

MOTO: Members On Their Own

As you know, we are joining up with the Garden Group on **18th June** for a visit to Porters Lodge, Cavenham – if you would like to go and haven't yet booked, please contact Kath Gifkins.

On **26th July**, we have been invited by Cheveley Evergreens to join them on their annual trip to Felixstowe – if you haven't yet booked, please let me know as soon as possible – cost £22 including fish and chip lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments.

Rosemary Foreman

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

**This is the last U3A NEWS for the 2024—2025 year.
I should like to thank all the contributors for their
many pieces of writing that keep members
informed of the activities of our U3A.**

WINGS, WHEELS & WATER

**REMEMBER: We meet in the Moller Room at the
Racing Centre in Fred Archer Way**

CHANGES TO THE PUBLISHED TOPICS FOR THE FINAL MEETINGS FOR THIS U3A YEAR

12 May: TIM YOUNG: Cargo aircraft: super-heavy lifters

9 June: DAVID SOANES: Shipping: disasters or conspiracies

14 July: DAVID SOANES: 80th Anniversary of WWII

David Soanes, Tim Young



From the Chair

Dear Members

You will shortly be receiving the Official Notice of the AGM which is being held on July 28th in the Memorial Hall, Newmarket. Along with this will be a nomination form for the Committee. Can I please ask that you do two things, firstly give thought to the amount of pleasure you get from being a member of Newmarket U3A and secondly come along to the meeting as we need a minimum of 20% of the membership to be present to allow the meeting to proceed.

If you wish to renew your membership at the meeting, please bring with you a completed and signed renewal form and payment of £15 in an envelope.

Also, forgive me for sounding like a cracked record, but my plea in the last edition of the newsletter for future committee members appears to have fallen on deaf ears.

I cannot express strongly enough the need for volunteers to come forward to serve as executive committee members. As the situation stands, following the AGM there will only be 5 members of the committee, the minimum number under our constitution. This is far from ideal, meaning that the burden of running YOUR U3A will rest on the shoulders of just over 2% of the membership; does this sound fair to you? The amount of time you are prepared to give outside the monthly meetings is entirely up to you and as the saying goes, many hands make light work.

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I appreciate that there are some out there who have been generous with their time over the years but that still leaves a lot of members who are happy to take advantage of the work others put in without putting anything back. Should the situation not improve it could well mean that Newmarket U3A may cease to be in the next couple of years, ITS FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

I will be completing my term of office at the AGM, so this is my final 'From the Chair'. Although I do intend to continue to be part of the Activities Subcommittee and attend as many group meetings as I can.

With continued good wishes

Kath Gifkins (Chair)

SEE THE 'ART APPRECIATION' ENTRY LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Colour and Light

15 February to 2 November

Wixamtree and Connections
Galleries – Free Entry

Discover the effects of colour and light on artists in this new exhibition drawn from the internationally renowned Cecil Higgins Art Gallery Collection. The two exhibition rooms will explore colour contrasts, sunshine and lowlight, southern light and eastern inspiration. Works will include sun-drenched watercolours by JMW Turner, ethereal moons by Arthur Rackham and explosions of colour by Patrick Heron.



MUSIC APPRECIATION

June 20th, Richard will present "Music from Across the Pond" - pieces by 20th century American composers.

July 18th, Mike will present "Quartets and other small gatherings".

All U3A members are welcome to join us at the Racing Centre.

Richard Unwin

ART APPRECIATION

Our June meeting will take the form of a visit to the Higgins Museum and Art Gallery at Bedford to see their two current exhibitions, on Colour and Light. We will also be able to see the latest showing of works by Edward Bawden, from their extensive collection.

In July we will be back in the Moller Room for a talk by Anna, this time on Animals in Art.

Anna Smith

WALKING

The walk on **4th June** will be led by Annie and leave the car park at Wicken Fen at 10.30 am – this is a National Trust car park and charges will apply.

Lunch afterwards at The Cherry Tree, Soham.

July walk to be arranged – if you are not currently on my Walkers mailing list, please let me know.

Rosemary Foreman

DIARY DATES: DIARY DATES: DIARY DATES: DIARY DATES

Booking forms are now available on the website for:

Summer Outing – July 3rd

£35 per person

A coach trip to the lovely market town of Stamford with free time for shopping, lunch and maybe a self-guided walk. A map of the town will be available.

After lunch we will take the short journey to Rutland Water for a 45-minute boat trip on the Rutland Belle, before returning home.

AGM – July 28th

2.30pm The Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Afternoon Tea – August 8th

£14.50 pp

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth 3.15 - 5pm

Coach Trip - August 20th

Belton Estate, House and Gardens, Lincolnshire

Any member is welcome to join the Garden Group for this trip.

National Trust Members £19, Non-Members £38

Thursford Christmas Spectacular - December 4th

Price depends on the numbers interested and will be £70-£75pp.

Cheaper than local coach companies for the same trip.

This is a matinee: seats reserved in the central raised area.

Multiple coach pick-up points subject to numbers.

Please note: to participate in the events after August 1st you will need to have renewed your membership for the coming year.

Paper copies of the booking forms are available on request

HISTORY

Friday June 6th. This month a handful of the members have chosen a man from the past to research. We have someone from Mediaeval times to 20thC. This is always interesting.

Friday July 4th. This month the presentation is a royal one, The Stuarts. From James 1st to Queen Anne.

Talks begin at 2.30pm in the Moller Room, at the Racing Centre.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Please contact me by email niddy198@gmail.com if you need to.

Niddy Walpole

GARDEN GROUP

We are pleased to say that two members, Al Brown and Richard Webb, have offered to take over the reins of the group. We look forward to working alongside them for the next couple of months and seeing the group progress under their leadership.

In June there will not be a meeting at the Racing Centre as we are making another visit to Porters Lodge at Cavenham to stroll through their lovely gardens and sample some excellent cake! If you haven't booked your place yet, please contact Kath. We are being joined by members of the MOTO group for this visit

In July we are joined by Cambridge-based florist, Clare Kenward, who specializes in arrangements using seasonal flowers and foliage along with unusual varieties and botanicals. The arrangements she makes at the meeting will be prizes in a special raffle.

Booking forms are available now on the website for the August coach trip on August 20th to the Belton Estate in Lincolnshire.

Please contact Kath or Rosemary if you would like a paper copy.

Kath Gifkins & Rosemary Foreman

JUNE 2025

GROUP MEETINGS

DAY/DATE	TIME	GROUP	VENUE
Monday 2	14:00	Bridge	Brampton Manor Care Hm
	14:30	Camera Group	The Racing Centre
Tuesday 3	tbc	Art Appreciation	Visit - See Website
Wednesday 4	10:30	Walking Group	See Website
	14:30	Antiques	The Racing Centre
Friday 6	14:30	History	The Racing Centre
Monday 9	10:30	Wings Wheels Water	The Racing Centre
	14:30	Scrabble	The Racing Centre
Tuesday 10	10:30	Model Making & Craft	The Racing Centre
	11:15	Coffee & Cook Off	The Racing Centre
	-	Discussion	No Meeting
Wednesday 11	12:00	Brunch Meeting	The Stable Cafe
Thursday 12	10:30	Carpet Bowls	The Racing Centre
Friday 13	10:30	Family History	Newmarket Memorial Hall
Monday 16	10:00	Executive Committee	-
	14:00	Bridge	Brampton Manor Care Hm
Tuesday 17	14:00	Creative Writing	Brampton Manor Care Hm
Wednesday 18	tbc	Garden Group / MOTO	Porter's Lodge, Cavenham
Friday 20	14:30	Music Appreciation	The Racing Centre
Monday 23	14:30	Speaker Meeting	Catholic Parish Hall
Tuesday 24	14:00	Portrait Group	Ashley Pavilion
	14:00	Rummikub	Brampton Manor Care Hm
Thursday 26	10:30	Carpet Bowls	The Racing Centre
Friday 27	14:30	Realm of Books	The Racing Centre

JULY 2025

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Tuesday 1	14:30	Art Appreciation	The Racing Centre
Wednesday 2	10:30	Walking Group	See Website
	14:30	Antiques	The Racing Centre
Thursday 3	tbc	Summer Outing	See Website
Friday 4	14:30	History	The Racing Centre
Monday 7	14:00	Bridge	Brampton Manor Care Hm
	14:30	Camera Group	The Racing Centre
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Friday 18	14:30	Music Appreciation	The Racing Centre
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	14:00	Bridge	Brampton Manor Care Hm
Tuesday 22	14:00	Portrait Group	Ashley Pavilion
	14:00	Rummikub	Brampton Manor Care Hm
Thursday 24	10:30	Carpet Bowls	The Racing Centre
Friday 25	14:30	Realm of Books	The Racing Centre
Monday 28	14:30	Annual General Mtg	Newmarket Memorial Hall
-	MOTO—See Website		