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Interview with Jim Wardle, by Chris Rowe



Jim and his wife, Terrie, have lived in Brixworth since 2000 when they moved here with their four children – 2 from each of their previous marriages. Jim was actually born in Scotland, near Edinburgh, before the family moved to the Manchester area when Jim's father was employed as a gardener at Lyme Park (then run by Stockport Council but which has subsequently become National Trust). In 1965, the family moved south to Banbury where Jim attended school until he was 18.

I am told that Jim thoroughly enjoyed his university days at Durham, although he rather wishes now that he'd done more work and less socialising – Durham has a very good student bar apparently which appealed more than lectures. Despite the excellent beer and card games Jim partook of he did manage to gain a degree in General Science (I think he was joking when he said that he took a great scientific interest in the contents of beer). I'm not sure if it was as a result of spending too much time in the bar, but Jim did have a few "spooky" moments in one of the old university libraries, which has a reputation for being haunted.

After graduation, Jim was employed by South Tyneside council as a Computer Programmer. After 3 years, Jim moved south and worked for 18 months in an IT role for a company in Southam before moving to Cummins in Daventry where he worked for nearly 35 years, initially as a Programmer, but eventually attaining the position of Project Manager. With a slowdown in the industry, Jim took advantage of a tempting early retirement/voluntary redundancy offer, retiring at the end of March 2020 just after the start of the Covid lockdown.

Jim's plan to immediately join the u3a following retirement was delayed by Covid, but he eventually joined B&D u3a in the summer of 2021, initially joining the Badminton, Quiz, Walking and Scrabble groups. After attending the U3A open day in the spring of 2022 he subsequently joined the Bridge and Cycling groups. Earlier this year Jim was a founder member of the Canasta group (which still plays to "Jim's Rules"). He became the Quiz Group Leader in July this year and would love to welcome a few more members to the group.

Outside of the U3A, Jim is a regular (but inconsistent) golfer, is Secretary of Brixworth Angling Club, is a Committee Member of the Brixworth Wombles litter picking group, and enjoys outdoor activities including gardening and walking.

Jim and Terrie married in 2002 and as well as their four children (one son and 3 daughters, who are all now in their 30s) were joined in Brixworth by Oscar, their "ageing, obstinate and smelly Westie" (Jim's description, not mine). You may see Jim out and about with Oscar around the village. Jim and Terrie have two grandchildren, one granddaughter, Georgia, who is 17 and has embarked on a nursing apprenticeship and another granddaughter, Lucy, who is just 4 months old so Jim's not sure what she will do yet.

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Terrie volunteers at the Olive Branch two mornings a week, so currently is too busy with that and other activities to join the u3a, but there's plenty of time! The couple enjoy several holidays and short breaks a year, frequently camping in the UK. Up until about 2011 most of their holidays were in the UK, but now they enjoy visiting Europe, having just returned from a trip to Majorca. Their ideal holiday destination is an old European town or city close to a beach – so plenty of places to see and things to do – and possibly beers to try out.

NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

WALKING GROUP – REPORT & PHOTO BY JOAN EDNEY



The first day of rain after a sweltering 10 days and it was the morning of the walking group's September Walk at Crick, along the canal side. About 20 of us started out but about half way, as the rain was so heavy, it was decided that about half of the group would turn back to the Wheatsheaf Pub as we were all absolutely drenched.

About eight of us soldiered on to complete the walk but the heavens opened up on us. The strolling group sought some shelter in a nearby garden centre. Despite nearly all of us being very wet we had a very enjoyable lunch at the Wheatsheaf with good company and very good food.

Let's see what the next walk brings.

BOOK CLUB - 1 September 2023: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

The group found this book which was set in the 1960's engaging and original. It visits some very topical themes regarding the role of women in society and societal attitudes. There was a lot of humour and the author cleverly gave the main protagonist a very direct speaking style that revealed the absurdity of human behaviour. Much as we loved the main character, we thought that the dog was brilliant. There were some dramatic twists in the plot and some challenging life events which despite the direct style were related with great sensitivity and conveyed the depth of feeling of the characters.



To conclude it was an unexpected and memorable read.

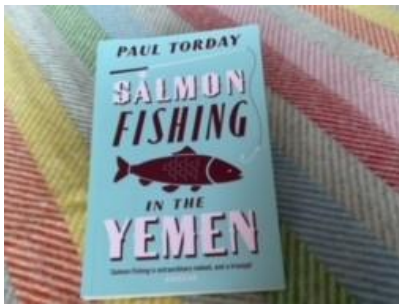
POPPY DAY – news from Brian Robertson

Available at the next U3A Main Meeting on Wednesday 1st November will be the Royal British Legion Brand New, Eco-Friendly, Fully Bio-Degradable Paper Poppy, as Announced Nationally last Thursday. These replace the plastic ones that were on offer before.

Also available will be Poppy Wristbands (various colours), Poppy WrapAround 6 inch Rulers (different colours), Clip On Poppies, small Poppy Lapel Pins; in fact everything to satisfy your Poppy Needs!



BOOK CLUB: 1 October 2023: Salmon Fishing the Yemen by Paul Torday



With one exception the group found this farcical tale very enjoyable. We had an uplifting afternoon recalling the ridiculous opinions and actions of the characters. The author tells a story of an absurd venture where enthusiasm and an unlimited supply of money overcomes common sense, all rationality flies out of the window.

On a more serious theme the book lays bare the political expediency of finding a 'good' news story to deflect from serious issues. In addition to the spinning of fishing reels there was much 'spinning' of political policies and news coverage. The book reaches a tragic /comic crescendo, which should serve as a warning to all politicians: beware of the next photo op you agree to.

Forthcoming titles:

7th November: Still Life by Sarah Winman

5th December: The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

2nd January: No meeting

6th February: Two Brothers by Ben Elton

5th March: West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY – update from Brian Robertson

The U3A Digital Photographic Group met recently and members showed their pictures on the subjects of "People at Work" and "Water". The People pictures showed Agricultural Workers, Train Drivers, Posties, Cleaners, Pilots, TV Presenters and others.

The Water pictures showed Calm and Rough Seas, Alaskan Rivers with Glacier Melts like mini Icebergs.



The pictures shown here are People at Work, or not as the case may be, and Alaskan Water.

Photos by Brian Robertson and Chris Hodson



Why not join us on the Second Thursday afternoon of each month at the Heritage Centre in Brtixworth. It does not matter if your photographic device is a Phone, Tablet or other, come and share your pictures with us.

The topic for the next meeting is your pictures of AUTUMN. Plenty of scope there.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE – Latest news from Tim Smith

As we are at the start of our Autumn term our Musical Director (Maggie Wall) has introduced some new songs for the group to rehearse as well as some of our back catalogue to be revisited. One of the new songs we are enjoying is 'Let the River Run' by Carly Simon, which many of the group describe as an ear-worm (once you get the melody in your head you find yourself singing it whilst you are gardening etc without realising it).

We are also revisiting the Abba catalogue which includes Mamma Mia, Super Trouper and Money Money and this week Colours of the Wind was introduced which is from Disney's Pocahontas.

The group will continue with new catalogue until December when we introduce carols into the rehearsals.

We are always looking for new members, and are very pleased that three new members have recently joined, so if you feel like having fun singing with others please get in touch (no experience necessary).

GARDENING GROUP - visit to Ravensthorpe Nursery

Unfortunately the September visit to Ravensthorpe Plant Nursery had to be cancelled due to very high winds and heavy rainfall. Tea and cakes were due to be served in one of their greenhouses; but in the interests of Health and Safety and with the full support of the owners, it was felt better to cancel the visit.

The indoor programme started at the recent October meeting. The afternoon began with a short NGS film of the gardens at Chilworth Manor in Surrey. It looked a beautiful garden and well worth a visit if you are in that part of the country.

The film was followed by a plant and seed swap. Thank you to everyone who contributed and indeed took away a host of beautiful plants to brighten up their gardens next year. We do have some very green fingered members. There were no major questions raised concerning problem plants or issues within our own gardens. So everyone spent the rest of the afternoon in true Gardening Group style with tea and biscuits whilst chatting with other members of the Group! It really was a very enjoyable time.

The next meeting will be held in Scaldwell Village Hall at 2.00 on Wednesday 15th November. On this occasion the Speaker will be Geoff Hodges, telling us all about "Pest and Disease Control" in our gardens. I am sure you will find this very interesting, especially if you have slugs and snails eating away at your plants. Please come along and join us, you will be made very welcome.

In December, the regular Gardening Group day falls on Wednesday 20th December. Therefore we have decided this year No, not to cancel Christmas! but to cancel the December meeting. We are sure you will all appreciate our decision in what is a very busy time of year. Thank you.

Annie Curtis and Sue Dodds- Smith.

CRAFT GROUP – report from Rosemary Jenkins



The craft group have been busy finishing some projects before Christmas as seen here.



MONTHLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE COMPETITION RESULTS

FRIDAY BRIDGE GROUP – DUPLICATE RESULTS FOR 1st SEPTEMBER 2023

The group welcomed two new members to Brixworth & District u3a, who were known by the group leader beforehand to be *'pretty good'*, as their excellent second place in the table below indicates. And this, on the first time they met, and partnered each other for the first time. A pairing to look out for in the future!

| | IMPS | % | | Tops | Jt Tops |
|------------------|------|-------|-------------------------------|------|---------|
| 1 st | 81 | 63.3% | Hazel Barr & Gila Gwinn | 6 | 1 |
| 2 nd | 76 | 59.4% | Katie Lindenbaum & Tony Nixon | 4 | 2 |
| 3 rd | 75 | 58.6% | Paul Jarvis & Brian Collett | 3 | 1 |
| 4 th | 72 | 56.3% | Ruby Cole & Mavis Sturgess | 4 | 1 |
| 5 th | 68 | 53.1% | Ann Maynard & Judy Peck | 3 | 2 |
| 6 th | 67 | 52.3% | Jane Davis & Del Smith | 2 | 3 |
| 7 th | 59 | 46.1% | Chris Russell & Anne Weddle | 1 | 1 |
| 8 th | 58 | 45.3% | Belinda Collett & Tim Smith | 1 | 2 |
| 9 th | 43 | 33.6% | Fay Duckmanton & Sheila Jones | 0 | 0 |
| 10 th | 41 | 32.0% | Carol Phillips & Paula Jones | 3 | 0 |

The **Duplicate Results for Thursday 7th September** sees two new names at the top of the leader board.

Sally & Simon are fairly recent additions to the group's long running monthly duplicate evenings, and it's great to see them doing so well. So well done and congratulations Sally and Simon, and a big thank you to everyone who takes part in these events.

| | IMPS | % | | Tops | Jt Tops |
|-----|------|-----|--------------------------------|------|---------|
| 1st | 52 | 62% | Sally & Simon Bevan | 3 | 1 |
| 2nd | 51 | 61% | Gila Gwynn & Del Smith | 4 | 3 |
| 3rd | 45 | 54% | Ruby Cole & Chris Williams | 2 | 3 |
| 4th | 44 | 52% | Bea Bennett & Lynda Stevenson | 4 | 1 |
| 4th | 44 | 52% | Jill Snedker & Rosemary Heaver | 2 | 4 |
| 6th | 38 | 45% | Paul Jarvis & Brian Collett | 2 | 1 |
| 7th | 33 | 39% | Barry Johnson & Clive West | 2 | 1 |
| 8th | 29 | 35% | Mavis Sturgess & Chris Bailey | 1 | 0 |

DUPLICATE BRIDGE RESULTS - 12th OCTOBER 2023

| | IMPS | % | | Tops | Joint Tops |
|-----------------|------|-------|----------------------------------|------|---------------|
| 1 st | 36 | 64.29 | Belinda Collett & Jim Wardle | 4 | 3 |
| 2 nd | 33 | 58.93 | Denise Cowling & Lynda Stevenson | 2 | 3 |
| 3 rd | 30 | 53.57 | Richard Hartley & Bea Bennett | 3 | 2 |
| 3 rd | 30 | 53.57 | Paul Jarvis & Brian Collett | 3 | 2 |
| 5 th | 25 | 44.64 | Rosemary Heaver & Jill Snedker | 2 | 2 |
| 6 th | 23 | 41.07 | Simon & Sally Bevan | 2 | 2 |
| 7 th | 19 | 33.93 | Barry Johnson & Clive West | 2 | 0 |

DUPLICATE BRIDGE RESULTS FOR FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 2023

| | IMPS | % | | Tops | Joint Tops |
|-----|------|------|--------------------------------|------|---------------|
| 1st | 55 | 65.5 | Paul Jarvis & Brian Collett | 6 | 2 |
| 2nd | 53 | 63.1 | Jim Wardle & Fay Duckmanton | 4 | 1 |
| 3rd | 45 | 53.6 | Ann Maynard & Paula Jones | 4 | 0 |
| 4th | 44 | 52.4 | Jane Davis & Del Smith | 3 | 0 |
| 5th | 42 | 50.0 | Anne Weddle & Chris Russell | 2 | 1 |
| 6th | 35 | 41.7 | Ruby Cole & Katie Lindenbaum | 1 | 0 |
| 7th | 32 | 38.1 | Belinda Collett & Sheila Jones | 2 | 1 |
| 8th | 30 | 35.7 | Helen Coghill & Carol Phillips | 2 | 1 |

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY OCTOBER REPORT – Colin Rowe

At the October 5th meeting we heard from group member Tim Simmons who explained in detail the inner workings of the early computers we had at home in the 1970s and eighties, this was when Britain led the world in home computer design. He started by explaining his first experience with a home computer named Nascom (Circa 1979) and how it used an industry standard integrated chip Zilog Z80 which was the basis of several computers including the Sinclair range of home computers ie Z80 computer, ZX81(an example of which was passed round) and the ZX Spectrum, the first budget priced home computer to have coloured graphics. The talk was about his own progression through using a range of bigger and better machines starting when he went to university. Eventually he threw his first Nascom computer away and now many years later he is in the process of building a new one from scratch. This is a huge task. Armed with the original internal circuit board layout Tim has sourced all the main components which amazingly are still available, mainly from China. He sent the circuit board layout to a company in China who



produced some replica circuit boards and over many hours the components have all been soldered on to the board, including a floppy disk drive which he is still attempting to integrate with the machine. **(See photos of Tim's computer)**. Finally, Tim demonstrated on screen binary notation, using his recreated Nascom computer, and how it is simplified into Hexadecimal code and was able to show the code for various words including "error" in the basic computer language.



We also heard about the high percentage of waste heat created by vehicles driven by internal combustion engines and also the causes of, the effects and safety measures which we should observe when near thunder storms.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP – October talk by Jackie Bird

Over 30 members of the Local History group met for the penultimate meeting of the year last Thursday to hear Jackie talk about the Country Hospitals of Northamptonshire. The talk provoked many memories from the audience who may have worked or stayed in one of the so-called "Cottage Hospitals" around the county in years gone by. Many of the hospitals started out as the old workhouses and when their usefulness as hospitals came to an end the land was sold to builders for housing and care homes. It was a fascinating and very well researched talk.



The Old Creaton Hospital, now mews houses. Photo by Jackie

PAINTING & DRAWING GROUP

An excellent turnout on Tuesday 10th October showed the group displaying their “homework” set by Peter Davies – the task being to do a pencil drawing of something either silver or stainless steel. A variety of items are shown, from kettles to scissors!

The class task was drawing and painting autumn leaves and conkers – or to do your own thing! Again, samples below.



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL – Latest News from Annie Curtis

The Armchair Travel Group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm in Scaldwell Village Hall. Each month members share their holiday experiences with the Group. These have included visits to Sri Lanka, Egypt, Japan, China, Peru, Northern Spain and Poland plus a first-time cruise in the Mediterranean. All have been really interesting and extremely informative. Thank you to everyone who has spent time preparing and sharing their visits with everyone.



For the meeting on Tuesday 7th of November, Rikki will be covering part 2 of her visit to China. We ran out of time with part 1 in July, so this will follow on from there.

The December meeting, on Tuesday 5th December will be entitled “Christmas Festivities around the World.” Members will be sharing different ways in which people around the world celebrate Christmas. We might even manage some traditional mince pies, too!

Unfortunately, the first Tuesday of January falls on Tuesday 2nd January, which is so close to the start of the New Year. Therefore, I am not planning a meeting that day. Sorry but I need time to take down the decorations and pack them away. This means that the first meeting in 2024 will be on Tuesday 6th February, when I will be talking about “A ride on the Coasthopper bus along the North Norfolk Coast.”

If you would like to join us on any or indeed all of these meetings, you do not need a passport, a boarding card or any foreign currency. Your u3a membership card and a £2.00 fee for each meeting will suffice. We even serve refreshments too, part of your all-inclusive package with Armchair Travel!

WEEKEND AND EVENING DINING GROUPS – Reports by Sue Dodds-Smith

On a hot 10th of September six of our members met at 11.00am at the Church of St Peter in Marefair where we joined a group organised by the West Northamptonshire Council's Heritage Open days. The history of the castle was explained to us and we visited various sites around Northampton Station where the castle was originally sited. It was one of the most famous Norman Castles and would have been similar in size to Dover castle. The final remnants of the castle were obliterated by the construction of the Victorian Railway Station and now only the Postern Gate remains. We were taken to the site where the Great Hall would have been (see photo on left) and where Thomas Becket was tried. What a different place Northampton town would be if part of the castle still remained. Even the native Northamptonian members of our group saw sections of the town they had never seen before.



No Weekend Group event is ever complete unless food is involved but we were a little unsure where to eat in the centre of the town on a Sunday. However, we had a recommendation so sallied forth to the Shipmans Pub in the Drapery wondering what to expect. We needn't have worried as we all enjoyed roast beef and Yorkshire pudding in the recently renovated pub and can certainly recommend the food and the ambiance.

Fully refreshed we returned to look at the Church of St Peter. The church is a decommissioned Anglican Church built in 1150AD and is thought to be the third building on the site of a former Saxon Minster. The church is now under care of the Churches Conservation Trust and, again, is well worth a visit.

A very enjoyable day out.



EVENING DINING GROUP



33 of our members met on 30th August and enjoyed a meal at the Hopping Hare, Duston.

It was a lovely evening and really good to hear the buzz of conversation as we enjoyed good food and good company.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Yvonne & Tim Swallow have kindly arranged this year's u3a Christmas Lunch at Northampton Golf Club on Thursday 14th December 2023.

Details are at the end of the newsletter.

CYCLING GROUP – LATEST RIDES – 27th September & 18th October



The day was dull and overcast with the threat of being affected by Storm Agnes which was battering the Southwest and Wales. But undeterred by the weather four of the group, Jeff, Sylvia, Paul and Colin met at the George for a 22 mile circular ride passing through Cottesbrooke, Naseby and calling at Kelmars Hall café for refreshments. Onwards to Harrington (getting quite windy now) and a photo stop (thanks Paul) at the war Memorial before returning via Scaldwell to the George at Brixworth for a well earned lunch. Altitude gain was 1700 feet at an average speed of 11.6 mph. Next ride planned for 18th October – another circular taking in Guilsborough, Cold Ashby and Welford. Thanks to Sylvia for suggesting this ride.

Cycle Group Ride Wednesday 18th October 2023

Thanks to those (Sylvia, Paul, Kevin, Jeff & Colin) who participated in the ride on Wednesday just escaping the bad weather promised for later in the day, although on arriving back at the George it had already started raining, somewhat earlier than forecast. We covered ground not previously explored by the group, suggested by group member Sylvia.

An enjoyable ride although more demanding than usual I felt, covering 23 miles with an elevation gain of over 2000 ft at an average speed of 11 mph. The coffee stop at Mini Meadows Farm near Welford was a first for me, most pleasant. Paul provided the photograph, thank you.



ART APPRECIATION – update from Janet Womack

Some members of the Art Appreciation Group brought in souvenirs of art work and mementoes of their visits to Australia to the September meeting. We continued our study of Australian art with illustrated talks by members Celia Moss who spoke about Cressida Campbell, a significant contemporary artist. This was followed after a break for tea with a talk by Ann Ruch Davies on John de Burgh Percival who was a member of a group called the Angry Penguins who redefined Australian Art in the 1940s.

Ann's picture entitled "Walkabout" by Angela Newbury



BIRDS OF PREY EXPERIENCE

For those members who enjoyed seeing the birds of prey at the August Tea Party, we understand that the company are offering gift vouchers to members who would enjoy having a more up-close-and-personal experience with the birds. If you are interested, please email them at events@cjsbirdsofprey.co.uk



LOCAL HISTORY – TALK BY PETER PERKINS FROM NIAG

Peter, who had given us an excellent talk last year on the Industrial Heritage of Northamptonshire, came along on 28th September to talk this time about the Evolution of the Boot & Shoe Industry in Northamptonshire. Many of the over 25 members attending remembered many of the old company names of the shoe companies (sadly virtually all now gone) and recognised many of the old “manufactories” around the town. These are particularly recognisable by the 3-storeys with large windows and often a loading bay and small crane on the top floor. For some factories the manager’s office overlooked the street and might be recognisable by the oriel window giving good all-round views!



Probably the most recognisable factory still standing is the Barratt’s building in Barrack Road, although this was only the office block, but to begin with most shoe production was undertaken in workers’ houses on a piece-work basis.

Photo of a former factory in Louise Road, Northampton, taken by Peter Perkins

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

Following the AGM on Wednesday 6th September, and the retirement of our Chair, Belinda Collett, and previous Website Manager, John Nicholson, we are pleased to announce that your committee now looks like this:

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| Chair & Newsletter Editor | Chris Rowe |
| Treasurer | Tim Smith |
| Secretary | Sue Dodds-Smith |
| Membership Secretary | Joan Edney |
| Speaker Seeker | Margaret Griffiths |
| Website Manager | Gwynneth Moore |
| Interest Groups Co-ordinator | Jackie Bird |
| Meeting & Greeting | Sue Wintersgill |
| Publicity | Clive Tyrrell |

If you would like to join the committee – with or without any specific role – you will be most welcome. Our constitution allows us to have 10 committee members, so please consider volunteering.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our new members who have joined (or re-joined) us recently. We hope you find your membership of B&D u3a very rewarding and we look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings and when you join any of our interest groups.

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Katie Lindenbaum | Anthony Nixon | Maeve Taylor | Paul Taylor | Jennifer Churchill |
| Angela Reed | Carolyn Bennett | Jane Lane | Patricia Kelly | Wendy Kingham |
| Gilliam Bament | | | | |

COULD YOU BE A GROUP LEADER/GROUP FACILITATOR?

As you may be aware, some groups are in danger of disbanding because there is no-one willing to take over as contact, host or “facilitator”. It’s really not an onerous job – especially if it is a small group which meets in members’ homes with no outside speakers to arrange or venues to book. Don’t forget, full support and guidance is given by the committee many of whom are, or have been leaders of interest groups, so have plenty of experience.

So please have a think about volunteering – after all the u3a ethos is “**by the members, for the members**” – and it is not necessarily a solo role being a Group Leader – two or three members with a shared interest can set up a group, sharing responsibilities as appropriate.

And, of course, subjects for new groups are always welcome - we now don't have as many groups as even a year ago, so if you have a particular interest and would be willing to suggest a new topic - even if you don't become Group Leader - please let us know and we'll find out how many other members might be interested and take it from there.

NEW GROUP REQUESTS

Pauline Judge has volunteered to run a **Beginners course in Conversational Greek.**, a list will be put out in the small hall at the next monthly meeting for people to register their interest.

There will also be a list for a new **Chess Group** as there was interest in this indicated at the AGM, following my mention of it in the last newsletter.

Alternatively, please register your interest in either of these (or any other group) by sending a Pigeon Post to the Interest Groups Co-ordinator (Jackie Bird) via the website.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Coming soon to Brixworth Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. Come and join us for a talk/presentation from interesting and varied speakers, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

1st November “Saints, Sinners, Stars and Scandals” with Derek Blunt

6th December Singing Duo Zing

3rd January “More Tales of a Tour Guide” with Jo Golby (Carter)

7th February “Would you Adam and Eve it” more tales from the Met with Colin Hill

Full details of future meetings is on the B&D u3a website under “What’s On”.

THEATRE TRIPS – News from Tim Smith

Following the discovery of that dodgy RAAC concrete at the Royal & Derngate, it has been closed for a while, so no theatre trips have been planned. We will let you know what is on offer as soon as we hear.

PLEASE NOTE

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU EMAIL gregbuc63@icloud.com or phone 07969 384333 to book your tickets BEFORE you make your payment as limited tickets are available -As soon as I send you a confirmation email please make your payment as follows:

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Please indicate which show the payment is for.

U3A CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2023



We have booked our Christmas luncheon at

Northampton Golf Club on:

Thursday 14th December 2023

from 12pm, seated at 12.50 with the meal at 1pm.

The menu is below and will be £32 for three courses or if you prefer only two courses that will be £27.

To book your place please contact Yvonne Swallow by email at

BrixworthChristmaslunch@hotmail.com with your menu choices.

You can pay by bank transfer to the U3A account. Please make sure you put your name and Xmas on the transfer.

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Alternatively you can give your cheque made out to Brixworth u3a to a group leader or committee member with your menu choices.

If you prefer we will be at the November meeting for you to book, giving us your menu choices and payment.

No cancellations or changes will be possible after November 20th 2023.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Yvonne and Tim Swallow

**Brixworth & District U3A Christmas Lunch Menu
to be held at Northampton Golf Club, Harlestone
Thursday 14th December (12.00 for 1.00 p.m.)
Three Courses - £32.00 (tip included)
Two courses - £27.00 (tip included)**

Starters

*Cream of parsnip **soup** with herb croutons and rustic roll*

*Duo of **smoked salmon** mousse with a chive dressing with brown bread and butter*

*Chicken and smoked **ham terrine** with apple chutney served with ciabatta shards*

Mains

***Breast of turkey** with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, pigs in blankets, seasonal vegetables and gravy.*

***Roast beef** served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, pigs in blankets, seasonal vegetables and gravy.*

***Fillet of seabass** roasted with rosemary, sea salt and olive oil and finished with lemon butter served with crushed potato and herb cake and seasonal vegetables.*

***Beetroot Wellington** served with a rich tomato and red onion sauce served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables.*

Desserts

*Traditional **Christmas pudding** with brandy sauce*

***Baileys cheesecake** with cranberry and orange compote.*

***Chocolate orange delight**, rich chocolate sponge with an orange centre, topped with a profiterole.*

followed by filter coffee / tea and mini mince pie.