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*Garth and the Committee
 wish all our members a very
 happy Christmas and healthy
 New Year.*



CHRISTMAS WITH GRANDMA
 Composed especially for us by
JULIE MANCEY

Red candles adorned the mantle
 Tinsel draped on the mirror above
 The log fire crackled and smelled of smoke
 Cards hung on string, sent with love.

Turkey with crisp roast potatoes
 A stocking and pink sugar mouse
 Falling asleep to muffled laughter downstairs
 That was Christmas at grandma's house

RODNEY THE CAPON. (A FOWL TALE)
 Composed by Anne Jones

Rodney, the comely Capon, was ready for the fray.
 Only too aware that it would soon be Christmas Day!
 He knew because his freedom was suddenly curtailed.
 Too late the planned escape, he'd missed his chance;
 He'd failed!

With nothing left in life to cheer.
 (A chick was just another hen.)
 He'd flapped, he pecked, he'd tried to crow
 To get ejected from the pen.

His eager efforts to escape
 Had him browned-off, frustrated.
 The wire too high, no space to fly
 And worse - emasculated!
 His chums, resigned, offered him a capon pyramid.
 Rodney clucked, considered, a feathered freedom bid.
 T'was not to be, increasing weight
 Caused by incarceration
 Made it more a comic act of clown-like levitation.
 Ah well he thought at least he'd tried
 This bird of little brain
 And had Capon cohorts agreed
 He would have tried again.
 But they were gobbling millet
 Before their lives were snuffed...
 So Rodney and escape plan,
 Predictably - GOT STUFFED



CHAIRMAN'S REFLECTIONS



Here we are again – no matter how fast my legs are going, this year seems to keep on overtaking me! I find Christmas a very hard time of the year, as do some of you, but I have some lovely memories of past years to hold on to.

I, in common with many other men, have always been a bit of a “Baa Humbug” about Christmas, but Sue regressed to childhood at this time, especially as we usually had my Granddaughter, Sophie, staying with us. As

part of her efforts to get me more in the spirit, she bought the subdued waistcoat that I inflict on you at the December meeting each year. When Sophie was 6 years old, we took her to Lapland for a week, to

see Father Christmas. We told her we were going to the Canaries, but when she was met at Gatwick by Rudolf and the Elves, her mouth dropped open, and she didn't say a word until we landed in Lapland.

After a week of tobogganing, and being towed by reindeers, huskies, and snowmobiles, at minus 20⁰ through deep snow, and visiting Santa's house, post office, and

Elves workshop, we had a gala dinner, after which Father Christmas came out of the forest in his reindeer drawn sleigh, and talked to everyone individually – magical. When we got back, Sue said that she didn't know about Sophie, but she believed! Actually we were surprised that Sophie seemed to believe right up to 12 years old, but I think that she stopped believing earlier, but didn't want to admit it and spoil things for Sue!



I did get brownie points for effort one year. On Christmas Eve, after Sophie had gone to bed, we were preparing the sprouts and the turkey, as you do, when I discovered an opened and very old packet of dried prunes, forgotten at the back of a cupboard. When I was putting out the whisky and mince pies for Santa, and the water and carrots for Rudolf, I had an idea. I scientifically estimated the position of a reindeer's hind quarters from its mouth, when eating and drinking, and arranged the prunes, some in a small pyramid, and others scattered in a trail nearby. In the morning Sophie checked to see that Santa had taken his refreshments, and then went out onto the patio to see if Rudolf had eaten his. There was a loud shriek, and she came bursting in, to tell us that “Naughty Rudolf's done a pooh on Granddad's patio!” Before we could stop her, she had shot out of the front door, only to return a few minutes later with her friend Leanne from across the road, who she dragged out to the patio, to share this sight. Everyone who came to the house had to go out and see what “naughty Rudolf” had done, and it is still talked about in the family to this day! I was in Sue's good books for the rest of Christmas!

Well, enough of my ramblings. On behalf of myself, and our hardworking Committee, we hope that you have an enjoyable Christmas, however you choose to celebrate it, and send all our Best Wishes for a peaceful New Year.

Garth
 Chairman



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Programme of Speakers

2019


21 January BEES AND BEEKEEPING by Sue Jakeman

18 February DEEPING LAKES by David Mainwaring

18 March FAKES AND FORGERIES by Malcolm Kenwood.

More detail about these talks will be given next month.

Unless otherwise stated all monthly meetings are at **THE METHODIST CHURCH**, Deeping St. James. Doors open at 9.30 am. 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.



APPEAL FOR HELP

We need a few more people to come forward to offer their services as "Meeters & Greeters" at our monthly Monday Meetings. This involves being available by 09.20 on the meeting day, to welcome members as they arrive.

This function has been organised by John Burton for some time, but he has had to give it up for a while, due to health problems. We thank John for his efforts, and hope that he continues his recovery. Malcolm Hoadley has kindly stepped into the breach, and taken over the organisation of this function, and it would make his task easier if he had a larger pool of volunteers to select from. If you are interested, please contact Malcolm, or any Committee Member.

GROUP NEWS

Thank you to all the Group Leaders that attended the New Members meeting I hope you found it productive.



The Gardening 4 Petals and Produce Group have a new leader - Kathleen Tanner who takes over from Pam Pendry and John Marsh. Thank you both for being group leaders and for the work you have done to make it a successful group.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year and if anything changes in your group please let me know.

SUSANNE HOADLEY
Group Co-ordinator



NEW MEMBERS COFFEE MORNING

It was good to see so many members at the drop-in coffee morning at the Community Centre on 26 November, including some Group Leaders. It is always good to put a face to the name and email address and we hope they found it useful too.

Thank you for coming.

LIZ NOBLE
Membership Secretary

WELCOME BACK TO

Two re-joiners: Linda Maskell of Deeping St James and Jessie Battle of Market Deeping.



U3A HISTORY GROUP

Our speaker this month was Dr Maureen James who spoke about 'The Folklore and Customs of Christmas', focusing on Lincolnshire. Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire Folk Tales had been the subject for her PhD so we knew that she would have a lot to tell us about Christmas in the past. Apparently the term 'Christmas' was first recorded in 1038.



In the Middle Ages the emphasis of celebrations was Twelfth Night. You would certainly celebrate the King and his court leaving your home on Twelfth Night after eating you out of house and home for 15 days when you hadn't even invited them! During Cromwellian days the Puritans banned Christmas celebrations altogether. Boo!

Dr James dispelled a couple of myths about Christmas. I don't think many knew that Henry Eighth enjoyed roast turkey for celebrations. And it wasn't Queen Victoria and Prince Albert who began the tradition of the Christmas Tree in this country, as King George Third and Queen Charlotte had already introduced the German idea to the Royal Court. It was a fact filled, fascinating talk.

We now look forward to next month's Christmas lunch organised by Barbara McNicol. Thank you for all the organising, Barbara.

Report MARY BURTON

Group Leaders: SANDRA JONES / ELIZABETH PARKINSON

U3A QUILTING GROUP

Our November meeting was the last one until the New Year. The session started with a show and tell and members got the opportunity share experiences of the previous session 'Roman Stripes' and to ask advice where required. Once again some lovely work had been completed independently by a well motivated group.



This was followed by a tutorial a technique know as 'Flying Geese'. Liz was our tutor again today and our thanks go her for making something difficult to most of us look easy.

Our next meeting: January 8th 2019 at 9.30am. The tutorial is 'Log Cabin' technique demonstrated by Liz.

MARGARET GRIFFITHS
Group Leader

U3A NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

Our November meeting saw us heading to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust reserve at Willow Tree Fen hoping to see plenty of wintering wildfowl on this fenland reserve.



Unfortunately there was very little water to be seen, presumably due to the very dry summer, so the only wildfowl we saw was a flock of wigeon flying over!

Undeterred by the lack of ducks and waders we set off round the reserve and had good flocks of lapwing and starlings flying around and a party of great and blue tits feeding in the willow trees. One lone buzzard was perched in a bush looking very fed up with the grey damp weather and we could sympathise with it as it was a very grey day. Despite the weather and lack of birds the eight brave souls who ventured out enjoyed the walk and the chance to get out of the house on such a dreary day.

Report: JOY LONGMUIR

Group Leaders: JO ASTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW

U3A GARDENING 4 PETALS AND PRODUCE GROUP

The Petals and Produce Group met on 20th November for a Planning Meeting for the 2019 Programme. Sadly, a stalwart member and joint organiser, John Marsh, is moving away southwards in January, so we thanked him for his hard work and wished him and Sue good gardening at their new home. Kathleen Tanner is taking over as Leader and all those present helped plan the programme of meetings and visits in 2019.



We shall end 2018 with Afternoon Tea at Waterside Garden Centre on 18th December and look forward to a good gardening year in 2019. The meeting in January will view some DVDs of National Trust Gardens to give us some inspiration.

KATHLEEN TANNER
Group Leader

U3A JAZZ, SWING AND BIG BAND GROUP

Our November meeting was at the home of Eileen and Peter Gray. Peter's musical choices were entitled 'LADIES OF JAZZ' and in a packed programme this morning Peter gave us a splendid selection of songs from the ladies who have given us wonderful music over the years.



We began with Rhoda Scott and 'Que reste-t-il amour' and 'We Three Queens', followed by two items from Liane Carroll - 'Skylark' and 'Calgary Bay'. Katie Melua sang 'What A Wonderful World' and then 'Nine Million Bicycles'. Barbra Streisand sang 'Evergreen' then Joss Stone sang 'Right to be Wrong'. After Billie Holiday's version of 'Miss Brown, To you' we heard Winifred Atwell giving it her all with 'Tickle The Ivories Rag' and 'Lets Have Another Party'. Yes please Winifred!

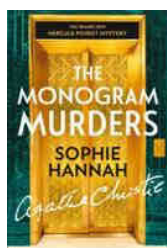
Amy Winehouse sang 'Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?' and 'Rehab', Cleo Laine, Peggy Lee and Nina Simone entertained us with their popular hits, 'Big Spender' had to be Shirley Bassey and Diana Krall sang and played 'Love'. 'Help Me Through The Night' sang Gladys Knight, (Pips Free!) Bjork offered 'It's Oh So Quiet' which in this case is just the opposite, but enjoyable if surprising. Queen Latifer and the only male allowed here, Taye Diggs, gave us a saucy version of 'When You're Good To Mama'. The Queen of Soul - Aretha Franklin sang 'I'll Say A Little Prayer' and 'Cry Me A River' was Ella Fitzgerald's version of the Julie London hit.

So much music, it cheered up a dull November morning so thanks to Peter for putting it all together and to Eileen for the Festive Food. Next meeting will be at Terry Noble's home on January 23rd 2019.

Report: ANNE JONES
Group Leaders: PETER BAYLIS / ANNE JONES

U3A "BOOKWORMS" READING GROUP "The Monogram Murders", by Sophie Hannah

It is 1929. Hercule Poirot is alarmed when a woman known as Jenny, aged about 40, bursts into a London cafe and in great agitation announces that she will be murdered and no one can help her. Later that evening he hears that there have been three murders at the smart Bloxham Hotel where each body has a monogrammed cuff-link in its mouth. Jennie is not one of the victims, but Poirot feels that she is a vital clue to solving the mystery of the bizarre deaths.



Sophie Hannah is an excellent crime writer who has assumed the mantle of Agatha Christie to give Poirot a few more mysteries to solve. She gives an unlikely scenario credibility and weaves an intriguing story in tracking down the murderer. An interesting read. Highly recommended.

Last meeting for the year will be at Ann's on Monday, Monday 17th December, at 2.30 pm. (Note! 2.30 pm)

Report by NANCY TITMAN
Group Leader: ANN THORNTHWAITE,

U3A CYCLING GROUP



Friday 16th November was an ideal day for cycling – cool temperature but not too cold, sunny but not too warm, virtually no wind and the hedgerows and trees resplendent in their autumn colours.

Six of us set out from Market Deeping Bridge. Our route took us North to Langtoft, across to Barholm, down to Tallington, across the railway, turn left to Bainton and Ashton. On past Willow Brook Farm, then Helpston, Maxey and finally on to Northborough where a well-earned lunch was taken at The Packhorse.

Total distance covered was 16 1/2 miles in 1 hour 50 minutes: a most invigorating ride.
Report: TERRY NOBLE



Temporary Leader: FRED SKIPPER

U3A ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES GROUP

For our November meeting we were entertained with a DVD narrated by Eric Knowles about 78 Dergate Northampton, which is the only house in England designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, a Scottish Architect born 1868-died 1928. He was also a designer, water colourist and artist, and was influential in design movements such as Art Nouveau.



The Dergate House is now a multi award winning visitor attraction offering an unforgettable day out in Northampton and draws many visitors from around the world, The DVD showed us how the restoration of 78 Dergate took place, and Eric was there in his overalls and hard hat giving us all the details. It was a very interesting afternoon, and thanks to Dave for his projection of the DVD.

We do not have a meeting in December, our next meeting will be on January 21st 2019 at the usual place, when we will be planning for this next year.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Members of the U3A.
Report: IRENE BEEKEN

Group Leaders: IRENE BEEKEN / PAM PENDRY

U3A CRAFT GROUP 2

We managed a three-D Christmas card this month with the help of Heather (thank you to her of course) which proved challenging but fun to do. Next Meeting at 2pm on 17th December after the Christmas meeting at the Coronation Hall.



In December we traditionally just have a cup of tea and chat about next year's plans including our "Christmas" lunch! - look forward to seeing you there.

LIZ NOBLE
Group Leader

U3A TEN PIN BOWLING GROUP



Someone once said ‘If music be the food of love’ then they had not tried Ten Pin bowling. The rattle of pins falling down is music to us all. That is what happened on Tuesday last when fourteen of us met at Bretton Bowl to have our meet. I must say we are getting better because most of us were really scoring well, Mary scoring high in both games and she is over 90 and there were some other good players as well each cheering one another on to get that strike.

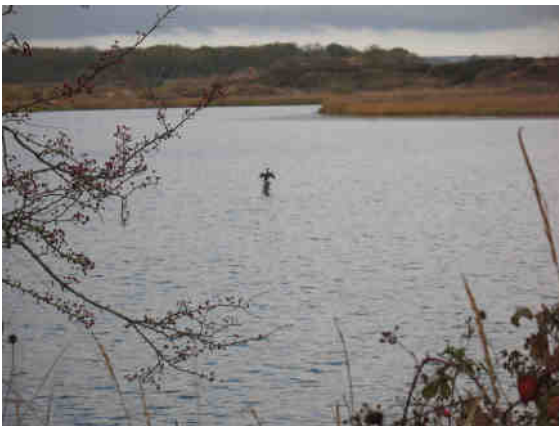
Afterwards we all went to the Bull for a dinner to mark the end of this years bowling. Wives and friends were also invited and a most enjoyable meal it was too.

The bowling group would like to wish all in the U3a a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Report: DAVID LUNN

Group Leaders: DAVID LUNN / CHRIS PATMAN

U3A “STROLLERS” WALKING GROUP

Our last stroll of the year started from the Farmers at Yaxley, where Searle led ten Strollers out of the village and across the A15 towards the southern



reaches of the new Hampton development south of Peterborough. Shortly after the stroll commenced we had to endure a short sharp shower, but fortunately it did not persist.

The lakes which dominate this landscape are man-made as they are former clay pits which supported the erstwhile local brick industry. A section of the route forms part of the Green Wheel cycle route which encircles the city. We stopped to view and photograph a cormorant which was drying out it’s wings. One accompanies this article. Crossing back over the A15 we walked alongside another lake which is being formed by excavation so allowing the filling by groundwater. This massive development sits between Fletton and Yaxley. Only a matter of 30 years ago several brickyards would have dominated the skyline in this area and the names of some of these yards are seen on local landmarks. We returned back through Yaxley to The Farmers for a carvery lunch.

The conclusion of this stroll meant that, for the first time, we had gone a whole calendar year without having to cancel a stroll because of weather. There isn’t a stroll this month but a programme of walks for 2019 has been prepared and will be distributed to members of the group.

I take this opportunity to wish all Strollers a very happy Christmas.

BOB DELLER
Group Leader

U3A BOBBIN LACE GROUP



The Bobbin Lace group rarely features in the Newsletter as our work is not easy to display in the space available. Hopefully the above photographs illustrate some of the intricate lace patterns we are achieving under Barbara Baylis’ expert (and patient) tuition. Avril and Olive have both worked the lace to trim their ‘pillow’ covers and Olive has made the beautiful butterfly. ANN

Group Leader: BARBARA BAYLIS

U3A THURSDAY GARDENING GROUP



In true Thursday Gardening Group style our December meeting was a Christmas lunch at the Ruddy Duck in Peakirk where we enjoyed good food, good company and a very pleasant time. Thanks to Roy Pettitt for suggesting it as a venue.

We don't meet in January so our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th February at 10 AM when we will be hoping to see snowdrops in Haconby. Photos: DAVID SCOTT

LINDA HILL—Group Leader

U3A GOOD FOOD GROUP



We met on December 3rd for our (early) Christmas celebration, and, with some guests, 14 of us squeezed in. As everyone had contributed something, we had a sumptuous feast.

We started with soup, avocado mousse, and a duck salad, followed by a Lamb Nicoise casserole and a variety of vegetables.

For dessert, we had a lemon curd trifle, a raspberry and lemon pavlova and some mango ice cream. All these were accompanied by appropriate wines. In case we were still hungry, we had a wonderful selection of French and English cheeses, and then coffee and chocolates.

Next meeting will be on 7th January,

Group Leader: KATHLEEN TANNER

U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP



Twenty four of us met at The Granary, Ferry Meadows, on a wet and dull Monday. We don't do wet and dull days !!!!. The rain was intermittent and occasionally a glimmer of sun. The walk was five miles in length and included Overton Lake, over Ham Bridge to the footpath leading to Milton Bridge. From here we took a circular route via Gunwade Lake, the sailing club and returned to the Granary.

It was a most enjoyable walk, not too muddy and finished off with a Meal at The Granary. Thanks to the Thornthwaites for the walk. The January walk will be from The Sugar Mill, Bourne - details to follow.

I would like to wish all the Monday Walkers a Merry Christmas and happy New Year 2019.

Obviously I'm not good at selfies as per the photo.

STEVE HANSON
Group Leader

Apologies for saying "Nine people attended last month's walk. The Figure "2" must have got lost during transmission somewhere. I would like, however, to point out the photograph is not a result of my editing. As you say, you have a lot to learn. As a first lesson throw away that phone and ask Father Christmas for a 'proper' camera!! Ann

U3A "WANDERERS" WALKING GROUP



The early morning mist lent a slightly surreal aspect to the beginning of our December wander which took us from the Deeping Stage down by the town bridge and up the south bank of the Welland towards Maxey. Luckily the going was not too muddy and soon we were approaching a fork in the path. Unfortunately, due to the mist, we took the wrong option and found ourselves in a field of longish wet grass and slightly confused. Using a combination of cunning field craft and google maps we got back on track via a ditch and some scrambling and emerged triumphantly by Maxey Mill. Taking a small trail opposite the mill we went through woodland, past some lakes and arrived at a wide tree-lined avenue where we paused to have a festive glass of port and a mince pie.

The mist started to thin, and a watery sun shone so it was not too long before the ancient stone buildings of Market Deeping materialised to guide us to a welcome lunch in the Stage.

Our first wander of 2019 will be on January the 8th. Route as yet to be decided and notification in the usual way.

Group Leaders: HILARY & BARRY AKAM

U3A "CHURCH MICE" GROUP



Twenty three members of Church Mice visited St Mary's Church at Cowbit on a misty yet sunny December day. Cowbit itself dates from pre-Roman times and the name means 'cow pasture'. The church dates from the late 14th century and earlier supplied Spalding Priory with 'fish, fowl and swans', and in return the priory dealt with Cowbit's spiritual needs. From the outside the church looks slightly odd, with a leaning tower (obviously due to fen shrinkage) and a mixture of red brick and Barnack stone.

Inside the church is compact and welcoming, consisting of a nave and small chancel. Additions in the late 15th century lengthened the church and added the tower. The roof would have been thatched until the early 19th century. There are a number of fine late-Victorian stained glass windows, one of which features a swan. In the chancel there are four interesting corbels of human faces, probably predating the church, as possibly does an interesting font. After a very informative and interesting talk from Pauline, members enjoyed lovely cakes and tea.

Report: HENRY ROBERTS
Photo: ANN

Group Leaders: JIM PRINGLE / SANDRA JONES

U3A FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Family History Group's December meeting was at the Community Centre for a Festive Buffet of mince pies (thanks Liz they were delicious), stollen and other naughty nibbles, washed down with a glass of mulled wine or soft drink.

Peg's ever popular Christmas Quizzes went down well, with brains well and truly taxed, unfortunately not many high scores, sorry Peg. Members then chatted about their childhood Christmases of trees, toys, TV, and families 50's style.

Our first meeting of 2019 on the 14th January has a speaker, Ernie Rusdale, talking of a Peterborough lad in the Australian Army in World War One. Anyone who would like to join us is most welcome at 2pm in the Community Centre, Lionel Beck Room.

Report: JEAN BRENNAND
Group Leaders: JOSIE SMITH / JEAN BRENNAND

U3A LISTENING TO MUSIC GROUP

Our December meeting was at the home of Ann Holmes with the programme choices by Jesse. We had a very pleasant morning listening to some of Jessie's favourites.

It began with a delightful piece 'The Bluebird' composed and played on the piano by Alexander Ffrench. Schubert's 'Marche Militaire' followed this and then we heard the 'Romeo and Juliet Overture,' from the London Philharmonic Orchestra. A live broadcast from the 2007 Proms.

Artur Rubenstein on piano, played Chopin's 'Valse Adieu'. Another piano solo from Myra Hess, (later Dame) was Bach's 'Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring' and then we heard Handel's 'Air from The Water Musik' played by the Festspeil Orchestra Gottigen, conductor; Lawrence Cummins. Following on were two different versions of 'The Trout,' by Schubert once more. Mendelssohn's very atmospheric 'The Hebrides Overture' (Fingal's Cave) from the Hungarian State Orchestra, conductor, Ivan Fischer. The second. movement of Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, Clarinet played by Michael Wright with Nicholas Cleobury conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra followed and then Elgar's 'Salut D'Armour' with Nigel Kennedy on the violin, but with the pianist unknown. Jessie's final choice was Handel's 'Unto Us A Child Is Born,' from the Monteverdi Choir, the English Baroque Orchestra conducted by John Eliot Gardner.

Terry, who had sorted the music for us then added his own Christmas offering of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' from a male quartet, whose name was not available, but it made a happy end to the morning of Jessie's delightful choices. Our January meeting will be the lunch at The Toft House hotel and in February we meet at the home of Jim and Ivy Pringle.

Thanks to Jessie, Ann and Terry for all their efforts today and for the refreshments. Report: ANNE JONES

Group Leaders: TERRY NOBLE / JIM PRINGLE.



My best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and healthy and happy New Year and thank you to the Group Leaders and others for their patience for putting up with me hassling them about deadlines during the year. Our Newsletter is often admired by other U3A's but remember much of the credit is due to YOU for the information and photographs YOU provide for it! ANN!



U3A THURSDAY WALKING GROUP



For our final walk and lunch of the year, myself and David Scott led 19 members on a five mile circular walk on a cold but sunny December day from the Sugar Mill pub at Bourne. Heading back in the direction of Thurlby we soon took a left turn to meet up with Carr Dyke from where we continued southwards as far as the Horseshoes at Thurlby. Crossing the A15 we then wound our way up through Thurlby and Northorpe passing Lawrence Park before heading into open countryside west of Wood Lane and then turning right before passing Northorpe Lodge and heading eastwards before entering into Math and Elsea Woods and finally emerging back on the A15. From here it was just a short stroll back to the Sugar Mill for warmth and a pleasant lunch.

Today's walk brings to a conclusion another successful year of walking across many varied locations. The average attendance has been 21 members, so once again many thanks to you all for your kind support throughout the year. You should all receive a copy of the 2019 programme in the next few days. Best wishes to you all for the festive season and we look forward to seeing you again on our next walk as shown below.

For our first walk of 2019 on 10 January, Brian Littler will lead us on a walk entitled Fox Woods commencing from The Five Bells Inn, 2 Haconby Lane, Morton, Bourne PE10 0NP. If you would like to attend this walk, could you please phone Brian by the Tuesday evening preceding the walk, if possible

Report: GODFREY PARKES / DAVID SCOTT Photo
Group Leaders:

his poem (again by Julie Mancey) was first published in our December 2017 Newsletter, but I thought you might like to read it again.



With another U3A year nearly over
We look back at all that we've done
New crafts attempted, old skills revised
We hope you made friends and had fun

Books have been read, flowers were grown
Foreign languages learned and perfected
Walking, cycling, and learning to knit
Art and music enjoyed and dissected

With a myriad of subjects to pick from
It's a job to know which ones to try
But if you can't see the skill you are seeking
You could start your own group, don't be shy

Heartfelt thanks go to all our group leaders
We appreciate all that they do
Why not make your New Year resolution
"Next Year I'll Try Something New"