

MOTO: Members On Their Own

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.

There will be no event in December but we'll be having morning coffee at Simpsons, Fordham, on Thursday, 15th January, at 10.30 am. I'll be sending out a reminder to MOTO members nearer the time so you can let me know then if you will be joining us.

Rosemary Foreman



DRAMA

Re-starting in January 2026

At Waterhouse Manor, Fordham

For information and to enrol call Tim 07766396303

Or email: tim_young@live.co.uk

WINGS, WHEELS & WATER

The group was treated to an interesting and different talk by Richard Rigby last month. '80 years of wheels' charted the changes and developments in wheeled transport over the course of his life. Thank you Richard.

10 November: DAVID: Motor Racing since World War II

8 December: TIM: Gladys DeHavilland and the Austin 7

12 January 2026: Topics from January 2026 remain to be confirmed but definitely include talks by Niddy Walpole and John Wallace.

9 February: 9 March: 13 April: 11 May: 8 June: 13 July

David Soanes, Tim Young



From the Chair

Dear Members,

We are delighted to have welcomed lots of new members to Newmarket U3A this season, particularly following our very successful COFFEE MORNING in October. I hope that you are enjoying the group meetings that you are attending.

I do hope you are also able to take part in our very interesting programme of Speaker Meetings that take place each month at the Catholic Parish Hall. We had a record attendance at our October meeting when we were enthralled by Lucy Lewis's tales of army life as the first female bomb disposal officer.

The Speaker Meeting programme is now on the EVENTS page of our website.

Word of mouth is the best form of recommendation and advertising, so do please tell your friends about any groups or activities that you are enjoying!

I wish you all a very

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

Geraldine Cornwell: Chair, Newmarket U3A

REALM OF BOOKS

Realm of Books is thriving! We were able to welcome new members this autumn, following the September Open Morning. At our first meeting in September we put our heads together to discuss future titles for 2026. The new reading list will be published in November on our section of the U3A website.

Sabine Deering

SPEAKER MEETINGS

24 November 2025 at 2.30pm in the Catholic Parish Hall

Susan Grossey: Writing Historical Fiction



“Susan Grossey has made the world of Regency crime her own: good old-fashioned storytelling, with a tantalising beginning, an adventurous middle, and a wonderfully dramatic ending, which add up to, quite simply, compelling reading.” She graduated from Cambridge University in 1987 with a degree in English and became a secondary school teacher. However she soon transferred to technical writing and became an anti money laundering consultant which greatly influenced her writing career.

15 December 2025 at 2.30pm in the Catholic Parish Hall

Brian O’Leary: The Art of Magic



Brian has been a strawberry picker, jam technician (also in the field of strawberries), software developer, support analyst, implementation consultant and finally, magician. It’s a natural career progression...

Brian is currently the President of the Ilford Magical Society and has won a number of competitions at the club. He is also a member of the prestigious Magic Circle. He has performed for local charities, at weddings and private parties at establishments like The Ivy.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

November 21st, I will present “**A mini Concert**” – popular works by Handel, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky.

We will not be meeting in December.

Please keep an eye on the Newmarket U3A website for details of our 2026 programme.

Richard Unwin

ART APPRECIATION

The Art Appreciation group will be meeting for a lunch at the White Hart, Newmarket, on 2nd December. If any members of the Group have not signed up for this yet, please reply to my e-mail of last week, giving your choices, as per the White Hart website.

Going on to the New Year, the first Tuesday of January falls on the 6th, so we will have a meeting at the Racing Centre. Andy has agreed to pick up on the talk about the Glasgow School which he had worked on with Jan for the November meeting and which had to be changed. There may be more emphasis on the fine art of the School and less on the applied art side: we will find out when we meet on the Day!

Meanwhile - a Happy Christmas to all.

Anna Smith

WALKING

Annie will be leading the walk on 3rd December, which will be in the Burwell area, meeting at 10.30 am in the British Legion car park, 21 The Causeway, CB25 0DU. Lunch to be arranged.

The walk on 7th January will be in the Exning/Landwade area, meeting at 10.30 am at The White Horse, Exning.

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: DIARY DATES: DIARY DATES: DIARY DATES

Thursford Christmas Spectacular - December 4th

This trip is now full.

To put your name on the waiting list for a cancellation, please complete a Booking Form and send it to Di Angus-Smith.

No payment is needed until your place is confirmed.

ANNUAL LUNCH : 28 January 2026

THE CHERRY TREE SOHAM

Bookings are now being taken.

Booking form available online and attached to this newsletter.

Christmas Lunch Table Laying at Newmarket Day Centre

Various Dates in November & December

**Thank you to those members who have volunteered
to help with this.**

**If you would like to join the band of volunteers who help at
the Day Centre for their Christmas meals, please contact
Grace Crump on 01638 730080**



HISTORY

We are sorry to report that, although improving, Niddy, the group leader is still unable to lead the group's monthly meetings. However, to maintain some continuity we have arranged a meeting in November, at which Tim Young will present a talk on **ADA LOVELACE**, known as the 'grandmother of computing'. Coming from a rather surprising background, her parents insisted on a scientific education for her which culminated in her friendship with notable scientists.

As always, the **December** History Group meeting will be the Christmas lunch at the White Horse in Exning. Arrangements are well in hand. There will be no meeting in **January**.

Di Angus-Smith, Denise Coiffi & Niddy Walpole

GARDEN GROUP

Our next meeting will be on the topic of Allotments - Their trials, Tribulations and Joys. Our own John Wallace, an experienced allotment holder will present the talk together with Jeff Dunn, a relative newcomer to our group but with many years' experience of managing an allotment site. So between both John and Jeff they will be able to inform, educate and answer your queries of what goes on behind those locked gates. Allotments are not only for growing vegetables and fruit, but can be flower gardens, home to poultry as well as a community space.

There will be no meeting in December, but we will be back on **Wednesday 21st January** with our Quiz followed in **February** by a talk on Courtyard and Container Gardens by garden designer, Hilary Fay.

Margaret & Richard Webb

DECEMBER 2025

GROUP MEETINGS

| DAY/DATE | TIME | GROUP | VENUE |
|-------------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday 1 | 14:30 | Camera Group | The Racing Centre |
| Tuesday 2 | - | Art Appreciation | Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 3 | 10:30 | Walking | See Website |
| | 14:30 | Antiques | The Racing Centre |
| Thursday 4 | - | Christmas Spectacular | Thursford |
| Friday 5 | - | History | Christmas Lunch |
| Monday 8 | 10:30 | Wings Wheels Water | The Racing Centre |
| | 14:30 | Scrabble | The Racing Centre |
| Tuesday 9 | 10:30 | Model Making, Craft | The Racing Centre |
| | 11:15 | Coffee & Cook Off | The Racing Centre |
| | 14:30 | Discussion | The Racing Centre |
| Wednesday 10 | 12:00 | Brunch | The Stable Cafe |
| Thursday 11 | 10:30 | Carpet Bowls | The Racing Centre |
| Friday 12 | - | Family History | No Meeting |
| Monday 15 | 10:00 | Executive Committee | - |
| | 14:30 | Speaker Meeting | Catholic Parish Hall |
| Tuesday 16 | 14:00 | Creative Writing | Brampton Manor Care Hm |
| Wednesday 17 | - | Garden Group | No Meeting |
| Friday 19 | 14:30 | Music Appreciation | The Racing Centre |
| Tuesday 23 | 14:00 | Portrait Group | Ashley Pavilion |
| | 14:00 | Rummikub | Brampton Manor Care Hm |
| Thursday 25 | - | Carpet Bowls | No Meeting |
| Friday 26 | - | Realm of Books | No Meeting |
| - | | MOTO Group - See Website | |

JANUARY 2026

GROUP MEETINGS

| DAY/DATE | TIME | GROUP | VENUE |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Friday 2 | 14:30 | History | No Meeting |
| Monday 5 | 14:30 | Camera Group | The Racing Centre |
| Tuesday 6 | 14:30 | Art Appreciation | The Racing Centre |
| Wednesday 7 | 10:30 | Walking | See Website |
| | 14:30 | Antiques | The Racing Centre |
| Thursday 8 | 10:30 | Carpet Bowls | The Racing Centre |
| Friday 9 | 10:30 | Family History | The Memorial Hall |
| Monday 12 | 10:30 | Wings Wheels Water | The Racing Centre |
| | 14:30 | Scrabble | The Racing Centre |
| Tuesday 13 | 10:30 | Model Making, Craft | The Racing Centre |
| | 11:15 | Coffee & Cook Off | The Racing Centre |
| | 14:30 | Discussion | The Racing Centre |
| Wednesday 14 | 12:00 | Brunch | The Stable Cafe |
| Friday 16 | 14:30 | Music Appreciation | The Racing Centre |
| Monday 19 | 10:00 | Executive Committee | - |
| Tuesday 20 | 14:00 | Creative Writing | Brampton Manor Care Hm |
| Wednesday 21 | 14:30 | Garden Group | The Racing Centre |
| Thursday 22 | 10:30 | Carpet Bowls | The Racing Centre |
| Friday 23 | 14:30 | Realm of Books | The Racing Centre |
| Monday 26 | 14:30 | Speaker Meeting | Catholic Parish Hall |
| Tuesday 27 | 14:00 | Portrait Group | Ashley Pavilion |
| | 14:00 | Rummikub | Brampton Manor Care Hm |
| Wednesday 28 | - | Annual Lunch | Cherry Tree, Soham |
| - | | MOTO Group - See Website | |