

# Thrapston and District U3A. September Newsletter

**\*\*Please note that due to a severe computer malfunction, this edition of the newsletter is being sent from my iPad, and is somewhat basic! I hope that normal service will be resumed next month\*\*.**

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## Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to September the official start of Autumn. However, I am writing this on a beautiful sunny day that could be mid-summer! Granted some of the leaves are starting to turn and the autumn colours are just beginning to show themselves. Let us hope the fine weather continues for a while especially for those about to enjoy a September break.

You will be pleased to know that our U3A is now a registered charity. Tricia, our Treasurer, worked really hard on the Application Form and it went through without a single query. We had an acceptance reply much quicker than we expected.

We are all grateful to Tricia for the amount of time and effort she spent on this as it was on top of all the usual things she does for us. Now all the Committee has to do is work on all the policies the Charity Commission expect us to have!

We now have a new member on the Committee. Sue Campbell has joined us and will be our Publicity Officer. Sue will also take over the administration of our Facebook page and I know she is looking forward to receiving information from you that will help to keep the page interesting and up to date.

I, like a lot of you, enjoyed the August Summer Event and our thanks go to Viv and her team for organising it for us. The weather and the company were great and I know a lots of you enjoyed the boat trips too.

I look forward to seeing you at the September meeting

Sheila

## Notices

### Greyhounds

Reminder to those going on the Peterborough Greyhounds trip on 26<sup>th</sup> October that payment (£26) is needed on 21<sup>st</sup> September at the Plaza.

There are still few places available on the second coach if you would like to go.

Contact Irene on 732948

### Canoeing

Would you like an adventure, canoeing on the River Nene from Thrapston to Wadenhoe, where you can partake of a lunch, either at the pub, or the Barn, or with your own picnic?

This will probably be in late September if enough members are interested.

The cost would be in the region of £20 per person, depending on numbers with 2 or 3 people sharing a canoe.

If you are interested then contact Polly. 01933 625181. [psjohnson2710@gmail.com](mailto:psjohnson2710@gmail.com)

## Theatre Trips

### WARHORSE

To those booked on our trip to Milton Keynes theatre on Thursday 20th September to see 'Warhorse', please remember to be at the Co-op, Thrapston by 10:15 am. The coach will take us directly to the theatre which is close to the shopping centre, cafes and restaurants. There will be enough time to visit the centre, as the matinee performance begins at 2:30pm. Please make sure however that you arrive at the theatre 15 minutes before 'curtain up'. Your tickets will be distributed on the coach on the way to the theatre. After the show, the coach will collect us outside the theatre. We're looking forward to an enjoyable day out!

### WHITE CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 9th January, (matinee) The Curve Theatre, Leicester

Book now for this wonderful, heart-warming Christmas show.

Cost (reduced to) £45 incl coach travel. Hurry, 10 places left!! Those who have already signed up or would like to go and are yet to sign up, we'll be collecting the payment in full at the next branch meeting on 21st September.

Also, in the pipeline for 2019 are the following,

### THE BODYGUARD

March, Milton Keynes

This is a romantic thriller based on an international singer who is being stalked by a disturbed and dangerous individual. A bodyguard is summoned... The memorable songs include 'I Will Always Love You', 'Run To You' (duet) and 'Saving All My Love For You'.

### ANNIE

July, Milton Keynes

Direct from the West End, Annie returns in 2019! ... Set in 1930s New York during The Great Depression, brave young Annie is forced to live a life of misery at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. Her luck soon changes when she's chosen to spend a fairytale Christmas with famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. With its Tony® award-winning book and score, the show includes unforgettable songs such as 'It's The Hard-Knock Life', 'Easy Street' and 'Tomorrow' – this is a show not to be missed!

Depending on the interest one or both will be booked. Please come and sign up.

**Please remember, tickets are non-refundable.**

**STOP PRESS:** 1 ticket available for 10CC concert at the Royal and Derngate, Northampton on Monday 29th October. Please contact Moira if interested.

moira.newton@icloud.com

Tel: 07960 640161

## Outings

### 27.09.18. Bure Valley steam railway and Norfolk Broads trip

This trip is fully booked but if you are one of the attendees and find for any reason you are unable to attend please notify me as soon as possible as I do have a couple of names on a reserve list.

If you are attending and having lunch can you please **notify me if you have any special dietary requirements**. Lunch will be roast beef with all the trimmings and a choice of dessert.

Please be at the Co-op car park at 7.50 a.m, as we are departing Thrapston at 8.00 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 11.30 in the Whistlestop Cafe on Aylsham Station. Our steam train will depart at 12.40. Our coach will meet us at Wroxham Station and take us to the Wroxham boatyard for our cruise on the Broads which departs at 2.00 p.m. We depart Wroxham to return to Thrapston between 4.00 - 4.30 p.m.

### **13.12.18 Xmas event - Canons Ashby and Nottingham Xmas market**

There are still a few places on this trip so if you're interested in attending please contact me, [jennihall207@gmail.com](mailto:jennihall207@gmail.com) or see me at the September branch meeting on 21 September.

If you are already booked on this trip please note I will be collecting the cost of the trip £28.50 (or £20 if you are a National Trust member) at the September meeting. If you will not be at this meeting can I ask you please to put your money (cheques made payable to Thrapston and District U3A ) in an envelope with your name and date of trip through my letterbox at 1 Hall Court Sackville Street Thrapston (new build bungalow at far end of Co-op car park).

At the same time, as we are having mince pies at Canons Ashby **please notify me if you have any special dietary requirements.**

### **09.05.19 Gates Garden Centre and Farm visit**

Please note: if your name is on the list for this trip I will be collecting a £10.00 deposit to secure your place. Payment as detailed above (September meeting or through my letterbox).

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Forthcoming events**

**Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> The Plaza, Thrapston**

**Guest Speaker.** Susan Lees talking about "An Unfinished Dream – Lyveden"

**Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> The Plaza, Thrapston**

**Guest Speaker.** Eric Franklin talking about "Brief history of drinking and inns, public houses and beer houses of Thrapston and surrounding area"

As always, doors open at 10 for a 10.30 start. Visitors are welcome to join us for a small charge of £2.