm at 10.00am. If you can play a musical instrument why not come and join us.

Rowing

Barry Clarkson 07570 473153

Meets at Peterborough City Rowing Club at Thorpe Meadows every Monday at 10.00am and Thursday at 1.30pm for beginners. After a free taster £57.00 currently covers 10 outings. Contact Barry for more information.

Sing Something Simple

Annette Dagless 07974 390181

We are a friendly singing group that meets every Monday afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00pm at Paston Farm, Paston. We sing a variety of different songs in unison. We sing just for fun, as it's healthy and uplifting. No experience is necessary and there are no auditions. Just come along and join in. All the words are projected on a screen so all you need is yourself and your voice. There is a small fee payable every 5 weeks to cover the cost of the hall. Tea and coffee is available during our 20 min break. New members are very welcome.

Snooker

Ted Smith 01733 574580

We meet every week at the Conservative Club at 2.00pm. Open to men and women. Beginners welcome.

Ten Pin Bowling [1]

Margaret Lea 01733 572245

We play weekly at the AMF Bretton at 10.00am. Please contact Margaret in the first instance.

TUESDAY**Archaeology and the Human Journey**

Co-leaders Chris Wareham 01733 263006
 David Favell 01733 574103

The Archaeology and the Human Journey group continues to explore a wide variety of aspects of history ancient and modern. We meet on the fourth Tuesday morning the month at St Mary's Court in the City Centre. For more information contact Chris or David.

Archers Appreciation (Radio)

Sheila Brown 01733 349396

On the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30am at St Mary's Court. If you enjoy the Archers and would like to take part, please ring Sheila first.

Brain Training

Brian Parsons 01733 263211

We meet weekly on a Tuesday afternoon at Bishopsfield on Mountsteven Avenue from 2.00 to 3.30pm. The class runs from 11 September through to Easter. All you need to bring is a pencil, rubber

and clipboard; I provide the rest. Termly cost will be in the region of £10.00 depending on numbers.

Country Churches & Afternoon Teas [5] Joan Castle 01733 569201
07941 471801

We will be re-visiting many of the churches we have already explored with the four groups meeting on Thursday and is therefore best suited to those of you who have not been a member of any of the existing Churches and Teas groups. Please contact Joan in the first instance.

Creative Writing Pam Kounougakis 01733 252018
Monthly meeting from 10.00am to 12 noon; venues vary. Ring Pam for details.

English Country Dancing David Baron 01733 235554
We meet at Marholm Village Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons during term time at 2.00pm for a bit of exercise. We have a lot of laughs when we get things wrong but do dance beautifully without realising it. Come and join us for more of the same and lots of differences. We start the new term on Tuesday 4 September.

Family History Richard Noble 01780 740182
Our meeting venue continues to be at The John Mansfield Centre, Western Road, Dogsthorpe, which is on a bus route. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 10.00am unless we have an outside visit arranged – we restart in September. Meetings begin with coffee and tea so we can catch-up with members' family history research progress.

We try to organize a varied programme to include speakers, workshops and trips out to venues that members have shown an interest in visiting. We are a very friendly group of folk and many members are able to give advice on family history, so join us to increase and share your knowledge of family history.

Gardening Ernie Warman 01733 569279
We meet fortnightly, at Millfield Community Centre from 10.00am to 12 noon to exchange ideas, swap plants and cuttings and perhaps make a visit or two.

German Language Margot Perry 01733 311149
Weekly in Park Road at 2.00pm. Please contact Margot for details

Greeting Cards Making

Fiona Richardson 01733 346371
Sue Garner 01778 560156

At the Bowls Centre in Burton Street from 10.00am to 12 noon. Contact Fiona or Sue for a list of equipment required for parchment craft and to enrol. New members welcome.

Indoor Bowls

Martin Bunning 01733 238677

Weekly at the Indoor Bowling Centre at 4.00pm. Please contact Martin in the first instance.

Museum Group

Janice Almond 01733 268265

We meet fortnightly (jointly with the Museum Society) in Priestgate at 7.30pm. If you are interested, please contact Janice first.

Plane Daft (Aviation)

Terry McCarthy 01733 232518
terry.macu3a@gmail.com

U3A Members with a general interest in aviation are welcome to join this vibrant group of about 30-40 members. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September to May inclusive, at Peterborough & District Indoor Bowling centre, from 2.00 to 4.00pm (tea/coffee break at 3.00pm). Meetings focus upon a presentation related to aviation, while the tea/coffee break is an opportunity for socialising. An integral part of the group's activities is the annual day trip, which for 2019 could include Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at Coningsby or Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre (home to 'Just Jane'), East Kirkby.

For further details, including programme for 2018-19 consult the U3A website or contact Terry.

Railways Studies Group.

Terry McCarthy 01733 232518
terry.macu3a@gmail.com

Meetings attended by 34-40 members encompass presentations considering a range of interests, plus a mid-afternoon cuppa to socialise and talk railways. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, September to June inclusive, at Peterborough & District Indoor Bowling centre, from 2.00 to 4.00pm (tea/coffee break at 3.00pm). An integral part of the group's activities is the annual day trip, which for 2019 is still under discussion.

For further details, including programme for 2018-19 consult the U3A website or contact Terry.

Science Matters

Stuart Osborne 01733 233840
s.osborne7@ntlworld.com

At Copeland Community Centre 10.00am to 12 noon. We have lessons about Science. It Matters to us. We cover everything from the Periodic Table, via Newton's Laws involving gravity to what electricity is. A bit of chemistry and Earth Science but until I can find a Biology tutor, very little about biology. All very informal and enjoyable. No previous knowledge required just a mind that occasionally says "I wonder why...?" If you want to join, contact Stuart.

Snooker / Pool

Ted Smith 01733 574580

We play weekly at Courts at 10.00am. Please phone Ted in the first instance.

Spanish (Basic)

Eric Rayner 01733 270137

Weekly, at the Copeland Centre, South Bretton from 10.00am until noon. For Spanish beginners, those who have a little knowledge or those who may have forgotten. For those who wish to improve their Spanish see Monday and Thursday.

Spanish (Intermediate) (WL)

Caroline Davis 01733 244140

Weekly on Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm at Copeland.

Tai Chi

Monika & Bruce Gwynne 01733 234922

Tai Chi is based on the healing, meditative and martial traditions of China. Classes are held at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road and we look forward to seeing you

Tai Chi [Beginners] from 11.00 to 12.00pm

Tai Chi [Intermediate] from 2.00 to 3.00pm

Tai Chi [Advanced] from 12.00 to 1.00pm

Tai Chi [Improvers] from 1.00 to 2.00pm

Please contact Monika or Bruce in the first instance.

Ten Pin Bowling [2]

Michael Parfitt 01733 266087

This is a sociable group of 30+ members who meet weekly at 10.00am at AMF Bretton, for a couple of hours bowling and refreshment. Previous experience is entirely unnecessary, but those who have bowled before (even many years ago!) are equally welcome.

Touch Tennis

Annette Davies 017333 247337

We meet weekly at Sports and Social Club Bretton Gate at 10.30am.

Ukulele for Beginners

Brian Haswell - brianhaswell@ymail.com

We play weekly at Copeland, South Bretton at 10.15am. If you are interested please first email Brian.

Walking

- 1. The Four Plus Milers** Gill Day 01733 265814
Meet at 10.00am for a 10.15am start. The distance is in the title, approximately!
- 2. Tuesday Walkers** John Hucklesby 07525 767471
or colyer5@gotadsl.co.uk
Our group meets every Tuesday at 10.00am for a 10.15am start come rain or shine, though we get very little rain! Even if the weather is a bit unfriendly you are guaranteed a friendly welcome from our group. We do country walking between 4.5 and 5.5 miles so you need reasonable gear. We walk in various locations around Peterborough within a range of about 15miles. Some of us finish the walk with a pub lunch but that is optional. If you would like to join please contact John.
- 3. Red Kites** Gill Coffey 01832 280491
Meet at 9.45am at pub of choice. A rota is drawn up for all to share leadership of walks during the year. We walk between five and seven miles but it may be a bit more.
- 4. Tuesday Trekkers** Graham Parnwell 01733 572688
Meet at 10.00am for a 10.15am start. Walk between four and five miles.
- 5. Footpath Walkers** Robin Lambe 01733 571695
Meet at 10.00am for a 10.15am start.

Normally circular walks starting at places within a 30-mile radius of Peterborough. A list of these and how to get to the meeting points may be obtained from the coordinators. Walks offer good exercise, good companionship and, for those who choose, a pub lunch at the end. There are also countryside walks on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and shorter strolls on Fridays.

Writing Creatively

Mary Claxton 01733 261210
Meets fortnightly at various venues at 10.00am. The group has continued to explore different aspects of creative writing and experimented with a 'Chinese Whispers' type of exercise whereby each member commenced a serial and passed it on to another member to write the second episode in whatever way he/she chose. Then the stories were passed on to yet another member to continue.

Writers Forum

Pam Kounougakis 01733 252018
Meet monthly at Glinton or various venues at 10.00am Please contact Pam in the first instance.

Writing Life Stories

Group C

Sue Baron 01733 235554

Meets at various venues on the first Tuesday at 10.00am.

Group D

Mandy Thompson 01733 243453

Jenny Brassington 01733 893549

This group meets in Sugar Way on the second Tuesday at 2.00pm

Each of the groups of 8 meets once a month for two hours; Sessions usually run from September, beginning with a workshop to discuss the year's topic coverage. Please ring the leaders concerned in the first instance.

WEDNESDAY

Birdwatching

Stuart Ball 01733 567996

First Wednesday of each month at 10.00am at various venues of approximately 2½ hours duration. We have a 12 month rolling programme. Contact Stuart for further information.

Bridge

Mary Claxton 01733 261210

We meet weekly at Copeland Community Centre at 1.00pm. We use two rooms, which can accommodate, probably, eighteen tables (at a push!). That's seventy-two players. Thankfully, not everyone turns up every week because of family commitments, holidays or, regrettably, illness or infirmity. Up to now we haven't had to turn anyone away at the door, nor do I anticipate that eventuality. So yes, I suppose we could say our list is open for anyone wanting to play, or even to learn to play, this kind of all card games. But don't all rush.

Bretton Crime Readers

Linda Verdegem 01733 331261

This group meets at Bretton Library on the first Wednesday of the month at 3.00pm. The helpful librarians provide books. Our search is for enjoyment and thrills, not great intellectual experiences! We look at crime novels from around the world, past and present. For further information please contact Linda.

Calligraphy

Yvonne White 01733 742977

We meet fortnightly at Bretton Library at 2.00pm. Please contact Yvonne for further information.

Calligraphy for Beginners 6/52 Course John Dewis 01733 390188

Meet fortnightly at Bretton Library at 2.00pm. Contact John if you are interested.

Classic & Kit Cars John Burton - johnburton1942@gmail.com

We meet once a month at various locations. To find out more please contact John.

Craft /Knitting

Anita Bothamly 01733 566496

anita.both@btinternet.com

We meet weekly at 2.15pm at Bishopsfield Sheltered Housing, Walton. Please email Anita for further details.

Cycling

Matt Colley – caffeinepluscakes@gmail.com

The Wednesday Cycling Group continues to grow, catering for cyclists of varying ability, with pedal or electric bikes. Rides take place, at a steady pace, on cycle paths and, at times, minor roads. We have recently introduced both a 'shorter' and 'longer' ride, each week, with members choosing which ride they would like to take on the day. The social element of the Group is important to us, and both rides include a 'caffeine and cake' stop, so that we can catch up with each other. If you have any queries please contact Matt.

Electronics

Frank Fenton-Coopland - frankfc@btinternet.com

The group meets fortnightly in Newborough from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Contact Frank for further information.

French Conversation - Improvers 2

Gigi Stephens 01733 573457

Weekly at Hodgson Community Centre in Werrington at 3.20pm. Phone Gigi for further details.

German for Improvers

Margot Perry 01733 311149

Weekly in Park Road at 1.30pm. Please contact Margot for details.

Golf – 18 Holes

Vic Wyer 01733 244582

We meet on the first and third Wednesday at 9.00am at Nene Park Golf Centre, Thorpe Wood Golf course. Contact Vic for further details.

Golf for Fun – 9 Holes

Jill Buxton 01733 263854

The group meets at Gedney Hill Golf Club for the ball draw at 9.00am. The cost is £5.00 including a cup of coffee.

Guitar – Music Guitar U3

Derek Henson 07801 668055

We play on the third Wednesday of the month at Orton Waterville Village Hall at 10.00am. Contact Derek if you are interested.

Line Dancing

for Absolute Beginners

Lesley Bennetto 07919 030894

count2eight-linedancing@live.co.uk

We start every September as a brand new group of people who want to learn to line dance, starting off very easy and building up your

confidence. We meet at the Pyramid Community Centre in Bretton on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.20 to 4.20pm, term time only. We are a very relaxed and friendly group and we have a lot of fun. Any queries, don't hesitate to call/text or email.

Lunch Club [Weekday 1]

Jackie Salmon, 01733 210018

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at noon. Phone Jackie for details, booking and venue.

Lunch Club [Weekday 2]

Janet Hastings 01733 896685

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at noon. Phone Janet for details, booking and venue.

Patchwork and Quilting [1]

Winnie Wakefield 01733 577629

At All Saints' Church Hall, Park Road, 10.00am to noon. Join friends and enjoy sharing your skills. You will be made very welcome.

Scrabble 2

Sylvia Blackall 0.1733 765509

Daphne Renshaw 01733 231199

We meet weekly at the Sports and Social Club Bretton Gate at 10.00am. If you would like to join them please ring Sylvia or Daphne first.

Singing for Pleasure

Margaret Smith 01733 688153

We meet fortnightly on first and third Wednesday of the month from 2.00 to 4.00pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Netherton. If you like to sing but don't necessarily feel you can sing alone, this group may be for you. No auditions required, no need to be able to read music, just a happy time of sing-along songs with a friendly crowd of folk (including quite a lot of men!). We often go out in small groups to sing to and with folk in day centres and residential complexes to show that singing is good therapy and can be enjoyed by all.

Social History

Doreen Dare 01733 260994

Monthly speaker meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at Christ Church, Orton Goldhay except July and August. Our group is open to all. Please ring Doreen for further details.

Popular Music Covers

Derek Henson 07801 668055

Meet fortnightly at Orton Waterville Village Hall at 10.00am. If interested please contact Derek in the first instance.

Ten Pin Bowling League

Steve Powell 07967 134677

We meet on Wednesdays at 10.00am, AMF Bretton, to pit our skills against each other in a friendly but competitive manner. The league is made up of team pairs, but reserve members are also welcome. All

receive the schedule for the year, so matches can be re-arranged to suit if necessary

Walking Football Ron Seddon – ron.seddon@ntlworld.com
We play weekly at 10.00am at Netherton Football Club. Email Ron for further details if you want to join them.

Wednesday Readers Mike Street 01733 229131
Wednesday Readers meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 10.00am in Orton Waterville to discuss the book the group has chosen to read. Everyone offers choices of novels and Mike makes up an annual programme. Some download books onto Kindles but most of us buy cheaply second hand or scour the charity shops for copies. Reading as part of a group is very engaging and leads you to read books you probably would never have chose, but can often find enjoyable. If you are interested please contact Mike.

Wednesday Walkers Duncan Hallam 01733 554359
We meet at 10.00am at various venues. For programme and meeting places contact Duncan.

See also Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for countryside walks

Wood Turning [3] and [4] Tony Plumstead 01733 236073
Both groups meet weekly at Railworld.

The new term starts on Wednesday 12 September. Group [3] starts at 9.00 till 12 noon and Group [4] starts at 1.00 to 4.00pm.

Yoga 1 + 2 Kathryn Chiswell 01733 569951
Both groups meet at the East Community Centre. Group 1 starts at 9.45 until 10.45am and Group 2 from 11.00 until 12 noon. Contact Kathryn in the first instance.

THURSDAY

All Matters Welsh Meirion Griffiths 01733 266483
Monthly at Bretton Gate on the first Thursday of the month at 2.00pm.

Alphabet of Art [1] and [2] John Shearman 01733 270910
johnfrances43@live.co.uk
Both groups meet at Paston Community Farm on the second Thursday of the month. Group [1] at 10.30am and Group [2] at 1.45pm. (See also From The Groups.) For more information contact John before you go.

Art History in Depth

John Shearman 01733 270910
johnfrances43@live.co.uk

We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month (not August) at Paston Farm Community Centre, starting at 10.15am and finishing at 12.30pm. Please note that lunch and breakfast can be bought at the Centre. (See also From The Groups.) For further information contact John.

Board Games

Betty Simms 01733 574118

We meet weekly at Copeland at 2.00pm. If you would like to join them please contact Betty first.

Bowls At Barnack

Malcolm Bayes 01733 571246

Bowls at Barnack group meets from April to September on Thursday (and Saturday) at 9.45am to 12 noon with a tea break at 11.00am. We will meet each week until the end of the bowls season in mid-September. For further details contact Malcolm.

Country Churches & Afternoon Teas

Geoff Castle 01733 569201
07941 471801

We run five groups – **[1+3]** on the first Thursday of each month and **[2+4]** on the second Thursday of each month and now also a new group **[5]** on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Please contact Geoff if you would like to join them.

Cribbage

Ken Wakeford 07133 688694

We play on the second and fourth Thursday at 2.00pm at Copeland. If you want to play too please contact Ken.

Darts

Joy Rooke 01780 784010

We meet weekly on Thursday at Coopers in South Bretton at 2.30pm. Please contact Joy in the first instance.

Engineering

Brian Keegan 01733 265769
brian@briankeegan.demon.co.uk

This group, in conjunction with the Peterborough Engineering Society, meets at Perkins Diesels on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. See also in 'From The Groups' or Contact Brian if you would like to join them.

French [Advanced]

Maga Bruce-Rahmany 01733 333408

Weekly at 2.00pm at her home in Ravensthorpe. Please phone Maga for details.

Guitar For Intermediates/Improvers

John Francis 01406 330845

The group meets on the second Thursday at 7.00pm at Stephenson Court. Please ring John for further details.

Listening to Music

Paul Parker 01780 782976

We meet most months on the penultimate Thursday of the month in Nassington at 2.15pm. It is a small group with varying degrees of knowledge of music from very little to much more. Do phone first as accommodation is limited. See also Musical Alphabet below.

Mah Jong

Stuart Osborne 01733 233840

s.osborne7@ntlworld.com

At Copeland Community Centre from 10.00am to 12 noon. The group continues to expand. We regularly have ten tables of four, which makes for a lot of laughter and social chit-chat. Because it is so easy to learn the basics of the game it only takes a week before newcomers are playing on their own. Almost everyone in the room began by being taught enough to go solo, and then over the following weeks picking up the length and breadth of the game

Musical Alphabet

Paul Parker 01780 782976

Meets in Nassington at 2.15 pm on the last Thursday of each month, except August and December. The group listens to the music with the aid of notes. The musical knowledge of members of the group varies considerably. Sessions last for about two hours including a short break for tea/coffee. A charge of 50p covers the notes and the refreshments. Any member is welcome, but phone first as accommodation is limited.

Photography - Foto Friends

Malcolm Turner 01733 705265

We meet monthly on second Thursday at 10.00am at St Andrews' Church Hall in North Bretton

Photography for Pleasure [1]

Beth & Paul Braham 01733 233041

We meet at Copeland, South Bretton at 9.30am. On the first Thursday we have a competition on a theme, e.g. birds, market scenes, still life. On the third Thursday we have a discussion on some aspects of photography led by different members of the Group. We also make occasional visits to places and events of photographic interest.

Playing 50s Rock & Roll

Steve Kisbee 07504 638195

Occasionally on Thursday from 12.00 to 3.00pm at Orton Village Halle. If you want to play, contact Steve.

Poetry Appreciation [2]

John Hucklesby 01733 231894

The Poetry Appreciation Group meets on the third Thursday of each month at Longthorpe Village Hall at 2.00pm (also on Friday). In general we cover English poets from Elizabethan to modern poets.

Whether you like restoration poets, modernists or romantics we find time to cover the vast spread of poetry throughout the centuries.

Rowing for Beginners

Barry Clarkson 07570 473153

We meet at Peterborough City Rowing Club, Thorpe Meadows every Thursday for beginners at 1.30pm. After a free taster if you are smitten £57.00 currently covers 10 outings. Contact Barry for more information.

Spanish (Improvers)

Claire Bysse 01733 253164

Held weekly in Copeland Centre, South Bretton from 2.00 to 4.00pm. For those who have some knowledge of the Spanish language, and wish to extend their use of it.

Walking Groups

1. **Thursday Walkers**

Judith & Brian Hood 01778 344535

Meet weekly at variable locations at 10.00am and walk between four and five miles.

2. **Amiable Amblers**

Geoff Brown 01733 262607

Mick Parfitt at mjparfitt@btinternet.com

Meet weekly at variable locations at 10.15am and walk between four and five miles.

3. **Thursday Tramps**

Pam McNicol 07933 194788

Meet weekly at variable locations at 10.00am

If you fancy a brisk, regular tramp for approximately six to seven miles why not join us? We park and depart from a local pub having pre-ordered lunch for when we return. We walk whatever the weather. Walks are only cancelled if it is unsafe to drive to the start point. We are a varied and interesting bunch always on the lookout for new blood. Each of us plans and leads two walks per year and the rest just play follow my leader. O.S. maps (and the ability to read them) are essential. Use of modern technology is encouraged. If this appeals at all, why not get in touch.

To summarise all we have to offer is mud, sweat and beers.

4. **Walkie Talkies**

Lynn Turner 01733 267635

Meet weekly at variable locations at 10.00am.

5. **Easy Walking**

Gill Parsons 01733 263211

We meet at Ferry Meadows at 2.00pm

Writing Poetry

Pam Kounougakis 01733 252018

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 10.00am at Werrington Library. Please contact Pam for further information.

FRIDAY

Archaeology & Architecture

Brenda Fearon 01733 239848

We meet at 10.30am at Matley Community Centre on the first Friday of the month. The intervening months are devoted to visits to places of architectural or archaeological interest. Please contact Brenda for further information.

American Square Dance

Mick Jarvis 01733 246585

On the first, third and fifth Friday at 2.00pm at Marholm Village Hall. If you would like to join, ring Mick first.

Belly Dancing (Beginners)

Jackie Marjoram 01733 577369

The group meets weekly at 1.15pm in St Jude's Church Hall Netherton.

Belly Dancing (Improvers)

Jackie Marjoram 01733 577369

Meets weekly at 2.30pm in St Jude's Church Hall Netherton.

Boules (Petanque) [1]

Jo Davies 01733 240906

Weekly at 10.00am at The Windmill, Orton Waterville.

Friday Watercolours

Maureen Hudson 01778 349413

Jill Hucklesbury 01733 231894

Members meet every Friday at 1.45pm at St Andrews Church Hall to share our love of painting and to meet like-minded people. This class is not suitable for complete newcomers as no formal tuition is available. We are a self-help group with some occasional step-by-step workshops. This is a very popular group so there is a waiting list.

German Language

Margot Perry 01733 311149

Weekly at 2.00pm in Park Road. Please contact Margot in the first instance.

Harmony for Pleasure

Margaret Smith 01733 688153

Meet fortnightly on Friday mornings from 10.00am to 12 noon at Crowland Methodist Church. This group is for those who enjoy a structured form of singing in harmony. It is preferable for members to have the ability to read music and be able to sing songs of a more intricate nature. No auditions required, but anyone interested is advised to come and see if this works for you. Occasionally we perform to entertain other organisations and individual items are encouraged, but mainly we sing for the joy of learning and tackling music, which stretches our capacity to the full.

Jazz Appreciation ZoZiety

Mik Edgley 01487 813787

We meet at 10.00am on the second Friday of the month in each other's homes, which leads to a cosy 'club' atmosphere (also see Jazz 4 U below). Several of our members do presentations and we also have some speakers from outside U3A. Most of us prefer early jazz but we have made forays into the post-bop era. Above all we are enthusiasts, which is surely the main ingredient of any U3A group.

Jazz 4 U

Mary Boyall 01733 685627

We are a group of Jazz enthusiasts, who meet on the second Friday of the month from 10.00am to 12 noon at Orton Waterville Village Hall. You do not need an in-depth knowledge of jazz; you just need to enjoy it. The term runs from September to June. Members bring their own CDs, tapes or vinyl, which are played and discussed. Occasionally, one of us will put together a themed programme, favourite artist, or type of Jazz, with a little history, and anecdotes. We are very eclectic, so whatever your taste you should hear it here if not, bring it along and convert us!

Knit and Natter

Jean Bodily 01733 564181

Our knitting group continues to thrive and meets meet fortnightly at 2.00pm at Paston. Unfortunately because our group is held in our homes we are limited for space but please contact Jean if you are interested.

Line Dancing

Elaine Neale 01733 577468

This is a very friendly group that dances every Friday from 2.00 to 4.00pm at Matley Community Centre Orton Brimbles. This class is not suitable for beginners, as no formal tuition is given. We are a self-organised group, which is very popular so there is a waiting list. Please phone Eileen for further details or if you want to put your name on the list.

Nordic Waking

Christine Dillely 01733 239595

conny.yarwood@gmail.com

Meet weekly at 1.30pm usually at Ferry Meadow Visitor Centre. Members take turns in organising a walk (not always at Nene Park) on a rota basis, on your own if you are brave or with another member of the group to keep you company. Nordic poles exercise your whole body and make you use muscles that you might not use otherwise. If you want to give Nordic Walking a try, please phone Christine or email Conny in the first instance.

Opinion Time

Bernard Barker 01733 236241
rekrab3@gmail.com

This group meets on the last Friday of the month at Earlswood to review news and current affairs topics, with members presenting and offering first thoughts on items that have caught their attention. Lively debate invariably follows! If interested please contact Bernard.

Poetry Appreciation [1]

John Hucklesby 01733 231894

On the third Friday of the month from 2.00 to 4.00pm at Longthorpe Village Hall including half terms. See also Thursday's group but you may also phone for further details. Group [1] & [2] are the same course repeated.

Roses and Castles (Canal art)

Donne Buck 01733 568896
Sidney Harbour 01733 343761

We decorate small items for the house and garden in the simple and colourful style of the old English canal painters. We are a small, friendly group with plenty of space for new members with or without experience. Overheads are low, as we do not have to pay for accommodation where we meet at Bishopsfield, a residence for the elderly at Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, with direct access to Lincoln Road and Fulbridge Road. There is on-site parking with ground floor access and disabled toilets. Please contact Donne if you would like to come for a visit and a hot drink on any Friday at 2.00 pm.

Rummikub

Lyn Jarvis 01733 246585
lyn.jarvis@uwclub.net

The group meets from September every Friday from 2.00 to 4.00pm at the Copeland Community Centre, Bretton. Rummikub is based on the card game Rummy but uses tiles. We are a lively group who enjoy this very social game. If you are interested please just come along. If you want more information on subs give Bob or Lyn a ring.

Scrabble

Wendy Rusdale 01733 324495
Tony Martin 01733 322282

We are a small friendly group who meet every Friday morning from 11.00am to 1.00pm at the Indoor Bowling Centre. The aim is to enjoy playing scrabble with like-minded people, the social side being an important part. Although we do like a challenge, we do not intend to take the game seriously enough to participate in tournaments. The use of dictionaries and 2 and 3 letter words is permitted. From beginners to advanced, all levels are very welcome.

Table Tennis Group 1

Brian Keegan 01733 265769

brian@briankeegan.demon.co.uk

We play every Friday at Longthorpe Village Hall between 4.30 and 5.30pm. Play is in doubles and we change partners after every game to give everyone a chance to play with each other. Membership of the Group is limited to 24 people and the cost is £10.00, per 4-month term. A highlight this year was when we were challenged to a friendly competition by Group 2 we managed to win, showing that we have got a lot better over the last year.

We may have some vacancies in September, but if not, we will consider helping to set up a third Group. Please contact Brian if you are interested.

Table Tennis Group 2

Adrian Stone 01733 391117

We meet every Friday at 3.00pm at Longthorpe Memorial Hall at a cost of £2.00 per session. This group is held in conjunction with a local table tennis group based at the hall and there are limited places. Please contact Adrian to find out more.

Walking Groups

Friday Stroll Nomads

Barbara Cleaver 01733 574133

The Friday Stroll Nomads meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 10.30am at various locations. Ring Barbara for further details.

Friday Strollers

Colin Baker 01733 222324

colinb23@hotmail.co.uk

If you are looking for a healthy and social activity totally devoid of extreme sports, with a walking pace comfortable to members, you may find our group to be worthy of consideration. We meet on the second and fourth Friday at 10.30am in various locations. If you are interested in joining give Colin a call or email him.

Village Walkers

David Hart 01733 231095

If you enjoy walking out in the villages and countryside around Peterborough all within about a 20 mile radius then come and join our group, You will be made very welcome, We meet every second and fourth Friday in the month at 10.00am usually at a pub, where after our walk we stop for lunch (purely optional). For more information please contact David.

Watercolours for All

Ros Parker 07850 722838

We meet on first and third Friday of the month at the Memorial Hall in Alwalton at 10.00am. New dates for the September to December term

appear online. There are a few places at present if anyone would like to join us. Please phone Ros for further details.

Welsh Conversation

Hilary Keegan 01733 265769

Weekly at 2.00pm in Longthorpe. Please ring Hilary if you want to join or need further information.

Welsh – Introduction

Meirion Griffiths 01733 266483

Weekly at 2.00pm at Werrington Library. For further details please contact Meirion.

Wood Turning [1] and [2]

Tony Plumstead 01733 236073

Both groups meet weekly at Railworld. New term starts on Friday 14 September. Group [1] starts at 9.00 till 12 noon and Group [2] starts at 1.00 to 4.00pm.

Yoga 3

Kathryn Chiswell 01733 569951

The weekly class starts again at the East Community Centre on Friday 7 September from 10.00 to 11.00am. Please contact Kathryn for further details.

SATURDAY

Badminton

Bruce Carter 01733 371996

crts@talktalk.net

We play every week at Hampton from 2.30 to 4.30pm. If you would like to join us please contact Bruce.

Boules (Petanque) [2]

Jo Davies 01733 240906

Weekly at 10.00am at The Windmill, Orton Waterville.

Bowls At Barnack

Malcolm Bayes 01733 571246

Bowls at Barnack group meets at 9.45am to 12.00pm with a tea break at 11.00am from April to September. We will meet each week until the end of the bowls season in mid-September. For further details contact Malcolm.

SUNDAY

Lunch Club [1]

Jean Bodily 01733 564181

On the first Sunday of the month.

Lunch Club [2]

Jennifer Day 01733 231819

On the second Sunday of the month

Lunch Club [3]

Pamela Blackith 01733 565992

On the fourth Sunday of the month.

Each group meets once a month at different venues mainly within 15 miles of Peterborough so transport is needed. There is a different organiser for each group. If you would like to join us you will be very welcome. Telephone either Jean, Jennifer or Pamela if you are interested, we will be happy to have you join us. Don't spend Sundays alone.

VARIABLE DAYS**Canoeing 6/52 Course**

Les Ranford 01832 280731

For more details please see the U3A web site. Whether we can run another course of sessions will depend on a positive response from Nene Park. Please contact Len if you want to give it a go.

Computer Help

Mary McCarthy 01733 232518

If anyone in Peterborough U3A has a particular, one off, computer problem, please contact me to see if I can help. I am not a professional and am mainly self-taught so cannot guarantee a resolution to your issue, but will do my best to help. A visit to your home can be arranged if necessary. My details are in the list of Groups.

Theatre Group (2018)

Graham and Dorothy Woods 01733 234892

timberwoods@ntlworld.com

New and current shows are advertised on our web site - www.pu3atheatre.org.uk. Visits to London and provincial theatres as arranged.

Theatre Group (2019)

David Barron 01733 235554

As above but from January next year.

DISCOUNTED ACTIVITIES

There are also a number of 'Discounted Activities' which cannot function as U3A Groups, but which offer U3A members discounts on course fees.

Pilates - Weekly

Francis Ellis 07714 773528

Pilates 1 on Tuesday at Stilton at 10.00am

Pilates 2 on Wednesday at Peterborough RFC Fengate at 10.00am

Pilates 3 on Wednesday at Peterborough RFC Fengate at 11.15am

Pilates 4 on Friday at Stilton Memorial Hall at 10.30

Should you wish to join one of the classes please contact Francis.

Zumba Dancing

Jenny Lee 07854 662267

On Friday at St Jude's Church Hall, Netherton at 12 noon. Ring Jenny for further information.

TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

Travel Club Meeting Days

18	August	11.00am	Activities Day, Regional College
29	September	10.00am	Jack Hunt
3	November	10.00am	Jack Hunt
15	December	10.00am	Jack Hunt

For further holiday details please go to:

www.peterboroughu3a.org.uk

or contact Arthur Hunt on 01733 756883

or Jacqueline Casson on 01733 332061

My PU3A journey of excitement and discovery continued with the PU3A Travel Club, I was invited by Arthur Hunt to take over the Non UK Travel Section and as I reported in the last News two holidays were arranged one for Montenegro in May which was beautiful. The hotel had just been refurbished and was 5-star all inclusive which makes the holiday so much more relaxed.

We visited Dubrovnik, which had recovered from the bombing that took place some years ago. It had looked a sad place when we were there just after the war with Arthur and Pat. I am delighted to report all the repairs and rebuilding have taken place. I understand the funding came from the U.N. and the International Heritage Organisations for the rebuild, and what an amazing job they did. The cathedral repaired, the city walls and the houses rebuilt exactly as they were. I with a number of my U3A colleagues walked around the rebuilt wall; it was in fact a beautiful breathtaking and memorable day. My colleagues

thought it was a good idea to sit in the sunshine and drink the city's good health - how could I refuse? The holiday also included visits to three different places of interest, we even saw guests arrive on a tiny island we were visiting - they had come for a wedding. They were as surprised to see us, as we were to see them. Every place looks beautiful in the sunshine, which we had every day.

Our next outing is to the Venetian Riviera in October 2018, which we are looking all forward to. We have a day in Venice with a ride in a gondola booked, ha ha that will be exciting.

For 2019 I have arranged a river cruise on the Danube - eight days in September and a visit in May to Bavarian Castles and the Austrian Tyrol, which includes Budapest and Vienna. We are looking forward to staying in a beautiful village called Igls in Austria - sounds delightful.

For 2020 Members have asked for a Cruise on the River Douro in North West Portugal - why not?

My thanks to all my holiday travellers for being such enjoyable company.

Jacqueline Casson

DAY VISITS 2018

Please read this carefully if you intend to book for any day visit.

Any member of the U3A can book a day visit that is advertised in the magazine or on the website. It is best to book as early as possible if you want to be sure of a seat for a particular visit. The organisers are happy to deal with any general queries **but all booking enquiries should only be made to Gina Bates (01733 579317).**

The booking procedure is as follows: Book with Gina by phone and then send the booking form (available in all Newsletters and at the monthly Town Hall meetings and on the PU3A website) and a cheque within **7 days** (made out to **Peterborough U3A**) to **Peterborough U3A c/o Mrs G Bates, 82 Temple Grange, Werrington, PETERBOROUGH, PE4 5DW.** Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if you want a receipt.

If the excursion is fully booked, it is a good idea to put your name on a waiting list, as you may be able to replace someone who drops out. Also if the waiting list becomes very long, we will look at booking a second coach, or run another trip, but not necessarily on the same day.

The pick up and drop off places for 2018 will be the **Crab and Winkle, Werrington**, the **Bretton Centre** (by Subway off the Sainsbury's parking lot) and **Thorpe Meadows**. **It would be in your interest to check the parking arrangements at each of these venues prior to your trip as it is possible things could change as to availability and prices.** Usually we do not wait for latecomers so it is your responsibility to be at the pick up place in good time.

Refunds will not normally be made after the booking deadline. If **you** cancel your booking we will try to resell your place, although you will have to pay the cost of this, usually about £2.00. If there are spare seats after the deadline, we will usually accept bookings. In the event that not enough people book for an excursion, it will be cancelled once the booking deadline has passed **so it is very important that you register your interest as early as possible.**

Robyn Mitchell - Day Visit Coordinator - 01733 512023
Judy Gardiner - Day Visit Coordinator - 01733 562891

A SUFFOLK SYMPHONY

Monday 8 October 2018

Leaving Crab and Winkle, Werrington at 7.00am, Bretton Centre at 7.15am and Thorpe meadows at 7.30am. Arriving back in Peterborough at approximately 7.30pm.

The theme carried through the day is the life and times of composer Benjamin Britten with visits to Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh and Britten's Red House.

Meet the Blue Badge Guide at 10.30am at Snape Maltings for morning coffee and cake (included).

In the 1960s Benjamin Britten and his partner Peter Pears created the concert hall in an old Malthouse against a backdrop of river, reeds and Suffolk skies. From Snape, by coach, to Aldeburgh where Victorian villas line the promenade and fishermen sell their catches from huts on the beach. We will visit the church where Britten and Pears are buried to see the commemorative John Piper window. There will be free time for lunch and a wander along the beach to see Maggi Hambling's controversial scallop shell.

The afternoon is devoted to The Red House where Britten and Pears lived for twenty years. The house is laid out as an informal snapshot of life here in the 1960s. We visit Britten's hayloft studio where he wrote the War Requiem as well as the library in the barn.

Explore the gardens and maybe tap a croquet ball or two. There's a cup of tea with biscuit included before we head home.

**Further details from Robyn Mitchell 01733512023
or Judy Gardiner 01733 562891**

Cost including travel and Guided Tour for U3A members £44.00

Book by phoning Gina Bates on 01733 579317

Deadline for booking 31 August 2018

WADDES DON MANOR

Thursday 18 October 2018

Leaving Crab & Winkle, Werrington at 7.30am, Bretton Centre bus station 7.40am, Thorpe Meadows 7.50am and Wansford Old North bus shelter at 8.10am. Expected time back in Peterborough 7.00pm.

Following a visit to Waddesdon at Christmas time a few years ago, the feedback was that people wanted more time to explore the actual house, so this visit is just that!

The Grade I listed house was built in the Neo-Renaissance style of a French château between 1874 and 1889 for Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild (1839–1898) as a weekend residence for grand entertaining and as a setting for his collection. The last member of the Rothschild family to own Waddesdon was James de Rothschild (1878–1957). He bequeathed the house and its contents to the National Trust. The Rothschild Foundation chaired by Jacob Rothschild, the 4th Baron Rothschild, now manages it. It is one of the National Trust's most visited properties, with over 390,000 visitors annually.

During our visit, there will be a chance to have a 45 minute to 1 hour guided tour of the house before it opens to the general public (Cost £5.00), after which you can spend free time there. There is also a chance to do a 45 minute to 1 hour guided tour of the Manor Gardens in the afternoon (again £5.00). Minimum numbers will apply to these tours so make sure you book your place early.

As well as these organised tours, which will be exclusive to us, there are other tours and activities on offer, both inside and out.

More details will be available on the day – or you can check them out on the Waddesdon Manor Website.

Further information from Robyn Mitchell on 01722 512023

Cost of travel and entry for U3A members £26.25

U3A members with National Trust cards £11.25

If you want the exclusive house tour – Add £5.00

**If you want the exclusive garden tour – Add £5.00
Book by phoning Gina Bates on 01733 579317
Deadline for booking 18 September 2018**

VISIT TO THE FESTIVE GIFT FAIR AT THE NEC BIRMINGHAM

Friday 16 November 2018

Leaving the Crab & Winkle, Werrington at 7.50am, Bretton Centre at 8.00am and Thorpe Meadows at 8.10am (now £2.50 parking charge) arriving back at Peterborough at about 7.30pm.

Now in its 23rd year the Festive Gift Fair is a shopping extravaganza for everything Christmas. Presents, gifts, decorations and artisan food spread over 325 stalls overflowing with ideas. Held in hall 5 of the NEC

**Further details from Gill Parsons on 01733 263211
Cost including Travel and Entry: U3A Members £20.00
Book by phoning Gina Bates on 01733 579317
Deadline for booking 26 August 2018**

CHATSWORTH HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS

Monday 3 December 2018

Leaving Crab & Winkle, Werrington at 7.30am, Bretton Centre 7.40am Thorpe Meadows 7.50am and Wansford Old North bus shelter at 8.10am. Expected time back to Peterborough 7.00pm.

At Christmas the lower floors of Chatsworth are transformed into a rich display of colours and light. It has a unique reputation for the original ways in which it is dressed.

The Christmas Market offers opportunity to purchase wonderful home-made food and elegant shopping experiences and a visit to the Chatsworth Farm shop will complete what will be a memorable day out.

**Further details from Robyn Mitchell 010733 512023
Cost of Travel and Entry for U3A Members £32.00**

This is a very popular trip and tends to book quickly.

If we fill a coach we will look at booking another, not necessarily on the same day, so make sure you add your name to the waiting list if it is full when you enquire.

**Book by phoning Gina Bates on 01733 579317
Deadline for booking 30 October**

VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY HALL [1]

(or just Birmingham for a day sightseeing/shopping)

Wednesday 16 January 2019

Leaving the Crab & Winkle, Werrington at 7.50am, Bretton Centre at 8.00am and Thorpe Meadows at 8.10am arriving back in Peterborough at about 7.30 pm.

The Concert starts at 2.15 pm and the programme is a Dvorak's Wind Serenade, Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor and Dvorak's Symphony No 8.

Further information from Brian Keegan on 01733 265769

Cost including Travel and Concert £40.00

Deadline for booking Monday 5 November 2018

Cost for Travel to Birmingham only £12.00

Book by phoning Gina Bates on 01733 579317

Deadline for Travel only Monday 3 December 2018

AN ESSEX WINTER WARMER

Tuesday 22 January 2019

Leaving Crab and Winkle, Werrington at 8.50am, Bretton Centre at 9.00am and Thorpe Meadows at 9.10am.

A trip to keep you warm and entertained in January We will travel to Duxford to collect the Blue Badge Guide and will continue on to Thaxted for morning coffee and biscuits at the Swan Hotel. Then the guide will take us on a tour through the beautiful Essex country villages culminating in Saffron Walden with free time for lunch. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the Chocolate Lady at Steeple Bumpstead for tea, a talk and a very entertaining demonstration of chocolate making. We leave at 4.30 arriving back in Peterborough at approximately 6.15pm.

Further details from Judy Gardiner 01733 562891

Cost including guided tour, morning coffee and travel

U3A members £44.00

Book by phoning Gina Bates on 01733 579317

Deadline for booking 29 December 2018

OXFORD AND THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

Wednesday 13 February 2019

Leaving Crab and Winkle, Werrington at 7.40am, Bretton Centre at 7.50am and Thorpe Meadows at 8.00am. Expected back around 7.00pm allowing for traffic.

The Ashmolean is the University of Oxford's museum of Art and Archaeology founded in 1683. It is the oldest public museum in the world and has rich collections from around the globe, ranging from Egyptian mummies and classical sculpture to the Pre-Raphaelites and modern art. Join an hour long guided tour at 10.15am focusing on 10 objects in the museum chosen by the guide or explore the five floors in your own time. If you join the guided tour this offers 10% discount in the café and shop. There is a café and a Rooftop restaurant for lunch and afternoon tea. Alternatively spend a day in Oxford exploring this beautiful medieval city with tourist attractions such as the Bodleian Library, the Bridge of Sighs, Carfax Tower offering views over the city, the historic covered market with its many shops as well as the various colleges, or stop and relax for food and drink at one of the many cafés, pubs or restaurants in the city.

Further details from Judy Gardiner 01733 562891

All areas of the museum are fully accessible

Cost including travel and guided tour U3A members £21.00

Deadline for booking 22 December 2018

Cost for Travel only U3A members £13.00

Book by phoning Gina Bates 01733 579317

Deadline for booking travel only 31 January 2019

SOUTHWELL AND SOUTHWELL WORKSHOP

Tuesday 30 April 2019

Leaving Crab and Winkle, Werrington at 8.40am, Bretton Centre at 8.50am and Thorpe Meadows at 9.00am. Expected time back in Peterborough at approximately 5.30pm.

As well as being the home of the Bramley apple, and where the apple was first cultivated 200 years ago, Southwell has a most interesting cathedral, the remains of the Archbishop's Palace, Burgage Manor, the scene of a scandal involving Lord Byron and the daughter of the house, as well as the Workhouse. There is a town trail and six heritage trails all obtainable from the tourist information office exploring the history of

the town. Explore the shops and galleries and relax in one of the numerous cafes, pubs or restaurant.

For the visit to the Workhouse we assemble at the gate at 1.00pm for a 'meet and greet'. If you are a National Trust member make sure you have your card to show at this point. The non-National Trust members will have already paid their admission. The guide will briefly outline the history of the workhouse and then you will be free to explore the atmospheric 19th century building with its segregated work yards, day rooms, dormitories, master's quarters and cellars, the living conditions the paupers endured, as well as the garden. Find out about the Reverend Becher, the founder of this workhouse. There is a café and a garden for picnics.

Further details from Judy Gardiner 01733 562891
Cost including Travel and Entry to the workhouse

U3A members £18.80

Cost for U3A members with National Trust Cards £10.00

Book by phoning Gina Bates 01733 579317

Deadline for booking 31 March 2019

Accessibility: Braille and large print guides available. No lifts to upper floor. Accessible toilets

VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY HALL [2]

(or just Birmingham for a day sightseeing/shopping).

Thursday 2 May 2019

Leaving the Crab & Winkle, Werrington at 7.50am, Bretton Centre at 8.00am and Thorpe Meadows at 8.10am arriving back at Peterborough at about 7.30 pm.

The Concert starts at 2.15 pm and the programme is a Weinberg's Rhapsody on Moldavian Themes, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Stravinsky's The Firebird.

Further information from Brian Keegan on 01733 265769

Cost including Travel and Concert £40.00

Deadline for booking Monday 19 February 2019

Book by phoning Gina Bates on 01733 579317

Cost for Travel to Birmingham only £12.00

Deadline for Travel only Monday 19 March 2019

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