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“MESSING AROUND WITH BOATS!”



My thanks to our old friend John Marsh who responded to my query if he had any “seaside” photos I could have for this month. Yes, although he now lives in Chichester he is still a member of our Group.

Committee Members 2018/2019

Garth Perry	Chairman
Ann Parkes	Secretary
Anne Burton	Treasurer
Liz Noble	Membership Secretary
Susanne Hoadley	Groups Coordinator
Phil Jones	Deputy Groups Co-ordinator
Kath Allen	Vote of Thanks Organiser
Lyll Seale	Co-opted
Ann Holmes	Newsletter Editor
David Scott	Newsletter Distribution/ Webmaster

The “CHURCH MICE” and ART APPRECIATION GROUPS visited Cambridge on Tuesday and as Terry Noble and myself were strolling through the city centre after lunch we snapped these two photographs of another visitor to the city that day.



On showing them to other group members on the

coach, they insisted I put them on the front page, so here they are! Identical pictures were snapped by both of us and these are Terry’s. See page 5 for the Group reports. ANN



Chairman’s Reflections



My Daughter is very pleased with me and has reverted to calling me “Dad” again, instead of the very stern “Father!”, as I have now been fitted with hearing aids. I have to admit that I hadn’t realised how much of the higher frequency sound I had lost over the years. I was warned when the aids were fitted, that for a while everything would sound very harsh and tinny, and of course louder – they weren’t kidding! When I got home I had to get out of the kitchen to escape the noise of the kettle heating up, so I went to the loo, and fled from there when I flushed it! My brain is adjusting now, and I am getting used to things stuck in my ear.

I must apologise to some of my friends for an unintended consequence of me having hearing aids. I am told that I now speak more quietly than I used to – well why wouldn’t I, as I can hear myself quite clearly! Unfortunately, on a couple of occasions this has caused a friend to ask me to repeat what I had said, and his nearby wife has jumped in with “I think that it’s about time that you had your hearing seen to as well”. Sorry chaps, I didn’t intend to stir things up for you!

Anyway, enough about me, it’s time to do “Stern Chairman”. We have lost a few Groups this year, and have heard, on the grapevine, that a couple of others are in difficulties. I would remind all Group Leaders that we have a Group Coordinator, Susanne Hoadley, who is there to support the Groups. As soon as a Group has a problem, please involve Susanne, who may be able to help resolve it. Her function is to “oil the wheels”, and suggest solutions, but not to take over the running of the Group. She can’t help if the first thing she knows about the situation is that the Group has folded.

Most of the Group closures are caused when, for a whole lot of good reasons, the Group Leader can’t continue, and nobody in the Group will take it on. I would remind members of two things. Firstly, that the principle of the U3A is one of mutual self help and development, and secondly that Group Leaders pay the same subs, and have an expectation that they can get the same enjoyment out of their participation in the U3A. Most of the Group Leaders have been in post for many years, for which we are very grateful, but some feel trapped in a job for life, and this is one of the major drawbacks in trying to recruit new leaders when they are needed. It is not right or reasonable that we should sit back and assume that the Leaders are going to do everything forever. Groups should consider solutions such as electing Leaders for fixed terms, and rotating the leadership between the members.

I am afraid that I will return to this theme as we approach the AGM in October. All U3A’s and similar organisations are suffering from the same problem at the moment – not enough people want to participate in the organisation and running of the organisation – however, without this effort, your U3A will fade away.

Best wishes

GARTH
Chairman

U3A SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

The Group will meet at the Wagon and Horses, Langtoft, for July’s Sunday Lunch, at 12.30 for 1.00 pm on Sunday 28th July. Please notify Tony Semper or Michael Griffiths or add your name to the list on Monday.

Please remember if you arrange a lunch in August, there will be no meeting or Newsletter to publicise it.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE BY END OF JULY 2019

Final reminder that renewals are due and again PLEASE put cash/cheque subscriptions in an envelope with the **completed form** (both pages!) and EITHER put in the box on the Reception Desk at a monthly meeting or post/deliver to **Membership Secretary, 102 Church Street, Deeping St James, PE6 8HB**. Don't forget BACS payments also need a completed form in the same way.



As we are not meeting August to save on delivery/postage it would be good to have as many as possible at the meeting date – many thanks.

LIZ NOBLE
Membership Secretary

Programme of Speakers

2019
15 July **THE STORY OF MISTY MEADOWS ALPACAS.**
Karen Hepworth-Lavery talks about her career change from headmistress to setting up and running her Alpaca Farm in Maxey..

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

16 September **A HISTORY OF TOLTHORPE HALL AND STAMFORD SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** by Mike Harrison.

Unless otherwise stated all monthly meetings are at **THE METHODIST CHURCH**, Deeping St. James. Doors open at 9.30 To enable us to set out chairs, etc., **please do not arrive before this time**. Coffee served until 10.20 and meetings begin at 10.30 am.

As we have no Newsletter in August, will Group Leaders please send their reports on activities for the rest of July, August and beginning of September (either separately or as one report) to reach me **NO LATER** than 9 SEPTEMBER, earlier if possible, to give me a fighting chance to produce what will probably be a bumper issue. ANN

GROUP NEWS

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Bad news the Lace Group is also folding. The committee would like to thank the group leaders of the Garden group and Lace group for all their hard work and dedication.

We have a few names for the proposed cake icing group but it would be nice to have a few more.

If your group is struggling or you would like to start a new group please contact me, I am always happy to help.

SUSANNE HOADLEY
Group Co-ordinator

U3A "WEEKENDERS" GROUP

On the 15th June 24 'Weekenders' enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea at Oasis Cafe (Euventas). The tables were set out beautifully with Bone China crockery and a fabulous selection of cakes and sandwiches were served, in fact we were given containers to take some home as there was so much.

Also of course plenty of chatter going on, I am sure everyone enjoyed the afternoon. (Sorry forgot to take pictures).

Anne Bradshaw our Group Leader was unable to attend due to illness, she was missed. Report: RITA BROWN

Group Leaders: ANN BRADSHAW / BARBARA MCNICOL



U3A JAZZ, BIG BAND AND SWING GROUP

Our June meeting was held at Maurice's home and his title was **Jazz and Swing from Older to Newer**.



We listened to music that covered the years 1929 to 2005 and what an intriguing mix we were given. From Maurice's varied collection we began with Harry Roy, recorded in 1940, 'Pall Mall Walk' then his 'Southpaw Special' from 1941. Nina Simone sang 'Mood Indigo' and then we had Ella Fitzgerald singing 'How High The Moon' recorded in 1947, 1944 and 1950. Ella with The Inkspots, then Louis Armstrong, and SY Oliver, from 1944 and 1950. Miles Davis gave us 'Summertime' 1958 and we had Stan Getz with Tony Bennett, 'Have You Met Miss Jones?' 1964. The BBC Concert Orchestra performed 'S'Wonderful,' with singers; M. Carewe, M. Dore, and D.B. and D.Heyward.

Barbra Streisand sang with Barry Gibb, Michel Simone played 'The Long and Winding Road' on piano. Buddy Rich followed and then Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis again. Glen Miller played 'Stardust'. Proms favourite: Clare Teal sang 'In A Mellow Tone, Mildred Bailey and her Swing Band performed 'When Day is Do,' 1935, Kay Starr, was followed by Bill Evans, pianist extraordinaire, who sadly committed suicide. The Miles Davis Sextet played 'Someday My Prince Will Come' recorded in March 1961, Louis Armstrong gave us 'I Can't Give You Anything But Love' in 1929. Harry James, Paul Desmond/ Jim Hill continued our journey through the years and then, Chris Blount with the New Orleans Jazz Band gave us 'Down By The Riverside' from their 'Spirituals in Sweden LP, recorded in 1994 in various churches on their Swedish Tour. The morning ended with James Last and 'Fly Me To The Moon' recorded in September 1994. Sadly we all had to come back to earth at this point, but it had been a great morning full of memories for many of us.

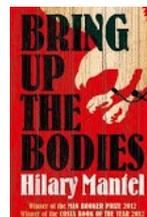
Thank you Maurice for sharing your musical choices with us and for the excellent refreshments. We were pleased to welcome Joan back to the group and new member David MacVite.

The Next Meeting will have music provided by Geoff Whittle, hosted by Barbara and Peter Baylis. Report: ANNE JONES

Group Leaders: PETER BAYLIS / ANNE JONES

U3A "BOOKWORMS" READING GROUP

"Bring Up The Bodies" by Hilary Mantel



Many historical novelists have written about King Henry VIII and his wives, but this one is in a different league from all the rest.

The main character is Thomas Cromwell, a man of humble birth, who rose to become Chief Secretary and Advisor to the King. It was he, Cromwell, who had engineered the split from Rome enabling Henry to marry Anne Boleyn. He also saw Anne beheaded and replaced by Jane Seymour as Queen of England. They were dangerous times and Cromwell knew that anything could happen to those in power.

Hilary Mantel is steeped in the history and atmosphere of the Tudors and writes with authority in an immaculate prose style that makes the reader feel like a fly on the wall. A brilliant special book. 482 pages of small print and each page interesting! Highly recommended.

Next meeting at Ann's home, 2pm on Monday 22nd July, 2019.

Report: NANCY TITMAN

Group Leader: ANN THORNTHWAITE

U3A CRAFT GROUP 2

Thanks to Pam Ready for hosting the June meeting and to Barbara Baylis for providing the prick and stitch patterns, which were worked on by all. July meeting at 102 Church Street, Deeping St. James, at 2 pm - look forward to seeing you there!



LIZ NOBLE
Group Leader

DEEPINGS U3A “STROLLER’S” GROUP

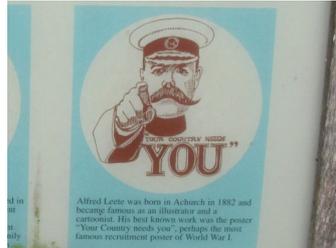
Our stroll last month was a very welcome return to Northamptonshire, after a few years. It was an overcast morning, but warm, with rain forecast in the next few hours. Hopes were high that we would ‘get away with it’.

Meeting at The Old Barn at Wadenhoe, which nestles close to the River Nene, a mile or two from the busy A605 between Oundle and Thrapston, we set off leaving the village and heading over the river towards the village of Achurch.

Our leader was Geoff Fitzjohn, who is familiar with area and kept us informed of interesting facets about the two villages.

After crossing the river, we climbed gradually up to Achurch, past the church and to the main village street. Here we stopped to look at an information board which featured three characters associated with the village.

One in particular was that of Alfred Leete who designed the World War I poster, featuring Kitchener, imploring the British that ‘Our Country Needs You’. The photograph features this poster.



Another, featured a local person, by the name of Quincy, who got so fed up with the strife which beset us before the Civil War in the 17th century, that he emigrated to North America. A descendent of his became the 6th president of the USA, John Quincy Adams.

We returned back down towards Wadenhoe, passing through a wood on the slopes by the river, before crossing it again before a final gentle climb back to Wadenhoe. We ended the stroll walking through this village and Geoff relayed us a fact about the local house, which was the first place in England outside London to receive a telegraph.

Finally, we had lunch at The Old Barn and managed to escape the showers. Many thanks to Geoff for a very informative morning and hope we return to Northants before too long.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing this, there won't be a stroll in July and the programmed walk will now be undertaken in August. So, apologies for that, but if news of a replacement stroll occurs, I will advise members of the group.

BOB DELLER
Group Leader

U3A POETS AND POETRY GROUP

'D' was the letter for our July meeting and our group of avid poetry readers had no problem in finding their poems.



We had 'Duck's Ditty' by Kenneth Grahame; 'Diary of a Church Mouse' by John Betjeman; 'Drama in the Soviet Union' by Clive James; 'Vsevolod Mayerhoed' by Robert Leach; 'The 'Dash Poem' by Linda Ellis; 'Don't let that Horse' by Lawrence Ferlinghetti; 'The Darkling Thrush' by Thomas Hardy; 'Digging' by Seamus Heaney and the lovely 'Desidarata' by Max Ehrmann.

We had humour, sadness, and a lot of discussion in regard to the content of their meaning, some easier to understand than others. Many thanks to Angela for hosting this meeting and keeping us well refreshed and a little 'goodie' bag for some!

IRENE BEEKEN
Group Leader

U3A CRAFT GROUP 3

Everyone of the group met this month when we were successful in making twisted cards.



Next month we are planning to decorate flower pots.

ANITA SETCHFIELD
Group Leader

U3A “OVER THE GARDEN WALL” GARDENING GROUP



This month was the last meeting of this garden group that has been running for 15 years. It was a sad day for many of us including Janice Wilson, from whom I took over as leader, after she had led it for ten years.

Our meeting was a lovely private garden attached to a beautiful thatched cottage in Aston. The owner Hilary and her husband made us very welcome. Our thanks go to Pat Dethick for arranging for us to visit.

I would also like to thank Josie Smith for all the support she has given me this past year and for the gift from group members. I have many happy memories of the time we have as a group shared together and what fun we had. Report: MARGARET GRIFFITHS

U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP



Following the hot temperatures of the previous weekend, it was a good job they had decreased a little for our walk on 1 July. This was a seven mile circular walk from The Crown at Great Casterton and although cooler at the start it warmed up to a nice walking temperature as the morning progressed.

Leaving the pub Godfrey Parkes and David Scott led 23 members out of the village before turning west through the hamlet of Ingthorpe and over the A1 and then following well defined paths through the wheat and barley fields towards Shacklewell and almost to Empingham. The farmers deserve credit for the way they have identified the footpaths through their fields which made route finding relatively easy to avoid unnecessary straying. This section of the walk was undulating which gave good views over the countryside and enabled us to capture the swaying movement of the crops in a light breeze.

One cannot do a walk in this locality though without some stiles and this was no exception but it certainly made for a very stylish walk!! We then turned eastwards again via Chapel Field Spinney and through Tickencote Park and Tickencote village before arriving at the A1 slip road which enabled the walk to finish in fine style, and from where the roadside path took us back to The Crown for a well earned lunch and drink.

Report by GODFREY PARKES

Photo by DAVID SCOTT

The next walk is 5th August, from The Packhorse, Northborough. Details to follow.

Group Leader: STEVE HANSON

U3A THURSDAY GARDENING GROUP



We had a lovely 'bring and share' summer buffet at the home of Sandra and Mike Bowers this month with glorious weather that enabled us to sit outside and enjoy their beautiful garden. As well as the food to share, Kay Parker brought a variety of home grown plants for us to take away too.

With plenty of colour and lots of thriving plants to see in the borders, the warmth enabled the fragrance from a thriving jasmine flower arch to drift across the garden and we were surprised to see tadpoles still in the pond. An enormous thanks to all for bringing such delicious food, but especially to Sandra and Mike for their welcoming hospitality.

Next month we are heading to Ponton Hall on Thursday 1st August, meeting at 10.30.

LINDA HILL
Group Leader

U3A NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

Our June outing took us to some of the newer Lakes that make up the local nature reserve at Maxey where we enjoyed a walk in the morning sunshine. It was a very gentle stroll as there was so much to see and hear along the way.



The sun had brought out the butterflies so we had good views of Painted Lady, Ringlet, Skippers, Red Admiral and Meadow Browns along with plenty of blue damselflies. Some of the butterflies were enjoying the bramble flowers in sheltered spots whilst others flew over the grassland areas that had good numbers of flowers including Ox-eye daisies, vetches and white campion. Along some of the route the field poppies and mallow were putting on a colourful display. With so much rain in the last few weeks everywhere was looking very green and some of the birds we could only identify by song as they were hidden amongst the leaves. Wrens, warblers and a song thrush were all well hidden but we did have good views of yellowhammer, reed bunting, linnet and sky larks as they all obligingly sang in full view. But the star of the show was a lovely Osprey that was fishing in one of the main lakes. We had excellent views of it flying and hovering before it finally appeared to catch a fish and set off for home, presumably somewhere in the Rutland Water area. That was the cherry on top of a very good cake as the morning showed what diversity you can see in the local area when the sun shines!

Many thanks to Joy for this report. Our next meeting is on July 25th and we are going to Hills and Holes, Barnack. If you would like to join us or try a taster visit, please get in touch with -
Group Leaders: JO ASTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW

U3A "PACERS" WALKING GROUP



The twenty one members who took part in our July walk, were blessed with fine sunny weather. From our starting point the Ruddy Duck, Peakirk we proceeded in a westerly direction walking beside south drain and then the Maxey cut to the nine bridges viaduct on the A 15.

Turning back we followed yet another stretch of the south drain back to North Fen road on the outskirts of Glinton before tracking back to the pub for a well deserved lunch.

The next walk will be Ferry Meadows led by Lynn and Steve, email to follow.
Report; STUART WILSON

Group leaders: LYNN & STEVE WHITE

U3A FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP



This month the group had a free choice of an arrangement with curves, upward or downward crescent, C shape or the Lazy S also known as a Hogarth Curve. It was not easy to find the curvy foliage, and some of it had the tendency to swivel around in the florist foam. We managed to produce some pretty arrangements using a mixture of garden and bought flowers.

The next meeting is September 5th after the summer break. We will be doing an arrangement of foliage only, using varied texture, colour and form. Things such as twigs and cones can be used, but no flowers this time.

We meet 2pm to 4pm in Northborough Village Hall, and are a small friendly group. If anyone would like to come along, please contact me.

PAT LUDLOW
Group Leader

U3A GOOD FOOD GROUP

The Good Food Group took advantage of the fine weather early in the month to have a Barbecue. Twelve members and guests met and sampled some Tomato and Feta tarts before feasting on a variety of grilled meats, and a veggie alternative, with delicious salads. Two splendid desserts followed, and suitable drinks were sampled too.



August is scheduled to be another outdoor event (weather permitting) with best summer frocks and hats for a Garden Party of delicate sandwiches, exciting cakes etc. Enquiries and guests who wish to try the Group welcome.

(Google illustration!)

KATHLEEN TANNER
Group Leader

U3A SCIENCE GROUP

For our June meeting, we went on a visit to the Energy from Waste plant at North Hykeham, Lincoln. This is a very impressive modern facility, which incinerates 190,000 tons of waste per year from Lincolnshire that would otherwise have ended up in landfill. It is a very efficient process, producing enough electricity to power 29,000 homes. The emissions from the incinerator are 0.01% of that which this quantity of waste would produce in landfill, residual metal that is sent on for recycling, and granular ash, which is used in road construction. Some very interesting facts emerged from the presentation about the incinerator and its associated recycling centres – one was that your plastic milk bottles are recycled to produce kerb stones!



At our next meeting, on Tuesday 16th July, at 2 pm in The Institute, Terry Noble will be enlightening us all on the subject of Bridge Design and Construction. Report: GARTH PERRY

Group Leaders: GARTH PERRY / DAVID SCOTT

U3A ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES GROUP

Due to unforeseen circumstances our speaker for this month was unable to attend, so one of our members, David, whom we had booked for a later date, stepped in and 'saved the day' for which we are most grateful.



David is an avid collector of Toby and Character Jugs, and he has a modest collection of at least 1,500 items in all sizes from very small, to medium and large. David is very knowledgeable about his subject and gave us a most interesting afternoon with the varied collection he brought along.

We learned the difference between a Toby Jug and a character jug is, the Toby jug displays the entire body, whereas the Character Jug only features the head and shoulders. Through the internet David has contact with a fellow enthusiast who helps to run the Toby Jug Museum in Evanston Illinois U.S.A. and they have met up at East of England Showground.

Thank you David for giving us such an interesting afternoon, and standing in. Our next meeting is on July 22nd with Malcolm Kenwood and is 'The Fine Art of Crime'. Report: IRENE BEEKEN

Group Leaders: IRENE BEEKEN / PAM PENDRY

U3A “WANDERERS” WALKING GROUP

Our numbers this month were lower due to holidays, but nine of us enjoyed a walk in the Welland Valley. We set off from the pretty Northamptonshire village of Duddington, sandwiched between the A43 and A47, and walked by the River Welland and through fields to Tixover Grange.



A field edge path took us to Geeston where we crossed the railway bridge and proceeded into the picturesque centre of Old Ketton where we admired its impressive church and ancient bridge over the River Chater. We weaved our way back across the river and railway onto the quiet Barrowden Road back to Tixover and Duddington.

Our various devices told us a distance walked varying from 5.5 miles to 6.8 miles so we all felt we'd earned our substantial lunch at the Royal Oak. Report: LIZ GILBANK

Group Leaders: HILARY & BARRY AKAM

U3A ART APPRECIATION GROUP

Our visit this month was a joint one with “Church Mice”, to Cambridge. We had a guided tour of Kings Chapel (see Henry’s report below) which was excellent. We then had the opportunity to view Beggarstuffs at The Fitzwilliam Museum.



The Beggarstuffs, otherwise J and W Beggarstaff, was the pseudonym used by British artists William Nicholson and James Pryde for their collaborative partnership in the design of posters and other graphic work between 1894 and 1899. Individual paintings were on display. Pryde’s were rather dark and sombre while Nicholson’s were brighter and cheerful. (Personal view only).

A big thank you to Margaret for organising the visit which was very successful. Next meeting is in September. Report: SANDRA JONES

Group Leaders: SANDRA JONES / YVONNE McCULLOCH

U3A “CHURCH MICE” GROUP

Her Majesty the Queen, Church Mice and the Art Appreciation group chose Tuesday 9th July to visit Cambridge. While the queen went about her duties the U3A groups enjoyed themselves. Firstly, split into two groups, each with a guide, they visited Kings College Chapel with its marvellous windows, stone carvings and Rubens' Adoration of the Magi. Then they visited the parish church nearest to Kings College, Great St Mary's. With its oak ceiling, galleries and its pulpit on rails the church was calm while Cambridge outside was swarming with tourists.



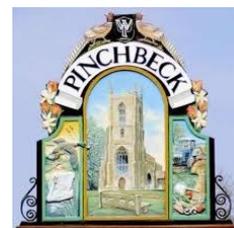
The group was then free to choose their lunch venue and many took the opportunity to visit Fitzwilliam museum in the afternoon.

All were very grateful for Margaret Beardshaw's excellent organisation. A great day out. (We hope the queen also enjoyed her visit).

Report: HENRY ROBERTS Photo: ANN HOLMES
Group Leaders: JIM PRINGLE / SANDRA JONES

U3A FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

For our July meeting, member, Dave Cox gave a very interesting talk on Pinchbeck. Whilst living there he was involved with collecting past information on East and West Pinchbeck. Several books have now been published with facts and illustrations on life in this Lincolnshire village.



Brenda told a fascinating story about Carlos Trower, the African Blondin, who was a tightrope walker. Carlos’s interest in performing was probably sparked by the original Blondin who was Jean-Francois Gravelet whose stage name was Blondin. In 1859 he was reported to have crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope, later repeating this feat in different variations.

Peg then led a short but interesting discussion on birth certificates with some surprising results. Many thanks Dave, Brenda and Peg for your input. Report: JOSIE SMITH

Group leaders: JOSIE SMITH / JEAN BRENNAND

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Joyce Emerton and Bob Parker, Langtoft



U3A MONDAY READERS GROUP

Hercule Poirot gazed out of the gracious window of the library onto the busy High Street. Strange that there was no dead body in the library; when the maid had called him into the room, he had fully expected to be requiring the use of his little grey cells, *quelle horreur*, to discover the identity of a murderer.

Instead, he had been confronted by a group of English ladies of, how one may say, a certain age, seated in the comfort afforded by the easy chairs, which had been arranged into a circle round a coffee table, laden with many books.

Turning from the view, the famous detective spoke. “*Mesdames*, with what purpose do you call upon Monsieur Poirot? How may the little grey cells of Hercule be of service to you?”

With sidelong glances at each other, the ladies seemed to hesitate. “Come, *courage, mesdames*. Tell me of your trouble and Hercule, he can solve your dilemma, *n’est pas?*”

“Monsieur Poirot”, one of the ladies spoke. “We have been troubled for some minutes by a question. We have a book that we have read by the redoubtable Sophie Hannah, namely, *The Monogram Murders*, in which she involves you in a veritable pastiche of writing by a lady, Agatha Christie, of whom you may have heard?”

“*Mais oui*” explained the famous detective. An excellent plot, well written in *Madame Christie’s* very voice, *c’est vrai*, do you not think?”

“That is just what we have been discussing, Monsieur”, the lady said. “We wish the benefit of your experience to decide this very question.”

Hercule smiled patiently. “I shall require everyone into the library at 12.00 and I shall then take many hours to explain my findings and point my finger to the answer.”

“Alas, Monsieur, we are expected for *poisson et pomme frit* over the road at 11.45”

“Then, *madame*, I cannot help you in so short a time”. Hercule bowed his “*au revoir*”.

He sighed as the ladies left the library. His shoes were too tight.

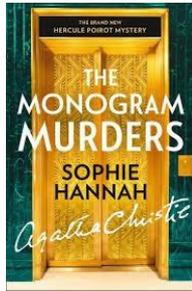
Group Leader: LIZ WATERLAND

U3A WEDNESDAY GARDENING GROUP

On the 10th. July we held our Summer lunch at Dot’s home. Unlike the previous year it was warm and dry and before lunch we were able to walk round the garden with a glass of wine. It had been pre-arranged what each member would bring towards the meal but even with good appetites we had too much food!

It was a very enjoyable meeting and we were pleased to welcome Janice Wilson to the group as a new member.

Group Leaders: JEAN FOSTER / JANE COOKE



U3A LISTENING TO MUSIC GROUP

Today’s programme had some problems but eventually all was sorted. Hilary had a small accident making it difficult for her to host the morning, as planned, in her own home. Ann Holmes kindly stepped and held it at her home, with the programme put together for Hilary by Terry Noble and ministered by Peter Baylis. It was entitled: *‘Different Voices & Moods of the Piano.’*



Beginning with two pieces by Scott Joplin, one his famous ‘Maple Leaf Rag’ then ‘Bethan’s Waltz’ with Helen Crayford at the piano. ‘Softly as in a Morning Sunrise’ by the Modern Jazz Quartet followed and then we had a complete change with Chopin’s ‘Grand Valse Brilliant’ performed brilliantly by pianist Anthony Goldstone on the Bosendorfer piano in the Long Gallery at Castle Howard back in 1993. A piano duet, (four hands on one piano) came from the Labeque Sisters playing a quirky Poulenc Sonata for four hands on one piano.— ‘Prelude, Rustique and Fina’. We were warned about the beginning of this piece - it was very loud!

Turkish sisters Guher and Suher Pekinel gave us Mozart’s ‘Sonata for Two Pianos, K448’. Terry first heard this played by friends in their Bedford Home. Mozart again and we heard ‘Sonata in E Minor K304’ Allegro and ‘Tempo di Minuetto’, Itzak Perlman, violin and Daniel Barenboim, piano, This was accompanied, quite surprisingly by a lawnmower and chiming clock! Not the usual arrangement!

Piano with Voice was Schubert’s ‘Das Wandem’ from the song cycle ‘Die Schöne Mullerin’ - ‘The Beautiful Miller-Girl’ sung by Ian Bostridge, tenor with Mitsuko Uchida on piano. Schubert again and we heard the ‘Trout Quintet’ 1st. movement with Clifford Curzon and the Amadeus Quartet with James Edward Merrett, double bass and Clifford Curzon and the Amadeus collaborate. Finally, Shostakovitch and Piano Concerto No.2, Op.102, 1st, 2nd and 3rd movements. played by the composer at the piano with the Orchestra National de la Redifusion and Andre Cluytens, conducting. Terry thought this Concerto would dispel the myth that Shostakovitch only wrote discordant music - well the jury is out on the 1st movement but we enjoyed the rest !

Thanks go to Terry for putting together a varied programme, and Peter and Ann for helping Hilary to host the morning. The next meeting will be at the home of Barbara and Peter Baylis with Peter Loftus arranging the programme. Report: ANNE JONES

Group Leaders: TERRY NOBLE / JIM PRINGLE

For our July walk we ventured to Wadenhoe near Oundle where Geoff Fitzjohn led 27 members on a very pleasant walk through this part of Northamptonshire on a lovely warm day. Commencing from The Old Barn, Mill Lane, Wadenhoe, a circular walk took us out of the village via The Lyveden Way, initially on a climb to the local church, which provided good views over the surrounding countryside and the River Nene before continuing through fields and woods to arrive at Lyveden New Bield for a good look at this National Trust property. We retraced our steps part way before taking another path to arrive back at a different entrance to the village before returning to The Old Barn for a very good lunch. During the walk Geoff was able to provide good historical information on the surrounding area whilst Brian advised us during the woods part of the walk the names of the various species of butterfly that we came across. Many thanks to Geoff for leading the walk and organising the lunch.

The next walk on 8 August will be led by Simon and Claire Bysshe and will be in the Ryhall. area commencing from The Green Dragon, The Square, Ryhall, Stamford, Lincs. PE9 4HJ. If you would like to attend this walk, could you please phone Simon or Claire by the Tuesday evening preceding the walk, if possible, and also indicating whether you will be staying for lunch.

GODFREY PARKES
Group Leader

Left photo:
BRIAN LAWRENCE

Right photo:
STEVE HANSON

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