

MOTO: Members On Their Own

On Saturday, 4th October, the Friends of All Saints Church Kirtling are having a talk by Miles Dodd about the Misericords of England and Europe.

Misericords are wooden carvings hidden on the underside of seats occupied by monks and canons in the choirs of monasteries and other religious buildings, the majority carved between the 13th and 16th centuries. The talk commences at 2.00 pm and will be followed by afternoon tea – no charge for the afternoon but donations welcome.

On Thursday, 27th November, we will be visiting Scotsdales at Horningsea for a look round the garden centre and shop, with lunch at 12.00. Please let me know if you will be having lunch so I can book a suitably-sized table.

Reminders about these events will be sent to those on my MOTO mailing list – if you wish to be added to this list, please let me know.

Rosemary Foreman

WINGS, WHEELS & WATER

Our programme for this U3A year –to July 2026 - is at present in preparation. The month-by-month details will be on our website page. We had a last minute change for August when Tim was struck down with Covid and his place was taken by David. So Tim gave his talk, “The Last of the Few” , on 8 September.

Up-coming presentations are:-

13 October: Richard Rigby. We are delighted to welcome a new guest presenter to the Wings, Wheels & Water team. Richard is an experienced presenter in other fields and brings a new dimension to the group’s presentation. His topic will be **80 years of Wheels!**

10 November: David Soanes - Motor Racing since WWII

8 December: Tim Young - Christmas Day Disaster 28 August 1944

David Soanes, Tim Young



From the Chair

Dear Members

Firstly a big thank you to all the members who attended the Annual General Meeting on 28th July. The new Executive Committee have now sorted out the roles that each of us will undertake and we are ready to start the new year.

Once you are a member there is no limit to the number of groups you can attend so why not try another one? If you missed, or are unable to attend the Open Morning on Tuesday 16th September, you can look through this newsletter or have a look on our website to see if there is another group that you might be interested in. I am pleased to say that we have received an offer to re-start the Mahjong group. If you would be interested in this please let us know so that we can see if there are sufficient numbers to make a go of it. The History group has had to be temporarily suspended as the group leader was injured in a road traffic accident and unfortunately will not be able to continue. We were very sad to hear this news but fully understand the situation; we have sent flowers and wish them a speedy recovery. Discussions are currently underway to find a replacement leader for this popular group and we are hopeful that we will be able to get it going again in the not too distant future.

With the Thursford trip in December now fully booked (there is a waiting list if you are still interested) the activities committee are already busy planning for the Annual Lunch and Summer Outing next year. Our new Speaker Secretary Roger Worden is also busy lining up a new and interesting selection of speakers for next year. Information about these events will be released when the details have been finalised.

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We are very lucky that we have a strong team of volunteers who are prepared to give up their time so that the rest of us can enjoy the services that Newmarket U3A provides. We would very much welcome more help and I would ask you to consider volunteering. Together we have the power to make things happen.

Geraldine Cornwell

Chair

SPEAKER MEETINGS

October



Lucy Lewis was appointed Cambridge University Marshal in 2018. She was the first woman to hold the post of University Marshal in its 809-year history. Previously, she was a University Constable for eight years, having completed a law degree. She joined the Army in 1989 and while serving with the Royal Engineers became the first female Bomb Disposal Officer. She later transferred to the Royal Military Police and served a further eight years before retiring as a Major in 1998 to start a family. During her military career, she was a joint service mountain expedition leader, leading expeditions to Ecuador, Iceland and Sardinia.

November



Susan Grossey has made the world of Regency crime her own: good old-fashioned storytelling, a tantalising beginning, adventurous middle, and a dramatic ending, add up to compelling reading.

Susan is a local author of a series of historical financial crime stories, set in London in the 1820s. Susan will be speaking to us about her journey into becoming a writer, her self-publishing success story, and her Sam Plank Mystery series. It is crime fiction with a difference – it's not filled with blood and gore, although there are deaths and London then was a filthy, unhealthy place.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

September 19th, Judy will present “**Shakespeare in Music**” – compositions inspired by his plays, including overtures by Mendelssohn and Nicolai.

October 17th, Richard will present “**Music by Maurice Ravel**” – the popular Bolero plus the complete Daphnis and Chloe ballet music.

November 21st, Mike will present “ **Music by Joseph Haydn**” – the prolific 18th century Austrian composer, who was called “The Father of the Symphony”.

We will not be meeting in December.

Richard Unwin

ART APPRECIATION

The group enjoyed a very special visit to the Women's Art collection at Murray Edwards College on 2nd September. We were blessed with a beautiful day, so we were fully able to enjoy a tour of the gardens and the college itself as well as an introduction to the pictures, all done by a charming and very well informed guide.

Our meetings on 7th Oct. and 4th Nov. will be talks by two of our members: firstly Art and the Sea and secondly on The Glasgow School.

We are planning our usual December lunch - venue tba.

Anna Smith

WALKING

Annie will be leading the walk on 1st October, which will be in the Burrough Green/Brinkley area, meeting at 10.30 am on the green near the church at Burrough Green. Lunch at The Boot, Dullingham.

Walk on 5th November – to be advised.

Further details of these walks will be sent to those on my Walkers mailing list – if you wish to be added to this list, please let me know.

Rosemary Foreman



DIARY DATES

OPEN COFFEE MORNING:

Tuesday September 16th –
10.30 am

The Memorial Hall
Newmarket



THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR:

4 December 2025 - *This trip is now full.*

To put your name on the waiting list for cancellation please complete a booking form and send it to Di Angus-Smith. No payment is needed until your seat is confirmed.



ANNUAL LUNCH 2026:

28 January 2026

The Cherry Tree, Soham

Further details and booking form in
the next newsletter.

HISTORY

Editor: As reported in 'From the Chair', our History Group leader, Niddy Walpole was recently involved in a very serious road accident and is unable to continue to lead the group she has managed for many years. The September and October meetings are cancelled but Tim Young will lead the November meeting in the Racing Centre on Friday 7 October at 2.30pm. His presentation is entitled: 'Ada Lovelace, grandmother of computer programming'.

Di Angus-Smith, Denise Cioffi Temporarily & Niddy Walpole

GARDEN GROUP

On 17 September we are visiting Anglesey Abbey, in conjunction with the **MOTO Group**. I am pleased to say that the visit is free this time as it is a Heritage Day. However, you must book in advance on **Anglesey Abbey website** to avoid having to pay. If you are a National Trust member you can gain entry as usual, with your membership Card. We will meet at 2.00pm in the Reception Area.

OCTOBER: Gardeners Question Time with Barry Gayton

NOVEMBER: The trial & tribulations of running an allotment.

John Wallace, new to the world of allotments, describes his experience!

Al Brown, Richard & Margaret Webb

>>>CHRISTMAS>>>CHRISTMAS>>>CHRISTMAS>>>

NEWMARKET DAY CENTRE is always grateful for our help to set up their Christmas lunch tables.

If you are free and would like to help out for about an hour between 2.00 and 3.00pm on any of the following dates:

1, 4, 10, 16 or 19 December please contact Grace Crump.

Her contact details are: 01638 730080 or gracecrump1@gmail.com

OCTOBER 2025

GROUP MEETINGS

DAY/DATE	TIME	GROUP	VENUE
Wednesday 1	10:30	Walking Group	See Website
	14:30	Antiques	The Racing Centre
Friday 3	-	History	No Meeting
Monday 6	14:30	Camera Group	The Racing Centre
Tuesday 7	14:30	Art Appreciation	The Racing Centre
Wednesday 8	12:00	Brunch Meeting	The Stable Cafe
Thursday 9	10:30	Carpet Bowls	The Racing Centre
Friday 10	10:30	Family History	The Racing Centre
Monday 13	10:30	Wings Wheels Water	The Racing Centre
	14:30	Scrabble	The Racing Centre
Tuesday 14	10:30	Model Making, Craft	The Racing Centre
	11:15	Coffee & Cook Off	The Racing Centre
	14:30	Discussion	The Racing Centre
Wednesday 15	14:30	Garden Group	The Racing Centre
Friday 17	14:30	Music Appreciation	The Racing Centre
Monday 20	10:00	Executive Committee	-
Tuesday 21	14:00	Creative Writing	Brampton Manor Care Hm
Friday 24	14:30	Realm of Books	The Racing Centre
Monday 27	14:30	Speaker Meeting	Catholic Parish Hall
Tuesday 28	14:00	Portrait Group	Ashley Pavilion
	14:00	Rummikub	Brampton Manor Care Hm
Thursday 30	10:30	Carpet Bowls	The Racing Centre
-	MOTO Group - See Website		

NOVEMBER 2025

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DAY/DATE	TIME	GROUP	VENUE
Monday 3	14:30	Camera Group	The Racing Centre
Tuesday 4	14:30	Art Appreciation	The Racing Centre
Wednesday 5	10:30	Walking	See Website
	14:30	Antiques	The Racing Centre
Friday 7	14:30	History	The Racing Centre
Monday 10	10:30	Wings Wheels Water	The Racing Centre
	14:30	Scrabble	The Racing Centre
Tuesday 11	10:30	Model Making, Craft	The Racing Centre
	11:15	Coffee & Cook Off	The Racing Centre
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