



Deeping St. James

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Market Deeping

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Welcome

to new member Carole Jones  
(Market Deeping).

## PROGRAMME OF SPEAKERS

**18 July** If At First You Don't Succeed,  
Try Something Different

John Hope's light-hearted look at a few people who have turned failure into fame and success, featuring well-known names in the fields of business, entertainment, sport, science and politics. He also talks about challenges he met throughout his own career.

**15 Aug** NO MEETING

**19 Sept** You Must Remember This

Bernard Bale, broadcaster, actor, author & writer, steps back in time to childhood, going to school, growing up and living through the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 70s. Remember gob-stoppers, woollen swimming trunks, Watch with Mother, Dick Barton special agent, and many more - a fun look at life as it was.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2021/2022

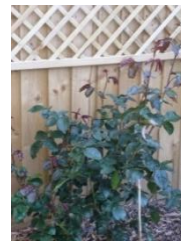
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## MARGARET'S MUSINGS

Here are my Midsummer (more or less!) Musings, and the weather really seems to know that it is summer. This is good news for the outings of some of our groups and I hope that you are all enjoying any planned trips; we look forward to reports and pictures for the next Newsletter.



On the subject of summer activities, I have been fortunate to make several visits to Wimbledon this year in my role as a tour manager; one of the groups also toured Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for an all-round sports experience. Future u3a outings?



Our Platinum Jubilee project is taking shape in the garden at the Community



Centre. The trellis has been fixed, the rose is planted and the plaque is on its way.

Please remember that there will be no monthly meeting in August and no Newsletter. The September Newsletter will be produced by the NEW EDITORS, *Sandra and Ruth*, to whom we again extend our thanks; there will also be a NEW EMAIL FOR REPORTS, which is given below.

I look forward to welcoming many of you at our July meeting and then in September. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer, whatever your plans.

*Margaret* (Chair)



Delighted to see Rosemary McCulloch our founder Chair, visiting from Australia, staying with Hilary Corner, one of our founder members. She was as bubbly as ever and sends her best wishes to all.

Liz N

## IMPORTANT CHANGES – NEW EMAIL FOR REPORTS

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## CRAFT GROUP 2



We had been kindly donated another box of goodies of craft items so spent a little while sorting what we thought would be useful for the group. The remainder will be passed on to both the Crafty Crew and Watercolours Groups for their use too. We then tackled a card suggested by Kath Allen (thank you to her) which made delightful use of paper offcuts.

At the next meeting we are looking at one of Anita's projects - look forward to seeing you on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, and in August we have booked our "Christmas lunch" in the form of "afternoon tea" for a change....not sure about crackers!

**Group Leader: Liz Noble**

## QUILTING

Members worked on individual work this month the results are shown in the picture.



Donated rainbow fabric was put to good use with a child's quilt, a tote bag, and other usable items. Well done Ann. One happy grandchild will welcome the lovely teddy bear made by Marlene. The quilt is for a little ballet dancer granddaughter was made by myself.

Carol has kindly agreed to demonstrate a Lone Star Quilt this month. Details have been emailed to members wishing to undertake this project. Thank you Carol. Your hard work is much appreciated.

**Report/Group Leader: Margaret Griffiths**

## GOOD FOOD

As our July meeting fell on 4<sup>th</sup>, American Independence Day, we decided to make American food our theme

We began our lunch with fish chowder followed by a Cobb salad. Our main course was kebabs with pickled veg and Southern-style blackened pork with mango salsa. These dishes reflected the American custom of celebrating Independence Day with a BBQ. We had a side dish, Succatesh, said to have originated as a native American recipe. We completed our meal with Jonathan apple pudding for dessert.

We were pleased to welcome a new member. If you wish to join us for our August shared lunch please contact Hilary or me.

**Report: Sheila McGurk**

**Group Leaders: Hilary Akam/ Sheila McGurk**

## PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

In June a number of the group went on a field trip, led by David Blessett to Ayscoughfee Hall and Gardens. Fortunately the weather was kind and presented the opportunity to acquaint members with their cameras and



take some images after the long layoff. As the garden café was closed, for renovations, the group visited



Vine House Farm Café for refreshments. A good day was had by all.

The next meeting will be on 21 September, venue to be advised. **Group Leaders: Pete Allen and David Blessett**

## SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

At the latest function of the U3A Sunday Lunch Club 12 members turned up at the Wagon and Horses, Langtoft. We agreed that it was an enjoyable meal, and suggestions were requested for the next venue. Following favourable comments on a previous venue, The Black Horse at Baston, it was decided to visit there again on 24<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30. Unfortunately, I am further required to attend for more Radiation treatment for my condition, so for the foreseeable future I may not be available for the Sunday Lunch Club. I should like to thank everyone who has attended and supported the Club, and I hope to be able to take bookings at the next U3A meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**Group Leader: Tony Semple**

## THURSDAY GARDENING

The sun blessed us on 7<sup>th</sup> July for our annual bring and share



gardening group lunch at Sandy and Mike Bowers' lovely garden and all of the parasols were put to full use.....the food wasn't bad either! We seem to have found a good balance with members bringing their speciality to be enjoyed by all. There were 14 of us and it was good to see Alistair who has been unable to join us for a while.

Mike and Sandy's garden was full of colour and we ended the lunch with some short quiz questions from Mike! Thank you to them for hosting us all so well and we look forward to meeting up at Gill Ronaldson's in August and Kay Parker's in September.

**Report: Liz Noble**

**Group Leaders: Linda Hill and Kay Parker**

## WALKING MONDAY

22 of us gathered at The Black Horse, Baston for our monthly walk. It was nice to see several people who had not joined us for a while.

Firstly there was a debate as to whether it would rain or not, the general consensus was that it would not!!! It turned out to be right, if it did rain a few of us would have been soaked.

The walk took us through Baston and onto footpaths & tracks, heading towards Kate Bridge. En route we came across some lost workers, whose satnav had led them to a dead end. At Kates Bridge we stopped for a drinks break & looked for the carving of a lady's head on the bridge. At first this was not found as we were looking on the wrong bridge.

Crossing the busy A15, amazingly the traffic stopped for us.



Onward to Obthorpe, where we had the team photo & then through Wilsthorpe back to Baston.

Well the 6.2 miles walk turned out to be 6.8 - 6.9 miles (depending who measured it !!) 20 of us stayed for a good lunch at the Pub. Thanks to Brian, Helen & gang for leading the walk.

The next walk on 1st August will be from The Griffin Inn, Irnham a reverse of the walk June 7th 2021 (where does the time go!!) 6 miles ish !! Details of the walk to follow.

**Group Leader: Steve Hanson**

## HISTORY

This month's talk was on The History of Biscuits and given by Sandra who was ably assisted by David (aka Professor "next slide please" Whitty!)



Naturally, biscuits were served with coffee this morning, before Sandra began her talk. There was a lot of information about the development of the biscuits we enjoy today, going back to Roman Times and of course those hard, weevil infested biscuits sailors endured.

Sandra always brings a light hearted touch to her talks which have always involved lots of research. Many thanks, Sandra, for still presenting your talk despite being currently incapacitated.

July's talk is by Margaret Baldry and is entitled 'The Life and Times of Isabel de Clare'. This relates to early Ireland.

**Report: Mary Burton**

**Group Leader: Sandra Jones**

## ART APPRECIATION GROUP

### The Execution of Lady Jane Grey



Before we started the main topic of the morning, Anne Weyers kindly volunteered to tell us about her recent visit to France with John Shearman's Art Group in Peterborough. The visit included a visit to Monet's Garden and

The Palace of Versailles. Chris Mutton also went on the holiday and sent a message to say she too had enjoyed the experience. Thank you Anne, for your input into our morning.

We then watched a DVD relating to the large painting of 'The Execution of Lady Jane Grey' which is at The National Gallery. It was a very educational and interesting DVD as it brought in quite a lot of historical information as well as the personal life of the artist, Delaroche.

We don't meet at The Sports Club until September. Next month the group is joining with Church Mice and visiting Coventry. Margaret is organizing this event. No meeting in August.

New members are welcome in September. We have a new poster ready for the Meeting Board.

Thank you to Barbara for taking charge of refreshments today. Also, to David for his technical input.

**Group Leader: Sandra Jones**

## THE CRAFTY CREW

A full compliment at the first of our June meetings—it was



really nice to have the whole team together. There was lots of enthusiasm, lots of chat and laughs and everyone managed, very successfully, to make beautiful and realistic crepe paper roses, each one quite different but just as roses are in their different stages of bloom in the garden.

We are staying with the floral theme for the next meeting Monday 27th June, and trying our hand at a variety, gladioli, hibiscus and clematis. Thank you Molly for hosting us and sorry about the mess!!!

Another floral themed session in July which seemed to catch everyone's creative bent and we produced some very



pretty blooms. There are thousands of tutorials on YouTube, some easier than others(!) and the temptation is to keep going however at our next meeting in 2 weeks we are having a complete change and looking at Christmas tree decorations. One of our members is bringing us a selection of the ones she

makes and we will get crafting...watch this space for our decorative delights!

**Group Leaders: Jennie Jackson/Molly Wright (Admin)**

## POETS & POETRY GROUP

For our June meeting we had chosen the 'Romantic' poets to find poems written by them in that era of time. There was a great choice and thanks to modern technology i.e. mobile 'phone and tablet, we were able to hear one of the poems sung', a Queen Margaret was mentioned in one of the poems, and we learned more about her from the 'Tablet'.

As usual we had a most enjoyable afternoon, and thanks to Kath for her hospitality. Our August meeting theme will be Summer.

**Report: Angie Dorward**

**Group Leader: Irene Beeken**

## FAMILY HISTORY

Although the Community Centre room was well aired it was still very hot to discuss our odds and ends papers found in that box we all have, that you are going to sort through one day.

Some things that turned up were school reports, some spectacular and others "could do better"! Ration books and a certificate for grave plots bought 2/3 generations ago which are still available for the family, if they want them! One member's grandfather's life was saved because he was born in the second half of the year. His WW1 army regiment split the members for the destination of the Somme or Alexandria by their birth month....he got Alexandria which saved his life.

Divorce papers were shown covering 1912/13 giving graphic details of co-habiting and in one member's case the divorce details were in the local newspaper, along with five others, giving addresses, co-respondent, custody of children, including illegitimate ones ('Bastards'). There were certainly no secrets in communities in those days, but it was amazing what we found in these oddment boxes to be sorted on a rainy day! No meeting in August but computer programmes in September.

**Report: Liz Noble**

**Group Leader: Jean Brennan**

## NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 9 members of the Natural History group went for a day's visit to Wicken Fen near



Cambridge. It is one of Europe's most important wetlands which supports an abundance of wildlife, including a spectacular array of plants, birds & dragonflies. There are raised boardwalks & grass droves which allowed us easy access to a view the

landscape with a guide full of interesting information.



We ended our visit with a boat trip that took us along some of the narrow waterways. It was a fascinating way to spend the day- definitely one to be recommended.

**Report: Jo Astle**

**Group Leaders: Jo Astle/  
Margaret Beardshaw**

## WEEKENDERS GROUP

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 19 Weekenders met in the Oddfellows Hall for coffee and biscuits and much chat. We also made arrangements for a couple of forthcoming events. 15 members put their names down for lunch at the Waggon and Horses on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Aug at 1pm. If any member not at the meeting wishes to join us please let me know ASAP so that I can book them a place.

Another date for the diary is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September when we are hoping to book an Afternoon Tea at the Oasis Restaurant in Waterside Garden Centre. Names will be taken for this along with further details at our next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> August at the Oddfellows Hall. All welcome at the meeting.

**Report: Barbara McNicol**

**Group Leaders: Ann Bradshaw/Barbara McNicol**

## SCIENCE GROUP

After a rather frantic scramble I managed to come up with a talk on "Critical Factors Affecting Climate Change" for our June meeting. In fact the subject turned out to be so large that I have had to turn it into a two-parter! So, if I didn't engender too much of a feeling of impending doom in June, I will be delivering part 2 in July – all I need now is time to get it together! I am still appealing to someone to come up with a suitable scientific explanation of the accelerating speed at which this year is flying by!

Our next meeting, and my next deadline, will be on Tuesday 19 July, at 2pm, in the Learning Room at the Community Centre.

**Report by Garth Perry**

**Joint Group Leaders: Garth Perry/David Scott**

## CYCLING GROUP

After a week's postponement due to the very high temperatures on the 17<sup>th</sup> five of us finally started the June ride from the Market Deeping Bridge, travelling along Lincoln Road through Northborough & Glington to Werrington.

In Werrington, we meandered through the quiet housing estate via Staverton Road and Carron Drive to go under the parkway emerging on the Werrington Parkway Cycle Path alongside Dukesmead Industrial Estate and then crossing the railway line onto Stirling Way Cycle Path. From here we went via Gurnard Lays and Oldbrook onto Bretton Way up to the turning for Bretton Centre where we went right to join the track through the Milton Estate towards Park Farm.



After taking our photo at the gate to the track, we continued along the track passing Park Farm and onto Castor Road and then into Marholm. Here we crossed the Stamford Road and took

Woodcroft Road towards Etton. After a 10-minute stop at the manually operated level crossing we continued across Helpston Road to Etton. Outside Etton, we took the tunnels under the A15 and continued through Northborough back to Deeping for our lunch at the Bull.

An enjoyable ride in reasonably good weather which we all enjoyed so thank you to Terry for planning it. Next ride will be on 15<sup>th</sup> July so look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Group Leader: Jim Torrance**

## MAH JONG GROUP



On the Jubilee holiday weekend 10 from the Mah Jong group met at my house to play. Following the theme for the weekend we all dressed in red, white and blue. We rounded

the morning off with a light ploughman's lunch and strawberries and cream, taken in the garden as the weather was kind to us.



Our group still has capacity for new members and we would

be delighted to see anyone who would like to try the game. We play very light heartedly, and can often be heard having a good laugh when something tickles us. We meet EVERY Friday morning 9.45 to 11.45 at the Community Centre (at the rear of the fire station). For further information please ring me on 01778 347601.

**Group Leader: Peg Torrance**

## PACERS WALKING GROUP

Nine Pacers, with Steve as this month's leader, met at the Woodman at Thorpe Wood Golf Club. After pre-ordering lunch and registering our cars for free parking (well worth having) we set off. Nice conditions for walking with a little wind to keep the temperature down – this was just before the weather turned extra hot.

We started beside the river walking on the boardwalk, a massive improvement on the old muddy track of some years ago. Short rest at Milton Bridge then round to the bird hides – not a bird to be seen.

Over the rail line, past the boats (looked very attractive in this weather but probably not so good in the winter) to the staunch and back beside the golf course. The course looked surprisingly empty for such a nice day.

After 4.25 miles we were back at the Woodman. Service was rather slow but as we were in no rush it was not a problem but the food was good when it arrived. All in all an excellent morning.

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.

Next walk will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August led by Jane - details as usual by email.

**Report Geoff Whittle**

**Group Leaders: Geoff Whittle/Margaret Beardshaw**

## JAZZ AND BIG BAND

BACK IN THE DAY....

The June meeting was hosted by Group Leader Phil Jones, with a programme suggested by Anne Jones.

We began with one of the best explanations of what Jazz is - *Now You Has Jazz*. This was from the film *High Society* and was sung by Bing Crosby & Louis Armstrong.

Kenny Ball's two items, *At The Jazz Band Ball*, & *Samantha*, a hit recording for him. Acker Bilk's *Travelling Blues* & *Marching Through Georgia*. Something different from him. *Elmer's Tune*, came from Peggy Lee & then Vic Lewis & His All Stars (a very popular British band in the late 50's) played *Beaulieu Blues*, & *Motor Museum*, live from the Beaulieu Festival of 1964. Two solos were played by one of the best - Oscar Petersen from his tribute to another great - Count Basie, recorded in 1955.

Ted Heath, one of our best, gave us *Euphoria*, & *The Very Thought of You*, plus *Sweet & Lovely*. Jo Stafford & her husband, Paul Weston combined in *Moonlight in Vermont* from The Vintage Selection, & a vintage - Billie Holliday sang *A Fine Romance*, of which she had many not altogether happy ones.

We also heard *All of Me* from her *The Discovery of Jazz* album. Ella Fitzgerald has to be ranked as one of the Ladies of Jazz and from album *Vault No's V1 & V11* we heard *Sugar foot Rag* & *Goody Goody*. *Mambo Italiano*, & *The Lady is a Tramp*, were two songs from Rosemary Clooney, and the morning ended with Count Basie, Frank Sinatra &

*Lookin at the World Thru Rose Coloured Glasses*. Any one know an Optician who....?

It was a very musical morning thanks to Phil's efforts.

Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> July Terry Noble's home, 102 Church Street, DSJ. No meeting in August. **Report: Anne Jones**

**Group Leaders: Phil Jones/Anne Jones**

## FLOWER ARRANGING

The flower arranging group met on July 7th and with the aim of trying an arrangement using a dish fixed on the top of a vase. We saw a video demonstration last month but found



that it was more difficult to find suitable flowers and foliage than anticipated, but all enjoyed doing our own

variations. Some members used their garden flowers to great effect.

This will be the last meeting till Thursday 1st September, the theme is still to be decided.

If anyone would like more information about the group, please contact me.

**Group Leader: Pat Ludlow**

## MONDAY READERS

We had a quite different meeting this month as we deserted Deeping Library for the one in the Oasis Restaurant at Waterside! It was our summer social event & we had booked afternoon tea for our get together.



We had a bonus book this month, as the publishers of Adam Hamdy's new book, *The*

*Other Side of Night*, had sent us copies to read & comment.

It was an excellent tea, & the staff were very pleasant & obliging, rearranging the tables to enable us to all sit round together, & ensuring vegetarians were well catered for. We did the food justice, polishing off sandwiches, scones, jam & cream, & cakes, to the accompaniment of tea & a lot of chat, not entirely about books!

After tea, we did find the energy to discuss this month's book which was *The Long and Winding Road*, book three of Alan Johnson's autobiography. This volume covers Johnson's time in the trade union movement & then his move into a parliamentary career.

The consensus was that it was an interesting and enjoyable read, with much that resonated with the current political situation. We were very interested in his take on happenings & people that we well remembered, such as the Poll Tax, the Post Office strikes & many political figures, including Margaret Thatcher & Michael Heseltine.

We agreed that he was an honest and principled man with a strong sense of honour & respect – & we wondered how he would get on in the Parliament of today!

Next month we will be back in the real Library & our book for the month is *The Letter*, by Kathryn Hughes.

**Group Leader: Liz Waterland**

