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"HOUSTON WE HAVE A PROBLEM



..... our Chairman is in Peterborough Cathedral awaiting Lift Off " !!! (See Science Report on page 4).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DEEPINGS U3A METHODIST CHURCH, DEEPING ST. JAMES

Monday, 15 October 2018 at 10.15 am

1. Welcome and Report by Chairman
2. Minutes of last year's AGM*
3. Acceptance of Annual Accounts* and appointment of Auditor
4. Nomination and election of Officers and Committee
5. Thanks and closing of meeting

*Copies of these documents are attached to the back of Newsletter

Programme of Speakers

2018

15 October **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (10.15 am)** followed by **SAFER DRIVING AND STAYING SAFER ON THE ROADS** by Ashley Behan who will talk about aspects of safer driving and staying safer on the roads for all road users (car drivers, bike riders or pedestrians).

19 November **HAMBLETON BAKERY** Robert Hill will talk about Hambleton Bakery which produces top quality artisan bread.

21 December **"CHRISTMAS CRACKERS"** - a seasonal talk (although probably not quite what you might expect) with mince pies and wine during the interval and ending with music, jokes and carols. **Venue: CORONATION HALL, MARKET DEEPING.** Entry by **ticket only (£1)**, on sale at October and November meetings.

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.



Sorry if it doesn't interest you, but I am bursting with pride over the achievements of my daughter and her pony!

Many of us were glad to see the rain on Friday 6th, as it gave new life to our gardens, which were beginning to struggle to support the unseasonable growth and second flowering brought on by the lingering summer weather. However it was not so welcomed by me and my daughter Annette, as we had made a very early start, to go to Arena UK, near Grantham, for the National Rare Breeds Championships, and it was very wet and muddy in the car park. Fortunately the showing competitions were indoors, but we still faced several hours out in the rain!

Annette has an Exmoor pony, whose stable name is Muffin (because he can be a bit of a mule!), but whose registered breed name is Dunsmore Glenfiddich. He is 20 years old, but frequently behaves like a 4 year old! His first trick of the day, while we had gone for a warming coffee, was to unload himself from the trailer, and stand outside, with his head still attached to his travelling tether inside the trailer! But he redeemed himself by then behaving very well, ending up as Reserve Exmoor In-Hand Champion, Exmoor Ridden Champion, and overall Reserve Exmoor Champion. To crown it all, he was then presented with the Exmoor Society Pony of the Year award. Annette and Muffin really earned that, as they had gained the most points in competition over the year. It was lovely to see many of the old native breeds there; as well as Exmoors, there were Dartmoors, Fells and Dales, and Highlands.

On the 12th October we will be going to the British Dressage Veterans Championships, where I expect Muffin will be the only Exmoor, as it is very rare to see his breed doing dressage. I am always amused watching the Arab type horses float elegantly across the arena, and then Muffin comes bustling into the ring, with his short fat hairy legs going like the clappers! The points are awarded however on the accuracy and style with which the technical moves are performed. My wife, Sue, who was also a very good rider, got Annette into riding about 40 years ago, and it is a large, and very expensive, part of her life.

Anyway, I had better shut up about her now, or you will be shouting at the newsletter, as I have been at the radio this week! The item of news that set me off, was the decision of the Students' Union of Manchester University to ban clapping at its meetings, because it disturbed and frightened some of the audience. Now I am sure that there are a small number of genuine cases, but what is this self obsessed, over-sensitive, Social Media dwelling generation, aptly referred to as the "snowflake generation", going to do when they have to go out in to the real world. I thought education, and University in particular, was supposed to prepare youngsters for life.

There, I feel better now that I have had my "Victor Meldrew" moment! I think that we may have heard our Mothers saying similar things, but we turned out alright – didn't we??

Garth
Chairman

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News

Winter is coming - is it time for something new? There will be sign up sheets at this month's meeting for a table tennis group and also a walking group for people who would like to walk with their dogs.

Contact me by email if you are interested but can't come to the meeting.

SUSANNE HOADLEY
Group Co-ordinator

U3A HISTORY GROUP

This month's meeting was a trip down memory lane. Sandra's talk (ably assisted by David Scott) was 'Musical Memories of the 50's'. Some of the members had told Sandra about a musical piece that had fond memories for them, and these formed the basis of us singing along with or toe-tapping to the songs chosen. These pieces were interspersed with Sandra's own recollections of growing up in the 50's, which many of us could relate to. The first song, Vera Lynn's 'White Cliffs of Dover' got us warmed up and we enjoyed a variety of musical memories concluding with Acker Bilk's 'Stranger on the Shore'.

Before getting into the swing of things, Sandra thanked Barbara McNicol for organising our super August visit to Oxford.

Thank you Sandra and David for all your hard work in preparing for such an enjoyable and nostalgic meeting. Next month Steve Perry returns to talk about Peterborough's 'Frederick Frank Story'.

Report: MARY BURTON
Group Leaders: SANDRA JONES / ELIZABETH PARKINSON



U3A "BOOKWORMS" READING GROUP

"The Girl Who Fell From The Sky", by Simon Mawer.

In the third year of WW2, Marion Sutro is 22 years old and serving in the WAAF. Bi-lingual in English and French, she is recruited to the S.O.E. for training in undercover work.

After passing all the gruelling physical and psychological tests, she is parachuted into SW France where life is primitive but fairly safe. She has to make her way to Paris to deliver a vital message to Clement Pelletier, a scientist and family friend. The misery of occupied Paris is overwhelming with fear and suspicion at every turn but with fantastic courage and ingenuity, she fulfils her mission.

This excellent book evokes the feeling and mood of wartime perfectly. It is beautifully written and the characters come to life. Highly recommended, this book is not only a treat to read but food for thought.

Next meeting is at Rita's on Monday, 22 October, 2pm.

Report by NANCY TITMAN
Group Leader: ANN THORNTONHWAITE .



U3A SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

The October Sunday Lunch will be at the Toft Country House Hotel on Sunday, 28th October. If you will be attending this lunch please notify Tony Semper or Michael Griffiths or add your name to the list at the meeting on Monday, 15th October.



U3A "WANDERERS" WALKING GROUP (September)



It was a sadly depleted group of "Wanderers" who set off from the pretty village of Wing for our September stroll. Not sure whether it was the prospect of the undulations of Rutland that put people off or the U3A Gardening Group outing on the same day but maybe it was the weather which was decidedly cloudy and a little drizzly at the start.

But it soon cleared up and the nine of us enjoyed a very pleasant five miles through a mixture of fields, woods and tracks. We crossed the railway line and descended to the Lyndon Nature Reserve on the banks of Rutland Water, sharing the cycle track for a short time before walking back up to the stunning village of Lyndon, with its thatched roofs, charming stone cottages and impressive Hall. Back over the railway line again to enjoy a lovely lunch at The Kings Arms.

Highly recommended, interesting walk with fabulous views of Rutland Water.

Report and Photo: MARJE ARMSTRONG
Group Leaders: HILARY & BARRY AKAM

U3A ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES GROUP

For our September meeting Mr David Smith from Bourne, came to give a talk and show us some of his antique collection of corkscrews and other small items. Most of them were from the reign of Queen Victoria.



The first corkscrew was English, a Champagne Tap which consisted of a long metal tube that went into the bottle with a tap at the top. This was followed by the travel corkscrew which was like a key to lock a carriage. A small one dated 1780 was for ladies perfume. David also had a solid silver curio called a pipe pricker. A whistle we were shown was used by a 'certain lady' in a pub who had a room upstairs where she entertained 'Gentlemen'; at a given time, or if things got out of hand, 'she blew the whistle', it gave us a laugh.

Quite an entertaining afternoon, and many thanks to all who 'helped' in Pam's absence. We also welcomed two new members to the group David and Joan McCormack. Our next meeting is on October 22nd at the usual place and time when Josie and Pat will be busy with quizzes.

Report: IRENE BEEKEN

Group Leaders: IRENE BEEKEN / PAM PENDRY

U3A TEN PIN BOWLING GROUP

Not many of us this week again but to bad because we had a really good bowl. I do not know what they put in the porridge but it worked. Once again in the VIP Suite we had a most entertaining morning. Its not easy getting the right ball to suit oneself but everybody did it.



Everyone was scoring high this morning, even Norman surprised us all by getting the highest of all. A score of 186 put him top of the bill—no mean feat. If you bowl you will know what I mean. Even so all of us were just great. I wonder how our next bowl will fare.

Group Leaders: DAVE LUNN / CHRIS PATMAN

U3A CYCLING GROUP



Four cyclists set out on this month's Cycle Ride which was delayed by a week due to the dangerously high winds (25mph) on the previous week.

The ride, which was 16 miles, took us down Sutton's Lane and over the bridge back into Deeping St James down through village to what was originally known as "Casey's Corner" (where Eastgate changes to Station Road). Here we took the footpath to the right through some lovely wooded areas. After carrying our bikes under the railway followed the river Welland and after negotiating the sheep round to the Deeping Lakes Wildfowl Trust. From here we followed Welland Bank along the side of the river Welland to Crowland.

Our return followed Corporation Bank, part of the National Cycle Route No 12, along the opposite side of the river Welland to Peakirk and from there back into Market Deeping for a well earned lunch at the Bull.

JIM TORRANCE
Group Leader

U3A ART APPRECIATION GROUP

'Looking for Lowry'

We had a very pleasant morning. We watched a DVD entitled "Looking for Lowry".



Sir Ian McLellan was the narrator and investigator. We had an insight into the life of Lowry and his background which evolved from a very domineering and controlling mother. His observations of people played a big part in his success but he was also an accomplished portrait and landscape artist.

The DVD showed excerpts from the auctions that sold his paintings for massive amounts of money. Jeffrey Archer is a collector of Lowry paintings. (At the time of filming Jeffrey was preparing for a champagne and shepherd's pie evening!)

He left his fortune to a lady with the surname of Lowry. She wasn't a relative but he had guided her throughout her life as if he was her grandfather. His later sketches were rather unusual to say the least!!

Next month we are having a guided tour of Peterborough Cathedral. Jacqui Devereux returns in November and will be talking about her water colour work in more detail. New members are always welcome.

Report: SANDRA JONES
Group Leaders: SANDRA JONES / YVONNE McCULLOCH

U3A CRAFT GROUP 2

Thanks to Kath Allen for hosting the September meeting and for the patterns she supplied for some prick and stitch items, which I understand were nearly completed on the day. Heather has kindly offered to start us off on the Christmas route this month and we look forward to tackling one of her designs.

Meeting at 2pm - look forward to seeing you there.

LIZ NOBLE
Group Leader

U3A NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

The venue for the September meeting was Castor Hanglands. We met at Southey Wood carpark, only to find it closed. There is however plenty of parking space on the road verge, so no problem. We walked the short distance to one of the entrances to the Hanglands. It was a lovely warm sunny morning. The Reserve was very quiet, with few birds to be seen, just a few magpies and one green woodpecker. Flowers too were in short supply. There were a few harebells but nearly everything had finished flowering for the year. There was, however, an abundance of seed heads and berries, including sloes and blackberries. Nature is preparing for Winter and busy producing seeds for next Spring's regrowth.



We did a circular walk of the north end of the reserve. Despite the lack of wild life, we all agreed it was a pleasant way to spend the morning. Castor Hanglands is a delightful reserve and well worth a visit.

Thanks to Peter for his report and to Norah in our photo, searching for flowers in a dried up pond.

Our next meeting will be 10am at Dole Wood, Thurlby, on the 25th October. Dole Wood is quite small but has both woodland and open scrubland and we shall go armed with some guide books to seek out fungi. If you would like to join us please contact Jo or Margaret for further details.

Group Leaders: JO ASTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW

U3A FILM GROUP

The next show will be on Wednesday 24 October, 2 pm at the Green School Market Deeping. The DVD will be "Finding your Feet" a British comedy starring some of our best comedy actors together in this 'feel-good' story.



As announced at last month's general meeting, Maureen Whittle and Rita Brown will be giving their last Film Show on Wednesday 28 November. If anyone would like to take over this group, please contact either Group Leader or the Group Co-ordinator (Susanne Hoadley).

Group Leader: MAUREEN WHITTLE / RITA BROWN

U3A POETS AND POETRY GROUP

For our October meeting we were given a very warm welcome from Lynn when we met at her home for our meeting. This month our letter for Poets was 'W' which gave us quite a large selection to choose from.



We had David Wood, English poet, with 'Prelude to Winter' and 'Trees'. Derek Walcot, born in St. Lucia, gave us 'After the Storm' and 'Blues'. Then followed William Wordsworth's 'To a Butterfly' and Sylvia T Warner's 'Go the Long Way Home'. Walt Whitman, an American poet, gave us 'O Captain, My Captain' and the 'Dalliance of the Eagles'.

After the more sober poems we had 'Sergeant Brown's Parrot' by Kit Wright and Victoria Woods' 'Saturday Night Oh Dear What Can the matter be'. As usual we learned and laughed and had a most enjoyable afternoon. We are now looking forward to our next meeting.

IRENE BEEKEN
Group Leader

U3A SCIENCE GROUP

On September 18th we made good use of our bus passes to go to Peterborough Cathedral, to view the Tim Peake Exhibition.

It was a good setting for the Re-entry Capsule, an amazing modern achievement, within the 900 year



old achievement which is the grandeur of Peterborough Cathedral. You would have to say that the Cathedral looked in a better state than the capsule, but the capsule had been subject to immense heat, and a far from gentle landing! It is a very

interesting (free!) exhibition, which only takes about 30 minutes to look around.

A number of our members had, of course, to try on Tim Peake's space suit! We didn't throw wet sponges at them while they posed for the camera! We then moved on to try the Virtual Reality Experience, which involved you in sitting in the virtual capsule, and experiencing re-entry! If you go to the exhibition, we would recommend that you lash out £5 on the VR experience, as it is well worth it.

After all the excitement, we just had to have a cup of coffee and a modest slice of very nice cake, in the Cathedral coffee shop!

Our next meeting will be a "Micawber meeting", because we don't know yet what will turn up! We will come up with a topic or two by then, and we also need to do a little planning of "Christmas period" meal and next year's programme.

Report: GARTH PERRY

Group Leaders: GARTH PERRY / DAVID SCOTT

U3A "STROLLERS" WALKING GROUP

Last month, 13 Strollers enjoyed a leisurely stroll starting from the car park of Deeping Lakes. It was a lovely sunny autumn morning as we set off walking along the north bank of the Welland, close to the confluence with its relief channel which was hewn out about a century ago. We passed under the railway line and onwards towards Casey's Corner before returning back.



The return journey saw us deviate around the lake where we saw wading birds, possibly some contemplating their journey south to warmer climes. Afterwards we had a lunch at The Bull in the Market Place at Market Deeping.

This month's stroll will be another visit to Rutland when Geoff Fitzjohn will lead us around the 'Luffenham's'. Members wishing to take part should contact Jeff.

BOB DELLER
Group Leader

U3A THURSDAY GARDENING GROUP

Thanks to the sterling organisation of David Scott we had a very enjoyable meeting at Waterside Garden Centre this month where their plants-man Matt gave us an informative and entertaining talk on preparing our gardens for the winter. He provided lots of really useful advice on subjects from pruning roses to the correct feed for lawns, shrubs and borders. It was interesting to find out that winter flowering actually means winter hardy with no guarantee of flowering unless the weather is warm enough, or that Jeyes fluid is useful for all kinds of treatments including as a soil drench for peach leaf curl and for washing down greenhouses - if you can stand the smell. We all now know that cyclamen corms need to be very proud of the soil so that the whole crown is resting on it to avoid water logging, for example and that pink cordylines are far less hardy than green ones.

After our talk and a bit of retail therapy we had lunch and as it will be Mike Bowers's 80th birthday later in the month we were also pleased to be able to present him with a small gift and one of Liz Noble's excellent hand made cards.



Our next meeting is at Kay Parker's on Thursday 6th November where we will be planning our visits for 2019.

LINDA HILL
Group Leader

U3A JAZZ, SWING AND BIG BAND GROUP

Our September meeting was at Peter's home and he entitled his programme 'THE LP STORY'. It was a journey through the development of the Long Playing record and due in no small part to Alan Blumlein, tragically killed in a plane crash, in 1942, who invented Stereo back in the early 1940's.



Beginning with Earl Bostick and 'Flamingo', Nat King Cole and 'Never Let Me Go', both on 78 rpm. and then two songs from Ella Fitzgerald - 'Isn't It Romantic' and 'I Didn't Know What Time It Was', which were 45 rpm E.P.'s. The following items were all 10" L.P.'s, the first of which Peter asked if we could identify the band. There were various guess's and it turned out to be Ted Heath's band as was the following item; 'Blue Skies'. Two from Stan Kenton, 'And Her Tears Flowed Like Wine' a sad tale of love gone wrong, but she of the shedding tears got her revenge!

Glen Miller gave us 'Everybody Love My Baby' and 'Villain', followed by Humphrey Littleton and 'I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Kate'. Two more by Nat King Cole, then Chris Barber with 'Thistle Rag'. The final 10" LP came from Acker Bilk and 'Down By The Old Mill Stream'. 'April In Paris,' from Count Basie then took us on to the 12" LP's and Shelley Mann gave us 'Ascot Gavotte' from the show 'My Fair Lady'. Then we heard an interesting item - a Demo taking us on a 'Journey into Sound.' 'Love Me Do,' came from the Big Band Beatles, Ted Heath again with 'Hindustan', both PH4 recordings from 1962. (Hope I've got that right, Peter?)

Command All Stars gave us 'Moments To Remember' and the morning ended with a 45 rpm, 12" from 1982 by Fleetwood Mac and 'The Chain'. Then something that sent us away with a smile - Victor Borge with his clever 'Audio Punctuation' proving that humour in some cases travels well. Quite a trip through the changes in recording history and Peter's knowledge of the subject. Thank you Peter and thanks to Barbara for the excellent cake, tea and coffee.

Next meeting is at Langtoft. Please let us know if you cannot attend.

Report: ANNE JONES

Group Leaders: PETER BAYLIS / ANNE JONES

U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP

Olive Parrin led the 13 intrepid walkers who met at The Boathouse. We were given an insight into the history of some old buildings and locations nearby.

A building at the junction of Alderman's Drive and Thorpe Road was opened as a Workhouse in 1837 for 200 inmates, An Infirmary was added in 1841 and a Chapel in 1865.

Census of 1881 showed 200 inmates of which approximately 10% were classified as "imbeciles"

In 1948 it became part of newly set up NHS. Continued to have residents until late 1950s early 1960s when Cambridgeshire County Council built three new purpose built Elderly Care Homes.

Demolished late 1960s when Fenland House an Annex to District Hospital was built in 1971 This was a Geriatric Ward

The 4.5 mile walk took us along the boardwalk and River Nene towards Peterborough and we returned on the opposite side of the river, to the Stauch then via the rowing lake. On the return leg we found out that the Flying Scotsman steam train was running from Railworld to Wansford station and back, so waited for photo opportunities.

Apparently the Flying Scotsman had encountered a problem on its UK tour and was sorted by Nene valley railway. This unscheduled three days in Peterborough was by way of thanks. As is mostly the norm it was a fine sunny day. (Hope i haven't put a Jink on it !!!)

Next month's walk will be led by Ann Sutherland from Prince of Wales' Castor, details to follow by email.

STEVE HANSON
Group Leader

U3A CRAFT GROUP 3

Due to holidays we met late in September when we made cards using distress inks with stencils. This was enjoyed by all.



Our October meeting quickly followed when most members experimented with Kaleidoscope folding; the instructions were hard to follow and took along while to make.



We are planning to make Christmas trees by decorating polystyrene cones with ribbon next month.

ANITA SETCHFIELD
Group Leader

U3A GARDENING "OVER THE GARDEN WALL" GROUP

Our September meeting was a joint meeting with the other Garden Groups - an outing to gardens in North Lincolnshire - organised by Eddie and John. Our thanks go to them for arranging such a lovely visit once again.



Our next meeting is at Waterside Garden Centre on Tuesday, 23rd October at 10.30 am. Our topic will be planning for 2019.

Group leaders: MARGARET GRIFFITHS / JOSIE SMITH

U3A MONDAY READERS GROUP

For our latest book we read *The Lie* by Helen Dunbar – and what a contrast to last month, when few of us had liked the book.



This is the story of a soldier, Daniel, returned from the trenches of WW1 bearing a terrible burden of grief and guilt for his friend from childhood who died during a failed offensive in France. This is not just another war story, though. The author, a poet as well as a novelist, tells Daniel's story from his childhood to his return from fighting, his relationships with family and friends and the old woman who befriends him and whom he is with at her death.

The plot is delicate and the themes haunting – literally haunting because Daniel's guilt at, as he believes, having failed to save his friend, causes him to believe in his friend's presence right up to the ending of the book.

We agreed that this was a beautifully written story, variously described as sad, moving, upsetting and depressing; a range of responses which reflects the intensity of the experiences that Daniel goes through. We did agree, though, that we were glad we'd read it.

Deeping Library is now putting together a page on Good Reads on which their book groups and volunteers rate a variety of books for you to browse. Details will be available next month if you would like inspiration for your library reading!

Our next meeting will be on November 12th in the Library as usual. Our book is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachael Joyce.

LIZ WATERLAND
Group Leader

U3A "PACERS" WALKING GROUP



Nine Pacers turned out on a dry overcast morning (with the men for the first time outnumbering the women in the group) at the Wishing Well, Dyke. From the car park we crossed over the road onto signposted foot paths and tracks heading towards Bourne. Crossing over a wooden bridge and the first crossing of the A15 with blue skies in the distance, we headed over the fields to the hamlet of Cawthorpe where, following the lane round and passing the old hall, the lane becomes a track at the T-junction with Wood Lane leading to Bourne Woods.

On exiting the woods, we travelled across fields aided by waymark posts at the edge of the fields as we were the first to walk the footpaths since the fields had been cultivated, crossed over the A15 again heading towards Dyke in good spirits to a well earned drink and lunch.

Next Walk will be at Fineshades Wood - details by usual email.

Report: DAVID MANN
Group Leaders: LYNN & STEVE WHITE

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Jenny Morton and John Scolfield (rejoin), both from Market Deeping.



U3A CHURCH MICE GROUP

October's visit for Church Mice was to St Andrew's Church at Collyweston.

A church has stood on this site since the 13th century, but the church we see now was rebuilt in 1440 as a thanksgiving for Henry V's victory at Agincourt. In 1490 a chapel was added on the south side, but does not look an attractive addition. Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII, who lived in a palace in the village caused this chapel to be built.

The main entrance to the church is through an ornate doorway, which had originally been part of the manor house. There is a 15th century font and an attractive small brass from the 16th century in the floor. In the south wall of the chancel, but inside the chapel, there is a Saxon window. The Victorian pew end carvings are attractive, depicting flowers, fruit and a 'Green Man'.

After an interesting talk from Chris, the church treasure, the group enjoyed an excellent tea served by Deirdre, the churchwarden.

Report: HENRY ROBERTS
Group Leaders JIM PRINMGLE / SANDRA JONES



U3A QUILTING GROUP

Our October meeting was led by Liz. She demonstrated Roman Strips. (See picture). This technique was slightly more difficult than last month and involved cutting triangles from a length of previous sewn striped fabric. Our thanks go to Liz for all the hard work she put in.

Members brought in their completed efforts from last month. It was agreed that this would happen at the beginning of each class. It was good to have the opportunity to discuss success and problems encountered.

Other members brought in completed independent work. Things are moving on. It's lovely to see such lovely work and the interest and motivation within the group. Well done ladies.



Our next meeting is on November 3rd which will be a Workshop featuring Flying Geese with a Christmas theme. Details will follow via email.

Group Leader: MARGARET GRIFFITHS

U3A FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Helen Tovey, Editor of the popular Family Tree Magazine, came along to our October meeting bearing gifts, the October issue of the magazine, and told us about the job she has done for the last 10 years as editor. A job as well as a hobby.



It was interesting to hear the history of the magazine and how 30 years later it is still being published, how the preliminary plans are drawn up one year in advance, how important the front cover is to a magazine and the fact that they have 2.5 seconds to get your attention on the newsagents shelf.

She also told us of the numerous letters and articles she receives and how she reads every one for that little gem to go into future issues and maybe only 1 in 10 does.

Report: JEAN BRENNAND

Group leaders: JOSIE SMITH / JEAN BRENNAND

U3A "WANDERERS WALKING GROUP (October)



The Wanderers were blessed with wonderful autumn sunshine and blue skies for their October walk. Leaving Wadenhoe, they climbed the steep path up to the church and set off westwards across the fields heading towards Lyveden New Bield. Passing through a valley and into Lilford Woods, the group were then rewarded with the view of the New Bield, looking wonderful in the sunshine. We stopped for a 'mint break' to admire the scenery and walked a little way round the outside of the property, saving a proper visit for another day.

We partly retraced our steps and then crossing a couple of fields with evidence of 'ridge and furrow' cultivation, we were able to view the church from a different aspect. Having walked over five miles we came back into the village by the old Post Office. Notably this was the first Post Office with the electric telegraph, installed so that George Ward Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty who lived at Wadenhoe House, could keep in contact with the Admiralty.

Our lunch at The Old Barn was awaiting us and unbelievably we were able to have this sitting outside in the sunshine. Wow! Alfresco dining in October! This was much enjoyed by all the group and made a fitting end to a very pleasant walk.



Report: JULIE & GEOFF FITZJOHN Photo: BARRY AKAM
Group Leaders: HILARY & BARRY AKAM

Wanderers: You were lucky this month! Had a spare few inches and your photograph was the perfect answer! Doesn't often Happen like that! A

Please note AGM Minutes and Accounts are stapled between pages 6 and 7 in the "hard copies" of this Newsletter.

U3A LISTENING TO MUSIC GROUP

Our October meeting was at the home of Peter and Barbara Baylis. Peter called it 'A Selection from My Library' which must have taken time, given the extent of it.

Holst's Planet Suite began the morning, Andre' Previn conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Neville Marriner conducted the Academy of St.Martin in the Fields playing 'Orfeo Ed Euridice - Dance, by Gluck and Andre' Rieu played Franz Lehá's 'You Are My Heart's Delight.' Then something different - 'Bach's 'Toccata and Fugue in D minor' played on a Synthesizer by Don Dorsey. Dvorak's 'Slavonic Dance in C' came from Zdenek Kosler and the Slovak Philharmonic, then 'Memory,' from 'Cats' was from the Boston Pops On Stage, conducted by John Williams.

Adrian Leaper conducted 'A La Claire Fontaine', and pianist, Francois-Joel Thiollier played Debussy's 'Reverie.' The next eight selections all came from 'The Classic Experience': 'The Karelia Suite Intermezzo' by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Elgar's 'Nimrod,' with the London Symphony Orchestra,



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Mascagni's 'Cavalleria Rusticana', played by Studio Two Symphony Orchestra, Mozart's 'Horn Concerto', Barry Tuckwell giving a splendid performance with Neville Marriner conducting, followed by Francesco Molinari - Pradelli and Verdi's 'Rigoletto' -

'La Donne E Mobile'. Andre' Previn conducted the London Symphony Orchestra in a beautiful version of Ravel's 'Daybreak' from 'Daphnis and Chloe' and then Robert Irving conducted the Sinfonia of London playing Ponchielli's 'La Gioconda -Dance'.

'Danse Macabre' from Camille Saint-Saens led on to 'Stairway To Heaven', in a different version from the Classic Rock Classics, played by the London Symphony Orchestra. The morning ended in rousing fashion with 'Fanfare For The Common Man,' by Aaron Copland and Fine Brass.

Many thanks to Peter for a splendid morning's music from the immense collection of music that he has. Thanks to Barbara for the lovely fruit cake, coffee and tea.

At Granville Avenue and we hope to discuss the new programme for 2019 and the Christmas lunch details.

Report; ANNE JONES

Group Leaders: TERRY NOBLE / JIM PRINGLE

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U3A THURSDAY WALKING GROUP



Our October walk took 24 walkers on a pleasant and sunny day to the village of Warmington south west of Peterborough. The walk commenced from the Red Lion and headed through Eaglethorpe and under the busy A605 before passing Warmington Mill and the now filled in quarry and continuing into and through Elton Park to arrive at the village of Elton. Continuing up to the church, turning right and past the entrance to Elton Hall we arrived back at the A605 but a nice deviation allowed us to walk parallel to the road and once again through another underpass to avoid having to cross the busy road. From here we continued along a farm track back to the village and The Red Lion for a very good lunch. Many thanks to Olive for leading this walk and organising the lunch.

The next walk on 8 November will be led by Jeff Fitzjohn and will around the Nassington area commencing from The Black Horse, Fotheringhay Road, Nassington PE8 6QU. If you would like to attend this walk, could you please phone Jeff by the Tuesday evening preceding the walk, if possible, also indicating whether you will be staying for lunch.

GODFREY PARKES
Group Leader

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