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July meeting is on at the Thrapston Plaza

We have been informed that the planned building alterations to the Thrapston Plaza have been postponed for a year, so the regular meeting for July will still take place as normal.

The committee has had reports that some members of groups are failing to advise the group leader when unable to attend a group meeting.

This can cause inconvenience to the host, not only with regards to catering, and is considered a discourtesy.

There are provisions for those who fail to attend meetings on three occasions without notifying the group leader of their absence, may be excluded from the group, and their place offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Correction An incorrect website for Thrapston and District U3A was erroneously stated in the May newsletter. The website address for our U3A is www.thrapstonu3a.co.uk It is the **National U3A** website that has a new home page and the address is www.u3a.org.uk and to access the members' area you must create a new account even if you had one on the old page. I apologise for the error - Ed.

Both The Singing for Pleasure group and Fusing Fabric Workshop have been cancelled due to insufficient interest.

Car Parking at U3A Regular Meetings

David Bletsoe has permitted Thrapston & District U3A to use the Cattle Market as an overflow parking area on the third Friday in each month subject to a list of five conditions summarised as follows.

1. Use at own risk. No liability on Bletsoes.
2. Access through market to be kept clear at all times.
3. To keep clear of the lorry washing area.
4. There are no proprietary interests for vehicle owners or exclusive rights to parking space.
5. Arrangements are informal and can be terminated by either side on 24 hour notice.

This is not a ticket

Thrapston & District



Summer Barbecue

Middle Nene Sailing Club
Meadow Lane Thrapston
NN14 4QL



Friday August 15

11.30-4.30

Food from 12.30

Tickets £6 including food

Licensed Bar

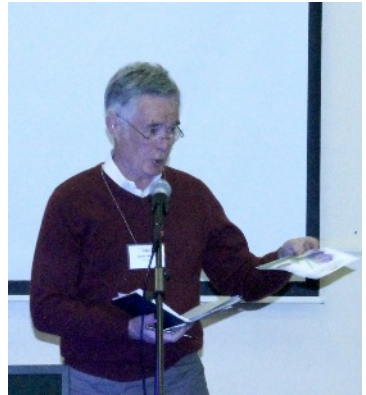
Adult guests welcome

**Make sure you get your ticket from
Brenda Berry, Richard Swindall or
Glyn Hill. Only £6 per person.**

From the AGM 2014



Bryan Elliott (the outgoing treasurer) working with Maddie Godden (membership secretary) right up to the end collecting subscriptions



The chairman, Glyn James giving his annual report



Meeting and greeting. Old faces, new faces.



Recording interest in various groups and activities



Rachel Thompson



Bryan Elliott



Magic with Terry Robinson assisted by Lindsey Burch and Rachel Thompson

There was a good crowd at the Thrapston and District Annual General Meeting held in May and a selection of photographs taken on the day are included on this and the following pages.



Terry confusing Lindsey, or is it the other way around?



The Chairman Glyn James with the Treasurer, Tricia James. What a team they'll be.



Michelle Collison, one of the new committee members. Unfortunately, Ann Carter the other new committee member had left before she could be photographed

Have a Laugh

A man called his mother. 'Mum, how are you?' 'Not too good,' said his mother, 'I've been very weak.' The son said, 'Why are you so weak?' She replied, 'Because I haven't eaten in 38 days.' The son said, 'That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?' The mother answered, 'Because, I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call.'

An 80-year-old woman was arrested for shop lifting. When she went before the judge, he asked her: 'What did you steal?' She replied: 'A can of peaches.' The judge asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches. 'I was hungry', she replied. The judge asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied, 'six'. The judge thought for a moment, then said: 'Then I will give you six days in jail.' Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband spoke up and asked if he could say something. The judge said: 'What is it?' The husband said, 'She also stole a can of peas'.

Forthcoming Events

Branch meetings start at 10.30am on the third Friday of each month at the Thrapston Plaza unless stated otherwise. Doors open at 10.00 am.

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| 18 June | Day out in Southwold (See Theatre Trips and Outings) |
| 20 June | Regular Meeting - Lt Col Derek Kimberly. Birmingham Olympic Bid, The Presentation Show |
| 4 July | Midnight - deadline for copy to the Editor for inclusion in the newsletter. |
| 9 July | Singin' in the Rain |
| 18 July | Regular meeting at the Plaza - The life of a Honey Bee by Eric Nixon. |
| 24 July | Cottesbrooke Hall |
| 15 August | Annual barbecue in place of the regular meeting - see notice on Page 2. |
| 16 August | 1940s weekend with vintage vehicles, fashion show, military displays, music and dancing, dig for victory display. fly past, loads of re-enactors at Ramsey. |
| Open to car | all members. Join the fun and (optionally) dress in period costume. £10 plus share. Contact David Macey of Antiques and Bygones Group |
| 11 September | Barnum at The Curve, Leicester and Leicester Shopping |
| 17 October | Andy Smith - Under the Influence |
| 27 November | Calamity Jane at Milton Keynes. Afternoon performance. Further details and bookings at the June meeting. |

The U3A holds several national events which may be of interest to you. Please check the U3A website (www.u3a.org.uk) at the events and competitions page of the Members' Area Homepage.

Social Committee News

Brenda Berry, Richard Swindall and Glyn Hill are the Social Sub-committee. The most important event for the Summer is the Barbecue at the Sailing Club on Friday 15 August at 12.00 with tickets at £6. We have already sold 50 tickets and they will be on sale again at the June meeting. You can also request a ticket by phoning Glyn on 735797 or by email glynishillo6@aol.com

Group Leaders' Reports May 2014

Our next set of new groups is planned for a September start and hopefully will include Ukulele, Sign Language and a short First Aid course. Any ideas for new groups please feel free to contact me and I can arrange for an Expressions of Interest list to be available at a meeting. It will be even better if you are happy to run a group.

All groups are listed on the website and a newly formatted table of the groups and when they are running and by whom is now there. It's essential that we keep it up to date both for new members and those established members who fancy something new, so **please** would group leaders let Neil know if there are any changes.

Photography

We had an excellent session on Monday 2 June on editing courtesy of Margaret and Parry, and thanks to Paul Hamer we have a new logo for the U3A photography group.

Next month we shall be looking at f stops and apertures and on 4 August we shall be having our first field trip to Thrapston Lakes. I'm very much a beginner and am learning a great deal but we have a huge range of expertise within the group and it really doesn't matter at what stage you are in knowing a camera, you will be very welcome to join. We meet at the Bowling Club and have plenty of room for new members, so please come along on 7 July at 10.30 or email or ring me if you'd like further information. Glynishillo6@aol.com 01832 735797



Outings and Days Out

Brenda Berry has been a star in leading this group and has organised days including Oxford, Olney Christmas Market and Ironbridge. She now feels she'd like to step down and so we need a volunteer (or two!) to replace her. If you have energy, organising skills and would be willing to take on this task, please, please, please let me know. There will be help available; Brenda is very willing to support the new leader. Please e-mail or ring me Glynishillo6@aol.com 01832 735797

Ukelele

A new member, Marion Healey has offered to set up this new group. We already have two people interested and would like three or four more. The planned time is Tuesday mornings but frequency has not yet been decided. Please contact Marion on 01832 720262 marion.healey@icloud.com

BSL Sign Language

Rachel Thompson is keen to set up this new group and will do so if there are enough interested members. Please contact her on 01832 734974.

Current Group Vacancies

For new members or those established members who are looking to take on something new. There are spaces within groups and these include:

- Tai Chi
- Photography glynishillo6@aol.com
- Antiques and Collectables
- Magic osmec@btinternet.com (new group)
- Walks 2
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Country Dancing
- Classical Music appreciation
- Current Issues
- Papercraft
- Family History
- Cycling
- Bowls
- Patchwork
- Photography

Dance Group

The Dance Group meets fortnightly at St James' Church Hall, Thrapston 2 to 3.30 pm. The following dates are pertinent - 18 June, 16 and 30 July, the latter being the summer party. Look for more details in the next newsletter. There will **not** be a meeting on 2 July. Contact George on 01933 622827 for further information and to arrange attendance.

ICE (in case of emergency)

When discussing the redesign of the membership form the issue arose regarding contact details for members should they be taken ill. The committee decided not to continue with this information on the form but that a more sensible place would be for members to have it on their person. So please would you record ICE (in case of emergency) contact details firstly on the back of your U3A membership card and secondly as a saved contact under ICE on your mobile phone. You may wish to inform your group leader of the whereabouts of these details – but this is not obligatory. [The Emergency Services recommend everyone puts ICE into their mobile phones, e.g. 'ICE John Smith (son) 01832 732123' - Ed.]

Theatre Trips and Outings

Transport will usually be provided and pick-up and drop-off outside the Thrapston Co-op. The cost of each coach trip includes the driver's tip. Once the theatre and coach have been paid for, money paid cannot be refunded and members should try to find a replacement. If places are available, members may bring a (non-member) guest at an extra cost of £1.

Payment may be made by cash or cheque payable to Thrapston & District U3A. You should always carry an emergency contact telephone number with you.

Saturday 21 June - Woburn Abbey Garden Show has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Wednesday 9 July - Singin' in the Rain - matinee. The coach price is £20 and payable now. There are still a few places available. We will leave Thrapston at 10.30 am. Brenda 01832730225.

Thursday 11 September - Barnum, Curve Theatre, Leicester Matinee performance Fully booked. Sold out. The coach will pick up those going from the Co-op in Oundle Road at 11am. Pauline 01832732724 dennison987@gmail.com

Thursday 27 November - Calamity Jane at Milton Keynes - matinee. The show stars Jodie Prenger (Oliver, Spamalot and One Man Two Guv'nors). I have booked good tickets and the price will be approx. £32 to include ticket, coach fare and tip for the driver. Provisional bookings will be taken at the June meeting. Pauline 01832 732724 dennison987@gmail.com

Walks 2

Last month the sun shone on us and we had a very enjoyable walk from Southwick going through woods, a plum orchard and grassy fields as well as a beautiful bluebell wood. On the last Thursday of this month (29th) we will be meeting in Blatherwycke for a 6.5 mile walk via Top Lodge and Kings Cliffe, probably stopping at Top Lodge for a coffee break. New members are welcome to join the group. Pauline 01832 732 724 dennison987@gmail.com

Advanced Driving

Geoff Hill is getting a superb programme of talks and events for advanced driving. If you would like to participate at the next meeting on 25 June, contact Geoff by e-mail <geoffhill5@gmail.com>

From the Creative Writing Group - The Apprentice

Is brown earth, or is it neutral,
Green means all my plants are live.
Boss gets mad when I keep asking.
Time to use initiative!
Take the wires, and make connection,
That's not right, so switch it back.
Green is live and blue is neutral,
Flash is orange, death is black

Sheena Dickenson

'Learn a trade, lad. Always have work then',
said my dad. So here I was, first day as an
apprentice electrician. Did I want it though?
No. Four days a week in factory, one day in
college. But I wanted college full-time to do
media-studies.

Veronica Norwood

To be, or not to be, that is the question?
Whether it be nobler in the mind to apply for an
apprenticeship. Earning when you're
learning or a degree course with a possible debt
at the end of it, letters after your name but no
guarantee of a job!

Jean Swingler

Right then, last time! Hold the damn skin
tightly, slowly ease the lever down. Gently feel
it filling, it should be good and firm. Not so fast
you idiot! It'll ... Too late ... The giant
sausage wrapped itself around my boss. In that
defining moment I knew my
apprenticeship was lost!

Cindy McCormack

Thrapston & District U3A Committee

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