



Thrapston & District



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Newsletter

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Those Radio 4 listeners amongst you - and who isn't - would have heard the recent discussions about the commission being set up to combat loneliness. Started by the sister of murdered MP Jo Cox, it aims to work with a variety of charities and organisations to combat loneliness.

We in U3A know, that our organisation has so much to offer to those who have become isolated from their community; but we are still unknown to many. Our Open Day on May 6th is the perfect opportunity to spread the word. If you know someone, who would benefit from U3A, talk to them and invite them along. U3A is just too good to keep to ourselves and you are the best publicity we have.

With some of the Committee standing down at the AGM in May, we are still seeking members to join us and fill the vacant spaces. Please don't leave it to someone else, because they are probably leaving it to you. Please call me if you think you can help us take our U3A forward. Enjoy your Newsletter.

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U3A National Summer Schools 2017

The National Summer Schools Programme is now available. There are 2 venues, Newport in Shropshire and Cirencester in Gloucestershire. The schools are held on 3 occasions from July to September. We know that the summer schools are very popular and book up quickly, so if you are interested then please follow up this news item as soon as you can. There will be a copy of the Brochure on the information desk at the February meeting. If you want information more quickly, then go to u3auk.wufoo.eu/forms/summer-schools-2017 or call the National Office on 020 8466 6139.

Brainteaser - Who said? Imagine if everyone... could make an omelette correctly, they'd never lack for one delicious, interesting and nutritious meal at their fingertips.



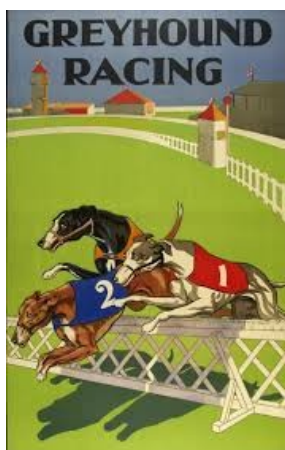
Forthcoming Events

FUNNY GIRL, MILTON KEYNES THEATRE, THURSDAY 2 MARCH

This is fully booked and the coach will leave the Co-op car park at 11.30am. Tickets will be given out on the bus. The show should finish at about 5pm and the coach will be waiting for us.



GREYHOUND RACING, PETERBOROUGH, 28th APRIL 2017



The trip to the Greyhounds at Peterborough is confirmed for Friday 28th April. The cost is approximately £26.00 which includes the cost of the Coach, entry with programme and a two course meal. Desserts and drinks are payable at the course.

If you are interested please sign see Irene and pay deposit at The Plaza February meeting.

The balance is due at the March meeting for those that have paid a deposit. The full amount must be paid at the March meeting to ensure booking.

FORTHCOMING DIARY

17 February	Branch Meeting – Life with my Father, Eric Morecombe by Gail Stuart
2 March	FUNNY GIRL – Milton Keynes Theatre (fully booked)
17 March	Branch Meeting – MBE, Investiture at Buckingham Palace by Guinette Davies
21 April	Branch Meeting – Kicks and Frills, the story of the Can-Can by David Price
28 April	Greyhound Racing - Peterborough
6 May	Thrapston and District U3A – OPEN DAY
19 May	AGM & Branch Meeting – Along the Nene by Martin Izzard BEM
16 June	Branch Meeting – School Holiday Fiascoes by Mike Leonard
21 July	Branch Meeting – Amy Johnson by Roy Smart
18 August	Thrapston and District U3a Summer Event (details to be advised)
15 September	Branch Meeting – Rockingham Castle 950 years of history by Patricia Wood
20 October	Branch Meeting – The Plague Doctor by David Bell
17 November	Branch Meeting – Day in the Life of a TV Licence Enforcement Officer
15 December	Thrapston and District U3A – Yuletide Event

From the Groups

New Groups are forming all the time, the latest are Spanish, Singing for Pleasure and Fork to Fork.

Fork to Fork group will be meeting on the 4th Weds at 12 - 2pm. On 22 of February the theme will be The first person who inspired my passion for food. Each member will bring something to share for lunch related to the theme.

GARDENING

Our newly formed Gardening Club had its first outing on Wednesday 8th February. It was a chilly chilly wintry day but we were all wrapped up well and were amazed by the beauty and simplicity of the carpet of snowdrops and aconites at Chelveston Church.



An added bonus was that we were able to buy these early spring flowers 'in the green', the best way for successful growth.



We inevitably ended the morning with coffee and cake at a members home. We look forward to more more uplifting and informative meetings to include visits to The Old Rectory, Sudborough for the spring flowers, Coton Manor for the bluebells, and the home grown 'Gardeners Question Time' along with visits to members gardens. We would welcome any new members who would like to join us.

CAKE AND BAKE

Due to the success of the current Cake and Bake group, a second group may have to be formed. If you are interested please sign up at the Groups Table at any meeting and when there are enough to form that particular group you will be contacted for an initial meeting.

LINE DANCING

Due to unforeseen circumstances Line Dancing is suspended until further notice. If you have the desire to join the group please add your name to the list at the Groups table at the February meeting.

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