

HISTORY

A very happy Christmas to you all. We start our new season on Friday 2nd February 2.30pm at Exning Rd Club. Those taking part in the Exning Village Project should please send to me via email no more than 4 photos and no more than 4 sides A4 in January so we can view and listen to the information you have researched. This will then be collated and put as a link on the History webpage.

Friday 1st March 2.30pm Exning Rd Club- **The development of theatres through the ages.**

Friday 5th April 2.30pm Exning Rd Club. **A Pinch of Salt - a look at this everyday commodity** which is so vital to our lives.

Please note my home landline is no longer available as I have changed Broadband Provider.

Niddy Walpole

REALM OF BOOKS

The Realm of Books had a break for Christmas which meant that we had sufficient time to read our book choice for January 2024, **“The Rose Code” by Kate Quinn** – a page turner of 624 pages.

Our meetings are held at the Racing Centre and the topic for discussion on Friday 23rd February will be **“The Great Level” by Stella Tillyard** and on 23rd March **“The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce**. March brings us to the end of our latest list and in April we will be compiling a new one for the following months.

I am looking for someone else to take over from me after the AGM in July; new blood would be most welcome, I am sure. If anyone is interested, please do contact me.

You can get further details about the group by contacting Margaret, email: marg.jocelyn21@gmail.com or telephone 01638 615252.

Margaret Jocelyn



From the Chair

Dear Members

A Happy New Year to you all!

We have enjoyed two events since the last newsletter. A special musical Speaker meeting in the week leading up to Christmas attracted a record turnout of 60 members who also made the most of the festive refreshments provided. In January nearly 50 members enjoyed the Annual Lunch at the Cherry Tree in Soham. Thank you all for your support.

I am sure our group leaders have much in store for you over the coming months and yet more trips and events will be in the planning stages, so enjoy!



December Speaker Meeting: a presentation by HEXACHORDIA

BRIDGE GROUP

I'm happy to report that the Bridge group finished last year with slightly increased numbers so we will continue with two meetings each month.

We meet from 2 to 4 at the Exning Road Club on the first Monday and the third Monday of each month: our next meetings will be 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 19th Feb and so on ...

We aim for friendly 'social' bridge rather than competitive bridge and welcome newcomers including beginners. For those interested in improving their bridge, I send out occasional emails with hints on play and bidding based on links to useful websites.

We pay £1.50 for each session though newcomers get a free 'taster' session! There is tea and coffee and often biscuits. Parking is free and nearby. For information, please contact Andy Webb on 01638 602596 or andrew.webb33@outlook.com

Andrew Webb



NEWMARKET U3A ANNUAL WINTER LUNCH: 2024

On 12 January almost 50 members enjoyed an excellent lunch at the Cherry Tree in Soham. Good food and good company! Thanks to Rosemary for taking the lead on this event, ably assisted by Di.

INFORMAL HELP WITH TABLET COMPUTERS

This isn't a formal U3A group but I offer assistance to those who find some aspects of tablets a bit confusing. It's primarily intended to help beginners over any initial trepidation with technology.

For the last three months we've had meetings for about an hour at the Waitrose Café where 3-5 people discuss things together. It's more like a workshop than tuition and I don't claim to know everything by any means. There's no charge though it seems fair to Waitrose to buy something!

I'm always happy to answer phone or email queries and have also carried out a few one-on-one sessions at people's homes. I've been announcing the meetings by email and the next meeting might be about 24th January if there is interest.

If you think this sort of thing might help you, please contact Andy Webb on 01638 602596 or andrew.webb33@outlook.com

Andrew Webb



MUSIC APPRECIATION

February 16th, Judy will present "Painting Pictures". This is a collection of evocative classical musical compositions each of which tells a story.

March 25th, Richard will present a couple of concert staples - Schubert's Unfinished Symphony followed by Rimsky Korsakov's colourful orchestral suite Scheherazade

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Richard Unwin

CRAFT, COFFEE & COOK-OFF GROUP



Favourite Christmas 'goodies' from CRAFT, COFFEE & COOK OFF GROUP

The craft, coffee and cook off group continues to meet, as normal on second Tuesdays in the Tesco community room at 10.30 (crafts) and 11.15 cook-off.

However in February the room is not available so we will be arranging an alternative venue. Please see the website or contact me for details.

Stephanie Ellington 01638 71131

GARDEN GROUP

We dusted off our little grey cells in January with our customary light-hearted quiz.

Now we look forward to our first speakers of 2024. In February Barry Gayton will talk on Hardy Cyclamen.

In March Mac MacDonald will talk on how the Commonwealth War Graves Commission garden at their sites in 'Gardening the World'

All welcome.

Kath Gifkins & Rosemary Foreman

WINGS, WHEELS & WATER

From the start of 2024, Wings, Wheels & Water is meeting on the **SECOND TUESDAY** of the month, in order to avoid the regular and disruptive Bank Holidays.

For the remainder of this U3A Year the programme is as follows:-

MONDAY 8 JANUARY: David Soanes. PLUTO - Pipelines Under the Ocean. The system devised during the war to provide fuel for the invasion of France, and now still widely used to supply fuel across the continent.

MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY: Tim Young. Planes that never - or rarely - flew. There were many aircraft designed which for various reasons did not fly, or at least did not enter service.

WWW VISIT: COVENTRY MOTOR MUSEUM Tuesday 16 April 2024

We are delighted to say that we have arranged a trip to Coventry Motor Museum, a fascinating collection charting the part Coventry has played in the development of powered vehicles. There are TWO seats left on the coach. If you are interested please get in touch

David Soanes 07591430931 & Tim Young - 07766396303



FEBRUARY 2024

GROUP MEETINGS

DAY/DATE	TIME	GROUP	VENUE
Friday 2	14:30	History	Exning Road Club
Monday 5	14:00	Bridge	Exning Road Club
	14:30	Camera Group	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 6	14:30	Art Appreciation	The Racing Centre
Wednesday 7	10:30	Walking Group	See Website
	14:30	Antiques	Tesco Community Room
Thursday 8	10:30	Carpet Bowls	Exning Road Club
Monday 12	10:30	Wings Wheels Water	Exning Road Club
	14:30	Scrabble	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 13	-	Model Making, Craft	No meeting
	-	Coffee & Cook Off	No meeting
	14:30	Discussion	The Racing Centre
Wednesday 14	11:00	Brunch Meeting	The Stable Cafe
Friday 16	14:30	Music Appreciation	The Racing Centre
Monday 19	10:00	Executive Committee	-
	14:00	Bridge	Exning Road Club
Tuesday 20	14:00	Creative Writing	Tesco Community Room
Wednesday 21	14:30	Garden Group	Exning Road Club
Thursday 22	10:30	Carpet Bowls	Exning Road Club
Friday 23	14:30	Realm of Books	The Racing Centre
Monday 26	14:30	Speaker Meeting	Exning Road Club
Tuesday 27	14:00	Rummikub	Tesco Community Room
-	Note: MOTO Group - see Website		

MARCH 2024

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Friday 1	14:30	History	Exning Road Club
Monday 4	14:00	Bridge	Exning Road Club
	14:30	Camera Group	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 5	-	Art Appreciation	Visit - see Website
Wednesday 6	10:30	Walking Group	See Website
	14:30	Antiques	Tesco Community Room
Monday 11	10:30	Wings Wheels Water	Exning Road Club
	14:30	Scrabble	Tesco Community Room
Tuesday 12	10:30	Model Making, Craft	Tesco Community Room
	11:15	Coffee & Cook Off	Tesco Community Room
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Friday 15	14:30	Music Appreciation	The Racing Centre
Monday 18	10:00	Executive Committee	-
	14:00	Bridge	Exning Road Club
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Wednesday 20	14:30	Garden Group	Exning Road Club
Friday 22	14:30	Realm of Books	The Racing Centre
Monday 25	14:30	Speaker Meeting	Exning Road Club
Tuesday 26	14:00	Rummikub	Tesco Community Room
Thursday 28	10:30	Carpet Bowls	Exning Road Club
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