

## GARDEN GROUP

15 February sees the return of **Peter Jackson**. His subject is 'Climbing and wall plants'. Although now retired, Peter was with Scotsdales for several years.

In March we welcome **Nigel Start** talking about 'Coping with climate change' a very apt subject in view of the very hot weather we experienced last summer.

New members are always welcome.

*Kath Gifkins: 01638 610535*

*Rosemary Foreman: 01638 730072*

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## ART APPRECIATION

In December a goodly number of group members enjoyed a lunch together at the Heath Court Hotel, instead of meeting at the Racing Centre.

We have not had a January meeting, as the date fell so close to New Year, so the next meeting will be on the first Tuesday in February, 7th, and is a yet-to-be-planned local visit which will involve volunteer members David Soanes and Richard Rigby. We will be getting together soon to decide how it will go, so watch out on the website and in your e-mails for more information.

For our meeting on March 7th, Anna will be giving her long-delayed presentation on 'Painters of Venice - Part 2'. This will take us into the eighteenth century, and will include some favourite artists - but who? Come along to the Racing Centre and find out.

As we progress into 2023, local galleries will be opening up, and will be putting on their new exhibitions, so we hope to be making the most of these opportunities for visits, with our usual lectures and other activities in between.

It will be good to see you all again, once 2023 gets under way.

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## From the Chair

Dear Members

I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are raring to go for the new year.

The Christmas outing to Holkham Hall was very well supported and 32 of us enjoyed the magical spectacle of the rooms decorated for Christmas and lit by candlelight.

A big thank you to all who helped at the Day Centre in the run up to Christmas. You will know how much this was appreciated by the staff, and I think it helped us all get into the festive spirit too.

Some of you will remember that the charge for attending speaker meetings was dropped a few years ago when membership and funds were both higher than at present. As you will appreciate many costs are going up including the fees being charged by the excellent speakers sourced by Trish our Speaker Secretary. The executive committee will be keeping an eye on the costs of these meetings and may regretfully have to re-instate the £1.50 charge for attendance later in the year.

Lastly, I would like to thank Alison for leading the groups based at Burwell Museum over the last few years. She passed on her expertise in a range of subjects from French Conversation, Needlework & Craft, Village Life and Local History and is now moving on to a new post. She will however continue her monthly zoom meetings around the subject of the History of Science, through her association with the Whipple Museum.

*Kath Gifkins*

## WINGS, WHEELS & WATER

*In December the group said farewell to Steve Garner who had been a devoted and very hard-working member of the group for several years. He and Joanne are moving to Norfolk and we wish them well with the move. Steve brought a new and different view to the group through the topics he presented and we shall miss his detailed and skillful presentations.*

Because of the Bank Holiday, our first WWW meeting will be on the 6 February 2023 when we shall complete our interrupted session from December. The topic was - and remains - the James Webb Space Telescope, now apparently known as JWST in order to be politically correct. After the remainder of the film we were watching, Tim will present a catch-up on other current space developments.

Tim and David will now share the presentations but we will be pleased to accept guest speakers if any of our members would like to make a presentation on a topic that interests them. You can find the complete programme on our group page on the website.

*Tim Young tim\_young@live.co.uk & David Soanes*

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## HISTORY

I do hope some of you have tried the quiz on our history webpage. The answers are now on the website.

**3 February: Espionage!** This covers hundreds of years of trying to keep our security intact and that of the King or Queen safe. We will be concentrating on Tudor times when it was known as SPIERY.

**3 March: The History of Wall Coverings:** paper, leather, tapestry and paint finishes. From the beginnings in China around 206BC.

I have compiled a list of people with connections to East Anglia for this year's home research. This will be available at February's meeting. If there is someone with East Anglian connections that you would prefer to study, let me know at that meeting.

*Niddy Walpole: niddy198@gmail.com*

## MUSIC APPRECIATION

**20 January 2023: Richard** will start the new year with a programme:

*"Music from last year's BBC Proms"*

Popular English orchestral pieces and a virtuoso piano concerto by Liszt".

**February 17th. Judy** has chosen:

*"Watch the Birdies!"*

Now spring is round the corner there's a little more life in the air.

Music and pictures to match.

**17 March: Mike** will pull together music for the season;

*"The lark's on the wing; The snail's on the thorn;*

*God's in His heaven— All's right with the world!"*

(from the poem by Robert Browning)

Composers include Saint-Saëns - Grieg - Respighi - Vivaldi - Pelēcis - & others

*Mike Jocelyn mike.jocelyn21@gmail.com*

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## ANTIQUES

Our first 2023 meeting is back in

**Tesco at 2.30pm on Wednesday 1 February.**

with our regular auctioneer, **David Palmer.**

This will be followed by our next meeting on **1 March.**

I hope to see you there.

*Niddy Walpole: niddy198@gmail.com*

## MODELLING & CRAFT: COOKERY & COFFEE

After a short break over Christmas our meetings will resume on Tuesday 10th January in Tesco's community room then continue on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Crafts meet at 10.30 and the rest of us meet around 11.15 bringing our goodies with us.

Help is available with a range of crafts and the standard of the cooking is variable. Adherence to the recipe of the month (which will be on the website normally at least two weeks in advance) tends to be rather flexible. New members are always welcome either to learn or practise a new craft or, in the first instance, just to sample the results of our baking. Do come along and join us.

*Stephanie Ellington:* [skle2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:skle2@cam.ac.uk)

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## BRIDGE GROUP

After a flying start in October our meetings have continued on the third Monday of each month at 2:00 in the Exning Road Club. Our last two meetings have been held in the bar area, rather than the main room, because it's warmer!

I'm glad to say we have been able to enjoyably accommodate a mix of experienced and new players. Jenny, my wife, has greatly contributed to gently introducing the newer players so I think I can now claim that we can accommodate beginners and those with limited bridge playing experience to this endlessly fascinating game. The emphasis is on enjoying the afternoon's card game rather than competition. Tea and coffee are provided and everyone is welcome! For those more familiar with the game, we play a simple Acol with weak No Trump and Stayman and score by Rubber Bridge rules. However, we've happily accommodated players more used to Chicago scoring or Five Card Majors.

The next meeting is at **2:00 on Monday 16 January in the ERC**. My contact details are:

*Andrew Webb:* 01638 602596 email: [andrew.webb33@outlook.com](mailto:andrew.webb33@outlook.com)

## HISTORY OF SCIENCE

We are continuing to look at the links between the collections at the Whipple Museum and those of other museums in Cambridge.

In **February** we will be looking at the science of modern art at Kettle's Yard, then in **March** we'll be exploring the histories of local scientists with the Museum of Cambridge. Sessions take place via Zoom.

*Alison Giles*

Email Alison at [are26@cam.ac.uk](mailto:are26@cam.ac.uk) to be added to the list for links.

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## LOCAL HISTORY

It is with considerable regret that we have to announce that the February meeting of the Local History Group will be the last. Alison, who hosted and led the group for us at Burwell Museum is moving on to a new post so that the facility will no longer be available.

In her years working with Newmarket U3A, Alison has initiated and led four new groups across a range of skills and interests.

I am sure that all the members who benefitted from her skills and inputs will join with me in thanking her and wishing Alison every good fortune in her future endeavours.

**I am very pleased to confirm that the group History of Science that Alison also runs will be continuing in its present format.**

*Tim Young:* Editor, Newmarket U3A Newsletter.

## DISCUSSION GROUP

Our final discussion of 2022 was conducted over mince pies at the Racing centre.

We will be back at the racing centre on 16th January (3rd Tuesday of the month) for our first discussion of 2023 sharing new year resolutions.

*John Herring:* [johnherring6@aol.com](mailto:johnherring6@aol.com)

## REALM OF BOOKS

Welcome to 2023 which we hope will be a good year for all of us.

The Realm of Books meet at the Racing Centre in Fred Archer Way on the **4th Friday of each month**. The date for discussion of our next book is on the **27 January**, "Orphans of the Storm" by Celia Imrie.

We didn't meet in December but in November our thought-provoking book was "The Family Upstairs" by Lisa Jewell.

We were presented with a complicated plot with lots of characters. The chapters alternated between the past and the present and it certainly turned out to be a page turner.

Twenty-five years ago, police had been called to Cheyne Walk with reports of a baby crying. When they arrived, they found a healthy ten-month-old in her crib in the bedroom. Downstairs in the kitchen lay three dead bodies, all dressed in black, next to a hastily scrawled note and the four other children reported to live there had gone.

We would love you to come along and join us and on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February we will be choosing a new selection of books to read over the following months.**

The full list of our latest authors from March 2023 will appear on our website or you can get details by contacting -

**Margaret Jocelyn 01638 615252.**

### CALLING ALL U3A PHOTOGRAPHERS

You will have noticed that our regular, bi-monthly newsletter is rather simpler and is produced in black and white with no - or very few - illustrations.

**But take heart: in the summer we shall be producing an all-singing, all-dancing, full colour presentation complete with colour photographs.**

The final production has yet to be decided but we shall be seeking photographs reflecting the members and their activities over the year.

**So please start snapping and keep the results of your labours.**

## SPEAKER MEETINGS

**MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY**

**Linda Pargeter**

**The Life of a Norfolk Trading Wherry**

*This speaker is still to be confirmed.*

*See the website for latest news*

**MONDAY 27 MARCH**

**Tania Harrington – "Art Attack"**

*A history of vandalism in art.*

A richly illustrated talk, beginning with the toppling of Edward Colston's statue into Bristol Harbour...  
....and ending with Maggie Hambling's 'Scallop' at Aldeburgh and lots more in-between.

*Trish Newell: Speaker Secretary*

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## CAMERA GROUP

The theme for our last monthly challenge of 2022 was 'Churches' and amongst many fascinating entries the winner was Kath Gifkins with an unusual Italian church constructed on Orkney by Italian PoWs.



We also have published our calendar of challenges for 2023 on the camera group web page. We did n't have a meeting in January because of the new year bank holiday, our January challenge 'celebrate the season' is being held online but we will be back in February for 'Mechanism' as our photo challenge. Monday Feb 6th at Tesco.

*John Herring: johnherring6@aol.com*

## MOTO: Members On Their Own

In November, about a dozen MOTO members enjoyed a visit to Scotsdales at Horningsea, where we had lunch and a good look round the Christmas offerings in their extensive shop.

There was no meeting in December but on 19th January, our group will be having afternoon tea at 2.30 pm at Scotsdales, Fordham.

On 17th February we will be meeting at Anglesey Abbey at 11.00 am to go round the Winter Walk looking at snowdrops, hellebores, aconites, etc. It's just possible that some of us might even have a hot drink, cake or even lunch afterwards!

On 30th March we will be visiting Ely Museum (in Market Street), meeting there about 11.30 am. It's market day in Ely so there will be a chance to visit the market, shop, eat, etc as well. Buses from Newmarket stop opposite the Museum – departure times will need checking before the date!

*Rosemary Foreman: 01638720043 or rofore22@gmail.com*

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## WALKING

Members of the walking group continue to meet whatever the weather – in December they met at Scotsdales, Fordham, for a walk around the village and in January they had the now traditional walk (not too muddy) from Exning to Landwade, followed by lunch at The White Horse in Exning.

The walk on 1<sup>st</sup> February will be from Mildenhall to Barton Mills (and back!), meeting at 10.30 am in the public car park behind Sainsbury's, Mildenhall, IP28 7HG. Lunch afterwards will be at the Half Moon, Mildenhall.

On 1<sup>st</sup> March, the walk will be in the Burwell area – meeting and lunch venues to be notified at a later date.

*Rosemary Foreman: contacts as above*

## LUNCH

The lunch group has not met since November, when 36 of us enjoyed excellent food at The Cherry Tree, Soham. January is always when we hold our annual lunch – this year at La Hogue, Chippenham.

Our next lunch is on 8th February at Mangiare, Newmarket – as usual, 12.00 for 12.30. Their very extensive menu is on our website and I will be bringing it to the various groups I attend so members can make their choices. Please contact me if necessary to order your meal.

On 8th March the proposed venue is The Red Lion, Kirtling.

*Rosemary Foreman: contacts shown elsewhere*

## Newmarket U3A

is liaising with other local organisations  
which may be of interest to our members  
in return for their advertising of our  
organisation, events and activities.

**You may like to support**

*Newmarket Community Cinema*

at the Stable, 65 High Street

7.00pm for 7.30 on the third Monday of the month

**Monday 16 January: THE DUKE (12A)**

**Monday 20 February: OPERATION MINCEMEAT (12A)**

**Monday 20 March: THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON (U)**

# FEBRUARY 2023

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Friday 3	14:30	History	Exning Road Club
Monday 6	10:30	Wings Wheels Water	Exning Road Club
	14:30	Camera Group	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 7	14:30	Art Appreciation	Visit - see Website
Wednesday 8	12:00	Lunch Group	Venue - see Website
Thursday 9	10:30	Carpet Bowls	Exning Road Club
Monday 13	14:30	Scrabble	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 14	10:30	Model Making & Craft	Tesco Community Room
	11:15	Cookery & Coffee	Tesco Community Room
	14:00	Local History	Burwell Museum & Windmill
Wednesday 15	14:30	Garden Group	Exning Road Club
Friday 17	14:30	Music Appreciation	The Racing Centre
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