Daventry & District U3A — an organisation for any ‘third-ager’ no longer working full time or bringing up a family

‘Bring a friend for free’!

In July and August, all visitor’s fees are waived, so bring your friends and enjoy what U3A has to offer you—

**Daventry Community Centre**, Ashby Road, Daventry, 2pm - 4pm  3rd Thursday of the month

Make friends, learning and laughing come as a bonus!

**Thursday July 20th**  ‘Dressed to Impress’
Greta Palmer returns to talk about Indian elephant regalia -

**Thursday August 17th**  Derek Blunt takes us on a tour of Northamptonshire’s towns and villages with his presentation, ‘Squires & Spires’

Chairperson: Lynda Moran  01327 261848

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Daventry U3A has a **Car Share** scheme to help with transport to and from the monthly meetings. If you are interested in offering a lift please come and speak with us at the information table at the Thursday meeting or contact a committee member.

If you would like a lift please ring Alison on 01327 872729
**Daventry and District U3A Executive Committee 2017/18**

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**Additional Helpers**

- Trips and outings: Jill Scott and Jenny Edwards
- Website administrator: Tony Vaughan

**CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS!!** We are having an informal meeting for new members on Thursday 3rd August in the Coffee Lounge at the Methodist Church, 6 Golding Close, Daventry from 2.00 pm until 4 pm.

Please come along and find out first hand what the Daventry U3A has to offer from the people involved. This is your opportunity to tell them what your interests are so they can help you to get more involved in the things YOU want to see in your U3A.

This is a very informal meeting and any of our members, new and longer term, are of course very welcome to come along if they feel they would like to know more about what there is on offer and share their views with us.

Make Daventry U3A work for YOU!! SEE YOU THERE!!!

Best regards,

Brenda Mills
Your new Groups’ Co-ordinator is Kathryn Holderness who can be contacted by email at holdernk@btinternet.com, please put ‘Groups’ somewhere in the subject box.

Family History
Kim Russell will also be holding Family History ‘drop in’ sessions for any U3A members who have family history queries on the last Wednesday in the month at Kuni’s Coffee Shop, next to ‘Boots’, at 10.30 a.m. Free wifi and laptop charging available.

Bird Watching Group
There won’t be trips in July and August mainly because birds moult in the summer so are far more difficult to find and also places we go will tend to be busier – I plan to learn a bit about butterflies but they seem trickier than birds and are much flightier!

Next 2 dates are:-
Thursday 7th September - Rutland Water – all day
Wednesday 11th October – possibly Nene Valley Lakes near Rushden and beyond and if the visitor centre has been finished!

Caroline
01788 824254  07960026796

Days Out and Theatre Trips

VISIT TO RODMARTON MANOR, near Cirencester on 5th July 2017

We departed on a beautiful sunlight morning in a DACT bus heading for Cirencester. As the property did not open until 2pm and to break the journey, we had our lunch stop in the quaint Cotswold village of Northleach, where some had a picnic lunch in the delightful Gloucestershire countryside whilst others enjoyed the tranquility of various eating places. The highlight of Northleach was the magnificent Perpendicular church of St Peter & St Paul which is known as “The Cathedral of the Cotswolds” and was originally built in 1400s thanks to the wealth of the wool merchants of the area.

On arriving at Rodmarton we were greeted by a superb Arts and Craft building dating from 1909 that took 20 years to build by the craftsmen of the area. Within, there was definitely “no veneer” and everything was created by local craftsmen and women by hand with local stone and local timber. The wall hangings were particularly interesting as they depicted life in the vicinity including such people as the Blacksmith and his two sons and the District Nurse and her dog! It was particularly novel that one of our guides knew one of the Blacksmith’s sons intimately as she had been married to him! She was able to relate some of the nuances hidden in the views, which added to our enjoyment.
The gardens, which extended to eight acres, were metaphorically and literally a breath of fresh air as they held not only the normal herbaceous borders but also included quiet shady woods and secluded buildings, which also reflected the quality workmanship of the Arts and Craft movement.

An enlightening and enjoyable day was had by all and many thanks to Jenny Edwards for her hardwork in organising the trip. Rodmarton Manor is a real gem in the Cotswolds and well worth a visit.

Mariet and Richard Tidmarsh

U3A Northants Network invites you to

TAKE THE TOUR

WHEN: 21st August or 14th September
TIME: 9.30AM; 12.30PM OR 3.30 PM
COST: £7.00 PER PERSON
TWO HOUR TOUR OF SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT IN A MINIBUS WITH A DRIVER WHO WILL GIVE YOU ALL SILVERSTONE’S VARIED HISTORY

FORMS AVAILABLE FROM: U3Anorthantsnetwork@hotmail.com
**DAVENTRY AND DISTRICT U3A INTEREST GROUPS - updated July 2017**

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*Bird watching and indoor bowls – Contact organiser for details of time, day and venue*

**Contact and Further Details:**
- See the GROUP page on our website: [u3asites.org.uk/daventry](http://u3asites.org.uk/daventry)
- Or email: The Groups’ Co-ordinator on [holdernk@btinternet.com](mailto:holdernk@btinternet.com)
- Or email: [u3agrouppedaventry@gmail.com](mailto:u3agrouppedaventry@gmail.com)
- Or join us at our monthly meeting on the **third Thursday in the month, 2pm** at the Community Centre, Ashby Rd, NN11 9QD where as well as refreshments and a speaker, there will be plenty of opportunity to meet with members, group organisers and members of the Committee.

*Hope to see you very soon.*

Editor: Alison Torr