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OUR HISTORY GROUP VISIT OXFORD



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Committee Members 2017/2018

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Susanne Hoadley	Groups Coordinator
Phil Jones	Deputy Gps Co-ordinator
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Programme of Speakers

- 2018**
- 17 September **BARROW TO BAGHDAD AND BACK**—Philip Caine
Talks about incidents in his working life in several countries which inspired him to write his adventure/thriller novels,
- 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). In addition to safety tips, it could help us to rid ourselves of the bad habits we have developed over many years.
- 19 November **HAMBLETON BAKERY** Robert Hill will talk about Hambleton Bakery which produces top quality artisan bread.

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.

Chairman's Reflections



Here I am again, staring blankly at the computer screen, and wondering what random ramblings I am going to fill my column with! I have just about got back into my routine after my holiday, and have almost recovered from walking 165 miles in 17 days, up and down the sides of mountains and deep valleys. The views were beautiful as always, when I could raise my head as I was struggling to get enough oxygen into my lungs! The Alpine meadows were a real picture, and a lot of the shadier areas were full of astrantia and cranesbill geraniums, and many other plants I struggle to cultivate well in my garden. Observing their natural habitat convinced me that a lot of the plants in my garden are in the wrong place for optimum growth, so I spent several days last week moving and re-planting. This of course necessitated me visiting several garden centres to get a couple of plants that I really wanted to add to my garden. Big mistake! All the centres seemed to have "end of season sales", and the temptation of the bargains was too much, so I ended up with more plants than I had intended, and had to spend more time finding homes for them.

Talking of finding homes for things.....in the Daily Mail recently, Lincolnshire Police published a photograph of a red leather purse, containing two old £10 notes and some corroded coins, which was found in 1987. Their accompanying message was:- "So far, we have established that it possibly belonged to a female called Dianne, who had connections with a person called Lee, who both lived in the Market Deeping area". Does this ring any bells with anyone?

Talking of missing persons.....(how about that for a continuity link?!). For the last few months we have experienced a falling attendance at our monthly meetings, despite the excellent speakers that Lyll Seale has engaged for us. This gives us a problem, as, in fairness to those who can't or don't want to attend the monthly meeting, we require the entrance fees collected to largely cover the cost of the venue and the speaker. !

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Chairman's Reflectionscontinued

However, while we would be pleased if more of you came along, I have to temper the appeal for a better attendance with a caution. We don't want you all to turn up, as we are restricted by the capacity of the venues available in the Deepings to 140 -150 maximum! This problem of low attendance was particularly serious at the August meeting this year, as we always engage an entertainer for this meeting, and they are generally more expensive. Those who attended in August thoroughly enjoyed an excellent duo of entertainers, but we didn't cover our costs. Consequently there is a motion before the Committee that we do not have a meeting next August. The reality is that August is a month when many of our Members are on holiday with family, or caring for their Grand-children, so we are unlikely to get a good attendance in the future.

I would remind you of my appeal last month for some new nominations for the Committee. The nomination forms are in this issue of the newsletter, and need to be returned by 1st October.

STOP PRESS ! STOP PRESS !

Many of you have been following the fortunes of POT MAN, and all seemed to be well after his makeover, until I returned from holiday. POT MAN has got Ants in his Pants! In my absence garden ants have discovered a way in to his interior (if you will excuse the expression!), and have built a nest! I will have to administer some very personal TLC soon!



Best wishes

Garth
Chairman

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Deepings U3A will be held at **10.15 am** on Monday 15th October 2018, at the Methodist Church, Deeping St. James. In accordance with our Constitution, **ALL**

Committee Members have to seek re-election **EVERY** year, so your nominations are required for **EACH** member - The Officers (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) and up to seven General Members.

Members willing and eligible for re-election, with their current positions and responsibilities, are as follows :- Garth Perry (Chairman), Ann Parkes (Secretary), Anne Burton (Treasurer), Ann Holmes (Newsletter Editor), Liz Noble (Membership Secretary), Susanne Hoadley (Group Coordinator), and Phil Jones (Deputy Group Coordinator). We therefore have vacancies for up to three more General Members, in addition to the above positions.

A nomination form is on page *** of this Newsletter, and if you know of anyone who is interested and willing to serve on the Committee, then, with their permission, let us have a completed nomination for them. All nominations should be sent to the Secretary, Ann Parkes, 12 Sandringham Way, Market Deeping, PE6 8AX, by Monday 1st October 2017

The Committee would like to express their sincere and grateful thanks to Lyall Seale, who is not able to stand for re-election this year, as he has served six continuous years on the Committee, which the maximum allowed by the Constitution. Lyall has found a wide variety of very enjoyable speakers and entertainers in those years, as well as contributing fully to the other tasks of the Committee.

As a result of this situation we have a vacancy for a Speaker Finder, and we urgently need someone to take up this important task. Lyall has kindly said that he will give any necessary assistance and "training" to anyone who takes on this position. Thanks Lyall for your six years of service, and your continuing support.

REMINDER: Will ALL GROUP LEADERS please check their members have the new 2018 / 2019 membership cards please.

THANK
YOU!

U3A 2019 DIARIES

Our order of this most excellent product will be available for September's meeting! £2.50 each.

Those names already on the list will receive their copy first but there will still be some available. If you would like one, please see JUNE

Unfortunately the following three reports arrived too late to be included in the August Newsletter:

U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP

Despite the best attempts of the Rutland Highways division to sabotage our walk by closing all roads around Manton and creating confusing diversion instructions, 19 walkers managed to get to the Horse and Jockey and come under starters orders.

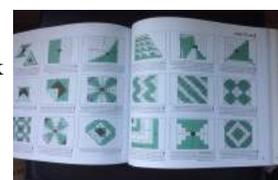


The walk on the familiar Lost Village route was very enjoyable, with plenty of drink stops on what was a very, very warm day. The Horse and Jockey pub at the end was a very welcome sight, where a pleasant lunch and drink was taken by the intrepid walkers.

Report by the walk leaders : GEOFF & PENNY HURST
Group Leader: STEVE HANSON

U3A QUILTING GROUP

The August meeting allowed time for members to catch up on outstanding work and the opportunity to discuss with the group problems encountered.



Liz and Carol will be the tutors for the course starting in September. Our thanks to them for undertaking this role. It's much appreciated. Liz brought in completed samples of the techniques we will learn this term and gave advice on materials needed. Everyone is looking forward to learning new skills.

Group Leader: Margaret Griffiths

U3A WEDNESDAY GARDENING GROUP

Our trip to Redhill Lodge did not get off to a very good start. We arrived to be told by the gardener (the only person on site) that we were expected the following day. This was a mistake by the owner who was abroad on holiday. However, Ian the gardener agreed to show us round this large, very modern design of garden with its amphitheatre, rill, viewing mound etc. Unfortunately, no tea/coffee or cake!



The owner has since apologised for her mistake and agreed a full refund.
Report: JEAN FOSTER

Group Leaders: JEAN FOSTER / JANE COOKE

SEPTEMBER REPORTS

U3A FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

At our meeting this month we enjoyed listening to a very informative talk on the history of the railways.

The railway boom was in the 1840's and run by dozens of competing companies. The entire network was brought under government control during the 1st World War. In 1923 nearly all the remaining companies were grouped into the big four, The Great Western Railway, The London & North Eastern Railway, The London Midland & Scottish Railway and The Southern Railway. The big four were joint stock public companies and they continued to run the railway system until 1947. From 1948 the big four were nationalised to form **British Railways**.

Our meeting next month is a talk by the editor of the Family Tree Magazine.

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



U3A CYCLING GROUP

Unfortunately, the start of our last ride was delayed due to a puncture on one of the bikes at the very start. However, one of the group happened to be carrying a spare inner tube which was fitted in the small car park next to the Market Deeping Bridge. Then undaunted, four of us set off southward via Northborough and Nine Bridges, through the tunnels under the A15 Eton and Woodcroft level crossing (which is still manually operated). Turning left took us back to Hurn Bridge. Following the Green Wheel route took us back to Market Deeping vis Glinton and Northbough.



Due to the delay in starting, the route was shorter than we would normally cover. However, the weather was ideal for cycling – sunshine and very little wind. We finished at the Deeping Stage where we put the world to rights over a hearty lunch.

Thanks must go to Chris Trotman for organising this month's imaginative, but last minute curtailed, ride. Report: TERRY NOBLE

Group Leader: JIM TORRANCE

U3A "WANDERERS" WALKING GROUP



In August, twelve Wanderers set off from Edenham village for a walk to the northern part of Bourne Woods. Although not as hot as recent days, the woodland trees provided some welcome shade on what was a very pleasant, warm and sunny day. All agreed, who had walked in these woods before, some careful planning had been needed to avoid getting lost.

The undulating walk through a variety of trees made for a very interesting experience. Additionally the walk leading to the woods and out of them, through freshly cut cornfields provided great contrast! The view looking down into Edenham from a hilltop, with the bales of straw and blue skies was a magnificent sight!

Well into the walk, we came across a mystery carved stone, of soldiers carrying swords. It looked as though it could have been carved in medieval times. Does anyone in the U3A know the history of this stone, as the group would be interested to find out its origin. This would make our August walk complete.

Report: HUGH & ANNE CASSIDY Photo: STEVE SMITH
Group Leaders: HILARY & BARRY AKAM

U3A UKULELE GROUP

After a summer break the next Ukulele Group meeting will be on Wednesday 10th October at 2.00pm. Existing members please let me know whether or not you are able to come along. New members are always welcome, you don't need to be able to read music or even much knowledge in the way that music works.



If you want to learn a new skill, have fun and impress your family and friends this is for you. Two new ladies have been coming along during the "closed season" and have been getting to grips with it nicely

MALCOLM HOADLEY
Group Leader

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Isobel Collier, Jean Shepherd and Hazel Pullen Deeping St James.



U3A JAZZ, SWING AND BIG BAND GROUP

Our August meeting was at the home of Phil Jones and as he did not have a title for it I have called it: "PHIL'S FAVOURITES".



We were select few today due to holidays, grandchildren and new family additions, but Phil provided us with a great morning of music which he particularly likes and we began with Sidney Bechet with Claude Luter and son playing 'Strike Up The Band'. 'On the Sunny Side of the Street' came from Lester Young and the Oscar Peterson trio, followed by 'Lady Be Good' a live performance from the Market Harborough Jazz Club.

Some confusion arose with the next offering but Sidney Bechet (again) with 'Laughing in Rhythm' and 'Happy Feeling' from Barney Kessel were both played but not necessarily in the right order. If this is incorrect then Phil accepts full responsibility!

'Up North' from Bill Burford's 'Earthworks', 'Down Time' from the Dave Holland Quintet, 'Straight, No Chaser' was Quincy Jones, 'Stuffy Turkey' from Thelonis Monk and 'China Town' from the Peter Baker's Half Dozen continued to entertain.

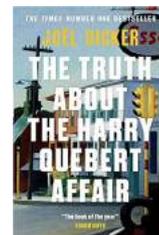
Julian Marc Stringle played a great version of 'I've Got Rhythm' on the clarinet and later we heard his version of 'Moonglow'. Then Charlie Parker wrote 'Donna Lee' played by Roy Ayers. We heard 'Room 26' from Lalo Shiffren, (the Bullitt soundtrack), Bud Powell played 'Ornithology' and 'Blue Monk' from Thelonius again. Lalo Shiffren also played 'Kali's Bossa Nova' (the Mission Impossible soundtrack), a rousing rendition by Chris Barber of 'When The Saints Go Marching In', followed and finally a very unusual arrangement of 'An English Country Garden' came from Kenny Ball.

Quite an eclectic mix we agreed. Thanks to Phil for the programme and Kath for the excellent refreshments. Please contact Peter or myself for the next venue on September 26th.

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

U3A "BOOKWORMS" READING GROUP

"The Truth about the Harry Quebert Affair", by Joel Dicker



It is 2008 and Marcus Goldman, aged 28 years, has written an acclaimed best seller. His publishers demand another book but Marcus cannot find inspiration.

He goes to Somerset a small town in New Hampshire to visit his old Professor and boxing coach Harry Quebert who, thirty years ago, had an affair with a 15 year old girl Nola who disappeared. An amazing revelation and the investigation followed, provides Marcus with plenty of material for his next book.

There are impossible twists and turns in the plot: contradictions in the characters and nothing turns out as it seems, so the reader goes along with the fantasy and enjoys the read.

Next meeting at Diana's home, 2pm, 24th September

Report: NANCY TITMAN
Group Leader: ANN THORNTHWAITE

U3A POETS AND POETRY GROUP

Cathryn made us very welcome for this month's meeting, but we had reached the initial 'V' which did not give us a very large selection of Poets to choose from. However, as usual, we had a very good collection: Paul Verlain, French Poet; Richard Verstegan, born Rowlands but took his Dutch grandfather's name when he went to live there; Henry Vaughan, Welsh poet; Voltaire, French; Ben Vogt, American; Judith Viorst, American; Judith Viorst, American, and Andrey A Voznesensky, also American.



We had a very welcome reading of 'The Gas Man Cometh' by Flanders and Swann from Suzanne, which gave an amusing finish to a very enjoyable afternoon.

IRENE BEEKEN
Group Leader

U3A LAWN BOWLS GROUP

The Lawn Bowls season has now come to an end. The number of people in the group varied from week to week but all of those who took part thoroughly enjoyed it with one of the group joining Market Deeping Bowls Club and playing in one of their league matches. The summer was kind to us with only two matches called off because of the weather. One Thursday was too wet and another day was far too hot to be out.



Market Deeping Bowls Club had arranged a competition for our group with a trophy to be presented to the winner. This year the winner was Malcolm Hoadley. The trophy will be presented at a later date.

As a group we would like to thank Market Deepings Bowls Club for their generosity in inviting us to play and their support in teaching us the etiquette and technique of Lawn Bowls. It was a good opportunity to learn new skills and get some gentle exercise not to mention topping up the Vitamin D.

MALCOLM HOADLEY
Group Leader



U3A GOOD FOOD GROUP

Seven of us had a great time trying to sample some Caribbean Food and there was rather a preponderance of Puddings this month!

The weather was lovely and we sat outside, some drinking Rum Punch to start with. We had some Caribbean meat patties, a bit like Cornish pasties but smaller and spicier to start with. Then we moved inside and tasted Chicken Jerk Kebabs with two lovely salads containing tropical fruit. Then we came to the puddings, with the emphasis on Pineapple and Coconut, together with a ginger cake and a Coconut version of Bread and Butter pudding. All very tasty. Thanks to our hosts and to everyone for their contributions.

We planned the programme for the next few months, and the theme for 1st October is Food from the Iberian Peninsula. Visitors and Guests always welcome to attend, to see what the group is like. Contact the organiser -

Group Leader: KATHLEEN TANNER

U3A MONDAY WALKING GROUP

Twenty one of us met at The Bull, Market Deeping for our approx. 5.5mile walk. We followed the river up to Maxey Mill and returned via West Deeping.



It was a pleasant walk on a muggy day.

Finishing with a good meal at The Bull .

The photo depicts the rare event that I as Group Leader remembered the sweets (1st time actually).

The October Walk will be led by Olive Parrin starting at the Boathouse, Peterborough. 5.5ish miles. Details to follow via email.

STEVE HANSON
Group Leader

U3A SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

Sunday Lunch for September 23rd has been reserved at 'The Hare and Hounds', Hacconby. As usual please notify Tony Semper or Michael Griffin or add your name to the list at Monday's Meeting if you wish to attend the lunch. Timing—12.30 for 1.00 pm.



GARDENING "OVER THE GARDEN WALL" GROUP

Our August meeting was the last outing of this Group's programme. It was to Leicester Botanical Gardens at Oadby.



There are 16 acres of cultivated gardens displaying a wide variety of features and environments. The garden holds national collections of plants including Hardy Fuchsias, which were very colourful and created a lot of interest for our group. What also was of interest was the medicinal gardens and members were surprised how many plants they were familiar with that were in common use in medicines. Many had been used for centuries, for example, sage and it's anaesthetic healing properties was used on the battlefields by Roman Soldiers.

Like many gardens this year the garden had suffered from the heat and drought conditions so was not at its best. There was, however, enough for a pleasing visit.

My thanks to Josie Smith for organising lovely refreshments after the visit in Oadby Church Restaurant.

Report: MARGARET GRIFFITHS

Group leaders: MARGARET GRIFFITHS / JOSIE SMITH

U3A "PACERS" WALKING GROUP



Twelve members of the group left the car park of the Blue Bell at Helpston just before ten o'clock to walk in 'John Clare Country'. The weather was perfect for walking, being dry and not too hot. The walk started at the public footpath opposite the pub and meandered around via various tracks, fields and paths through the woods to finish after approximately 5 miles back at the pub for an excellent meal.

Those who could not attend the walk missed our confrontation with a farmer who felt the need to point out the error of our ways. His aggressive call of "Oy you lot" gave us a good idea of what was to come. "This is private property, the footpath is on the road but I expect you already knew that" and "if I get any more people walking here I will plough it up".

We were walking down the side of a field on a wide track, well away from any crops (per the instructions on the Walking World website).

As you will know we are a genteel and refined group so naturally we were very upset and traumatised, so the suggestion made by one member of the group regarding the action we should take clearly came from a bad place and will be disregarded – and anyway where do you obtain a red hot poker these days?!! All in all an odd experience and quite unnecessary – did we look like a bunch of yobs? No comments thank you.

Next walk will be from Wishing Well at Dyke - details by usual email.

Report: GEOFF WHITTLE

Photo: STEVE WHITE

Group Leaders: LYNN & STEVE WHITE

There has seemed to be so much to get in this month so sincere apologies if I have missed anything. Ann

U3A QUILTING GROUP

Our September meeting was the start of our quilting course. Thanks to Carol we learnt how to cut out nine squares of contrasting fabrics and how turn this into a disappearing nine patch square. This sounds complicated but in reality you can get excellent results using this technique.



Carol also demonstrated half and quarter square triangles. She brought in samples and beautifully completed quilts to show these made up. We just hope ours look something like. It was a very busy day with help provided as needed. We could all appreciate the importance of accurate cutting out and sewing quarter inch seams.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th October when we will be doing 'Roman Strips'. Materials needed are enough fabric to cut three 1/2" strips in five different colours. Oddments can be used for practise. Liz will be the tutor for this session.

MARGARET GRIFFITHS
Group leader

U3A THURSDAY GARDENING GROUP



For our September meeting twelve members met at Margaret and Dave's home. Because of an exceptionally warm morning we were able to take advantage of brilliant sunshine and sit outside under the Gazebo offering shade for some and sunshine for others.

Over coffee we discussed some of the difficulties we have all encountered in our gardens over the long hot summer period. A plan was agreed to visit a local garden centre next month and to see if anyone was available to discuss 'winter' plants/planting. (David/Margaret to check). We then had a walk around the garden to view the varied planting and established evergreen shrubs and grasses. Still showing off much colour to the delight of all were Cosmos, Dahlias, Coreopsis, pink and white Gauras, Penstemon, Rudbeckia and Cyclamen. Next meeting Thursday 4th October.

Report : DAVID SCOTT
Group Leader: LINDA HILL

U3A FILM GROUP

The Film group recommences on Wednesday 26 September, 2 - 4 pm at the Green School, Market Deeping. The DVD is a new version of the film of "Dunkirk" the story of the evacuation of our troops trapped on the French beaches during World War II.



Group Leaders: MAUREEN WHITTLE / RITA BROWN

U3A HISTORY GROUP (See pic page 1—if you missed it!)

Fifty two members enjoyed their summer outing—this year to Oxford where they were met by a 'Blue Badge' guide and given a tour of some of the Oxford landmarks—walking in the steps of Morse and Lewis. The lunch of excellent fish and chips was followed by a short river cruise to Iffley. Very many thanks to Barbara McNicol for her hard work ensuring the arrangements ran so smoothly.

U3A "WEEKENDERS" GROUP

Ann welcomed 24 members to the Oddfellows Hall on Saturday, 8th September. She told the group that we have decided to go to the Oasis Restaurant in Waterside Garden Centre for our Christmas Lunch this year. She showed members the menu offering and told them we would need to know at the meeting on October 13th if they wished to attend, as the restaurant needs to know numbers. If anyone is unable to get to the meeting but would like their name put down for the meal, please let Ann or Barbara know before the meeting.



Marge is organising an evening out at the Greyhound Stadium in November – further details at the next meeting.

Report BARBARA MCNICOL
Group Leaders : ANN BRADSHAW / BARBARA MCNICOL

U3A "CHURCH MICE" GROUP – SEPTEMBER NON-VISIT

Over recent months, average numbers for our Church visits have been 25 to 30, but for this month's visit to Kirton on September 11 we had only 10 acceptances, many of the remainder of our members choosing rather to join the gardening group trip to Gunby Hall. We decided we could not possibly ask Kirton to lay on a visit and a tea for 10 people, so the visit was cancelled. The member who had done the hard work of organising the visit then had the embarrassing task of informing Kirton of the cancellation and of the reasons for it. Fortunately, they were very gracious and understanding.



Could we suggest, please, that those organising coach trips, etc., try if possible to avoid other groups' regular visiting days,

Next month's visit will be to Collyweston, and not to Stamford Methodist Church, as previously stated -- details in due course.

JIM PRINGLE
Group Leaders: JIM PRINGLE / SANDRA JONES

U3A ART APPRECIATION GROUP

Although some members were away on holiday, a number of the Group were able to meet up in Peterborough for what was a very interesting morning.

We met at Peterborough Museum where we visited the Art Gallery, which had an exhibition of Contemporary works of art. Various mediums were used one popular exhibit was a circular 3D printed sculpture in metal depicting nature (small birds and animals) with a reflecting mirror in the background.



We then walked down to Cathedral Square where Kathy told us about the three Antony Gormley statues that were erected in May this year. They were first commissioned by the Peterborough Development Corporation and were originally outside Monk Stone House offices. They were later moved to Thorpe Meadows in 2007 but were removed due to vandalism. After some renovation they are now on the rooftops of Peterborough above Cathedral Square. Collectively, the three statues are called "The place to be" and can be clearly seen when you look up.

One statue is seen walking (representing walking to the future) and is above Queensgate Shopping Centre opposite Carluccio's Restaurant; the second statue has his arms outstretched depicting embracing the future and can be seen above the Leeds Building Society. The third is looking over Cathedral Square and is shielding his eyes with one hand—looking to the future and is above the Yorkshire Building Society.

We then continued to the Cathedral to see Tim Peake's Spacecraft. We would recommend all three visits, especially Tim Peake's Spacecraft, which is on display until 5th November. So a very cultural morning. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 18th September at the Roman Catholic Church Deeping St. James, 10.30 am. All Welcome.

Report: LIN WITHERINGTON (Illustrations from Google).
Group Leaders: SANDRRA JONES / YVONNE MCCULLOCH

U3A "STROLLER'S" WALKING GROUP



Last month's stroll was virtually a repeat of the inaugural stroll back in 2010. This was in memory of the first group leader, Derek Nice, whom passed away in May. It was a pleasure to have his wife, Glenys with us on the walk, which started from the Ramblewood Inn, at Orton Hall in Orton Longueville.

After leaving the grounds, we crossed over the Oundle Road and entered Nene Park, where we crossed the Nene Valley Railway at Orton Mere. We were briefly held up for a passing train, the line operating as it was a public holiday. Our group of 13 walked over Orton Stauch and then under Nene Parkway, taking the sculpture walk. This runs just to the south of the rowing course and rowers were in action, no doubt enjoying their bank holiday Monday. Trying to make head or tail of the sculptures kept some strollers occupied, or even bemused, but we soon reached the head of the rowing course before returning.

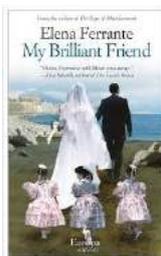
We stopped for a group photo at a sculpture called the Festival Boat before stopping to watch debutant narrow boaters successfully negotiating the lock at Orton Stauch, which can't be easy when you are being watched. Back at Ramblewood Inn we enjoyed our carvery lunch.

Our stroll this month will take place on Monday 24 September, commencing from the car park of Deeping Lakes Nature Reserve. Members of the group wishing to take part should contact either Sue Dinenage or Dorothy Sistern.

BOB DELLER
Group Leader

U3A MONDAY READERS GROUP

This month's book was most unusual, and not in a good way, as it was one that all but two of our members disliked and only four had managed to finish!



We rarely get a really unpopular book but *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante was one of them. It is the first of a quartet of The Neapolitan Novels by this author and tells of the childhood and young adulthood of two girls, Elena and Lila who grow up in a poor neighbourhood of Naples in the 50s. Rich in a great variety of characters and ranging through the girls home life, education, family and friends, many of us thought we ought to have enjoyed it. However, the style of writing, combined, possibly, with losing something in translation, made the book extremely difficult to read for most of us. Dense, verbose language was the main stumbling block, together with a slow pace and, many felt, unattractive personalities.

However, to be fair, two of our group did enjoy it and want to go on to read the rest of the series. It seems to be a book that repays close, careful reading, rather than a more relaxed approach. It is not an easy read but rewarded those who could immerse themselves in its plot and stick with its linguistic style.

Our next meeting is at 10.00 on Monday October 8th in the Library as usual. Our book will be *The Lie* by Helen Dunmore.

LIZ WATERLAND
Group Leader

U3A CLASSIC AND KIT CAR GROUP



For those in the group who could come to the August meeting only one was unable to bring his Classic out! For the rest it was hoods down and enjoy the sunshine with a BBQ at ours. As John runs the Deepings and the Peterborough Groups together we put up a Peterborough U3A banner at the end of our drive so that new members could see where we were. During our lunch a group of Peterborough cyclists happen to pass by and called in to see what was going on. By chance we had lots of puds to share; they were welcomed and joined us for a while.

The next meeting will be a 'Fun Run' on Wednesday, 26th September 'Fun Run' and has been organised to start at the Mulberry Café, Elton Walled Garden Centre, PE8 6SH, at 11.00 am. (Note the earlier time). We can have a coffee and chat and be ready to set off at around 11.30 with a stop for lunch and then back again to the Mulberry Café. The details and instructions of the circular route will be distributed when we meet on the 26th. For further information contact John Burton.

Report and Photo ANNE BURTON
Group Leader: JOHN BURTON

U3A LEARNING PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Members of the U3A photography group met on Wednesday 15th August at the Roman Catholic Church Hall. Members discussed recent photographs that they had taken, and asked if I would comment on each and every photograph that I saw. The second half of our meeting, I showed the members a hundred and sixteen photographs of the Deepings Camera Club Millennium exhibition, held at the Deepings Community Centre on the 9th to the 16th December 2000. Admission free.



The exhibition was called 'Past and Present'- a Century of change. A Photographic view of the Deepings through the 20th century.

I told them how we were approached by the South Kesteven District Council to come up with a good idea for the Millennium, and to get a grant of nearly £5,000 pounds. At the time I was both Chairman of the Deepings Camera Club, and press officer. We had numerous meetings until we decided on the Past and Present theme. A lot of advertising was done asking members of the general public, if they had any old photographs from the turn of the century to be used in the exhibition. Members in the Camera Club were then asked to go and photograph new buildings Churches houses, shops etc. It was well documented in the local newspapers and radio stations. The photographs flooded in. And yes we did get the grant. Even after the exhibition more and more photographs came in. You can still see some of those photographs at the Community Centre and the Health Centre at Market Deeping.

There will be no meeting on Wednesday 19th September 2018, but hope to do one in October.

DAVE PENDRY
Group Leader



CRAFT REPORT 2

We had a month off in August as it was the buffet day at the School hall following the meeting, however we will be meeting this month at Kath Allen's house, 158 Eastgate and tackling prick and stitch again which we haven't looked at for some time. Thank you to Kath for hosting it.

LIZ NOBLE
Group Leader

U3A FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP

The August meeting took us out of our comfort zone as we were experimenting with suspending covered tubes containing a single flower as part of the arrangement. The picture shows the inspired creation from Valerie Machin, who also used foliage manipulation techniques that she learned on a workshop. A real showstopper result. Everyone produced something interesting, and we all learned from experimenting, and seeing other techniques.



We meet again on October 4th in Northborough Village Hall 2-4pm when we will be doing a two placement Harvest themed arrangement of flowers and vegetables etc. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact me for details, as we have space for one or two new members.

PAT LUDLOW
Group Leader

U3A LISTENING TO MUSIC GROUP

Due to unforeseen circumstances the venue for our September meeting was changed and Terry put together a programme entitled; **FIFTH SYMPHONIES.**



We heard some splendid music, beginning with Beethoven's First Movement, then William Boyce, followed by Mozart's K.22 Complete Work (3 Movements) written at the age of nine! This was followed by Tchaikovsky's 2nd Movement, (Andante Cantabile). A slight hiatus between Mozart and Tchaikovsky occurred when 'The Gas Man Cometh' - not Flanders and Swan, but the fitting of Ann's new gas cooker!

Music continued with Gustav Mahler and then two different versions of Charles-Marie Widor's Toccata. The first played on the Harrison & Harrison Organ in Peterborough Cathedral by Mark Duthie, the second played by David Briggs on the Cavaille-Coll Organ in St. Sermin, Toulouse. Sibelius followed with the 3rd Movement, played by the Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Valdimir Ashkenazy and the morning ended with the 2nd Movement by Shostakovitch, 2nd Movement, Bernard Haitink conducting the Concertgebouw Orchestra.

A delightful morning of music for which we thank Terry who stepped in at short notice to put the programme together. Thanks to Ann for her hospitality. Next meeting at the home of Peter Baylis (01778 345293). Please notify him if you are unable to attend.

Report: ANNE JONES
Group Leaders: TERRY NOBLE / JIM PRINGLE

U3A WEDNESDAY GARDENING GROUP

On 12th September, twelve members visited Elgoods Brewery Gardens in Wisbech.



Despite the hot summer, the lawns were beautifully green and there were many interesting plants and trees for us to see, and even quite a lot of colour still in the borders. We all enjoyed a buffet lunch in a room on our own, round a big table which gave us the opportunity to chat before completing our tour of the gardens.

Report: JANE COOKE
Group Leaders: JEAN FOSTER / JANE COOKE

Photo: PAM READY

U3A SCIENCE GROUP

We took a month off in August and didn't have a meeting.



On September 18th we will be making use of our bus passes to go to Peterborough Cathedral, to view the Tim Peake Exhibition. We will also be trying out the Virtual Reality Experience, and the coffee shop!

Group Leaders: GARTH PERRY / DAVID SCOTT

U3A THURSDAY WALKING GROUP



For our September walk, Steve and Lynn White led 22 members on one of the many walks from the Blue Bell at Helpston. It was superb walking weather bright and sunny and not too hot. The walk led us around the outskirts of Helpston taking in a section of the Torpel Way and skirting the rear of Swaddywell Pit Nature reserve before returning to the Blue Bell for a very pleasant lunch. Many thanks to Steve and Lynn for leading the walk and organising the lunch.

The next walk on 11 October will be led by Olive Parrin and will be around the Elton Park and Warmington areas commencing from The Red Lion, Peterborough Road, Warmington, PE8 6TN. If you would like to attend this walk, could you please phone Olive by the **Monday** evening preceding the walk, if possible, on 01778 344969 or e-mail ericandolive1967@gmail.com and also indicating whether you will be staying for lunch.

GODFREY PARKES / DAVID SCOTT
Group Leaders

At this point I had a difficult decision to make. I had one report still to get into the Newsletter and whilst I could have squashed it into this space, I had been sent several really good photographs to go with it. Yes, I know I could have referred everyone to our Web Site as I am sure the pics. will already be on but for various reasons some of our members are unable to access the site, so I decided to add an extra page in order to include some of the photographs (Shush ... don't tell our Treasurer, she may think I have been extravagant, especially as I will have to ask for more toners before the next Newsletter!). As always, there will be other photos on the web site so please, those who can, do view them. David Scott works so hard to keep it an up to date and interesting site and we are very luck to have his expertise. ANN

DEEPINGS U3A COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS 2018 / 2019

I propose

as a General Member or Officer of the Deepings U3A Committee (If as an Officer please specify position).....

Proposed byDate.....

Seconded byDate.....

Thanks to ANNE BURTON and JOHN MARSH for photographs. Bottom three are definitely Gunby Hall, Caravan at Baumber buthas confused myself about who took what and exactly where the other pictures were taken. Phone didn't stop ringing whilst I was doing page.!!



U3A GARDENING 4 PETALS AND PRODUCE GROUP

Very many thanks to everyone who came on the coach outing to Baumber Walled Garden and Gunby Hall. By all accounts and from the number of e-mails received, you all had a great day out notwithstanding the early morning rain! At least the afternoon brightened up and the gardens looked the fresher for the rain. The closer proximity of both gardens to home than on some past occasions seemed to be appreciated.

A number of you have suggested you will go back to one or both gardens which must be a sign of acclamation to those who hosted us.

For Petals and Produce, our next meeting is on Tuesday 16th October at Kathleen's when each member will be talking for a couple of minutes on a herb of their choice. Should be a well earned relaxing meeting!

Report: JOHN M ARSH
Outing Organisers: EDDIE ADAMS / JOHN MARSH
Group Leaders: PAM PENDRY / JOHN MARSH

