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THEY WERE WALKING IN THE RAIN!...OR WERE THEY?



I thought these obviously dedicated and brave souls from the Monday Walking Group deserved the front page spot this month. Report of the walk on page 4. Photo: DAVID SCOTT

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Chairman's Reflections



I know that a lot of us wanted some rain to rescue our wilting gardens, but I don't think that we meant quite so much! Fortunately we seem to have a bit of a micro climate around the Deepings, and we haven't so far experienced the extreme rainfall that has led to serious flooding in Leicestershire and Norfolk. Having said that, when walking on Monday the ground was clearly waterlogged, and large areas of some of the fields were actually under water.

What an unusual growing season it has been. I have been dying to cut things down and put the garden "to bed" for the winter, but so many things are still flowering and growing, and it seems a shame to chop them down. I have some Cosmos which, according to the label, should have grown to 2 – 3ft, but they obviously couldn't read the label! There are three that are nearly 5ft high, and one which is nearly 6ft high, and all are still in flower and covered with new buds.

Even the birds are conspiring to delay my gardening. I had serviced my small chainsaw, prior to doing battle with the Pyracantha, then, only two weeks ago, a new brood of sparrows appeared, so the onslaught had to be postponed.

Sometimes I get the feeling that, as I age, things seem to conspire to frustrate me, and I have heard some of you making the same claim. A few weeks ago I noticed a sudden increase in the number of small moths in the house, and after hearing a programme on the radio that was warning people of an upsurge in the occurrence of clothes moths, I went on a seek and destroy mission. They probably came in to the house when the unseasonably warm evenings that we had, encouraged us to keep windows open after lighting up time, but, because of where they seemed most numerous, I became convinced that they had come with the big bag of birdseed. This 25 kg bag was stored under the sink in the utility room, and it seemed that every time that I opened the door of the unit, at least one flew out. The seed was re-bagged, and the sink unit turned out, and thoroughly hovered, but to no avail, as apparently they still kept coming. Every time I opened the unit I was crouched, armed with a fly swat or a rolled up newspaper, ready to pounce, but these little blighters would fly out and disappear. This went on for a couple of weeks. Then I realised that I only saw these "moths" to the left of my face, and found that I had gained a couple of new "floaters" in my left eye!! These things are sent to try us – and they succeed!



Best wishes

GARTH
Chairman

NEW MEMBERS COFFEE MORNING

All new members over the last year are invited to the Atrium at the Community Centre in Douglas Road, Market Deeping from 10.30 to 11.45 am on Monday 11th November to meet the committee and to find out a little more about the groups we run.



Please do drop in for a coffee – we would be very pleased to see you and of course it will be a chance to meet some of the other new members too.

LIZ NOBLE
Membership Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DEEPINGS U3A METHODIST CHURCH, DEEPING ST. JAMES Monday, 21 October 2019 at 10.15 am

- Welcome and Report by Chairman
- Minutes of last year's AGM*
- Acceptance of Annual Accounts* and appointment of Auditor
- Nomination and election of Officers and Committee
- Thanks and closing of meeting

* Copies attached to Newsletter

Programme of Speaker

- 21 October **THE RADIANT ART OF STAINED GLASS** by Dr Jasmine Allen, curator of The Stained Glass Museum at Ely Cathedral. *This meeting will start at 10.15 am with the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.*
- 8 November **GRAHAM SHORT—THE HANDS OF GENIUS.** The hands are Graham's—he tells us about how, having failed at school, he became a world class engraver, about his work for prestigious clients and projects including engraving "the Lord's Prayer" on a pinhead and "Nothing is Impossible" on the sharp edge of a Wilkinson Sword.

Meetings at **METHODIST CHURCH, DOORS OPEN 9.30 AM.**

CHRISTMAS IS LOOMING- - tickets available NOW!

We will be at the Coronation Hall, Market Deeping again this year for our December meeting and we are looking forward to welcoming Jill Collinge back to give us a seasonal talk and after the usual wine and mince pies we will finish with our regular burst of a few carols.



Please do join us – tickets are £2 each and will be available from the OCTOBER meeting or from Membership Secretary, Liz Noble . Entry is by ticket only for catering purposes and because of the restricted room.

MORE INFORMATION PLEASE!

A member phoned this week to request/suggest our reports give more details of the next meeting of that group, ie date; time; venue and speaker. Some reports do contain some or all of this information but for various reasons not all of them do. Some of the data is, of course printed within the Groups List on the last page but again not all. I am afraid I do not have the time to make the additions so will group report writers please include such information when and if they can.



Please bear in mind that private addresses and phone numbers only appear on line when a member is sent his/her copy by David. If for any reason that member forwards a copy to someone else, all such information should be deleted first. The copy of the Newsletter published on our own website will have had this information already deleted. ANN

Did anyone spot the “deliberate” mistake in last month’s Newsletter?

If you spotted that the September “Wanderers” Walking Group report was for the July 2017 walk please apply to Marje Armstrong for the prize!! The correct report follows -

U3A “WANDERERS” WALKING GROUP (September 2019)

It was a brilliant morning for a walk when 14 of us left Marholm for our September stroll. The sun was peeping through the clouds



and before long we had blue skies and wonderful clear views across the fields and woodland. The temperature was ideal and we thoroughly enjoyed the five miles along bridleways and field paths. The first part took us along the Torpel Way where we spotted a small herd of deer in the distance, several large birds of prey and even some random sheep.



As you can see several of the group decided to have a go at

shepherding! Considering how close to Peterborough we were, some of the views were amazing with not even electricity lines to spoil the outlook. Unfortunately we all forgot our plastic containers so were unable to take advantage of the foraging opportunities en route!

We finished off with an excellent lunch at the Fitzwilliam Arms.

Report: MARJE ARMSTRONG
Group Leaders: HILARY AND BARRY AKAM

GROUP NEWS

POETRY POETRY POETRY

Our small but beautiful poetry group would love some new members. We are very friendly and love our poetry (don’t worry you don’t have to write it) We would welcome gentlemen and ladies so if you are interested and would like more information please contact Irene Beeken the group leader or myself as Groups co-ordinator.

Don’t forget to check out the sign up sheets at the monthly meetings for Gardening, Metal Detecting, or cake decorating. There has been quite a lot of interest so hopefully we will be setting up some new groups soon. If you can’t make the meeting contact me by phone or email.

SUSANNE HOADLEY
Group Co-ordinator

U3A “WEEKENDERS” GROUP

Ann welcomed 26 members to the Oddfellows Hall on Saturday September 14th for coffee and a good chat with friends!

It was decided that we will have a buffet lunch at the Oasis café, Eventus on Saturday December 14th rather than the traditional Christmas dinner. If any member wishes to attend and has not yet put their name on the list will you please do so at the next meeting so that we can give the café the numbers attending.



A big thank you to Ann for arranging a very enjoyable evening at the Greyhound Stadium. An excellent 3-course meal was enjoyed and a few small bets put on dogs with nice names rather than good form !!

Next meeting will be on Saturday 12th October.

Report: BARBARA McNICOL Photo: STEVE SMITH
Group leaders: ANN BRADSHAW / BARBARA McNICOL

U3A ART APPRECIATION GROUP

Our September speaker was David McCormack who is a ‘retired’ member of the clergy. He is also a member of the group. He brought along his vestments and gave an excellent and often amusing explanation of the robes, known as Chasuble and Stole. He also brought a replica of a bishop’s mitre, an academic hood, biretta and the material objects used in an Anglican Eucharist service (apart from the chalice cover). He explained the relevance of liturgical colours.



Most of the vestments we saw were made at home and from ‘curtain fabric’, exquisitely embroidered which must have been very time consuming. They were beautiful. He explained about the embroidery and the story behind each one.

The group asked many questions about the organisation of the clergy and the various names given to members of the Church of England. For example, the difference between a vicar and a reverend. After the talk, members gathered round David and Joan to have a closer look at the workmanship on display. Many thanks to you both. A thoroughly good way to spend an autumn morning.

Unfortunately the speaker arranged for October has had to cancel but a DVD entitled “Dreams and Hammers—The Reformation” will be shown instead. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Val Bradley Werrington, Sandra Childs and Lesley and Brad Adolphson Deeping St James, Noreen Scattergood Market Deeping.



U3A HISTORY GROUP

We were very pleased to welcome Dr Martyn Thomas to our September meeting. He was a former G.P. and has studied various historical aspects of medicine, since his retirement. This month our topic, thanks to Dr Thomas, was Alfred Caleb Taylor (1860-1927).



A number of people asked beforehand who our subject was as he wasn't a recognised name in The Deepings. However, if we had lived a century ago in Peterborough, we would have known that Alfred Caleb Taylor was an X-Ray pioneer and martyr. He was the first radiographer at the Peterborough Infirmary and Dispensary from 1896 to 1923. He constructed the first apparatus and oversaw the development of the X-Ray service in Peterborough. Martyn explained to us the principles behind the X-Ray.

Initially the dangers of X-Rays weren't recognised, resulting in premature death of several of the experimental scientists. The lack of protective clothing etc. resulted in Alfred Caleb Taylor contracting X-Ray dermatitis and the loss of four fingers. He died in 1927 and was a recognised martyr and victim to science. However, he was not included in the Martyrs Memorial in Hamburg as his death certificate did not include the words; 'ill health from working with X-Rays'! We thought he needed a blue Plaque!

A very informative morning. Next month, Liz Parkinson will be entertaining us with Life in the 50s, memories of the Deepings and John Bloomfield.
Report: SANDRA JONES

Group Leaders: SANDRA JONES / ELIZABETH PARKINSON

U3A "PACERS" WALKING GROUP



Seventeen 'Pacers' turned out for this morning's 4.65 mile circular walk of Castor and Ailsworth. Setting out from The Prince of Wales Feathers, we headed up passed the village green and onto Clay Lane picking up the byway not knowing what the terrain held in store for us after the last two day's rain, but who cares the sun was shining. On leaving the byway track onto Silvester Road we turned left into the High Street taking us down to Water Lane (very apt), we then crossed over a small bridge with a steep incline and crossing over two fields before reaching the summit of Love Hill turning west down the hill to Mill Lane and heading down towards the River Nene.

We stopped for a photo opportunity on the bridge over the Nene Valley Railway, this was to be the only diversion as the path leading from the bridge alongside the railway track was flooded. Plan B, proceed down towards the mill and turning right along the footpath looking down onto the river bank which was in full flood. The going was good, crossing the newly constructed bridge and passing the Water Newton turn off we headed up over the railway crossing and, passing the Roman Pottery Kiln site, home in sight across the fields to Splash Dyke before turning into Port Lane, opposite The Feather's for a well-deserved lunch.

Next walk will take place at Fineshade wood led by Jo Astle and Margaret Beardshaw details to follow.

Report: DAVID MANN Photo: STEVE SMITH
Group Leaders: STEVE AND LYNN WHITE

U3A CYCLING GROUP

September ride saw seven riders take part in initially a 15 mile route which was to take us through Maxey, Etton and Ufford and finishing at the Bull for lunch.



The first part from Maxey to took us "off road" through the back of Maxey via Woodgate Lane past the Gravel Pits to Etton. From here we continued to the Helpston Road and continued onto Woodcroft Road to the "Maned" level crossing at Woodcroft Equestrian Stables where we were asked by the Level Crossing operator "If we had brought a kettle" as we were going to have a long wait.

After a few trains, we continued on and turned onto Maxhams Green Road back towards Helpston. The route was now supposed to take us to Ufford but due to the delay at the level crossing and the "off road" element, time was against us. We therefore decided to continue through to Helpston and return to Market Deeping via West Deeping to the Bull for a well earned lunch.

This curtailed the distance by three miles but did not detract from the enjoyment with good weather and some lovely Autumnal scenery and colours, so many thanks to David for organising the route which everyone enjoyed.

JIM TORRANCE
Group Leader

U3A JAZZ, SWING AND BIG BAND GROUP

The U3A Jazz and Big Band Appreciation group met at Phil Jones' house on 25th September. Phil's programme had the intriguing title of *Drums, Bass, Goose and Other Stuff*. Phil explained about the unusual title - each piece made prominence of either *drums* (percussion) or the *double bass*. However, regarding the *Goose* of the title, two of the tracks played used saxophones played in such a way as to resemble the honking of geese!



Phil's programme featured an eclectic range of jazz musicians. We heard well-known names such as Oscar Peterson (*C Jam Blues*), Herbie Mann (*Chicken Little*), Art Pepper (*The Man I Love*), Memphis Slim (*Joogie Boogie*) and Miles Davis (*Move*) as well as lesser known artists like Captain Beefheart (*Tarotplane*), Archie Schepp (*Contracts*), Lyanbiko (*Parakeet Prowl*) and three by Cecile McLorin Salvant. One memorable track was an arrangement of the Fats Waller classic *Sweet and Slow* played by the violinist Nigel Kennedy with guitar, drums and bass.

Phil had thoroughly researched his programme and before each item told us interesting information on dates, venue names and pertinent information about the pieces and the players. Thank you Phil for this very different and thoroughly entertaining programme.

Our next meeting is on 23rd October, 10:00 am at Anne Jones' home.
Report TERRY NOBLE

Group Leaders: PETER BAYLIS / ANNE JONES

U3A SUNDAY LUNCH

The venue this month is Hare and Hounds, Haconby on Sunday, 27th October, 12.30 for 1 pm. Names please to Tony Semper or Michael Griffiths or on list at Monday's meeting.



U3A NATURAL HISTORY GROUP



Thursday, September 19th was a lovely sunny day when 12 members of the Natural History Group went to meet the Misty Meadow Alpacas and spent an hour getting to know them.

Males and females are kept separate and we met the females first as they were finishing their breakfast with

Rosie, the lead female, very much in charge. Then it was on to the males. They all came to say hello and obviously enjoyed being stroked - although not on top of the head - and there were smiles on all faces, especially theirs. We were given carrot sticks to feed to them which were much enjoyed by them all. They had all been sheared and it was lovely to see the beautiful colours of their coats and admire their wonderful eyes and eyelashes.



Our thanks to Karen Hepworth-Lavery who ensured it was an excellent visit with lots of discussion and much enjoyed by us all. Our next visit is an autumn walk in Bourne Woods on October 24th. Please contact Jo or Margaret if you would like to come along.

Group Leaders: JO ASTLE / MARGARET BEARDSHAW

U3A ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES GROUP

'Show and Tell' was the title of our September meeting. Members brought along their items, telling us the story of where they came from.

We had a 'Glass Top Hat', a Russian pocket watch, a lovely Austrian glass jug, a powder compact with the picture on the lid made from Butterfly wings - so dainty, a very tiny bible, and a family bible with names of the family going back generations, and a picture of John Wesley painted on a horses vertebrae.



We had a most interesting afternoon, thanks to everyone. Our next meeting is on October 28th, when we will be visiting Brackley Antiques Centre. The Mini Bus leaves the Community Centre at 9 am, the centre opens at 11 am and closing at 3-30 pm, when we will be leaving for home. Report: IRENE BEEKEN

Group Leaders IRENE BEEKEN / PAM PENDRY

U3A WRITING FOR PLEASURE

It was a full house of eight in October for our monthly meeting, and there were eight pieces to listen to, each one very different. These included a family going to Mars, an autobiography and the penultimate part of a children's story. As usual we had plenty of laughs and shared a very pleasant morning.

We will continue with our present list of topics for the remainder of the year, with members being free to write on something different if they prefer. We do have space for one or two new members. If you would like to come along and join us for a morning, with absolutely no obligation to return, please get in touch. We are a very friendly group and simply enjoy writing for the pleasure of it.

JUDY ROBINSON
Group Leader

U3A CRAFT GROUP 2

Thanks to Barbara Baylis for preparing and showing us how to make an excellent dainty bracelet in Peyote work.



This month Kath Allen is going to show us a 3D card which should be useful for filling with suitable gifts at Christmas time. See you all on Monday 14th October at Church Street, Deeping St James.

LIZ NOBLE
Group Leader

U3A THURSDAY GARDENING GROUP



We held a lively and chatty meeting at Liz Noble's home this month, thinking ahead to our programme for 2020 and reminiscing about previous visits and gardens. It was surprising to recall just how far and wide the group has traveled over the years.

Members were able to go away with some enormous pears from Roy Pettitt's garden after braving the chilly morning to look around Liz and Terry's garden.

Next month we meet at Ray and Alistair Smith's at 10.30 on Thursday 7th November. Photo: DAVID SCOTT

LINDA HILL
Group Leader

U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP

Twenty two of us met at Toft Hotel and Restaurant. Unfortunately it started raining and we don't do rain on a Monday walk!!! We set off on a pleasurable 4.1 mile - 4.15 mile walk = 4.3 mile walk. The rain did not last long so no drowned rat syndrome.



The first field footpath seemed never ending but was not too muddy. Did a loop via Witham on the Hill with a mixture of fields, roads, track and wooded area. Needless to say we found the muddiest area through the woods. Anyone who finished the walk with clean boots must have gone off Piste. A reasonable lunch was had at Toft and they did well to serve us early as we were back by 12.00 for 12.30 food.

The next walk will be led by Geoff and Penny - Stamford and Easton on the Hill approximately five miles - details to follow on email to you all.

Group Leader: STEVE HANSON

U3A "BOOKWORMS" READING GROUP

'The Lie'
By Helen
Dunmore



Quote at beginning of book

Daniel Branwell returns from World War 1 unharmed in body but traumatised and haunted by experiencing the horrors of the trenches. He has no home and no family, so takes refuge with an old dame who lives in a remote cottage. He does what seems right at the time but his guilt has sad consequences.

Well researched and beautifully written, the contrasts described balance the emotion evoked. This sensitive book is a tale of love and comradeship as well as a study of the effects of warfare on a man. It also haunts the reader. Highly recommended.

Our next meeting is at Rita's home, on 28th October 2019.

Report: NANCY TITMAN
Group Leader: ANN THORNTHWAITE

U3A QUILTING GROUP

It was a very busy meeting at the October session. Ann Thornthwaite very kindly brought Brian along to model his new Christmas outfit. How nice is that! Well done Ann (and Brian). Ann was also kind enough to lead the session for us today and the theme was Christmas Trees, wreaths and ornaments. A



really productive session with Ann explaining the easy way to do it. Thank you Ann. Your effort was much appreciated.

The next session continues with the Christmas theme. It was decided we would be back to the more serious side

of quilting in January and a more formal programme will be in place.

MARGARET GRIFFITHS
Group Leader

U3A GOOD FOOD GROUP

This month's theme was recipes from Nadiya Hussain and six of us took part. As she originally came to fame on Great British Bake Off, there was a tendency towards baked items. We admired her straight forward approach to family cooking, and the emphasis on no waste. Her quantities were quite generous. We had three pastry items to start with, Caramelised Onion and Cheddar Tart, Grilled Aubergine and Feta Tart, and a Crown of pastry containing ham and cheese. These were followed by a spicy Chicken curry and then a Bakewell Tart cake and some Nectarine and Honey iced cakes.

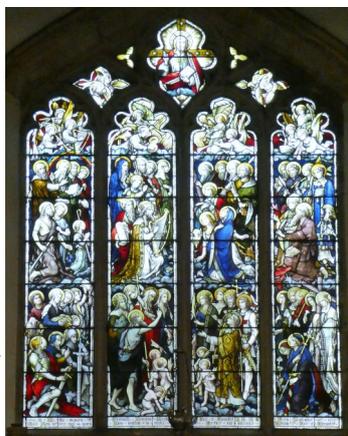


Next month will be an old favourite, Italian Food. More people to join us would be most welcome, especially as one of our stalwart members is planning to move away

KATHLEEN TANNER
Group Leader

U3A CHURCH MICE GROUP

Eighteen members of Church Mice visited All Saints church in Elton. The present church dates from the 15th century, but there are traces of a Saxon building including two Celtic wheel crosses.



The exterior of the church is dominated by the large tower. Inside the most notable features are the stained glass windows. Many of the windows are inspired by the pre-Raphaelites. Of particular note are the Te Deum east window with its 68 figures (pictured) and the William Morris window in the south west of Christ in Majesty.

Jane, a local historian, gave an excellent talk on the history of the church with many interesting anecdotes on the characters connected with the church. Although there was some internal building work in progress, the group enjoyed visiting the church and the tea and cakes that followed.

Report: HENRY ROBERTS

Group Leaders: JIM PRINGLE / SANDRA JONES

U3A LISTENING TO MUSIC GROUP

Our October meeting was once more hosted by Peter and Barbara Baylis with the program provided by Peter Loftus entitled: 'ON WINGS OF SONG.'



We had a delightful morning of song with Solos, Duets, Quartets and Choirs, ranging from Hildegard von Bingen and 'O Virga Mediatrix' (Canticles of Ecstasy) 'Sequentia', Thomas Morley's 'It Was A Lover and His Lass' and 'We Be Soldiers Three', an anonymous composer, through Mozart and Die Kleine Spinnerin', 'Don Giovanni's 'Cosi fan Tutti' and 'Requiem, 'Dies Irae' from the John Alldis Choir, 'Recordare' the Chamber Orchestra and Confutatis Maledictus conducted by Daniel Barenbom to songs by Maria Callas and Tito Gobbi. Bizet's 'Pearl Fishers,' sung by Bryn Terfel and Andre Bocelli. Then two songs by Gilbert and Sullivan followed by Luciano Pavarotti with Donizetti's song of madness, from Lucia Di Lammermoor,

'Danny Boy' was beautifully sung by Irish singer, Roisin O'Reilly from a compilation CD and we ended the morning with Richard Strauss and 'Four Last Songs' No.2, September. Here Kiri te Kanawa sang with the Vienna Philharmonic conducted by Solti and finally 'Nessum Dorma' by Puccini sung as only he can - Pavarotti once more. As Peter said, quote 'Nobody does it better' unquote.

Music and song enjoyed by everyone and a big thank you to the two Peter's for and coffee. Our next meeting is at the home of Ann Holmes and the annual dinner for the group will be on 12th February, 2020, once more arranged by Ann. Report: ANNE JONES

Group Leaders: TERRY NOBLE / JIM PRINGLE

U3A WEDNESDAY GARDENING GROUP September report



On 11th September, fifteen members visited Neame Lea Herb Nursery nea Spalding. Initially, we were shown a short film about the nursery followed by a tour of the site by Wendy Rennison, the site manager. We saw all aspects of the production starting with the machine which fills the pots, damps the compost and is programmed to sow the correct number of seeds in each pot. We were shown how the plants are grown on and moved round in the glasshouses until eventually each pot is inspected for quality and packed in a printed sleeve.

Members also saw how the biomass boilers which heat the glasshouses are fed with wood chip. Many of us questioned the use of plastic and we were told that Neame Lea is trialling different types of pot, samples of which we were shown. After thanking Wendy for such an informative tour, we were given the chance to take home a variety of herbs. Report: JANE COOKE

October report

This month we held our planning meeting at Jane's home. After much discussion we now have an outline to work on for 2020.



Our November meeting is a talk by Johnny Walkers on the 13th at Angie's. We have four new members (from Maggie's disbanded group) and our group is now full. Report: JEAN FOSTER

Group Leaders: JEAN FOSTER / JANE COOKE

U3A POETS AND POETRY GROUP



We had a most enjoyable time at our October meeting, our letter was 'G' and we had such a wide variety of poems, some very funny. We had 'Going to kill my husband' by Pam Ayres; 'Green Wheelbarrow' by Ian McMillan; 'Green' by Wild Bill Balding; 'Green' by William Barnes; 'Gold Leaves by G K Chesterton; 'Greenwich Park' by Herbert Lomas; 'Gods of the West' by Felix Dennis; 'Grey Dawn' and 'Giving up Smoking' by Wendy Cope; and 'Glory of the Garden' by Rudyard Kipling. We found a great deal to talk about and discuss with such a choice, and we thank Susanne for hosting the meeting and making us so welcome.

IRENE BEEKEN
Group Leader

U3A SCIENCE GROUP



On a lovely bright and warm summer's day, nine members journeyed to Cambridge, using the unique Guided Busway tram from the St Ives park and ride. Following a short walk from the bus station we arrived at the WHIPPLE MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE, which was founded in 1944, and recently refurbished and reopened. Quoting from their guide book, we were able to “

Discover a vast array of scientific instruments dating from the Middle Ages to the present day, from microscopes and telescopes to pocket calculators and slide rules, and find out more about the tools that scientists have used to understand the world around us.” The large collection of small pocket calculators made us smile, as they were circa the 70's, and compared to today's - well!! Also on display was a “Victorian Parlour” layout, and a gallery titled “Globes”, which displayed the relationship of all the planets, stars and the cosmos in fine detail. A number of **collection highlights** were on display, and details of them can be seen on their website:-

<https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/museums/whipple-museum-history-science>.

Moving swiftly on, the group opted to visit other interesting museums in the immediate area. ‘THE MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY’ was excellent (see :- <https://www.museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk>). After a good look around, the “in house” cafeteria called, and the tea, coffee, and cakes, were an excellent way to finish the afternoon off ..

Report and Photo: DAVID SCOTT
Group Leaders: GARTH PERRY / DAVID SCOTT

U3A FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP



This month we enjoyed celebrating 'Harvest' using a mix of flowers and fruit and some interesting containers from old kitchen scales, baskets and pumpkins. The beautiful autumnal colours are a little consolation for the evenings drawing in so quickly.

In November we will be using Fireworks/ Bonfire night as the theme, for the meeting.

PAT LUDLOW
Group Leader

U3A THURSDAY WALKING GROUP



Following the cancellation of our planned walk at Warmington due to flooding, Olive Parrin quickly came up with a very pleasant local walk from The Ruddy Duck at Peakirk. Leaving the village in ideal walking conditions, along a well made track by the field edges, we soon arrived at Glington crossroads before continuing straight on past the college towards the bridge over the bypass. This took us down the Helpston Road before turning right into Etton and then right through the well known tunnels to Nine Bridges. A grassy stretch then followed along the banks of the fast flowing Maxey Cut back to Peakirk to be treated to a very generous pensioner's lunch. During the walk it was noticed that there have been several notice boards erected since our last venture down part of the route by the Landyke Countryside Trust detailing information about some of the conservation work in the nature reserves that is being carried out. Many thanks to Olive for leading the walk and organising the lunch.

The next walk on 14 November will be led by Helen and Brian Driscoll and Pat Hanson and will be in the Folkingham area commencing from The New Inn, 10 West Street, Folkingham NG34 0SW. If you would like to attend this walk, could you please phone Helen or Brian by the Tuesday evening preceding the walk, if possible or e-mail Helen and also indicating whether you will be staying for lunch.

Photo: DAVID SCOTT
Group Leaders: GODFREY PARKES / DAVID SCOTT

U3A GARDENING 4 PETALS AND PRODUCE GROUP



For our September meeting, we met at Swines Meadow nursery. It was a very sunny, but blowy morning when Colin, the proprietor took us on a tour of the woodland garden. Below the canopy of many unusual trees were planted some rare and exotic plants, only a few of which were familiar to us. It was such an interesting talk from a plantsman who was full of enthusiasm and knowledge on this subject. Afterwards we adjourned to the cafe for a welcome refreshment, followed by a browse through the sales area.

A thoroughly enjoyable morning was had by all. Thanks to Pam for organising the event. This is an impressive establishment which specialises in rare and unusual plants and we are fortunate to have this on our doorstep. Our next meeting will be our November Planning Meeting on 19th at the home of Rita Stevens.
Report: EDDIE ADAMS

Group Leader: KATHLEEN TANNER

U3A "STROLLERS" WALKING GROUP



Thirteen Strollers met up on a glorious late September morning at The Wishing Well Inn at Dyke.

On leaving the car park we headed south along sign posted footpaths boarded by hedgerows laden with summer fruits which were enjoyed by some. Reaching the A15 we crossed over and headed towards the hamlet of Cawthorpe, stopping outside the Old Hall for a photo shoot, then we carried on to the junction of Wood Lane turning right and climbing up the bank to a freshly cultivated field with no clear path visible.

On reaching the crest of the slope the waymark posts could be seen in the distance, then on arriving at the A15 crossing over we headed for Dyke along the footway at the side of the lane venturing east through to the village green crossing over the bridge spanning Carr Dyke and onto the recreation ground.

We all returned to the The Wishing Well Inn for drinks and eats, enjoyed by all. Report by DAVID MANN

This month's stroll will be on Monday 28 October and will take us around Barnack and Southorpe, led by Geoff Fitzjohn. However, our meeting point will be at the Blue Bell in Woodgate at Helpston. After placing our orders for lunch, we will drive to Barnack to the start point of the walk. Members wishing to take part should contact Geoff a few days before .

I would like to remind members that our annual planning meeting will take place on Tuesday 29 October at the Roman Catholic church on Hereward Way, Deeping St. James, commencing at 10:00. This is your opportunity to discuss this year's walks and plan the programme for 2020.

BOB DELLER
Group Leader

U3A MONDAY READERS GROUP

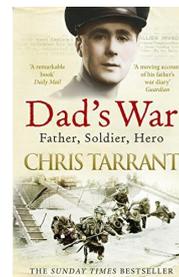
Our meeting this month was held in the home of Ray Smith so many thank to her and Alistair for looking after us so well.

This month's book was *Dad's War* by Chris Tarrant and when we first saw it, most members were not particularly looking forward to reading it.

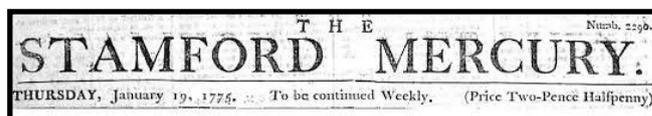
However, *Dad's War* proved us wrong. We found Chris Tarrant's style surprisingly engaging and easy to read and of a much better quality than we had anticipated. His relationship with his father was well described with considerable affection displayed so that we got a good idea of what he was like. We found the presentation of WW2 through the memories of one man very touching and effective. *Dad's War* also brought back 'Sing Something Simple' for example.

Our only dissonant note was that we thought the third part of the book became more about Chris Tarrant than his father, but that didn't spoil the book for most of us. In fact, having begun reading *Dad's War* unenthusiastically, we enjoyed it.

Report: LINDA HILL
Group Leader: LIZ WATERLAND



U3A FAMILY HISTORY GROUP



At our meeting today, Johnathan Smith gave a brief talk on one of Britain's oldest provincial newspapers, the Stamford Mercury. The newspaper was first established in 1710 as the Stamford Post which was located in High Street, St Martins. By 1712 it was renamed the Stamford Mercury. From 1712 to present day the paper has been at the heart of the community reporting on local, national and international news.

In 2005 a grant of £305,000 by the Heritage Lottery Fund went towards a five year conservation programme which was completed on time. The archives were stored in the newspaper office at High Street, Stamford but are now located in Cherryholt Road, Bourne.

November meeting, Helen Tovey will tell us about the free web sites available for our research and how to obtain the best information from them. Report JOSIE SMITH

Group Leaders: JOSIE SMITH / JEAN BENNAND



HAVE YOU GOT YOUR 2020 DIARY YET?

We will have a quantity of the very popular and very useable U3A Diaries, £3 each, on sale on a table at the Monday Meeting.

