

Market Harborough



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Newsletter

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Oakham Castle courtesy of Phil Aldridge taken during Digital Photography Group's visit in June

Chairman's Corner

Dear Fellow Market Harborough U3A members

It is a truth universally acknowledged that when you go away on holiday the weeds grow twice as fast. July has been a busy month for many of us, I have been getting my garden ready for visitors in support of the National gardens scheme, and many garden group members have offered to welcome fellow interested members into theirs. This will all have taken place by the time this newsletter goes to press, so we hope all went well and no-one fell into the water features.

Several groups are having a break for August because of diminished numbers in the holiday season, we wish a happy holiday to all the travellers, enjoy your break and come back refreshed, we have lots of new ideas for the autumn. My Crochet group is also taking a summer break and on our return in September will expand to include knitters and have new name to reflect both skills, 'Crochety Knitters'

We have had to make changes with our monthly general meeting, Tom Caine who has set the chairs out for our Thursdays ever since I have been a member has now retired. We will miss Tom, he was always a great help and never complained, I am sure we all wish him well in his retirement.

This means that we have to arrange another way of setting out our chairs each month. In June and July the committee arrived early and got the job done, and those who had sat on them stacked them away again. This has worked well but perhaps it would be a good idea to have a team of volunteers and someone to organise a rota. If we all took a turn it would mean the same few do not always have the job. Contact me or any committee member if you feel you could help.

'Many hands make light work' ancient electricians motto.

Stella Freeman

01536 760124

WELCOME

A warm welcome to new members: Margaret Riddett; Penny Ellengold; Ian Fielding; Anthea Hall.

If you're unable to collect a Newsletter at the General Meeting you can get one at the Library, Congregational Church office, Quinn's Bookshop, Caffè Nero or Blend in Manor Walk.

Janet Membership Secretary janetbignell3260@gmail.com 01604 743009

MONTHLY SPEAKERS

The Monthly Meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month in the Congregational Church Hall with coffee served from 9.45am. The meeting on 10th August is to be a coffee morning for members to socialise. We will also have information stalls from Oxfam, VASL, and Moins chemists, detailing the services they offer to older people.

Speaker Secretary Lindsey Wolstencroft 465443

EDITOR'S BIT

This being the Holiday Season so many members are away or charged with looking after younger family members. Hence I am very short of material so I've trimmed it down to 8 pages, which saves trees and print costs. Hopefully we'll be back to normal in September.

Shaun Coles

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Lindsey Wolstencroft

My childhood was spent just over the border in Northamptonshire and when I was 18 I went to live on the south coast where I went to university. Since then I have been fairly nomadic ending up in Market Harborough just over a year ago and am enjoying the opportunities this lovely town affords. I am married with 2 sons and 2 grandchildren and spent my career in healthcare until retiring last July. Since my husband works full time the U3A provides me with plenty of interests and I have made new friends.

I enjoy the general meetings, four activity groups and have a continuing thirst for knowledge. If we haven't already met please come and say hello, I would love to meet you.

Lindsey



HARBORO': Then and Now

John Hammond has some film photographs of Market Harborough that he and his father took back in the 1960s which he has re-shot digitally in today's modern world.



They are of the Upper High Street next to Abbey Street. The "Then" picture taken in the early 1960's shows the Manor House Building occupied By Richards, the bespoke tailors, and the Old Corn Exchange Building shortly before it was demolished to make way for Edinburgh House, the headquarters of Golden Wonder Crisps.

The "Now" picture shows Edinburgh House in its current guise as Travelodge and ladies fashion shops East and Phase Eight. The Manor House Building is hardly changed, just Richards' large window turned into 3 small ones, and is now occupied by Browns hairdressers.



News from the Groups (in roughly alphabetical order)

ART APPRECIATION

Having had some time off to allow for holidays etc. I am hoping to restart our visits to places of interest in September. The fourth Thursday is 28th September, and I would like to visit 78 Derngate, in Northampton, a house designed and remodelled in 1916 by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Full details will

be emailed to those whose details I already have, and will be included in the September newsletter.

I am also looking for another person to come on board to help me to choose and organise interesting visits and talks. I would love to hear from anyone who is interested in this – please get in touch with me on **0116 2599229** or lindylatham@btinternet.com

CHINESE WAND/TAI CHI

We look forward to meeting up again on Tuesday, 26th September, but in the meantime do have a happy summer. Please ring or e-mail me if you would like more information about the group.
Audrey Walker 464569 alan.audrey46@btinternet.com

COUNTRYSIDE & ENVIRONMENT

The group visited Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum on 14th July. A boat trip had been organised through the tunnel to Blisworth and back. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit, Mike the Captain at the helm and Paul providing an informative commentary and answering our many questions. We were amazed at the length of the tunnel and the engineering work undertaken to build it. An

exciting moment on the return journey in passing a craft travelling in the opposite direction and then the lights switched off to experience how it would have felt travelling through the tunnel in times gone by. Our trip finished with tea and cake in the cafe. There is no meeting in September. 20th October Wendy Potts is talking about 'Bee Keeping'. We are back inside for the autumn/winter meetings in The Lounge, Congregational church at 2pm.

Linda Carruthers 410019

DAY TRIPS

Day trip to Bakewell and Haddon Hall on Monday Sept 4th departing from the bus station at 8.30am. Cost £30. There are a few places still available. Please pay the outstanding balance today. **Sheila Pendered 463133**

EXPLORING MUSIC

On 11th July we had a very enjoyable, varied, amusing and interesting show. Thank you very much Jean. Using the theme of animals, we had –

Mammals: Ranging from Beethoven's 6th Symphony "The Shepherds' Song" via Django Reinhardt and Le Quintet du Hot Club de France "Tiger Rag" through to Stanley Holloway's "The Lion and Albert", and finishing with the introductory music to 'Babe' a film about a pig which was from Saint-Seans's Organ Symphony with the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Birds: Starting with "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring" by Delius, via Ravel's "Mother Goose Suite" which began life as a piano duet but he later orchestrated it, and it was orchestrated again for an all-brass

ensemble. Then though to Saint-Seans' "The Swan" from Carnival of the Animals, an evocative piece and a good opportunity for a cellist.

Insects: 'The Bees' Wedding' by Mendelssohn is not that well known but we enjoyed it. This lasted less than two minutes and needed no additions, followed by "Glow Worm" sung by Dean Martin, with a great arrangement behind him.

We concluded appropriately with Bert Kampfert's arrangement of his tune "Swinging Safari".

There is no meeting in August so everyone will be welcome on 12th September at 10 am in the Community Church (formerly Evangelical). Free coffee for first timers!!

Jeremy Furnish 01536 391543

Jean Dadge 288521

News from the Groups

FILM CLUB

In August we see 'The Life & Death of Colonel Blimp'. After that is: September 'Shame' (Ingmar Bergman), October 'The Bicycle Thieves' (Vittorio De Sica), November 'The Conformist' (Bernardo Bertolucci), and December 'On the Waterfront' (Marlon Brando). If you want to watch classic World Cinema, please come & join us. Second Tuesday of every month, 2.00 at Welland Place. Ring **Jonathan Chappell** on **0116 279 2915** for further details.

MEANDERERS

The September Meander will be on Wednesday 13th in the Gumley area. Meet at the Bell Inn, Gumley LE16 7RU at 10.15 for 10.30 start. Limited parking outside the pub but easy alternative parking along the road.

The walk which is approximately 3½ miles with only one stile has some field walking but is mostly along the canal towpath passing by Debdale Wharf and the treacle mines! If you would like to join us please contact **Sylvia Parry 466190** by noon Monday 11th September.

MOOC (Massive Open On-line Course)

MOOCers continue to look at 'England in the time of Richard III' and, so far, have had two meetings to discuss our experiences. Our 'field trip' will entail visiting Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre where we can show how much we've learnt! Then we're having a break until 4th September when *Futurelearn's Forensic Psychology: Witness Investigation* starts.

If you are interested in the September course, please email me at u3amooc@gmail.com to be added to our circular. Thanks, Danica.



PAINTING GROUP

The group's next meetings at Little Bowden Bowls Clubhouse are on Mondays 14 August 10 - noon; 11 September 9.30 - 11.30 am (at request of the Bowls Club); 25 September 10 - noon. Call **Pip Shaw** for more details on **464844**.

PLAY READING



I'm pleased to say that our member numbers were back to full strength for the July meeting, especially as we were reading *Ten Times Table* by Sir Alan Ayckbourn, which required 5 male and 5 female characters. The very funny, almost farce-like action takes place in the Swan Hotel Ballroom at meetings held between November and June 1977. The leading lights of the village have decided to hold a pageant of local history based on a somewhat vague event, "The Massacre of the Pendon Twelve". But there's a young left wing teacher on the committee who decides to turn it into a rally for proletarian revolution. Committee meetings become symbolic battlefields for conflicting views - the right wing faction being led by the Chairman's conservative wife. The event turns into a violent confrontation between the two extremes, with cataclysmic results. Police intervention brings matters to a relatively quiet conclusion, but already another pageant - Romans versus Britons - seems an attractive possibility.

Pam Davison 446516 Eileen Booth 467322

News from the Groups

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

If you have read last month's newsletter you will know that our choir will be closing at the end of the year. Huge thanks to Bea and John Poole for all the hard work they have put into running the choir for many years, a mammoth task.

With that in mind would there be any persons out there who would either like to

start another choir or as suggested in the last edition a "singing for pleasure" group. I am sure there are lots of musical people within our ranks. Perhaps two or more members could pool their skills and organise it between them. If you are interested in running or joining such a group contact me or Tricia Storer (group co-ordinator)

Lindsey Wolstencroft

SKETCHING

We travelled to Brampton Ash in July, but they enjoyed a quiet morning with warm sunshine and they were even offered coffee by a resident. The September meeting on Thursday the 7th will be local and we shall meet in the Memorial Garden on The Square at 10 a.m. The summer flowers may be over but we should find some trees of interest and the river may be flowing well !! Look forward to seeing you there, please call for details.

Alan Walker 464569 alan.audrey46@btinternet.com

SPANISH

"Building from Basics" - improve your Spanish Are you interested in developing your language skills? A new group led by Liz Watkin, an English teacher who lived in Barcelona for nearly 19 years, can be formed to start in October. We need you to register your interest for this to proceed. A

volunteer to be a joint leader would be very helpful to offer backup. Although the time and venue have yet to be finally agreed, Wednesday or Thursday in the last week of the month are proposed. So, now's your chance. Contact Liz on lizziewatkin@yahoo.co.uk to register your interest. If you don't use it, you lose it!

STROLLERS

The stroll on Wednesday 13th September will be led by Ian and Shirley Storey. Please meet at the Old Barn Inn, Glooston LE16 7ST (Grid Ref. 752958) at 10.15am, so that we can order lunch and start the walk by 10.30am. The walk is relatively level and easy along field paths. If you would like to join us, please contact Ian and Shirley by Friday 8th September - telephone **468955** or e-mail sms.storey@gmail.com

WALKING

The July walk was lead by Doreen; we met at Farndon Fields Farm Shop and twelve of us plus dog climbed the steep hill up to East Farndon village through fields of barley and cows. Passing Grade II listed East Farndon Hall, we were all able to enjoy a spectacular view of the whole of Market Harborough sitting in a bowl below us. We next headed towards Great Oxendon and then down the hill again back to Harborough ending up in the rugby club pitches and then via the Western Avenue estate back to the Farm Shop. We were accommodated in the new upstairs private dining area and were very well served with our lunches and refreshments.

The next walk will be on Thursday 24th August, starting from The Fox at Hallaton,

at the top of the village, by the duckpond. There will be a marquee etc. in The Fox car park, as it is the Bank Holiday week-end, but PLEASE park in their car park as directed on the day, and not in the village ! The walk is five miles across a variety of fields with extensive views, and no stiles, ending up on a track back to Hallaton.

Please note Earlier Start to fit in with those dashing off for lunch elsewhere! Please meet at 9.45am, to order lunch and leave by 10.00am. If you would like to join us on the walk, please let us know at the General Meeting, or contact us by Monday 21st August.

Mike & Brenda Saywood
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Mobile (on the day) 07941 307 358

THEATRE OF THE ABSURD STUDY GROUP

In July we read the hilarious 'Bald Prima Donna' by Ionesco, in August/September we are reading 'Ping Pong' by Arthur Adamov. After that we move on to four plays by Albert Camus (better known for his novels - The Outsider & The Plague), then later in the year we move on to the existentialist plays of Jean Paul Sartre. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Angel Hotel at 1.30. If you want to join the Harborough Absurdists please contact me at j.chappell48@yahoo.co.uk *Jonathan Chappell 0116 2792915*

WINE APPRECIATION

Since several members have had to drop out, I will step into the breach for our tasting on Wednesday 16th August at 7pm chez moi (see address below) where we will drink my house white: Uby from Gascony, a cold-fermented mix of Colombard & Ugni Blanc grapes with "notes of citrus & exotic fruits" plus two delicious Pinot Noirs from Aldi, one from Chile, one from NZ. Jilly Goulden can't make it but I'll try to keep up to her standards. *Shaun Coles*

WRITING FOR PLEASURE

We enjoy writing and hearing the contributions of our fellow group members. The September 30th topic is 'Anything Goes'. We meet on the last Monday of the month; Methodist Church Rooms at 2 pm. *Christopher Mosley 01536 771258 mosleych@gmail.com*

Committee for 2017

Chairman	Stella Freeman	01536 760124
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Sheila Pendered will send greetings and condolences cards to members on behalf of MH U3A. You may contact her on 01858 463133

Items for the September Newsletter no later than 1st Sept to:

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Disclaimers: Where Members are no longer able to take full responsibility for themselves, they may only attend meetings, groups or events if accompanied by a carer or family member, who will accept full responsibility on their behalf.

Holidays, Trips and Travel Events; Organisers make every effort to provide information to enable a Member to make an informed decision as to the suitability of the event for them. If a carer is needed, these arrangements must be in place before booking and the Organiser notified. In the case of cancellation after payment has been made, every effort will be made to fill the vacancy, however if this is not possible a refund can only be made if recovery is obtained by the Organiser from the venue. Please be assured of our due diligence in respect of refunds.

Insurance: Where necessary it is the responsibility of each Member to obtain their own personal Accident, Injury or Travel Insurance.

Trip Organisers please note:

Sheila Pendered very kindly and conscientiously holds the diary for MHU3A trips. To avoid clashes in time tables please advise her of the dates of any trip, outing or holiday that you may organise. Her contact details are: Tel: 01858 463133.

GROUP	LEADER	TELEPHONE	VENUE	WHEN	TIME
Singles Lunch Club		SUNDAY A - Jackie Newton 525363; B - Josie Watling 464865			
MONDAY					
Gardening	Ruth Walleff	525346	SN	3 rd	2pm
Handbells	David Staples	880668	EC	Weekly	4 - 5pm
New Age Kurling	Betty Morley	545426	CLCH	1 st & 3 rd	10 - 11am
Painting	Pip Shaw	464844	LBBC	2 nd & 4 th	10 - Noon
Poetry	Ann Hawkins	467164	AH	1 st & 3 rd	10am
Creative Writing	Christopher Mosley	01536 771258	MC	Last	2 - 4pm
TUESDAY					
Book Group 2	Lynn Murray Susan Royds	01536 711412 01536 710714	WP	4 th	2 - 3pm
Chinese Wand-Tai Chi	Audrey Walker	464569	GBVH	Fm 26Sep	2.30 - 3.30pm
Digital Photography	John Hammond	434272	WP	3 rd	2.30pm
Exploring Music	Jeremy Furnish Jean Dadge	01536 391543 288521	CEC	2 nd	10 - Noon
Film Group	Jonathan Chappell	0116 279 2915	WP	2 nd	2 - 4.30pm
Needlecraft	Ann Healy	01536 760346	AH	1 st & 3 rd	10 - Noon
Quiz Group	Sue & Rob Porter	410970	AH	3 rd	2.30pm
Snooker	Philip Hawkins	467164	SJ	Weekly	2 - 4pm
WEDNESDAY					
Astronomy	Bob Forrest	440855	CHSL	3 rd	7.30 - 9.30pm
Committee Meeting	Stella Freeman	01536 760124	AH	1 st	2pm
Duplicate Bridge	Sylvia Povoas Philip Hawkins	288506 467164	BCH	Weekly	9.15 for 9.30 - 11.45
Lunch Club	Joan Norum	467757	V	4 th	Noon - 1.45pm
Monthly Meanderers	Alan James Josie Watling	414919 464865	SN	2 nd	10.15 am for 10.30 start
Philosophy - Beginners	Joyce Chaplin	565903	AH	3 rd	10am - Noon
Quilting	Vivian Hammond Pam Hurst	434272 440503	CC	3 rd	2pm
Strollers	John & Vivian Hammond	434272	V	2 nd	10.15am
Table Tennis	Betty Morley	545426	LC	Weekly	9 - 10am
Village History	Doreen Chappell	0116 279 2915	V	1 st	11am
Wine Appreciation	Jeannie Brightwell	288465	V	3 rd	7pm
THURSDAY					
Arts Appreciation	Lindy Latham	0116 259 9229	V	4 th	?
Crochet	Stella Freeman	01536 760124	AH	4 th	2.30pm
General Meeting	Stella Freeman	01536 760124	CC	2 nd	10.10 - Noon
Play Reading	Pam Davison Eileen Booth	446516 467322	SN	3 rd	2 - 4pm
Sketching Group	Alan Walker	464569	V	1 st	10am
Study Group	Jonathan Chappell	0116 279 2915	AH	2 nd	1.30pm
Supper Club	Pat Dodd	462244	V	1 st	Evening
Walking Group	Mike & Brenda Saywood	01536 770431	V	4 th	10.15am
FRIDAY					
Book Group 1	Jean West	434914	WP	2 nd	2pm
Concert Club	Clive Hookins	410384	AH	1 st	2.30pm
Countryside & Environment	Linda Carruthers Jenny Butlin	410019 462855	CC	3 rd	2pm
French Conversation	Deidre & Kevin Quinn	466217	AH	Weekly	9.30 - 10.30am
Discussion Group	Jill Wright	565856	AH	2 nd	10.30am
Whist	Neil Wilford	468624	MC	3 rd	2 - 4.30pm

AH Angel Hotel; **BCH** Baptist Church Hall; **CC** Congregational Church; **CEC** Community (Evangelical) Church; **CLCH** Church Langton Comm Hall; **CHSL** College House, School Lane; **GBVH** Gt Bowden Village Hall; **LBBC** Little Bowden Bowling Club; **LC** Leisure Centre; **MC** Methodist Church; **SJ** St James Leisure Centre, Corby; **SN** See Newsletter; **V** Various; **WP** Welland Place

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