

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

LECTURES ON TRAINS

- Elizabethan Express, & Kings Lynn to Hunstanton
- History of Agricultural Tramways
- Life on the Railways around Ely, from the "Pork and Lard" at Sutton in 1957
- History of Liverpool Street to Kings Lynn Railway
- Mapping the Evolution of Transport Networks
- History of Railways between Newmarket, Cambridge, Ely and Bury St Edmunds
- Construction of the Channel Tunnel
- Atlantic Coast Express
- History of Railways in Switzerland
- Stour Valley Railway, the Cross-Country Route between Cambridge and Colchester
- Trains, Planes, Automobiles, Boats, Trams and a Bridge, down under in Australia
- By Rail Round Northern India
- Losing Track - Transport in East Anglia since 1900
- Development of Railways in and around Nottingham
- British Transport Police, history and work in our area
- Cromford and High Peak Railway
- London Crossrail Project
- East Anglian Railway Museum, including railway preservation
- Nene Valley Railway
- Rail Roving Group, Great Central Railway, 1940s Wartime Weekend
- St John's Railway Ambulance Service
- The Eastern Counties and the Railway King George Hudson, coming of railways to Ely
- History of March Railway Station
- Transports of Delight : Fifty years of photographs of road, rail, water and air transport
- Stanhope & Tyne Railway, an early 1830's mineral railway with a fascinating history
- Selection of Railway Paintings by Terence Cuneo
- Steam Excursions to the Seaside in East Anglia in the 1950's
- Railway Architecture in East Anglia
- Nene Valley Railway - the first forty years
- Sutton garden model railway update
- Railways of Cambridge
- Cromford and High Peak Railway, High Peak Adventure, 1830 – 1967
- History of the Tracked Hovercraft at Mepal
- Stour Valley Railway, that linked Cambridge to Colchester and Harwich
- Building Live Steam Models
- 166 years of British Rail's Royal Mail Contract, BR Sectorisation, Privatisation, Termination, 1982-2004
- 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
- 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'

LECTURES ON FLIGHT

- Members' First Flight
- Building Heathrow Airport
- Ken Wallis - Planes, Wheels, Boats and Autogyros
- Concorde - Birth, Life, Death, & Afterlife
- Amy Johnson - Queen of the Air
- Spitfire - Then & Now
- East Anglian Air Ambulance

- Square Windows - The Comet Story
- Crash of Speedbird 38, the First Boeing 777 Accident
- Recovery of Crashed Aircraft in the Fens
- Restoration of Duxford's Bristol Blenheim
- 1934 Mildenhall to Melbourne Air Race, Comet Racer
- History of the Lancaster Bomber
- Building a Replica Percival Mew Gull Vintage Aircraft
- National Police Air Service, Helicopters
- Falklands Air Campaign - A Personal Story
- Handley Page Herald Airliner
- Percy Pilcher and the Quest for Flight
- Spitfire Parade, development of the Spitfire as a fighter
- Concorde - Birth, Life, Death & Afterlife (reprise)
- I Flew Alongside a Spitfire, Yesterday!
- Bristol Brabazon - White Hope or White Elephant
- de Havilland Dynasty - from Sir Geoffrey to the Space Shuttle
- Restoration of the wooden de Havilland Sea Venom XG730 jet fighter
- 100 Years of Duxford and Fowlmere
- History of RAF Downham Market at Bexwell Airfield
- Life and Times of Bexwell Aerodrome, part 2
- The Duxford Aviation Society, Its work on the British Airliner Collection

LECTURES ON BOATS

- Mega-Ships of the Past - Wooden ships Got Big and Iron Ships Got Massive
- Brunel's SS Great Britain
- Life on the Inland Waterways
- Waterway to link the Great Ouse at Bedford to the Grand Union Canal at Milton Keynes
- Walking on Water
- Great Ouse Navigation, Restoration of the last 10 miles to Bedford
- The James Craig, The Museum that went to Sea, the Sydney Heritage Fleet
- Combating Pirates
- Kings Lynn Docks and Railways
- "Four Men in a Boat", Four Men in Their 60s Sailing Round Britain
- History of Model Boats plus a display of some models
- The Norfolk Wherries
- True Price of Fish and Chips, Fisherman's Mission
- Sopwith's Endeavour - in pursuit of the America's Cup
- Lighthouses, those Beacons of the Sea
- Oxford's Historic Waterways, from legend to leisure
- Rivers, Ports & Railways: connecting East Anglia to the World
- Journey from Wisbech to Upwell by Canal and Tram
- TEU World Tour - life on a container ship
- Submarines - from Jules Verne to the nuclear submarine, plus Submersibles
- Ships and Sea Transportation
- Regaining the World Water Speed Record
- Harwich for the Continent I - Origins of Harwich and Parkeston Quay, and ships used
- Harwich for the Continent II - Origins of train services connected to the ferries
- Lifeboat on the Road, training RNLI lifeboat crew
- The Port of Felixstowe and the rise of containerisation, the origins and growth of the port, through WWII to the present
- 21 Days Across the Pacific by Cunard Queen Victoria

LECTURES ON ROAD

- Commercial Vehicle Design at Marshalls Cambridge
- Husband's Travels "On My Bike"
- Post War Vintage Motoring
- The Auto Wallah's Tuk Tuk, India
- The Good Old Days of BSA Motorcycles
- My First Car, Members' Joys and Travels in Their Own First Car
- Exploring East Anglia by Bus Pass
- Electric Cars, Fact or Fantasy
- History and Future Development of Mercedes Benz
- Traction Engines in Cambridgeshire
- The History of MV Agusta - Grand Prix motorcycle manufacturer.
- True Stories of a Lorry Driver
- Race Against the Blue Train, Woolf Bernato & Bentley Speed Six
- Marshall Motor Bodies: The Other Side of the Road.
- Being a Woman Racing Driver and Racing at Le Mans
- My Early Motoring, or You've Never Had It So Good
- White Van Man
- Fun on two wheels, motorcycling in South America & Fort William
- Films of vehicle restoration projects
- Rebuilding an Elva 200 Formula Junior Racing Car
- Engines and Transmissions from the Early Days to the Present and Future
- Racing Vintage Norton Motorbikes, Vincent Streamliner Bonneville record speed attempt
- The Early History of Farm Tractors
- Boston Bubble Car Museum visit, Proposed Future Local Rail Developments.
- A Discussion on Electric Vehicles
- Being a Police Motorcycle Patrol Man, Traffic Police Motorcyclist
- B&W Mechanical Handling, Ely's Brown & Woodbine, History and Achievements
- Member discussion of personal mobility transport experiences
- Benz to Bugatti - Magnificent Women in Motoring about the firsts, the innovators, the racers and the law makers and breakers

FIELD TRIPS

- Visit to Air Space, Imperial War Museum, Duxford
- Tour Suffolk and Norfolk by train via Cambridge, Ipswich, Lowestoft, Norwich
- Visit to Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum, Grand Union Canal
- Visit to refurbished Midland Grand Station Hotel, St Pancras, London
- Visit to Rob Barter's garden railway, Sutton
- Visit to Ken Wallis' Autogyro Collection, Reymerton, and Mid Norfolk Heritage Railway
- Cross London by Rail, by DLR, by London Overground, by Tramlink and by Thameslink
- Visit to Garrett Traction Engine and Ransomes Portable Engine, Haddenham
- Visit to the Fenland and West Norfolk Aircraft Preservation Society Museum in Wisbech
- Visit to High Performance Cars and Other Interesting Vehicles, Wicken
- Tour of Nottingham by train and tram
- Visit to Turners (Soham) Distribution Centre at Fordham
- Visit to Morgan Motor Company, Malvern
- Visit to RAF Air Defence Radar Museum, RRH Neatishead
- Visit to Shuttleworth Collection of vintage aircraft and cars, Old Warden Aerodrome
- Visit to Prodrive Banbury, Aston Martin race cars
- Visit to Fornsett Industrial Steam Museum, and the Norfolk Tank Museum
- Visit to Marshall's Airport, Cambridge, tour the Aerospace Hangers
- Visit to Rob Barter's new O-Gauge Garden Railway Sutton
- Visit to Amazon Drone Testing Centre, Cambridge
- Visit to Birmingham & Stourbridge People Mover
- Visit to Witchford RAF Display

- Visit to Great Central Railway for the 1940s Wartime Weekend
- Outing to Topsail Barge Sailing & Museum of Power, Maldon
- Visit Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre, East Kirkby. Percival Mew Gull, Fenland Aero Club Wright Field, Holbeach St John
- Visit to Rob Barter's O-Gauge Garden Railway, Sutton
- Visit to the Postal Museum, the Mail Rail, & the Emirates Air Line, London's first cable car
- Visit to the Barrow Hill Roundhouse and Crick Tramway Museum Village
- Visit to RAF Wyton Heritage Centre : The Pathfinder Collection; The Photo Reconnaissance Collection; The RAF Wyton History Timeline
- Visit to Ken Ellis's SM 32mm gauge Garden Railway in Ely
- Visit to Open Day at Tyseley Locomotive Works engine sheds, Birmingham
- Visit to the Triumph Motorcycle Factory and Museum near Hinkley, Leicestershire
- Visit to Rocks by Rail, Rutland, Leicester Space Centre, & Abbey Road Pumping Station
- Outing on the SS Waverley from Harwich to London
- Visit to Ipswich Transport Museum & Model Festival
- Visit to Brooklands aircraft & motor Museum, Sammy Miller's Motorcycle Museum
- Visit to the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation, and to Sywell Aviation Museum
- Visit to Rob Barter's O-Gauge Garden Railway, Sutton, Open Gardens
- Rail Roving trip round Suffolk and Norfolk, including the East Suffolk Line and Sheringham
- Visit to RAF Marham, F35B Lightning II
- Visit to the Statfold Barn Narrow Gauge Railway Enthusiasts' Day, Tamworth, Staffordshire
- Visit to Bubble Car Museum and Boston
- Visit to Vintage Cars and Tractors at Haddenham
- Visit to Enthusiast's Day at Statfold Barn Narrow Gauge Railway and Museum, Tamworth.
- Visit to Rob Barter's O-Gauge Garden Railway, Sutton
- Visit to Annual Flyin' of Microlight Aircraft at Sutton Meadows
- Visit to Woodbridge, Saxon Hoo Burial ship, Longshed Museum, and Tide Mill
- Visit to Rob Barter's O-gauge garden railway, Sutton
- Field Trip to Silverstone Interactive Museum and the Turweston Flight Centre, home of the Light Aircraft Association
- Field Trip to the East Anglia Transport Museum Open Day at Carlton Colville
- Field Trip to Microlight aircraft flying into Sutton Meadows Airfield