

What's On

Wednesday 19 June Ironbridge Visit

Wednesday 26 June CATS at Milton Keynes

Friday 16 August Barbecue

*13-16 September Third Age Trust's National Conference, Nottingham

*Sunday 15 September National U3A AGM at the East Midlands Conference Centre

*details on U3A website

An invitation by Oundle U3A

Your chance to see Cole Porter's **Anything Goes** in the spectacular grounds of **Kilworth House Hotel & Theatre** near Market Harborough.

Kilworth House is a stunningly restored Victorian family home, now a hotel, with wonderful grounds and gardens, all of which you will have time to explore before the show. The open air theatre is in a wooded glade close to the lake. The tiered auditorium has 540 padded seats with protection from the weather – hopefully not a problem.

Anything Goes – music and lyrics by Cole Porter. Winner of three 2011 Tony awards the revival of the classic Cole Porter musical comedy is about the lovers, liars and pranksters on a transatlantic cruise. Peppering this hilariously bumpy journey to true love are some of musical theatre's most memorable songs including 'I get a kick out of you', 'It's De-Lovely', 'Your'e the top', 'Friendship' and of course 'Anything Goes'. Enjoy a professional production of a standard rarely seen outside the West End of London.

Date: **Wednesday 14 August**

Cost: **£40 per person** to include ticket to show, coach and tip for driver.

Departure: **3.30pm** from East Road long stay car park Oundle

Food: Bring a picnic

Booking: By contacting Nadine Edwards, Oundle U3A 01832 274521,

nadinedwards@aol.com

Closing Date for Booking: 31 July



Thrapston & District



From the Vice- Chair

Dear Members,

At the AGM on 31st May we said goodbye to retiring Committee members, David Read, Veronica Norwood and Liz Treacy. Glynis Hill stepped down as Chair but will stay a valuable member of the new Committee as Group Co-ordinator. Veronica Norwood will also remain actively involved as a U3A Group Leader. On behalf of the new Chair and Committee I am sure you will join me in thanking them and the other members of the Steering Committee, for all their hard work and contributions in helping establish a vibrant Thrapston & District U3A. As Vice-Chair I wish to extend a warm welcome to existing and new members at the start of this our second year. I hope you will all enjoy participating in the many activities and forthcoming events in the year ahead. Our summer event will be a Barbecue to be held at Thrapston Sailing Club on 16th August. Tickets will be on sale at the June and July meetings.

The new Committee is keen to build on the firm foundations now in place to make this coming year a success for all members. We hope to achieve this with the help of you the members letting us know your thoughts on how we can develop and strengthen as a group.

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Member's Meeting

Friday 21 June

10.30-12.00

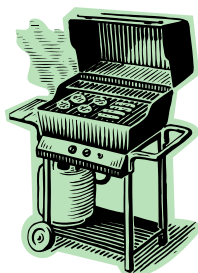
The Plaza, Cosy Nook,
Thrapston

Sue Edwards: 'The Story
behind the Painting'

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Barbecue



Friday 16 August 2013

Gates open 11.30 – 17.00

Barbecue served from 12.30

Tickets £5 including food

Licensed Bar

Adult guests welcome

Middle Nene Sailing Club

Meadow Lane, Thrapston

NN14 4QL

Tickets on sale at meetings on

June 21st and July 16th

or by post to Glyn Hill, 14 Foundry

Walk, Thrapston NN14 4LS

Walks and wheels.

Usually Tuesday afternoon twice a month. Details of each walk or bike ride e-mailed out to members at the beginning of the week

We have spaces.. A good pair of comfy shoes/ boots is advisable as riverside paths are often muddy. Please contact Rachel for details : 01832 734974 rachelk@uwclub.net

Walks 2



This month's walk takes place on Thursday 27th June and I suggest we park in the Village Hall car park in Wadenhoe - just a few yards further on from the pub. Walk starts at 10.00am and goes via Lyveden New Bield and the woods and is about 8 miles.

All welcome. As usual, if anyone would like a lift then please contact me either by email dennison987@gmail.com or phone 01832 732724.

Weekenders Meal

Latest Weekenders group met at Twywell and 9 of us had an enjoyable meal with good company.

Contact Veronica Norwood 01832 731960 vdbbaker@taltalk.net

Tai Chi



The Tai Chi Group meet every Thursday in the Methodist Church Hall Please note the time has changed to 2.30-4. Cost £2. All welcome..

Contact Linda linanvic2000@yahoo.co.uk ...01933 380244

Theatre Trips and Outings



Transport will almost always be provided and will pick up and drop off outside the Co-op in Thrapston.

The cost of the coach will include the driver's tip.

Once the theatre and coach companies have been paid, money paid cannot be refunded and members should try to find a replacement. If places are available, members may bring guests at an additional cost of £1. Cheques should be made payable to Thrapston and District U3A .

CATS

Wednesday 26th June leaving the Co-op at 11.00 prompt. We should arrive in Milton Keynes about noon. You can either visit the shops or have lunch, then we'll meet up at 2.00 in the Theatre.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

A list will be put out at the June meeting, as yet we haven't a date for the visit, but it will help to know how many wish to go. If you cannot attend the meeting and are interested, please ring Margarte on 7355040

DRAYTON HOUSE—awaiting reply

There are also many ways in which members can be actively involved, please speak to a Committee member or fill in the suggestion slip, available at the next Members Meeting. Richard Swindall our Speaker Seeker will be giving details at the next meeting. Joining a new group for many can be a bit daunting, so please may I ask you all to show new members what a friendly and welcoming group we are, by looking out for new faces, especially those alone and introducing yourself. Thank you.

Due to existing holiday arrangements, The Treasurer, Bryan Elliott will Chair this forthcoming members meeting on Friday 21st June.

Best wishes to everyone for a successful and enjoyable year ahead.

Jo Hancock
Vice-Chair
Thrapston & District U3A

Membership Meetings and events

21 June	Sue Edwards 'The Story behind the Painting'
19 July	Dave Mackay History of Stanwick Lakes
19 July	Northamptonshire Network outing at Boughton House
16 August	Barbecue at Middle Nene Sailing Club
20 Sept	Brian Sumpton RSPB The Story of the Red Kite
18 Oct	Jean Fouhly Shoe Boxes to Kurdistan

Interest Group News

Bowls . Islip bowls club still offers free bowling tuition, Tuesday evenings 6 30pm. We have a good selection of bowling skills going on, the evenings are quite jolly. The weather plays a big part of course. We had a great day out at Gt Yarmouth Sunday, got there at 11.00 am and bowled 2pm till 5pm. Lovely nice and warm and sunny over looking the beach. New members welcome please ring Peter on 733452. peterhales35@hotmail.com

Book group We are going strong and enjoying a variety of reading and have selected titles for the forthcoming year. Contact Veronica Norwood 01832 731960 vdbbaker@taltalk.net



Bridge

The bridge group now meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. New members of all abilities welcome. Contact Liz Bryan 01832 734221 ebthrap@gmail.com



Card Making

Second and fourth Thursday – p.m. Irene Gandy 01832 732948. Still going strong.

Classical Music. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month. Our first meeting was very successful with a wonderful DVD explaining Elgar's Enigma Variations. It's Sibelius this month and we will be attending a lunchtime concert at the' Castle on 28 June. Two or three spaces. Please sign up at the meeting or contact Glyn—glynishill06@aol.com 01832 735797

Military History

Second Tuesday in the month. The Military History Group lost one member but gained another last month. We would be pleased to have a couple of new members a 10 would be a nice number. We made our first visit, we went to Bletchley Park which was very interesting, but you can not to it justice in one visit we hope to go again.

Please contact gerrymartin1@waitrose.com

Patchwork Patchworkers still sewing and producing their own choices of items from pin cushions to cot quilts and table-runners. Contact Veronica Norwood 01832 731960 vdbbaker@taltalk.net

Poetry Group

First Tuesday in the month 2 p.m. . Join us to read or listen to a selection of poems, old favourites, something new, or your own compositions, everyone welcome. I have a great selection of books to browse through. We also discuss feelings and memories the poems evoke. Rachel Thompson 01832 734974 Rachelk@uwclub.net **We have a few spaces**

Singing for fun

A potential new group awaiting expressions of interest and a leader. Please sign up at the monthly meeting. Please also let David Read know if you would be willing to lead this group.

Gardening 1

. We enjoyed our visit, this month, to Barnsdale. The 38 different themed gardens provided much enjoyment and interest and brought back happy memories, to many of us, of watching Geoff Hamillton on Gardeners World. 1st Weds of the month. This group is full. We have a couple of spaces.

. Rachel Thompson 01832 734974 rachelk@uwclub.net

Gardening 2

The group has already planned their programme for a year and visits have included a visit to Anglesey Abbey; Barnsdale, Coton Manor bluebells and Kathy Brown's edible flower garden near Bedford. One or two vacancies. Please contact: Margaret 01832732761 margaret.bland@virginmedia.com

Lacemaking

We have an enthusiastic group and we meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. As well as Lacemaking we are visiting a lacemaking day in Rushden in July. Space for two new members. Margaret Bland 01832 732761 margaret.bland@virginmedia.com

Board Games/ Rummikub

This is a potential new group possibly meeting at weekends. Expressions of interest welcome. Please sign up at the meeting or contact Irene Gandy 732948 igandy@hotmail.co.uk



Computers

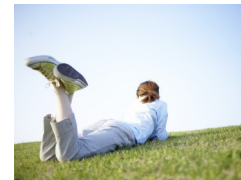
First and fourth Fridays . This group is really going well. The group can accommodate one or two more; Please contact Margaret Bland 01832 732761 margaret.bland@virginmedia.com



Creative Writing

The Creative Writing Group meets once a month on a Wednesday morning.

We had another lively meeting this month. Our writing was entitled 'The Engagement'. Contributions included a duel, a fight in the playground, a young woman learning of the terminal illness of her fiancée and Nelson destroying the French fleet. They could not have been more varied, both in terms of subject matter and the way in which it was approached. We have some very imaginative and talented people in the group. We have managed to squeeze another member around my kitchen table. The group now stands at 12. Sadly, we can't take any more at present. Contact Anne annbee1@hotmail.co.uk



De-stress and relax

First Tuesday of the month 3pm.

At the moment we are learning about aromatherapy, the properties of various oils, how to use them safely and effectively . Each week we create a blend to take home and use. Other topics for the future may include Reiki, massage and guided visualisation. **We have a few spaces**

Please contact Rachel Thompson 01832 734974 rachelk@uwclub.net



Current Affairs

This group is reforming from the discussion group and will recommence in September. We have six members and more are welcome.

Topics range from Local Transport to Grandparent roles to The Right to Die. Please sign up at the meeting or contact Glyn Hill 01832 735797 glynishill06@aol.com



English Language. No exercises, no written work, just discussion and exploration about what makes our language so interesting. We can probably just squeeze in one or two more members. No meeting in June; next one

will be on 3 July.

Contact Glyn James glynjames@btopenworld.com or on 01832 733792

Family History

After a very successful year the group will be taking a break from the end of June and our next meeting will be in September. New members are always welcome and any one interested should contact me on 01832 731047 or by email u3athrapstonfh@gmail.com Group Leader -Neil Busby



Jazz Appreciation

Sunday 28 July. Ben Holder Quartet. Ben Holder was the main violinist with 'Gypsy Fire' who plays two months ago and was brilliant. New members welcome. Please contact Jo Hancock for details.

johan17@aol.com 01933 460764



French Revivers We're struggling on but we're not quite ready yet to work as translators at Brussels. We're doing our best to help each other and managing to enjoy ourselves. At present I'm afraid there are no spare places in the group. If you would like more detail contact Glyn James

glynjames@btopenworld.com or on 01832 733792

Luncheon Club Our June meal was well attended and we had an enjoyable time and good food. Now for July - this is booked for Wednesday 17th July at the World Feast Restaurant in Kettering for a Chinese/Indian/Asian Buffet, eat as much as you like for £6.99 [3 courses]. Drinks are excluded. 12.30 pm is the time and your post code reference is NN16 8RU. For those of you who have booked for the buffet lunch on the Captains Table floating Restaurant in Huntingdon on the 10th September, your £5 pp. deposit is now due which I will collect on Friday at the U3A meeting. [If there is anyone who has not put their name down for this and would like to join us, then there is still time, and again I will speak to you at the meeting or you can email/phone me [this week please] to be added to the list.

Iris Squires iesquires66@sky.com