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AUTUMN APPROACHES



This photograph was taken by David Scott whilst he was 'out and about' during this past month. This time he was "under Derwent Edge up from Ladybower. Love the glorious heather. Thanks David.

FUTURE MEETINGS—PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

- 18 October AGM to include coffee and biscuits and "chat". **Methodist Church**
- 15 November Talk by Steve Brown—Driving Instructor. His talk is "It's Hell on Wheels" (his driving school is named "L on Wheels"). **Methodist Church**
- 20 December "Holly and Ivy, Boear's Head and Grete Pies—A History of Carols" by Kate Whitney. **Coronation Hall.**

Further details for the November and December meetings will be Published in the November issue of the Newsletter.

Committee Members 2020 / 2021

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
Lyall Seale	Speaker Finder
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Chairman's Reflections



Sometimes when I am channel hopping on the TV, desperately trying to find something of interest to watch, to avoid the dreaded Soaps and the absolutely dire "Reality" shows, I come across these programmes where teams go in to clear houses that have been filled with rubbish by people addicted to hoarding. I watch in amazement, wondering how on earth people could let their hoarding get so out of hand. However, this week I have gained some understanding of the problem. I have, after months of dithering, changed my car, and my 13 year old Peugeot 207, after 112,898 faultless miles, has been given to my 21 year-old Grandson, as his first car.

So, one day this week, I thoroughly cleaned the car, inside and out, and removed all of my bits and pieces from it. Imagine my embarrassment when I filled two large boxes with it all! Some of it had probably been put in the car when it was new, in 2008, and hasn't seen the light of day since. My experience with previous cars, in the days when you could do something yourself to a broken down car, led to me carrying several spanners, screwdrivers, and other tools, a tow rope and jump leads, and even small bottles of windscreen washer additive, brake fluid, and engine oil (who on earth has to top up the oil between services?). None of these will be going in my new car – these days the only thing that would be of use if you broke down would be a laptop computer with the manufacturer's diagnostic package on it, and a lead to plug into the car's computer, as well as the telephone number of a recovery service, because there is nothing that you can repair!

Another significant part of the clutter was the first aid kit, which was put together in the days when I was a Red Cross First Aider. I obviously thought that I should be prepared to assist at a major incident on the road, as the kit would have enabled me to perform major brain surgery at the roadside. The final large item was my "survival kit". Since I have been on my own, I have carried a few essentials in case I was stranded, or made an unplanned stop-over, somewhere – you know the sort of thing – thermal blanket, torch (3?), phone charger, clean underwear, small wash kit, comb, bottle opener (no-one should travel without a bottle opener!). Then of course there was the usual collection of "bags for life", that never seemed to make into the shop, and puzzlingly an unused tartan picnic rug!

The challenge will be to resist putting much of this in my new car, despite the very tempting availability of much more storage space!

I have referred before to what Wogan called "picking up the chewing gum of life on the sole of your shoe" but this week I picked up a real wodge from Radio 4. It concerned Sir Edward Elgar (composer of Land of Hope and Glory and The Enigma Variations), who, it turns out, was a big Wolverhampton Wanderers supporter, cycling over 40 miles from his home in Malvern to watch them play. In February 1898 Wolves beat Stoke 4-2 in a Football League fixture. At Elgar's request, his much younger lady-friend, Dora Penny (for whom the Dorabella Variation was written) sent him a local press report of the match. The report, in covering a move involving Wolves' famous striker, Billy Malpass, used the phrase "he banged the leather (meaning the ball) for goal", which captured Elgar's imagination, and he set it to music. This composition is credited as being the first ever Football Anthem, which was sung by fans at matches.

Who'd have thought it – it's a strange world! Take care.



Garth, Chairman

Where do we go from here?

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

Some degree of normality is slowly continuing to return to our U3A. We are pleased to see that Members are exercising care, common sense, and whatever precautions they feel the need for, and respecting each other's feelings on these matters.

More Interest Groups are re-starting this month, and we encourage you to support those Group Leaders who are trying to find a way forward. We are helping Group Leaders in the generation of Risk Analyses for all meeting venues, that National Office have deemed to be essential, in order to conform with the requirement of our Public Liability Insurers.

We will be holding a "face-to-face" Annual General Meeting at The Methodist Church on Monday 18th October. This will only be a meeting to transact the business of the AGM, so although refreshments will be served, there will be no speaker. We need a minimum quorum of 40 present in person, in case we need to vote on any resolution which is raised on the day. A pack of all the resolutions etc. will be circulated by the 20th September, and votes can be cast by email or post by those who will not be attending the AGM in person.

The plan is to return to a normal Monthly Meeting on 15th November. The Methodist Church and a Speaker have been booked, and it will be the first job of the new Committee to sort out the details of how it will happen. There will be some precautions needed to reduce congestion etc. The most difficult problem will be to decide what the sensible capacity should be, and how to achieve it. The Methodist Church is not specifying any capacity restrictions, other than that dictated by the size of the hall. In the past we have had up to 130 Members at the Monthly Meeting, but it is doubtful that it is either safe or acceptable to Members to repeat that.

We must remind you again that all of these plans will only be realised if we have the required elected Officers of the Committee in place after the AGM in October. **The Committee.**



THE TICKING OF THE CLOCK

Has Stopped !

with just 28 DAYS TO AGM.

Literally at the point of going to press, we have enough volunteers to form a viable Committee. **That doesn't let you all completely off the hook** – we need as many as possible to vote at the AGM, in order to elect all the volunteers

We have a nominee for the position of Secretary. Elaine Batchelor, who has been Secretary in one of the large Leicestershire u3as, joined us recently, offered her services to us in this position, and has been involved in our recent Committee Meetings.

Margaret Beardshaw, already a busy lady, has accepted a nomination for the Chair, and Stuart Wilson is prepared to come on to the Committee, where he will shadow Anne Burton, our Treasurer, with a view to taking over in October 2022. Anne has to step down next year, as she will have served as Treasurer for the maximum permitted term of eight years.

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Our Monthly Talk

This month's talk, starting at 10.30am on Monday 20th September, will be about **The Commonwealth War Graves Commission**

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) honours the men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First and Second World Wars, and ensures they will never be forgotten. Megan Kelleher, the CWGC's Public Engagement Coordinator, will explain the work of the CWGC by discussing its history. This will include looking at some of the early challenges faced by the Commission, in addition to personal stories of some of the casualties in their care.

This talk will be on Zoom, and instructions on how to join will

Appear in the Members Newsletter.

A reminder - For those who have been enjoying the Mirthy talks, you can still get their talks free every Thursday at 4pm. To do this 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.

We have not had a Group Coordinator for the past 18 months, but June Wheatcroft has agreed to be nominated for this role, on the understanding that the job will be shared as a team with two other Committee Members. Another nominee, Jennifer Rogers will probably join this team.

Liz Noble, our Membership Secretary, also has to step down next year, and **we have one more vacancy** for a Committee Member to shadow and take over this job in October 2022

We are also very grateful that existing Committee Members Kath Allen, Ann Holmes, Lyall Seale, and Phil Jones have put themselves forward for re-election.

The Committee comprises a little over 2% of our total membership – surely it shouldn't be so difficult to get Members once a year to serve the U3A for one year. The same applies to Group Leaders (12% of our membership) – they shouldn't be expected to stay in the job for life.

It is high time that more members, especially the younger ones, stepped up to give something back to their U3A. It is neither fair nor reasonable that we should have this type of cliff-hanger every year.

On behalf of the Committee.

Garth.

Sincere apologies to “Pacers” for omitting to include following report in August Newsletter. A

U3A “PACERS” WALKING GROUP



Eleven walkers this month so steadily building up. Steve and Lynn White led the walk this month which, as you can see from the photo, started from the gates of one member’s stately home (details withheld for security reasons).

We started from the Bertie Arms at Uffington on a very pleasant sunny morning, fortunately not too hot.

We walked for 4.5 miles following the railway line along the Torpel Way and then back to Uffington by the side of old Stamford Canal. On the way we saw ‘the crocodile’ which is still visible but a little overgrown. Two members of the group who are unable to go on the walk at present joined us for lunch at The Bertie Arms. Apart from some confusion over the orders it was an excellent meal – such a pleasure after the last 14 months or so.

New members are always welcome, please contact one of us if you fancy a not too hard walk on the first Wednesday of the month. We usually walk between 4 and 5 miles. Report; GEOFF WHITTLE

Group Leaders: GEOFF WHITTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW

U3A WEDNESDAY GARDENING GROUP

August meeting

On a warm, sunny Wednesday, 11th August, eight members of the Group visited Angie's beautiful garden in Eastgate. The garden which runs down to the River Welland is immaculate and is full of colour. We were then treated to refreshments including delicious cakes in the garden. At long last, members had an opportunity to discuss the forthcoming programme up until Spring 2022. Details discussed will be sent to members as soon as possible.



September meeting

Nine members of the Group met at Rassells on a beautiful warm and sunny morning. The nursery looked stunning with a large selection of top quality plants for sale. I think that it is safe to say that the temptation to put plants in trolleys was too great for most of us! We were able to book tables at the cafe outside underneath an awning and members were able to order any refreshments they wanted.

The next meeting will be on 13th October at Julie's house in Glinton, details to follow. Reports: JANE COOKE

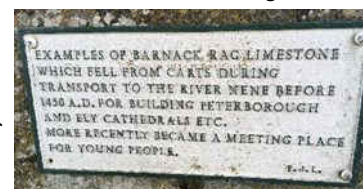
Group Leaders: JEAN FOSTER / JANE COOKE

U3A CYCLING GROUP



Due to holidays etc. we were reduced to only four members for our ride this month. Nevertheless, we set off through Maxey and over the level crossing at the end of the road to West Deeping to Ashton.

From here we cycled through Ashton to Stamford Road and along here to Ufford. We cycled out of Ufford and took a quick detour to Southorpe to look at some stones in the middle of the village which many of us have passed but probably never properly looked at. They are examples of “Barnack Rag Limestone”



(see photo right) which fell off a cart in 1450 whilst being transported to the River Nene for shipment to be used in the building of Peterborough and Ely Cathedrals. (It allegedly became a young peoples’ meeting place)

We took this as our photo opportunity before resuming our ride through Barnack and Bainton to Helpston. After getting through a road closure in Helpston we carried on to Northborough via Etton and the tunnels under the A15 and arrived at our lunch destination, The Packhorse where we had a very nice lunch and much need refreshment. It was an enjoyable 16ish mile ride in really good weather conditions, so thank you Mike for organising this route.

We are looking forward to our next ride which will be on the 17th September.

JIM TORRANCE
Group Leader

U3A “WEEKENDERS” GROUP

Twenty one weekenders once again met at the Oasis café for afternoon tea on Saturday 14th August. An enjoyable afternoon was spent with much chatting and laughter as we ate a delicious tea prepared by Sonia.



We still have no firm news from the Odd Fellows Hall about when we can resume our Saturday morning coffee meetings although it looks likely it will not be until January. In the meantime here are a couple of dates for the diary, Weekenders :-

- Saturday, 9th October - Afternoon tea at Oasis
- Saturday, 11th December – Christmas Buffet lunch at Oasis.

Further details to follow nearer the date.

Report: BARBARA MCNICOL
Group Leaders : ANN BRADSHAW / BARBARA MCNICOL

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Mitchell, Ann and Peter Robinson all from Deeping St James.



U3A ART APPRECIATION GROUP

Paul Emile Chabas

Do you ever fancy stripping off and taking a September morning dip in the River Welland?

This month's artist was fascinated by nudes. Particularly those females, young and nubile enough to risk being painted and not arrested! The illustrations are of the artist Paul Emile Chabas and his painting entitled 'Matinee de Septembre'. It is a controversial oil painting on canvas and was painted over several summers.

'September Morn' was first exhibited in Paris in 1912. It was taken to Russia in 1913 and after the Russian Revolution, was feared lost. It resurfaced in 1935 in a private collection and in 1955 was sold to an American broker. It was donated anonymously to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1957. It has not been displayed to the public, according to the research article.



The painting has been reproduced in various forms including calendars and has inspired songs, shows and films. Several women claimed to be the model and it has been described latterly as KITSCH and valuable only as a historical artefact.

Looking at the painting above, what would your caption be? Mine is, 'Stop messing about, my feet are turning blue!'

SANDRA JONES
Group Leader

U3A JAZZ, SWING AND BIG BAND GROUP (August)

The Jazz, Swing and Big Band Group continues to meet virtually, as we have done since the start of the pandemic. For August Geoff Whittle compiled a great line up of pieces of music from our favourite genre. Vocalists abound from Hoagy Carmichael to Ella Fitzgerald with others in between such as seldom heard (by me anyway) Neal Hefti. He included a set of biographical notes which are always useful to place in time the artists and indeed the music. It's always nice to learn something that maybe we didn't know before.



Interesting facts don't go unnoticed. The Duke of Dixieland places in history, featuring in the first stereo record and in 1978 they recorded the first direct-to-disc album. They were the first jazz band to record on CD in 1984.

The concert got off to good start with the Dukes of Dixieland followed by the Ukulele Orchestra of GB, both playing their own version Limehouse Blues in a very satisfying comparison. Both bands are reprised during the concert with the Ukulele Orchestra closing the event with Stomping At The Savoy, preceded by Benny Goodman playing the same piece. Again, an unexpected and delightful pairing. The first-time round is a live performance which conveys the excitement of such an event, while the second is a classy laid-back Ukulele solo.

When Johnnie Comes Marching Home (Dukes of Dixieland) has the feel of a New Orleans funeral procession which is then offset by the voice of Nat King Cole, the first African American to host a TV series, singing about Sweet Lorraine.

None of the pieces in the concert lasted more than about the minutes, some shorter and Jack Teagarden's Riverboat Shuffle which lasted almost five minutes. So the music flowed easily from June Christy singing How High The Mood to Billy May and his Orchestra and Charmaine. Thanks to Geoff for an excellent compilation. Peter Gray will be compiling our next Concert for September.

Report: PHIL JONES
Group Leaders PHIL JONES / ANNE JONES

U3A HISTORY GROUP

New rules and regulations for the foreseeable future .

This month's History Group article isn't so much a report but rather an information document about what we now have to do in order to stay safe, or as safe as we can possibly be, given the present circumstances. Much of this information has been given to us by the venue and we have to abide by their rules. Apart from the first obvious sentence, the rest are not in any particular order.

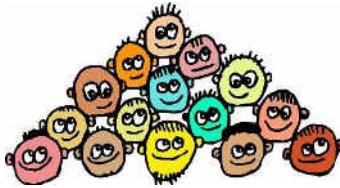
Do not attend if you don't feel well. This applies to men as well!!



Please wear face covering unless sitting down to hear the speaker or drink your coffee. Applies to women as well!!



We are limited to 50 people, including all the volunteer helpers and speaker. (We have not exceeded this number in the past).



Coffee can be served but at a safe distance and with social distancing in place. (See above).

Chairs will be socially distanced with sanitizing equipment at the end of each row. This is provided by the venue but if you have sensitive skin please bring your own wipes that you use at home. Just to be on the safe side.



There will be sanitizing equipment in the toilets and users are requested to wipe seats, door handles and flushing equipment after use, along with light switches.



A member of 'The team' will check the toilets before leaving the premises. (Sandra has volunteered to do this.)



All chairs have to be wiped down after use and before returning to the chair stackers



Please do not stand around and chat at the start of the session. Sit down and chat



A Risk Assessment will be made before we begin.

Once you have read the above and feel that it is safe to leave the comfort and safety of your own four walls, please read the sentences below.

We have got our first guest speaker booked for October 20th It is none other than one of our favourites.

Toby Woods
He is giving a talk entitled:
A Sideways Look at Life.
Isn't that apt?

Subs will now be £2 each month

SANDRA JONES AND TEAM



U3A FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP



On the 25th August the French Conversation Group had our first meeting since lockdown. We enjoyed an Al Fresco lunch hosted by Marj Armstrong on the patio at her lovely home, The Coach House, near the Rectory on Church Street, Market Deeping.

The Group members attending were June Wheatcroft, at the head of the table then to her left, Sonia Stripling, Tina Younger, Rhae Elliott, Mary Lawrence, David and Anne Gaskell, and Marj Armstrong, nearest the kitchen door and ready to nip in to serve up the food and drinks.

Everyone contributed to the buffet. There as a fine feast of Quiche Lorraine, Goats Cheese and Roast Tomato tarte, Coleslaw, Continental Meat Platter, French Bread & Butter, Pate and Croissants, Pain au Chocolat, Cheese and Biscuits and a White chocolate and Strawberry Gateau. To accompany our lunch we had a choice of white wine, red wine and a selection of soft drinks followed by tea and some wonderful coffee. The weather was very kind to us and we all had a very pleasant and relaxing afternoon. Report: RHA ELLIOTT

Group leaders: RHA ELLIOTT / MARY LAWRENCE
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U3A CRAFT GROUP 2



We were at Kath Allen's house this month and thank you to her for hosting the meeting and especially for the superb cake! We decided to go back to some of the original crafts and tackled a delightful bluebell prick and stitch card. It really began to feel quite

"normal" and long may it last.

Pam brought a stylish picture she had done in iris folding and we are hoping to adapt it and do similar iris folding in September – 20th at 2pm at 102 Church Street, Deeping St. James.

LIZ NOBLE
Group Leader



U3A POETS AND POETRY GROUP

We were a small gathering for our September meeting at Kathleen's. Due to holidays etc. there were only four of us, but we had a most enjoyable afternoon and found five poems starting with the letter 'Q'.



We had 'Quiet Eyes' by Katharine Tynan, 'The Quandary' by Robert Frost, 'The Quiet Snow' by Robert Knister, 'Quail's Nest' by 'John Clare' and 'Quiet Work' by Matthew Arnold, a very good selection.

Our next meeting will be on October 5th. Our thanks to Kathleen for hosting this meeting.

IRENE BEEKEN
Group Leader

U3A THURSDAY GARDENING GROUP

It was a bittersweet meeting this month as we said goodbye to Chris Fergusson who is stepping down as a garden group member. Chris was a founding member of the group and its leader for many, many years. The group is incredibly grateful to Chris for everything she has done in the past as a knowledgeable, kind and caring leader - and for the chocolates we enjoyed at the meeting!



More positively, we were delighted to help Sandra and Mike Bowers celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a gorgeous cake made by Liz Noble. The group wish Sandy and Mike many more happy years together.

As is customary with the Thursday Group, food played a large role in our meeting as

we were generously hosted by Roy and Ann Pettitt in their glorious garden which was an enviable riot of colour, especially from the begonias Roy grows so magnificently.

We were treated to bags of plums and peaches Roy has grown too, and his fruit trees were absolutely laden with apples and pears to come. Indeed, both the front and back gardens at Roy and Ann's home looked fantastic.

Next month we meet at Kay Parker's at 10.30 on Thursday 7th October.

LINDA HILL
Group Leader

U3A "PACERS" WALKING GROUP



For the September outing we went to Spalding where the walk was led by Maggi Griffiths. A further increase in the number of walkers with thirteen members this month.

Meeting at Springfields by the water taxi stop we walked along the bank beside the Coronation Cut. Very pleasant to start with but, despite all the weather forecasts saying overcast but dry, a light rain accompanied us for various periods during the morning – just enough to get damp. We saw one heron and two cormorants and then two wild water swimmers, although the water was not that wild!

We had intended to walk as far as the river but as the weather was inclement we all agreed to cross the cut one bridge early and returned on the other bank. A nice walk with plenty to see.

We had lunch at the restaurant in the Garden Centre. Service was good and well organised (quite a rare event these days) and the food was plentiful and excellent. New members are always welcome, please contact one of us if you fancy a not too hard walk on the first Wednesday of the month. We usually walk between four and five miles.

Next walk on Wednesday 6th October will be led by Geoff Whittle - details as usual by email. Report: GEOFF WHITTLE

Group Leaders: GEOFF WHITTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW



.....the subscription year changed last year and is now JANUARY - DECEMBER, so your subs will be due **1st January 2022**. Renewal form will be with November Newsletter.

LIZ NOBLE Membership Secretary.

U3A GOOD FOOD GROUP (‘FOODIES’)



Six of us met in a shady garden on 6th September. Our theme was ‘Portuguese Food’. Some of us have travelled to Portugal and Madeira frequently, so consider ourselves to be experts!

There was a Portuguese bean soup (Azore-style Feijos), followed by very popular Piri Piri chicken, and accompanied by a Portuguese Salad, Nationality of ‘Courgetti Salad’ debatable! There was also a Portuguese Pork and Potato Casserole (perhaps more suitable for cooler weather). The sweeter part of the menu incorporated Rice Cakes (Bolo do Aroz, apparently popular with infants) and Portuguese Milk tarts (Queijadas de Leite) (These had no pastry but the ‘national tart’ has puff pastry and the English has shortcrust pastry, both sprinkled with cinnamon or nutmeg.)

We are next due to meet on 4th October 2021, and are planning to major on Herb flavoured dishes. We would love to have more people with us, please do come and see what we do.

Report: IAN TANNER
Group Leader: KATHLEEN TANNER

U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP



We met at The Queens Head, Nassington, to start our walk led by David and Linda. The pub renegaded on opening for Lunch, so we later had to drive to Wansford. Fourteen of us set off on a 5.77 - 5.9 miles walk (distance always different !!!) It was a ‘figure 8’ walk across fields, through woods etc.

At one stage we came to a ford, thinking how shall we cross, fortunately there was a side path so no wet feet. It was a hot sunny day mid 20's plus, some long slow rising hills which took it's toll on a few. Thanks goodness that it hadn't rained recently as the walk would have been muddy and hard going.

On our return we drove to The Paper Mills, Wansford, for an enjoyable lunch. Thank you David and Linda for the walk. The next walk is from Lyddington, details to follow in the usual manner.

STEVE HANSON
Group Leader



Main pic: DAVID SCOTT

U3A NATURAL HISTORY GROUP



Our visit this month was to Castor Hanglands, led by Peter Edwards, who gave us a brief history of the site. The name comes from the Old English ‘hangra’, meaning a wood on a hill. The area was mentioned in the Domesday Book and later became a medieval hunting forest. It is a site of Special Scientific Interest and a National Nature Reserve.

There is a wide variety of trees, benefiting from a lack of coppicing and bearing fruits - acorns, sloes, hips and haws, as autumn approached. On the open grassland Dexter cattle were grazing. Flowering plants spotted included harebells, field scabious, bird's foot trefoil, yellow rattle, knapweed and ragwort. As the sun came out, so did the butterflies – small white, small tortoiseshell, cabbage white, speckled wood and comma.

Young goldfinch, distinguished by less brilliant marking, were feeding on seed heads, swooping off in a crowd when parents gave a warning; magpies were in good voice. As we were leaving the site, Joy spotted a raven flying, then settling on a pylon – an unusual sighting, perhaps, but apparently they are extending their territory.

Thanks to Peter and all who contributed their knowledge during our visit.

Report: MARGARET BEARDWHAW Pic: JOY LONGMUIR
Group Leaders: JO ASTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW

U3A LISTENING TO MUSIC GROUP



Our 'Virtual' September meeting selection came from Hilary Corner and she chose some of her Musical Memories, beginning with Sibelius and the Karelia Overture, Op.1 with conductor Anthony Collins and the London Symphony Orchestra. A favourite duo with the group too were Caroline Clemmow and Anthony Goldstone playing Schubert's Fantasia in F Minor, giving us four hands on one piano.

The Mandolin Concerto in C Major (RV 425) by Vivaldi was a delightful collection and then we had more Vivaldi from Julian Bream. A wonderful piece of music is the Karl Jenkins, Benedictus from the Armed Man. The London Philharmonic Orchestra, the National Youth Choir of Gt. Britain and soloist on cello - Guy Johnston were conducted by Karl Jenkins. A Gaelic Blessing sung by the Cambridge Singers, and the City of London Sinfonia composed and conducted by John Rutter followed and then it was Shostakovich and his Piano Concerto No.2 in F Major, Op.102. Dimitri Shostakovich (junior) playing the piano, Maxim Shostakovich conducting the I Musici de Montreal. Quite a family affair!

Flanders and Swan who need no introduction and ended this most enjoyable selection from Hilary with the very nostalgic 'Slow Train,' then 'Design For Living' and the clever and humorous; 'Transport of Delight.' A programme of lovely music and we thank Hilary for her selections.

Thanks to Terry Noble once again for all his efforts to put the programme together on one CD and to deliver to the group.

Report: ANNE JONES
Group Leaders: TERRY NOBLE / JIM PRINGLE



Both pics taken by Steve Hanson on recent walks. Couldn't think how to use them then, hey presto, needed a filler!

Thanks Steve. A



U3A THURSDAY WALKING GROUP



After a very warm few days it was touch and go after looking at the weather forecast, as to whether we would escape the thunderstorms and manage to carry out our Thursday walk in decent weather. Alas, in the end all turned out well as 17 walkers set off from The Fox at North Luffenham for a walk around both North and South Luffenham led by Geoff and Julie Fitzjohn. Leaving The Fox we exited North Luffenham past North Luffenham Hall and headed down through the rolling Rutland countryside and some country roads before arriving at South Luffenham Church and the small village green. The walk continued through fields which provided glorious distant views over the whole area of the Luffenham's before arriving back at North Luffenham Church where the opportunity was taken to view the War Commission Graves which are maintained locally. Interestingly enough, the topic at the next U3A monthly meeting is on this very subject of the War Commission Graves. All in all a very scenic walk through two very pleasant villages followed by a good lunch at The Fox.

Many thanks to Geoff and Julie for leading the walk and organising the lunch.

The next walk on 14 October will be led by Steve Hanson and will be in the Kings Cliffe/Blatherwycke area commencing from The Cross Keys, 2 West Street, Kings Cliffe, Peterborough PE8 6XA. If you would like to attend this walk, could you please phone Steve by the Tuesday evening preceding the walk, if possible, on 01778 344234 or e-mail steve.han92@tiscali.co.uk and also indicating whether you will be stopping for lunch.

Group Leaders: GODFREY PARKES / DAVID SCOTT

U3A SCIENCE GROUP

We took a break in August, to let everyone catch up on some of their deferred holidays, but we are back in harness in September

Our next meeting is to be held on Google Meet on Tuesday 21st September, when our very own Dr Terry Noble will give a presentation on



Gears. Terry has a very deep knowledge of a wide variety of engineering subjects, but has promised to treat us very gently, so that we don't get left behind on the way!

We are planning for a return to face-to-face meetings in October, more details of which will be in next month's newsletter.

Group Leaders: GARTH PERRY / DAVID SCOTT

U3A "STROLLERS" WALKING GROUP



Our stroll in August took us to Bourne, starting from the Sugar Mill car park at the south end of the town. There were ten of us taking part as we set off into Elsea Park, the new development in the south-west sector of the town. Keeping to green swathes and managing to keep clear of the residential streets, we passed through the Spinney and the eastern side of a wood.

The original plan was to walk through it, but it was fenced off as development was taking place adjacent to it. A 'reccy' beforehand had showed that Google Maps is 2-3 years old at least. We then entered Wellhead park from it's western entrance and worked our way to the main road,

At this point we were unable to visit the war memorial as the area was taped off, owing to an infestation of bees in the vicinity. On our way to the traffic lights we past some of the hundred or so hanging baskets containing begonias, which have adorned the town this summer and feature in the photograph. Continuing past Bourne Abbey church, we stopped for a look at the garden dedicated to Bourne's motor racing history, in particular, Raymond Mays. Our final leg we walked alongside the Car Dyke, before returning to the Sugar Mill for lunch.

This month's stroll will be on Monday 27 September and will be led by Glenys Nice, which will start from Ufford. Members wishing to take part should contact her a few days beforehand.

BOB DELLER
Group Leader

U3A MONDAY READERS GROUP

Today I'm being Liz! Here's the reading group report.



Firstly, the group would like to wish our usual group leader, Liz Waterland, a speedy recovery following her recent fall. Linda Bates has kindly stepped in to run our meetings in Liz's absence. We had a lovely morning generously hosted by Helen Bembridge in her glorious garden discussing this month's book; 'The Storyteller' by Jodie Picoult.

With its themes of guilt and forgiveness, multiple narrative threads and range of characters The Storyteller generated a lively discussion, with some of the group loving the book, some finding the Holocaust aspect hard to read about and all of us agreeing it was an impressive and well written novel even if we didn't all necessarily enjoy it because of the subject matter. Many in the group were left wondering how they might have behaved in similar circumstances to the characters. We'd certainly recommend The Storyteller to other readers as it is a highly thought-provoking and entertaining read.

Report LINDA HILL
Group Leader

Sorry to hear about your fall Liz, best wishes for a quick recovery from all the members of the Deepings U3A. A

U3A "CHURCH MICE" GROUP



The 'Church Mice,' after a gap of 17 months are back again! A visit close to home, to the Priory Church at Deeping St James. Our guide, Sonia Marshall, took 18 of us on a guided tour - inside as it was throwing it down outside.

Although now a parish church, the building was consecrated in 1139 to accommodate monks, usually five or six. Although the

surrounding monastic domestic buildings are no longer there, inside the church can be seen the seats for the monks in the sanctuary. The church has connections with Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of King Henry VII

The church is large for a parish church. The nave is impressive with an arcade of seven bays leading to a long chancel. Of note inside is a hutt, a graveside shelter for the priest, and a fine 12th century font, decorated with Norman arches.

After the tour and questions the group enjoyed tea and cakes.

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