

U3A TRANSPORT GROUP LECTURES & FIELD TRIPS, 2010 - 2023, BY YEAR

2023

- The Port of Felixstowe and the rise of containerisation, the origins and growth of the port, through WWII to the present, Tim Young.
- The Duxford Aviation Society, Its work on the British Airliner Collection, Bob Wright.
- Benz to Bugatti - Magnificent Women in Motoring about the firsts, the innovators, the racers and the law makers and breakers, with a couple of in-depth histories, Debbie Land.
- Field Trip to Silverstone Interactive Museum and the Turweston Flight Centre, home of the Light Aircraft Association, Tony Brown, David Beale.
- Coal for the Grand Fleet - The Jellicoe Specials, on how the railways in South Wales coped in WWI and the long term damage that the war effort inflicted on the railways as a whole, Terry McCarthy.
- Field Trip to the East Anglia Transport Museum Open Day at Carlton Colville, Peter Lee.
- Field Trip to Microlight aircraft flying into Sutton Meadows Airfield, Peter and Mary Robinson.
- 21 Days Across the Pacific by Cunard Queen Victoria in February 2023, Peter Lee.
- Tales from the Fens 1970 - 1972. Continuation talk about his early career as a railwayman, as Assistant Station Master at Peterborough Station in the 1970s', David Copeland.
- Programme review and group planning, Peter Lee.

2022

- A Discussion on Electric Vehicles, David Beale.
- History of RAF Downham Market at Bexwell Airfield, Andy Moore.
- Visit to Woodbridge, Saxon Hoo Burial ship, Longshed Museum, and Tide Mill, Jane Wicks.
- Cromford and High Peak Railway, High Peak Adventure, 1830 - 1967, Gareth Hughes.
- Being a Police Motorcycle Patrol Man, Traffic Police Motorcyclist, Eddie Hopkins.
- History of the Tracked Hovercraft at Mepal, Peter Cox.
- Stour Valley Railway, that linked Cambridge to Colchester and Harwich, Rob Barter.
- Building Live Steam Models, Charlie Barker.
- Visit to Rob Barter's O-gauge garden railway, Sutton, Rob Barter.
- B&W Mechanical Handling, Ely's Brown & Woodbine, History and Achievements, Barry Woodbine.
- 166 years of British Rail's Royal Mail Contract, BR Sectorisation, Privatisation, Termination, 1982-2004; David Copeland.
- Life and Times of Bexwell Aerodrome, Part 2, Andy Moore.
- Members' discussion of personal mobility transport experiences

2021

- Bristol Brabazon - White Hope or White Elephant, Roger Haverson.
- De Havilland Dynasty - from Sir Geoffrey to the Space Shuttle, Tim Young.
- Visit by Train to Woodbridge & the Recreated Saxon Ship, Jane Wicks.
- Railways of Cambridge, Tony Kirby.
- Lifeboat on the Road, training RNLi lifeboat crew, Howard Nichols.
- Restoration of the wooden de Havilland Sea Venom XG730 jet fighter, Alistair Hodgson.
- Visit to Vintage Cars and Tractors at Haddenham, Mike Dyson.
- Visit to Enthusiast's Day at Statfold Barn Narrow Gauge Railway and Museum, Tamworth, Peter Lee.
- Visit to Rob Barter's O-Gauge Garden Railway, Sutton, Rob Barter.
- Visit to Annual Flying Day at Cambridge Microlight Club, Sutton Gault, Peter & Mary Robinson
- Review of Group Activities in the Time of COVID, plus plans for the future, Peter Lee.
- 100 Years of Duxford and Fowlmere, Bernard Olley.

2020

- Concorde - Birth, Life, Death & Afterlife, Chris Holley.
- Regaining the World Water Speed Record, Nigel Macknight.
- Visit to RAF Marham, F35B Lightning II, Mo Howard, Steve Roberts, Colin George.
- Nene Valley Railway - the first forty years, Keith Parkinson.
- Visit to the Statfold Barn Narrow Gauge Railway Enthusiasts' Day, Tamworth, Mike Dyson.
- I Flew Alongside a Spitfire, Yesterday! Chris Holley. Sutton garden model railway update, Rob Barter. Early History of Farm Tractors, Mike Dyson. Quiz, Peter Lee.
- Visit to National Bubble & Micro Car Museum and Boston, David Beale.
- Bubble Car Museum & Boston visit, group future, Future Rail Developments, Peter Lee.
- Harwich for the Continent I - Origins of Harwich and Parkeston Quay, and ships used, Chris Turland.
- Harwich for the Continent II - Origins of train services connected to the ferries, Chris Turland.

2019

- Steam Excursions to the Seaside in East Anglia in the 1950's, Rob Barter.
- Industrial Steam Generation & Utilisation, William P Smith.
- Handley Page Herald Airliner, John King.
- Brooklands aircraft & motor Museum, Sammy Miller's Motorcycle Museum, Colin George.
- Rebuilding an Elva 200 Formula Junior Racing Car, Sue Spence.
- Transport Group Miscellany, review of activities over the last 9 years. Peter Lee.
- Visit to Rob Barter's O-Gauge Garden Railway, Sutton, Open Gardens, Rob Barter.
- Engines and Transmissions from the Early Days to the Present and Future, David Beale.
- Visit to the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation, and to Sywell Aviation Museum, Jane Wicks.
- Racing Vintage Norton Motorbikes, Vincent Streamliner Bonneville record speed attempt, Stu Rogers.
- Percy Pilcher and the Quest for Flight, Tim Young.
- Rail Roving round Suffolk and Norfolk, inc East Suffolk Line and Sheringham, Tony Weston.
- Spitfire Parade, development of the Spitfire as a fighter, Terry McCarthy.
- Railway Architecture in East Anglia - Tony Kirby.

2018

- Fun on two wheels, off-road motorcycling, South America & Fort William, Colin George.
- Visit to the Postal Museum, the Mail Rail and the Emirates Air Line, Tony Weston.
- Submarines - from Jules Verne to the nuclear submarine, plus Submersibles, Tim Young.
- The Eastern Counties and the Railway King George Hudson, coming of railways to Ely, Peter Lee.
- Visit to the Barrow Hill Roundhouse and Crick Tramway Museum Village, Tony Weston.
- Vehicle restoration projects, inc rebuilding a Bull-Nose Morris Oxford, Norman Newbould.
- Visit to RAF Wyton Heritage Centre: Pathfinder Collection. Photo Reconnaissance Collection. RAF Wyton History Timeline, Jane Wicks.
- Visit to Ken Ellis's SM 32mm gauge Garden Railway, Ely, (Model Engineering Sub-Group).
- History of March Railway Station, Adrian Sutterby.
- Ships and Sea Transportation, Colin Spencer.
- Open Day at Tyseley Locomotive Works engine sheds, Birmingham, Tony Weston.
- Visit to the Triumph Motorcycle Factory and Museum, Hinkley, Tony Brown & Rolly Wells.
- National Police Air Service, Helicopters, Julian Bosley, Essex Base Commander.
- Visit to Rocks by Rail, Rutland, Leicester Space Centre, & Abbey Road Pumping Station, Tony Weston.
- Falklands Air Campaign - A Personal Story, Peter Baker.
- Outing on the SS Waverley from Harwich to London, Jane Wicks.
- Transports of Delight : Past fifty years in road, rail, water and air transport, Terry McCarthy.

- Stanhope & Tyne Railway, an early 1830's mineral railway, Maggi Haverson.
- Selection of Railway Paintings by Terence Cuneo, Peter Lee.

2017

- 1st Visit to Amazon Drone Testing Centre, Cambridge, Peter Lee.
- Race Against the Blue Train, Woolf Bernato & Bentley Speed Six, Terence Cuneo picture, Nigel Puttergill.
- Visit to Birmingham & Stourbridge People Mover, Tony Weston.
- Marshall: The Other Side of the Road, Marshall Motor Bodies 1959 to 1968, Rob Barter.
- Being a Woman Racing Driver and Racing at Le Mans, Celia Stevens.
- Visit to Witchford RAF Display, Peter Lee.
- Journey from Wisbech to Upwell by Canal and Tram, William Smith.
- 2nd Visit to Amazon Drone Testing Centre, Cambridge Peter Lee.
- From BSA to Brooklands, Britannia and Brabazon, Ruth Morgan.
- Visit to Great Central Railway for the 1940s Wartime Weekend, Tony Weston.
- TEU World Tour - life on a container ship, Peter Hesketh.
- Visit to Topsail Barge Sailing & Museum of Power, Maldon.
- My Early Motoring or You've Never Had It So Good, Colin George.
- Visit to Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre at East Kirkby. Percival Mew Gull at Fenland Aero Club Wright Field, Jane Wicks.
- Visit to Rob Barter's O-Gauge Garden Railway, Sutton, Rob Barter.
- White Van Man, Rob Barter.
- St John's Railway Ambulance Service, Alan Sharkey.

2016

- Traction Engines in Cambridgeshire, Mike Dyson.
- Lighthouses, those Beacons of the Sea, Graham Anthony.
- East Anglian Railway Museum, Chappel and Wakes Colne railway station in Essex, Philip Ainsley.
- Visit to Shuttleworth Collection of vintage aircraft and cars, Old Warden Aerodrome, David Beale.
- Visit to Prodrive Banbury (Aston Martin race cars), Jackie, Gaydon, Rob Morrison.
- Visit to Fornsett Industrial Steam Museum, Dr Rowan Francis, & the Norfolk Tank Museum, Colin George.
- Visit to Marshall's Airport, Cambridge, and the Aerospace Hangers, Alan Paul, Rob Barter.
- Nene Valley Railway, Peter Durose.
- Oxford's Historic Waterways, legend to leisure, Mark Davies.
- Visit to Rob Barter's new O-Gauge Garden Railway, Sutton, Rob Barter.
- The History of MV Agusta - Grand Prix motorcycle manufacturer, Peter Stonehouse.
- Rivers, Ports & Railways: connecting East Anglia to the World, Toby Kirby.
- True Stories of a Lorry Driver, Len Priestley.

2015

- 1934 Mildenhall to Melbourne Air Race, Comet Racer, Terry Holloway.
- London Crossrail Project, Patrick Griffin.
- Building a Replica Percival Mew Gull E2H Vintage Aircraft, G-HEKL, David Beale.
- Cromford and High Peak Railway, Gareth Hughes.
- There and Back to the Antipodes, Jeff Hide.
- Visit to Morgan Motor Company, Malvern, Rob Barter.
- The True Price of Fish and Chips, Andy Malcolm, Fisherman's Mission.
- Visit to Turners Distribution Centre at Fordham, Supply Chain Solutions, Stephen Blackmore, Paul Day, Howard Middleton.
- History and Future Development of Mercedes Benz, Steve Howie.
- British Transport Police, including history and work in our area, PC Paul Gray.
- Sopwith's Endeavour - in pursuit of the America's Cup, Graham Anthony.

- Visit to RAF Air Defence Radar Museum, RRH Neatishead, Nr Horning, Norfolk, David Jones.
- A mixture of Transport and Music, Peter Lee and Howard Middleton.

2014

- Restoration of Duxford's Bristol Blenheim, John Smith.
- My First Car (s), members joys and travels of their own or their family's first car, Members.
- Visit to Richard Lee's collection of cars and other interesting vehicles, Wicken, Peter Lee.
- History of Model Boats plus a display of models, Ivor Warne.
- The Norfolk Wherries, Peter Bower, Wherry Yatch Charter.
- Exploring East Anglia by Bus Pass, Pip Wright.
- Electric Cars, Fact or Fantasy, Michael Sibley.
- Losing Track - Transport in East Anglia since 1900 (rail, road, bus, car), Tony Kirby.
- Development of Railways in and around Nottingham, Peter Lee.
- Field trip to Nottingham by train and tram, Peter Lee.
- History of the Lancaster Bomber, David Taylor.
- Steam Engines, Development of Power for Transport, Farmer John Bedford.

2013

- Square Windows - The Comet Story, Mike Sibley.
- The Crash of Speedbird 38, the first Boeing 777 accident report/investigation, Terry Overall.
- The Great Ouse Navigation, its history, and the restoration of the last 10 miles to Bedford, Alan Faulkner.
- Recovery of Crashed Aircraft in the Fens, Bill Welbourne, FAWNAPS, Fenland and West Norfolk Aircraft Preservation Society.
- The Auto Wallah's Tuk Tuk, India, Jeff Hide.
- Visit to 1918 Garrett Steam Tractor Traction Engine, 1935 Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies portable steam engine, & 1927 vintage car, Haddenham, Mike Dyson.
- Field Trip to FAWNAPS, Bill Welbourne, Fenland & West Norfolk Aircraft Preservation Society, Wisbech, Rob Morrison.
- The James Craig, Sydney Heritage Fleet the Museum that went to Sea, Pat Birch.
- Combating Pirates, Andrew Cowan.
- The Good Old Days of BSA Motorcycles, Michael Martin.
- "Four Men in a Boat", four men in their 60s sailing round Britain – Part 1 from the Crouch to Whitehaven, John Neat.
- Kings Lynn Docks and Railways, Rob Barter.

2012

- Atlantic Coast Express, Peter Lee.
- Amy Johnson: Queen of the Air, Midge Gillies.
- Life on the Inland Waterways, Geoffrey Page.
- Cross London by Rail. Ely, Cambridge, Stansted, Stratford, Westfield Shopping Centre, DLR Stratford International, Shadwell, Canning Town, London Overground East London Line, Brunel Thames Tunnel Wapping, Brunel Museum Rotherhithe, Canada Water, ELL and Jubilee Line to Canary Wharf, DLR to Island Gardens, Greenwich, DLR Lewisham, Network Rail Mid Kent Elmers End, Croydon TramLink, Sandilands, West Croydon, Network Rail East Thameslink Croydon, London Bridge, Blackfriars Farringdon St Pancras, Kings Cross concourse, Peter Lee.
- History of Railways in Switzerland, John Cullin.
- Spitfire - Then & Now, Chris Holley.
- East Anglian Air Ambulance, Chris Donaldson.
- A Waterway for All - a campaign to link the Great Ouse at Bedford to the Grand Union Canal at Milton Keynes, Hilary Goldsmith.

- Transport Down Under - a personal survey of trains, planes, automobiles, boats, trams and a bridge enjoyed on a recent trip round Australia, Peter Lee.
- Stour Valley Railway, memories of the cross-country route between Cambridge and Colchester, Rob Barter.
- Walking on Water, Alan Hogarth.

2011

- Life on the railways around Ely from the "Pork and Lard" at Sutton in 1957, Frank Day.
- Husband's travels "On My Bike", Jean Russell.
- Guided rail tour of Suffolk and Norfolk from Ely via Cambridge, Ipswich, Lowestoft, Norwich, Peter Lee.
- Mega-ships of the Past - Wooden ships got big and iron ships got massive, Graham Anthony.
- Visit to Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum, Barbara Hinsley.
- The History of Liverpool Street to Kings Lynn Railway, Robert Stripe.
- Visit to refurbished Midland Grand Station Hotel, St Pancras, Royden Stock, Stansted Express, Peter Lee.
- Garden railway, Sutton, Rob Barter.
- Visit to Ken Wallis Collection. Reymerton Hall, Carol Trigg. Mid Norfolk Heritage Railway, Peter Lee.
- Mapping the Evolution of Transport Networks: HGISE - A Historical Geographical Information System of Europe, Raimat vineyards in Spain, Prof Jordi Martí Henneberg, University of Lleida, Spain.
- Along the Line, the history of railway connections between Newmarket, Cambridge, Ely and Bury St Edmunds, David Occamore.
- Construction of the Channel Tunnel, George Jellicoe.
- Brunel's SS Great Britain, Rob Barter.

2010

- Kings Lynn to Hunstanton & Elizabethan Express train DVDs, Peter Lee.
- My First Flight (s), members, Building Heathrow Airport DVD,
- Agricultural Tramways. Wisbech & Upwell Tramway DVD, Peter Lee.
- Planes, Wheels, Boats and Autogyros, Ken Wallis.
- Tour of Air Space, Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Carol Trigg.
- Concorde - Birth, Life, Death & Afterlife, Chris Holley.
- Commercial Vehicle Design at Marshalls Cambridge, Rob Barter.