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### *Chairman's Reflections.*

Just as I was sitting back and feeling that I had achieved most of my tasks for the week, our on-the-ball Editor, Ann Holmes, dropped a bombshell!

Is this Newsletter really monthly? Seems more like fortnightly! This blasted pandemic is shrinking the calendar, as well as our clothes! Having recovered from the shock of realising on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June that the input deadline for the Newsletter was only three days away, I managed to get my "reflections", and two other items, to Ann on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Next Morning she very diplomatically asked me if I had inadvertently sent the wrong file, because she was sure that she had read this story before! Thank goodness her memory is better than mine – when we checked back, it was indeed an almost word-for-word duplicate of my October 2019\* contribution! So here I sit, back to square one, and no idea of what to write!

By the time that you read this, we will know the outcome of the will-we, won't-we, dilemma over the easing of restrictions. Despite our eagerness to resume a more active and sociable existence, I am sure that most of us of "a certain age" are personally cautious about going too quickly, and damaging the amazing progress that the vaccination programme has achieved. Would that more of the 20 – 50s age groups exercised the same common sense approach.

I had the good fortune to go for a walk in Derbyshire with some of my walking friends last week. We all found it a hard walk in the hot sunshine, and confirmed that our hill climbing ability had not been improved by shorter bursts of activity in the flat lands in and around Deeping. However, the beautiful scenery, and the lush appearance of the landscape, made up for the pain! There were a lot of walkers about, but they all showed a proper respect to others, and stood aside to allow safe passing on the narrow paths. It was a different story in Bradford Dale, which has a small river flowing through it, which is split by weirs into a series of pools. Being half term, it was packed with families, with the kids playing in the water, which was nice to see, but most of the adults were apparently oblivious to the need to be sensible about the closeness of contact. It was reminiscent of the scenes on beaches over the Bank Holiday weekend. I don't want to be a killjoy, but I think that these sorts of behaviour mean that the current restrictions should be extended until all adults are fully vaccinated, for the good of all.

I have also been pleased to join a couple of the U3A walks this week, these occasions, and what I have heard of other Groups' activities, have shown that our Members are taking a cautious and sensible approach to socialising. Such activities seem quite strange at the moment, as everyone is finding out how they can act to feel more comfortable with this closer contact. However, I urge Members, if they are able, to support this gradual "opening up", as it does wonders for the spirits! We must also remember to extend this benefit to those who are less able to get out, and drop in for a coffee and a chat as often as we can.

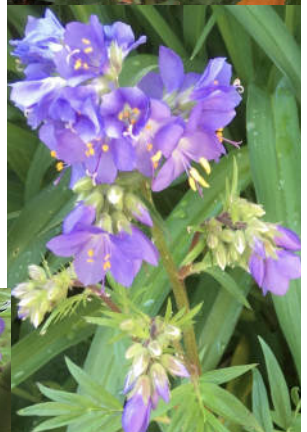
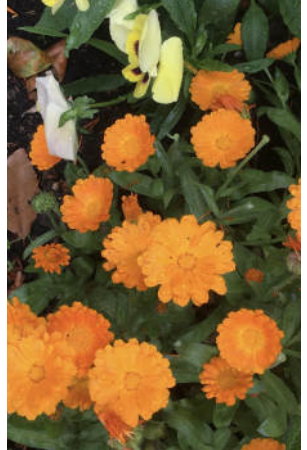
I hope that you all keep yourselves safe and well while we seek out the "new normality".

Best wishes  
**Garth**

\*Actually the edition was October 2020!!  
**Thanks to Anne Burton for photos. A.**



The main body of the newsletter text, including the Chairman's Reflections and the closing remarks.



THESE MONTHLY ARTICLES ARE INTENDED TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE, AND FUTURE PLANS, OF OUR U3A. WE ARE OPEN TO, AND WOULD APPRECIATE, ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE. THESE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

[chair@deepingsu3a.com](mailto:chair@deepingsu3a.com)

## **Where do we go from here?**

Since the 17<sup>th</sup> May outdoors gatherings of up to 30 persons have been legal. This, along with the better weather, has enabled most of the Walking Groups, the Cycling Group, and a few of the other Interest Groups to get going again. The introduction of the rule of **either** six people **or** two households indoors has enabled a few of the smaller Groups to begin meeting, but this limit is still causing problems for the Groups with more than six members.

By the time you read this, we will know whether or not the Government's hopes for Step 4 (no earlier than 21<sup>st</sup> June), that all legal limits on social contact can be removed, will have been achieved. As I write, there is a growing opinion that this should be delayed by a few weeks, maybe until the end of July, to match the target of getting all the adult population vaccinated.

The final results of the review of the availability of meeting venues, for which we thank Liz Noble, confirm our opinion this is going to be a real and ongoing limiting factor for the viability of some Groups. Those that previously met in members' houses will, at least in the short term, be reluctant to do so, and decide to hire a venue. The Groups that have always hired venues will be forced to hire larger venues (because of restrictions imposed on the capacity), at a greater cost. **This increase in the cost of holding meetings will have to be borne by the members of the Group, and in fairness should be shared amongst the Group as a whole, whether or not members attend all the meetings, physically or remotely.** The easiest way to achieve this is for Groups to charge all members a fixed 6 or 12 months subscription that defrays these costs.

This venue problem particularly affects the 30-strong History Group, and our Monthly Meeting, but whether we like it or not, we are all going to have to embrace more technology. Many of us are not confident about technology, but modern video conferencing and streaming technologies are really quite easy to master. The trick is for us to work out how to use them to the best advantage, and in the most inclusive way. But the only solution we can see to this problem is the use of "Hybrid" meetings, with some present in person, and others over the internet. As we said last time, we do not see that this problem will be resolved until the autumn at the earliest, and then only if we can find a source of funding for the equipment that is likely to be needed.

The online monthly talks continue to gain more "attendees", and have been well received, and so we are booking further talks, up to August. We have had a slight hiccup, in that Mirthy, the source of our talks so far, has changed its system, and put up the price by 200%! Thanks to Lyall Seale's hard work, alternative sources have been found.

We have had no comments or suggestions following previous articles on the way forward – please feel free to give us some feedback.

**The Committee.**

## **THE CLOCK IS STILL TICKING – 17 WEEKS TO AGM.**

### **The risk to the survival of your U3A grows each month.**

**We must continue to remind you** that we will be holding our AGM in October, primarily to appoint a Committee to take us forward. This year two of the three existing Officers of the Committee (Chair and Secretary) have to step down, as specified by the Constitution, and therefore will not be eligible for re-election.

Our Treasurer can serve for one more year, but it would be good to have a new Committee Member to shadow her work, with a view to taking over in October 2022.

We therefore need volunteers to step forward to seek election to fill these vacancies. All Committee Members are elected for an initial ONE year term, but can, if they so wish, seek re-election at future AGMs, until they have served up to the limits of consecutive years specified in the Constitution.

If you are prepared to put yourself forward for an Officer or Non-Officer Committee role, or want any further information about Committee service, then please contact any current Committee Member (contact details are in the Newsletter). If you are unsure, and would like to "sit in" as a guest on any of our Committee Meetings, then please get in touch.

**We will repeat this appeal in the newsletter every month, as we want our U3A to continue to thrive, but we must emphasise that if everybody sits back, takes advantage of what is provided, and assumes that someone else will do the work, then Deepings U3A will cease to exist.**



## **Our Monthly Talks**

Unfortunately, the Mirthy website which had been providing our “monthly meeting” talks has developed a new system which we can no longer afford. This month I have arranged for a speaker who I engaged to give an in-person talk last year, and he will present this on the Zoom platform.

This month’s talk is “**The Life and Crimes of Agatha Christie**” by Mark Temple, and will take place at 10.30am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. The Zoom Link will be found in the Members’ Newsletter

I hope to arrange other talks from individual speakers who also use Zoom for future dates.

Mirthy still makes free talks available every Thursday at 4pm. To receive these you will need to go on to the Mirthy website, using the link <https://www.mirthy.co.uk> and click on **Log In** (if you already have an account) or if you haven’t yet set up an account, click on **Register** and insert your name, email address, and a password, then click on **Create Account**. On the website top menu bar click on **Free Events** and register for one or more of the talks. You will receive an email confirming any booking, and a reminder and link the day before the event

There are also talks on other weekday mornings for which they charge.

LYALL SEALE

*Thank you Lyall for arranging these talks – the last one, on the secrets of London was both informative and amusing. The amusement level was heightened by the presenter’s hair, which, because it was videoed in several bits, seemed to spring up from time to time, and then subside!*

### **U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP (May)**



Eleven of us met up at the Embankment Car Park for the walk led by Pat, Helen and Brian. Special thanks to Pat for doing a second recce due to some bridge works, it saved us from having to swim across the Nene.

We walked along the river’s edge towards North Bank on a windy but sunny morning, then paused for a drink and team photo. At this halfway point we crossed the river on the curved bridge. Just after this it started to rain (not allowed on Monday walks !!)

The rain persisted on and off all the way on our return journey. Needless to say we were like drowned rats. It was a great walk and thanks go to the walk leaders for this 6.6 mile walk ( yes I know I said 5.5 ish, so now you know how longish is !! )

June walk details to follow and we can have lunch .

STEVE HANSON  
Group Leader

### **NOW THE APOLOGY!**

**The above report and photo should, of course, have appeared in last month’s issue. When Steve sent me a text saying “my report is missing” my reaction was — ‘of course it is there, can’t the man read’. But, of course, he was right and I am truly sorry—as always, ‘will try to do better’. ANN**

## **NEWS**

### **U3A ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES GROUP**

Hello Members. I have been informed that the Catholic Church is not permitting the use of the meeting room to outside organisations. I have, however, found other accommodation in which to hold our meetings which is quite central, with parking facilities, but Pam and I need to know if there are sufficient members still interested in the Group, before we can go ahead with any booking.



When we had our last meeting in February 2020, there were 30 members on the Register. We do need enough people to attend as the room rental is £10 per hour. so will you please get in touch with me or Pam, to let us know your feeling regarding this matter.

Can we look forward to Happy Times again?

IRENE BEEKEN  
PAM PENDRY

### **U3A WRITING FOR PLEASURE GROUP**

Five members of the group met for our first ‘real’ meeting since March 2020 at the home of Anne Jones. We sat in the garden as the weather was so glorious which seemed a waste of our new power to meet indoors.



Over the last 14 months we have kept the group going by circulating our writing by email but it was great to be able, at last, to read our own pieces out loud and to listen to the stories and poems from the other group members. There was as usual a lot of general chat.

We had all written on totally different subjects from romance at the start of the first world war to an odd William Wordsworth. Next month we will all try to write a piece based on the same starting line.

Next meeting at the home of Julie Mancey.

Report: GEOFF WHITTLE

### U3A FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Family History Group Zoom meeting for May had seven of us getting together.

We discussed options of how we can organise getting back to our face to face meetings again in the Community Centre once we are allowed to mix indoors, and the changes that will have to happen for us to do this. It was decided to move to the larger Learning Room in the Community Centre and changing our times of meeting to 2.00—3.30 pm due to the following Group's start time. A start date of the 13th September was also agreed with Zoom Meetings to continue through the summer until then.

We continued with a discussion of some new releases over the last few weeks from Find My Past, and the creation of a new collection of nine million records of All Australian Passenger Lists 1826-1972, from National Records of Scotland, who hope to give details this summer of the release of the 1921 Scottish Census release date and then from the GRO the new process of getting your marriage certificate as signing of the Register has now been updated with details entered on to a computer by the Registrar and the mother's name is now included on the certificate as well details of the father.

The topic this month was a continuation of the "Ancestors in the Newspapers" theme. Ann started with the story of her ancestor and of three stories she had found of William, a scavenger in 1809, who fell foul of PC Bough and the law by being seen coming out of the pub in Wells at 05.00 am and, in a second incident, of a loose donkey roaming outside the pub and being cheeky to PC Bough and sadly finally when he committed suicide with the donkey's harness.

I then continued with my stories of two brothers in the family who in the 1930's and 1950's made the newspapers, Arthur because he became a bigamist one year into his new marriage at the age of 21. He even took the "second" wife back to the family home to spend the night and said she was a friend but not until the women were talking the next day did they realise what he had done. He was sentenced to four months hard labour. This story even made the Police Illustrated Newspaper. Jesse his brother was in the newspapers because of his divorce giving the details of the wife's adultery naming the other man and the fact they had a child who was to live with the father. Privacy was obviously not considered in the 1950's.

David was last with his story of Joseph who in 1857 was charged with abducting Rose Goodman an unmarried girl from the possession of her father and his story of "Kidnapping of a Jewess" with a sentence of three months imprisonment and his search for the details of the story and the family.

All of our stories have been ones we would never have known about without the newspaper archives and the wealth of information they hold both good and bad.

Keep safe and well  
JEAN BRENNAND  
Group Leader

### U3A POETRY GROUP

The Poetry Group met on Monday(7th) in Angie's garden on a really sunny afternoon. After such a long break we were all very pleased to be able to meet up again. We were kept well refreshed by Angie and a really enjoyable time was spent.

We had agreed that each of us would bring along a favourite Poem to read out, and what a wonderful selection we had— Maya Angelo, W.B.Yeats, John Gillespie Magee, Alfred Noyes and Walter de la Mare were among the selection.

We all look forward to our next meeting at Juliet's home s on Tuesday, July 6th. at 2pm.

IRENE BEEKEN  
Group Leader



### U3A 'WANDERERS' WALKING GROUP (May)



A select group of Wanderers gathered on the Hambleton Peninsula at Rutland Water on Tuesday 18th of May to restart the 2021 programme curtailed by the you know what.

The weather was Spring like and the winds gentle. Our walk took us past Hambleton Old Hall and along the north shore and on to the woods. To our delight, the bluebells were still at their very best and a sight to behold. As we walked we passed other happy groups who were enjoying being outside on such a lovely day. After an hour or so we found ourselves on the South shore with its undulations and views of Barnsdale. From there we went to the Finches' Arms for an excellent meal.

The next walk will be led by Steve Fisk and it explores local footpaths. We hope you can join him on the 8th June.

HILARY & BARRY AKAM  
Group Leaders

### U3A JAZZ, SWING AND BIG BAND GROUP

Our May concert was compiled by Anne Jones who made a lovely selection of music which, dare I say, had the flavour of old favourites. However, like much in the realm of the music we know and love, the different arrangements can mean a different approach.



Well known orchestras, such as Ted Heath's and Duke Ellington's who can almost not be avoided (and never ignored) were in the very good company of The Northern Dance Orchestra, long gone from our radios but such an incredible band that had started out in 1956 ending in 1985 when the BBC closed many of its in-house orchestras.

Another band which featured was the RAF Swing Wing. Formed in 1989 as The Band of The Royal Air Force, I expected a stiff military "feel" to 'Take The A Train' for instance, and should feel ashamed as the band swung with the best.

'I Got Rhythm' and 'That's Entertainment' performed by Kim Criswell and The John Wilson Orchestra are ideal statements of what makes our kind of music so good.

Different arrangements are one thing, but the different bands of course, have their own sounds, so when Johnny Dankworth strikes up with Cannonball that become plain to hear, and so British too which actually was Anne's focus for this concert. Who could be more British and then comes Humphrey Lyttleton (Bad Penny Blues)? One of Anne's favourites is the dazzling pianist Roy Budd, which is always entertaining to hear.

Anne's selection left a little room, so I supplemented the concert with some choices, but couldn't help going to America for the artists. However, I had previously chanced upon a version of Bad Penny Blues, still with Humph but accompanied by Elke Brookes on vocals. The piece that ended the concert was Caravan, by John Wasson the 'Finale Drum Solo' in the film 2014 Whiplash. I know nothing of this man, but, a great performance.

Thanks to Anne for sharing her favourites – a most entertaining selection. The June concert will be by Peter Bayliss.

Report: PHIL JONES  
Group Leaders: PHIL JONES / ANNE JONES

**U3A ART APPRECIATION GROUP**

**AUGUSTUS JOHN 1878 - 1961**

Augustus John was a famous Welsh artist who was born in Tenby. He died in Fordingbridge. He was a draughtsman and etcher. For a time he was considered the most important artist at work in Britain. He was a bohemian and lived a very free and cavalier life!! He had a number of children.

During WW1 he was attached to the Canadian Army as a war artist. He was very talented and also had a talented sister, Gwen.

Augustus (right) as a young man. He was known for his portraiture.



Colonel T E Lawrence



Woman smiling



The Marcesa Casati

He was also a very talented landscape artist!



Next month it will be Gwen's turn to be featured.

SANDRA JONES  
Group Leader

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Elaine and Keith Batchelor and Gail Webber all from Market Deeping.



**U3A THURSDAY GARDENING GROUP**



Here we go again! It's a report from Liz this time as I was away.

It was great to be able to welcome members of our gardening group to the garden on Thursday 3rd June.....the first face to face get-together. Sadly we were a little down in numbers due to appointments, breaks away etc but the weather did us proud here too. After a catch-up and a little moan on how far behind the gardens are this year with the frost and rain, we managed to plan till February 2022 all with the usual "things may change" get out clause, but it was good to look ahead with a little more promise.

One of the first changes we were able to make was that Kay Parker has kindly agreed to take on the role of joint group leader with Linda Hill.

Hopefully things will catch-up in the garden but at least our peonies have flourished, with over 30 flowers on the one bush this year. Look forward to a sunny outside lunch next month!

Report: LIZ NOBLE  
Group Leaders: LINDA HILL / KAY PARKER

**U3A "PACERS" WALKING GROUP**



An elite five members of the Pacers group had their first walk for a very long time on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We had intended to start at the Bluebell at Helpston but, like a number of other pubs, their hours are currently restricted and not open during the day. Instead we met at the Golden Pheasant at Etton to give our pre-orders and then drove to Helpston for the walk in 'John Clare Country'. The weather was very sunny and quite hot but dry underfoot. The walk started at the public footpath opposite the Bluebell and meandered around via various tracks, fields and paths through the woods for 4.5 miles.

No sign of the farmer who gave us so much trouble the last time we did this walk – see September 2018 report.

We then returned to Etton for an excellent meal with one further member of the group joining us.

Hopefully we will be back to more normal numbers for the next walk (it was half term week so that excluded some of the group). This walk will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, from the Ruddy Duck at Peakirk - details as usual by email.

Report: GEOFF WHITTLE  
Group Leaders: GEOFF WHITTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW

Photo: STEVE WHITE

### U3A HISTORY GROUP

#### **KING GEORGE III** *A few facts*

Born June 4<sup>th</sup> 1738  
Died in 1820

He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hanoverian monarch but the first to speak English as his first language.

He was devoted to his wife, Charlotte.

They had 15 children, 13 of whom lived into adulthood.

He was the first King to study science as part of his education and had his own astronomical observatory.

In 1760, George commissioned the Golden Stage Coach. It is an enclosed eight horse drawn carriage and is still in use today. (cost £7,562)\*



He bought Buckingham House, now known as Buckingham Palace, for his wife and it was called The Queen's House.



He became known as Farmer George due to his agricultural interests.

It is thought that he suffered from a complicated, genetic disease called Porphyria and became unfit to reign. His son became Prince Regent.

**Hopefully, in the next few weeks, Ann will email members to gather views for the future.**

SANDRA JONES  
Group Leader

### U3A SCIENCE GROUP

We held a meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May on Google Meet, when we looked at the history of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and the development and potential of the modern form of these, known as Drones. Most of the development work has been in the Military field, and some of the current military vehicles are frighteningly capable and lethal. However there have been a lot of spin-offs into the Commercial sectors, such as aerial surveying and photography, remote delivery, and even unmanned aerial taxis!



We will continue to hold meetings online until the situation clarifies, and until we can identify a new venue, and how to deal with the financial impact.

Our next meeting is to be held on Google Meet on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm, and hopefully a presentation will have been prepared in time!

GARTH PERRY / DAVID SCOTT  
Group Leaders

### U3A "STROLLER'S" WALKING GROUP

Last month's walk didn't go to plan, due to the inclement weather during days leading up to the day of the walk. The original arrangement was to have a stroll in Bourne Wood, followed by lunch at the Sugar Bowl, which by that day, would have been allowed to provide us with meals inside.

Suspecting that some of the trails through the wood would be waterlogged from recent steady rain, a last minute recce was considered essential. This confirmed my concerns, as only the main track in the wood was passable, so last minute changes were made with only a day to go. Did someone say that walking is good for your mental health!

This turned out to be successful with us meeting at the The Horseshoe at Thurlby for a stroll taking us along the route of the old A15 behind Thurlby Wood, before turning towards Obthorpe.



The group enjoyed the late Spring sunshine as we took the road to Thurlby where we met other walkers and cyclists enjoying the more settled weather. Along this road we noted a young oak tree with oak apples in fruit, a photo of one is illustrated.

Passing through Thurlby, some strollers took advantage of a plant stall set up by a local resident. We turned through Northorpe, then across the main road and headed back to Thurlby, alongside the Roman Car Dyke. Finally, we had lunch at the Waterside Garden Centre.

What was pleasing about this morning was that conversation in the group seemed to centre on non-Covid matters, with people talking about days out, holidays and visits to family and friends.

This month's stroll will be led by Stuart on Monday 28 June, meeting at the Packhorse, Northborough about 10:15.

BOB DELLER  
Group Leader

### U3A CYCLING GROUP



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> saw our second Covid Secure bike ride, albeit delayed by one week due to 40km/h winds last week.

Seven of us set off from the bridge in Market Deeping for a 12 mile ride in lovely sunny weather and initially travelled to Northborough then on the Green Wheel route through the Tunnels under the A15 to Etton. From Etton we carried on over the manned level crossing at Woodcroft Stud, again with Kevin's secret app on his phone we did not get held up at the crossing. We continued on and turned off the Green Wheel route towards Werrington.

After scaling the footbridge across the railway line we carried on via Hurn Road, Gasworks Road and crossed the A15 towards Glington. We continued through Glington back to Northborough where we stopped at the Northborough Village Hall grounds for a picnic.

A short 12 mile ride but very enjoyable with lovely weather (for a change) and everybody really glad to be out and cycling again and looking forward to our next ride which will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

JIM TORRANCE  
Group Leader

## U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP (June)



Sixteen of us met at The Griffin Inn, Irnham. Lunch was ordered at the outside Bar station.

It rained just before we left Deeping and I thought we would be in for a muddy walk. It was certainly muddy on my recce of 8.65 miles. I missed a few turns of the suggested pub walk on the recce, so fortunately found the bridleways which had been mown in places. The walk was therefore 6.1 miles, consisting of bridleway, footpaths and road/pavement. I would say that only 15% of the route was from the original recce.

It was a bright, sunny and often hot day and was enjoyed by all. We saw an eco garden in Corby Glen, which had three lambs, hopefully they substituted the lawnmower.

En route we found an old concrete sign PF and a pointer showing the way, the first one I have ever seen.

A good meal was had outside and the pub's Covid safety worked like clockwork. The next walk will be from The George, Whittlesey, details to follow.

STEVE HANSON  
Group Leader

## U3A "WANDERERS" WALKING GROUP (June)

It was a fine morning when seven Wanderers and, Tess, the border collie, set off from the Goat car park just after 10 am on Tuesday June 8.

We made our way through the hamlet of Frognall and then turned right onto PROW (public right of way) 11. This runs

over what is part of a farm stewardship scheme which provides a wider uncultivated headland with a range of wild flowers. It was around this point where we could see a pair of red kites being challenged by several rooks. We then picked up PROW 9 followed it to Back Lane. Here the group was introduced to Moon, our family pony, and he enjoyed a few carrots.

At the end of the lane we turned right onto Stowgate Road and crossed Eastgate to take the footbridge over the river. We paused at the bridge to observe a heron and a great egret fishing in the same spot. We then took the path around the island, saw other wildfowl and stopped for a group photograph. Our party crossed the second bridge and walked on the bank at a steady pace toward Deeping Gate. The day was warming up! Here we saw the splendid sight of a pair of swans and their seven signets. Leaving the bank at Deeping Gate we followed 'The Riverside' round to the footbridge and crossed over Bridge Street before taking Church Walk to Church Gate and Broadgate Lane. Taking PROW 9 again we walked back to the Goat at Frognall to what was a welcome lunch. I must concede that it didn't take long to empty my glass of cold lager.....well it was a warm day!

Report: STEVE FISK  
Group Leaders: HILARY & BARRY AKAM



## U3A THURSDAY WALKING GROUP



On a fine, dry and warm morning 18 members joined in a local walk from the village of Peakirk. Commencing from The Ruddy Duck this varied walk took us back up the Peakirk Road a short distance before turning right down Maxey Cut until reaching the River Welland, where we were able to ramble back along the riverside, although much of the river is hidden by the high grass levels at this time of year, until just short of Low Locks where we did a left turn back up to the Peakirk Road before going straight across and down into Northborough. Detouring through this village and down Paradise Lane we then crossed Maxey Cut and proceeded down North Fen Road and via the allotments before arriving back at the Ruddy Duck for a good well earned lunch.

The walk was led by David and myself and it is interesting to note that after all the local walks that we have done as a group before the pandemic and individually during that time, we are still able to find some paths that are new to some members, including the group leaders!!

The next walk on 8 July 2021 will be led by Brian and Helen Driscoll and team and will be around the Folkingham area commencing from The New Inn, 10 West Street, Folkingham NG34 0SW. If you would like to attend this walk, could you please e-mail Helen on hedriscoll@sky.com or telephone on 01778 380701 (mob 07546 752162) by the Tuesday evening preceding the walk, if possible, and also indicating whether you will be staying for lunch.

GODFREY PARKES / DAVID SCOTT Photo STEVE HANSON  
Group Leaders

## U3A LISTENING TO MUSIC GROUP

Our May programme, entitled Number Ones, was compiled by Chris Hartley and we thank him for it. His first choice was: George Enesco's 'Roumanian Rhapsody No.1' played by the Cincinatti Pops Orchestra, conducted by Erich Kunzel.(I wonder if his mother made cakes?) It seems that he was a child prodigy, entering the Vienna Conservatory aged seven. This was followed by Symphony No.1 in C minor, 1st movement from Beethoven. The London Classical Players, conducted by Roger Norrington.

Satie's 'Gymnopodie No.1 and Gnossienne No.1', were played first by Joseph Ville and the second piece played by Kiara Kormendi on respective pianos. These 'Gymnopodies' were derived from a festival of ancient Sparta in which young men danced unencumbered by clothing (naked) in competition. Images fading, we listened to Bruckner's 'Symphony No. 1 in C Minor' 1st.movement'. He nicknamed this first Symphony 'The Saucy Maid'. No comment.

The next Symphony was Mahler's 'Symphony No.1, 2nd movement'. Sometimes subtitled 'The Titan' which may have been a misnomer as most of Mahler's symphonies are titanic. We then heard J.S.Bach and 'Forlane' from Orchestral Suite No.1. The 'Forlane' has its roots in Italian street dancing. Rachmaninov composed his Symphony No.1, 2nd.movement in 1895. Despite receiving a poor reception at first it is now regularly performed and has been recorded several times. Then we heard 'Symphony No.1, 2nd.movement by Wagner, better known for his association with opera. The Piano Concerto No.1 by Shostakovitch closed Chris's No.1's programme and his choices were varied and enjoyable.

Thanks to Chris and to Terry Noble who once more put it all together and delivered them to the group as well. Terry will also be collating the June 'LTM' choices. Report: ANNE JONES

Group Leaders: TERRY NOBLE / JIM PRINGLE



**DAVID SCOTT HAS BEEN OUT AND ABOUT AGAIN**

**This time he visited High Locks:**



**Thank you David for sharing these beautiful photographs with us. Some of us forget there is more to see than just brick walls. ANN**



**U3A NATURAL HISTORY GROUP**



The Natural History Group resumed activities with a gentle stroll around Deeping Lakes Reserve on 27<sup>th</sup> May. With Norah’s expert guidance we were able to see how sympathetic management is allowing the flora and fauna to flourish on the reserve. Both the turtle doves and a cuckoo were in good voice.

We hope to visit Barnack Hills and Holes for the next meeting, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – more details to follow.

Report: MARGARET BEARDSHAW  
Group Leaders: JO ASTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW

<b>Committee Members 2020/2021</b>	
Garth Perry	Chairman
Ann Parkes	Secretary
Anne Burton	Treasurer
Liz Noble	Membership Secretary
Phil Jones	Deputy Groups Co-ordinator
Kath Allen	Vote of Thanks Organiser
Lyllal Seale	Speaker Finder (Co-opted)
Ann Holmes	Newsletter Editor (Co-opted)
David Scott	Newsletter Distribution/ Webmaster

Thank you to everyone who sent in photographs—it has been a good month for them and I hope you have enjoyed seeing them. Please keep them coming.

**A very special thank you is due to Lin Witherington for her help with proof reading. ANN**

**Closing date for the JULY issue is FRIDAY, 9TH JULY.  
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These two photographs were also taken by Steve Hanson whilst on this month’s Thursday walk and for once I have the space to share them with you.



He also sent .....

**ENGLISH IS HARD**

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.



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Plus another two “funnies” which I am keeping for another issue. - Hope he has now forgiven me for missing out his report last month!!! A