



THE END OF THE GREDLEY ERA



The 'Gredley Bus', loaned to our U3A free of charge for one day each month, has, following the pandemic, ceased to operate. Many of our present and past members will remember with affection the trips to many locations all over East Anglia chauffeured by Mick, always with unerring accuracy and permanent good humour. *Our picture by Barry Coles shows the distinctive orange minibus together with driver Mick. (See inside picture feature)*

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Two important meetings in May and July. Firstly, on Monday 30 May we will hold the re-run of the Special General Meeting which was not quorate in April. Information for this meeting has already been sent out. The Annual General Meeting is on Monday 25 July at 2.30 in Exning Road Club. At this meeting the Executive Committee for the next year will be elected. **Nomination Forms are attached and on the website. Please consider taking on a role in the running of our U3A.**

LUNCH GROUP

The April lunch at the White Horse in Exning was very well attended and the food much enjoyed!

Our next lunch is on Wednesday 11 May and will be held at The Village Inn, Witchford, near Ely CB6 2HQ. Times are as usual - 12.00 for 12.30pm.

Please contact me if you haven't already ordered your meal.

The June lunch will be on Wednesday 8th at the Red Lion Brinkley.

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WALKING GROUP

The walk on **5 May is at Wicken Fen** and will be led by Ann Cant, followed by lunch at the Cherry Tree, Soham.

The June walk, **on June 1st will be at Bradfield Woods, Felsham Road, Bradfield St George, Bury St Edmunds IP30 0AQ** and will be led by Kath and Alan. Lunch will be at the Rushbrooke Arms, Bury St Edmunds.

All walks start at 10.30am.

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VILLAGE LIFE

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7 June** in the newly revamped meeting room at **Burwell Museum**. We shall, of course, be looking at Jubilee celebrations over the year.

After that the group will be taking a break for the summer, while Alison thinks about what could be offered next year which might attract more members.

If you have any ideas what you would like to see the group investigating then please email Alison at education@burwellmuseum.org.uk.

MOTO Members on their Own

In March, more than 20 of us were welcomed to the Ark Church in Isleham and were amazed at the size and beauty of the building. Our thanks to John for the fascinating tour and all the details of the planning and construction of this very special church.

On 27 April, 17 of us enjoyed a visit to the Suffolk Regimental Museum in Bury St Edmunds, which we all found extremely interesting. Afterwards, we adjourned to Glasswell's Café for tea, coffee, scones, cake.....

On 20 May we will be making a return visit to Fuller's Mill, West Stowe to see the Spring and early Summer flowers. We will meet there at 2.00pm. No doubt tea and cake will be involved.



The June event will be a visit to Burwell Museum on Thursday 16 June, again meeting at 2.00pm. Admission is £5.00 and yes, there will be tea and coffee available after the tour.

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SCRABBLE

Our first meeting on our return to face-to-face meetings at Tesco. We all had a very enjoyable afternoon together - we don't take it too seriously but aim to have fun as well as sharpen the brain cells. Do come and join us.

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ART APPRECIATION

Our monthly meeting on 3 May, continuing our umbrella theme of 'Art we Like', took the form of a sort of 'show and tell', with members bringing in pictures, or the actual object itself, for us to see. The idea was that members would then tell the group why they brought it and perhaps a little about the artist, etc., to promote discussion.

7 June will see our next visit to an exhibition - this time to the Fitzwilliam Museum to see 'Hockney's Eye' and a new display on Open Air Painting in Europe, 1780 - 1870. This promises to be a really fascinating trip.

On 5 July we shall be back in the Moller Room at the Racing Centre for an illustrated talk by Andy Webb, which we know will be very well researched and entertainingly presented. More details to follow.

Plans for August and September have not been discussed by the group yet but are likely to be a presentation on the art of Venice by Anna in August and a visit to the newly re-opened Gainsborough House in Sudbury in September.

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HISTORY OF SCIENCE

For those not already in the know, this fascinating topic, led by Alison Giles, meets monthly on Zoom as the difficulties of getting to the Whipple Museum are considerable. However, from time to time the group has a special visit guided by Alison. Ed.

We will be meeting, via Zoom, on **Wednesday 11 May at 11.30**, talking about scientific toys and again on **Wednesday 8 June** to discuss Women in Science. After that we will be taking a break for the summer and thinking about what we might like to talk about next year - suggestions are very welcome, my email is below.

Alison Giles: are26@cam.ac.uk.

WINGS, WHEELS & WATER

The group maintained its activity throughout the year, returning to face-to-face meetings at the Exning Road Club from September 2021. The team of presenters and format have developed to both broaden the areas of interest, and increase the social interaction aspect of the meetings.

The three regular presenters and a guest speaker have given talks on topics ranging from those with a historical military interest, to the development of public transport and even a look at Chinese container ships. There has also been a film show, and meetings now include an 'interval', for a drink and a chat while everyone is present and able to enjoy time with their colleagues. The group's page on the U3A website contains a programme for upcoming months and is updated each month, with details of the next talk, together with any last-minute information.

Overall, the group has continued with its solid core of supporters, although the average attendance of about 13 members has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. New members are always welcome, remembering that the topics for discussion are not always of the 'boys toys' category!

Tim Young and Steve Garner

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CARPET BOWLS

The group is bowling along steadily, with 16 - 22 members swinging their arms with ever increasing enthusiasm and proficiency.

We have asked, and been given permission by Exning Road Club, to make use of their Petanque pitch through the summer, but we must wait for it to be prepared before we can make use of it.

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GARDEN GROUP

Following an extremely enjoyable trio of talks by Andrew Sankey, we return to our later start time of **2.30 on 17 June**, when Mu Garbutt will present a talk entitled '**Next Stop Chelsea**', when she describes the not so straight-forward path to exhibiting as a flower arranger at the Chelsea Flower Show..

The Seed Swap board has been very popular since it made its debut earlier in the year. It will take a well-earned break after the June meeting and return in the autumn.

In July, we will not be meeting at Exning Road Club, but instead paying a visit to Twentypence Garden Centre at Wilburton on July 20th. We will share transport and meet there at 2.30pm

There are only a few seats left for the **coach trip to Coton Manor on 17 August**. If you would like to join us for either outing, please contact Kath or Rosemary.

The cost of coach and entry to Coton Manor is £23 for U3A members and £25 for non-members. Please make sure that you have given us the money by 20 July at the very latest.

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BELOW: The Seed Swap board.



RIGHT: The Garden Group leaders, Kath Gifkins and Rosemary Foreman with speaker Andrew Sankey at the end of his series of talks to Newmarket U3A Garden Group, April 2022.



COOK OFF TUESDAY

Each meeting members of the group bring along the goodies they made using the recipe of the week. It is always interesting both to see the variety we produce, all nominally using the same recipe, and to learn new hints on how to perfect, or perhaps more realistically improve, our baking skills. We taste each other's baking, try to explain the varying outcomes and it now seems to be established custom of the group to also offer samples of our baking to the modellers and other U3A members at 2nd Tuesday.

At the end of our meeting we chose a recipe for the following month. Our April choice was wonderfully gooey chocolate chip cookies, using the recipe provide by Rosemary. For the May session we will be attempting Viennese Fingers. New members are always welcome - once chosen the recipes will be on our website.

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CAMERA GROUP

When the Camera Group met in April, the theme of our photo challenge was 'Something Fluffy', which drew a wide range of entries from teddy bears to feathered friends.

The winner was Gordon Duthie with his photo "Kittywake Chick & Adoring Mother". The runner up was Chris Timmins with her picture of a dandelion clock taken - as if to prove there are photo opportunities all around us – in Newmarket high street!

BELOW: Gordon Duthie's winning photo: 'Kittywake Chick & Adoring Mother'.



Camera group is unable to hold our usual meeting in May on the first Monday of the month due to the bank holiday.

Instead we are going on a photowalk in Lavenham on Thursday 5th May in the afternoon. We will convene outside the Guildhall at 2pm and begin our explorations from there - hoping for good or at least dry weather!

In June we will be holding our first meeting post covid back at Tesco in the community room. We will be reviewing the highlights from Lavenham and judging our monthly competition on the theme of "New Life".

At our July meeting there will be a talk about camera settings "Why switch it from auto?" Our July challenge will have the theme 'Steps'.

LEFT: Chris Timmins' photo 'Dandelion Clock'.



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DISCUSSION

The Discussion Group has settled into a good routine of monthly discussions at Newmarket Day Centre on the third Tuesday at 2:30pm. We have been pleased to see new members joining the discussions on topical themes each month.

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HISTORY

The History Group meetings, at Exning Road Club, will be as follows:

3 June: NO meeting because of the Jubilee Celebrations

1 July: David Soanes will talk on how we 'lost' the Americas

5 August: The Hanoverians - how did a German Prince become King of England?

NEAR RIGHT: George Washington. FAR RIGHT : King George III



ANTIQUES

Tesco finally reopened its Community room to us for April 6th's meeting at 2.30pm

I am sorry any confusion over the last few months, but Kath has been very busy sorting accommodation out for all our groups. Hopefully we are now back to normal.

On 4 May we had a surprise visitor as David is away on holiday; this was Sam Norton who talked of his time in the Lifeguards Household Cavalry and his big hobby of metal detecting. The time sped past with his most interesting information and objects, which evoked much debate from us.

Many thanks to him for his talk and for waiving his fee.

There will be no meeting in June because of the Jubilee celebrations but we return to Tesco on 6 July. There will be no meeting in August.



Niddy Walpole: niddy198@ gmail.com

ABOVE: Sam Norton with some of his finds

SUMMER BUFFET: SAVE THIS DATE - FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

This year's Summer Get-together will take place on Friday 9 September at the Ellesmere Centre in Stetchworth. The event will take the form of a buffet lunch followed by time to enjoy with friends, outdoors if the weather is fine, indoors if it is not.

Tickets are £15 per head for members and we will meet at 12.30pm for lunch at 1.00pm

Booking forms and payment details will follow.

THE GREDLEY BUS

For over 10 years we have been lucky to have had the use of the minibus funded by the Gredley Charitable Trust.

Despite the time and distance constraints, we managed to visit eight counties in the company of friends, all at no expense to our organization.

Safely driven by the ever-helpful Mick who cheerfully stowed walking aids, wet umbrellas, muddy walking boots, and the inevitable purchases, in his cab.

Thanks to the organisation of group leaders destinations have included museums, galleries, river trips, gardens, theatre workshops, shoe and glass factories, cathedrals, shopping outlets and walks further from home, to name but a few.

Regretfully due to the after effects of the recent pandemic the Trust have decided not to continue this valued service but I am assured they are looking at other ways to support community groups such as ours.

We are left with many memories of these outings which enabled some of our members to visit places which may have been otherwise out of reach.

Here are just a few pictures from some of the trips, many more can be found on the website.

All that remains to be said is:

***Thank You, Bill Gredley and
the Gredley Trust***



THE GREDLEY BUS



THE REALM OF BOOKS

At the moment the Realm of Books meet at All Saints Church on the fourth Friday of each month at 2.30 pm. From August we are expecting to move to a different venue and more information about this will follow.

In April the book chosen was “The Dig” by John Preston, regarding the discovery of the burial ship at Sutton Hoo. Most liked “The Dig” and found the characterisation and atmosphere of the story very enjoyable. Some parts of the story were questionable as far as how much was truth or fiction, but all liked the fact-based storyline and the way the personality of each of the characters was so well drawn. The story seemed to be more about the relationships, the class structure and local and national events of the time, rather than the actual “Dig” but this did not detract from the enjoyment.

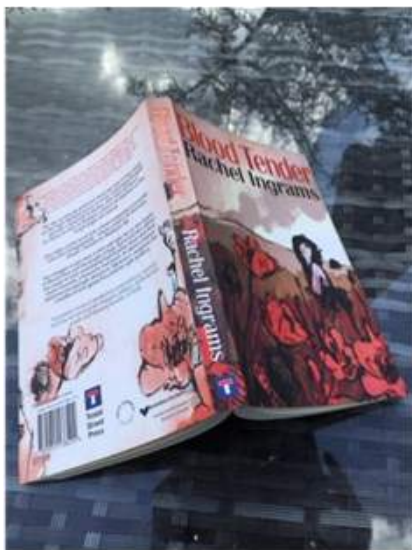
Although we have lined up some interesting discussions and get-togethers for June and July other events such as the May meeting will be taking place after the newsletter has gone to press but I am sure that the novel “Munich” by Robert Harris will give us food for thought and some interesting reviews.

On 24th June we will meet to talk about the novel by Rachel Ingrams “Blood Tender” about Marlena, an English girl with her head full of secrets and her arms full of needle scars, who arrives in Sicily to be a stripper. On 22nd July follows “A Woman of no Importance” by Sonia Purnell about the incredible career of Virginia Hall — the most important female spy in the Second World War, the Gestapo’s most urgent target and a crucial force in the French Resistance.

Please do come along and join us.

A full list of the books can be found on the website or a copy can be obtained from

**Margaret by phoning
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MUSIC APPRECIATION

Barring ‘a plague of locusts’, ‘catastrophic flooding of Newmarket’ or other calamities, the Music Appreciation Group will meet at ERC on:

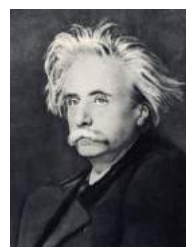
May 20th. at 2:30 when Richard will present his programme of “Scandinavian music” Composers Sibelius and Grieg.

Unbelievably this will be our first meeting of this year so would appreciate as many attendees as possible. Any U3A members are very welcome to come for a taster.

June 17th. Judy will present a programme with the title “Places” Music from various composers inspired by their locations..

July 15th. Mike’s much delayed “One Hit Wonders” Starting with Henry Litolf’s music to accompany a Silesian folk tale, and ending with Pachelbel and his famous ‘Canon’.

The Group will not be meeting in August since many will be on holiday. Please keep an eye on our U3A website group page.



FAR LEFT: Sibelius
LEFT: Grieg

JUNE 2022

GROUP MEETINGS

DAY/DATE	TIME	GROUP	VENUE
Wednesday 1st	10.30am	Walking	Bradfield Woods, Bradfield St George
	2.30pm	Antiques	
Friday 3rd	2.30pm	History	No Meeting
Monday 6th	10.30am	Wings Wheels Water	Exning Road Club
	2.30pm	Camera Group	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 7th	1030am	Village Life	Burwell Museum & Windmill
Wednesday 8th	11.30am	History of Science	By Zoom
	12.00pm	Lunch Group	The Red Lion, Brinkley
Thursday 9th	10.30am	Carpet Bowls	Exning Road Club
Monday 13th	2.30pm	Scrabble	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 14th	10.00am	2nd Tuesday	Exning Road Club
	10.00am	Model Making	
	11.00am	Cook-Off Tuesday	
Wednesday 15th	2.30pm	Garden Group	Exning Road Club
Thursday 16th	2.00pm	MOTO	Burwell Museum & Windmill
Friday 17th	2.30pm	Music Appreciation	Exning Road Club
Monday 20th	10.00am	Executive Committee	
Monday 20th	Day Trip	Summer Outing	AM Bures Valley Railway PM Paddle Steamer trip
Tuesday 21st	2.30pm	Discussion	Newmarket Day Centre
Thursday 23rd	10.30am	Carpet Bowls	Exning Road Club
Friday 24th	2.30pm	Realm of Books	All Saints Church
Monday 27th	2.30pm	Speaker Meeting	Exning Road Club
Tuesday 28th	2.00pm	Rummikub	Tesco Community Room

JULY 2022

GROUP MEETINGS

DAY/DATE	TIME	GROUP	VENUE
Friday 1st	2.30pm	History	Exning Road Club
Monday 4th	10.30am 2.30pm	Wings Wheels Water Camera Group	Exning Road Club Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 5th	10.30am 2.30pm	Village Life Art Appreciation	Burwell Museum & Windmill The Racing Centre
Wednesday 6th	10.30am 2.30pm	Walking Antiques	Venue to be arranged Tesco Community Room
Monday 11th	2.30pm	Scrabble	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 12th	10.00am 10.00am 11.00am	2nd Tuesday Model Making Cook-Off Tuesday	Exning Road Club
Wednesday 13th	11.30am 12.00pm	History of Science Lunch Group	Via Zoom Venue to be arranged
Thursday 14th	10.30am	Carpet Bowls	Exning Road Club
Friday 15th	2.00pm	Music Appreciation	Exning Road Club
Monday 18th	10.00am	Executive Committee	Scotsdales Garden Centre
Tuesday 19th	2.30pm	Discussion	Newmarket Day Centre
Wednesday 20th	2.30pm	Garden Group	Twentypence Nursery Wilburton
Friday 22nd	2.30pm	Realm of Books	All Saints Church
Monday 25th	2.30pm	Annual General Mtg	Exning Road Club
Tuesday 26th	2.00pm	Rummikub	Tesco Community Room
Thursday 28th	10.30am	Carpet Bowls	Exning Road Club