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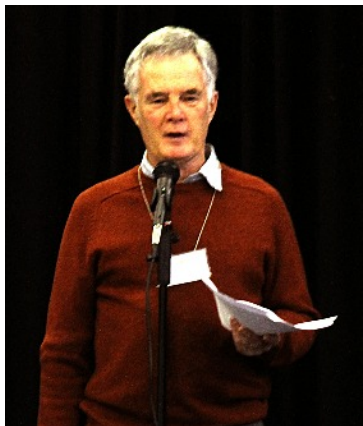
Newsletter January 2015

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The Chairman and Committee wish all members of Thrapston and District U3A a prosperous new year and that your adventure within U3A will be truly rewarding and exciting. Get ready for new experiences and enjoyment.

December Christmas Branch Meeting



It was very encouraging to see so many people at the meeting; there were at least 150 present, including many guests and indeed potential new members. On behalf of the (hard-working) committee I would like to thank everyone for their contribution to what was obviously a very successful event. The group leaders are at the heart of what we do and the performances and displays reflected their efforts (and the talents of the group members). The other major contributors to the day were the unsung heroes who put out chairs and tables (and put them away again) and those who ensured a warm welcome and served the refreshments. Thank you to everyone.

Glyn James, Chairman

Age Matters

Will those of you who do not keep your copies of Age Matters, the magazine of the U3A, please consider passing them to Ann Carter. She would like to have them on display at the branch meetings to give to potential new members.

Forthcoming Events

Branch meetings start at 10.30am on the third Friday of each month at the Thrapston Plaza unless stated otherwise. Doors open at 10.00am when tea/coffee and biscuits are served.

- 16 January Branch meeting - **Steve Dimmer, Walt Disney (The Struggles of a Legend)** The personal story of Disney, a commentary with films.
- 21 January Wednesday, **The Full Monty** at Milton Keynes.
A reminder that the bus will leave the Co-op car park at 11.00am.
- 20 February Branch meeting - **Susan Copperwheat, Spires Saints and Martyrs.** Stories relating to churches in our area.
- 20 March Branch meeting - **Adrian Perkins, The Ghost Detective.** Stories of the paranormal with explanations, by a mystery writer and a psychological back up.
- 26 March **The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole.** Unfortunately There was insufficient interest in this and the booking has been cancelled.
- 17 April Branch meeting - **Charles Bezzina, In Search of Ice Made in Heaven.** A journey into the Arctic, with film and stories of the lives of the Inuit tribes.

December 2015 Thrapston and District U3A are hoping to arrange a coach trip to the Thursford Spectacular Christmas Show. As we have to book as soon as possible to stand a chance of getting a block booking I need your names now together with £1 deposit pp to secure your seat - the balance will be payable in September to Thursford and is non returnable or exchangeable. If we have a waiting list we will offer the tickets according to position on the list. The overall price for the coach fare, driver's tip and the show will be approximately £50 pp but I will let you know as soon as we have confirmation of our booking. The dates that have been put forward are Wednesday, 25 November, Tuesday 1 December and Wednesday 2 December - all for matinee performances. Give your names and contact number or email address to Iris together with your deposit.

Thank you to those of you who came to Wicksteed Park last week for the lunch and Christmas Show, I do hope you all enjoyed it. I have to start making bookings for 2015, and have managed to get a booking for January and taken the first venue where they were prepared to confirm my booking. Most of them have not yet got a diary for 2015, or they are too busy with Christmas bookings to deal with our lunch in January.

However it is not all gloom, as I managed to book us into The Axe and Compass at Ringstead where they looked after us very well last February and it will give me more time to book venues for our lunches for the rest of the year.

The date for your diary is Wednesday 28 January 2015 at the usual time of 12 noon for 12.30 and I look forward to seeing you there. I will email you with menu and prices nearer the time as it is a pre-order booking for a maximum of 30 People. I take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year and thank you once again for your support. **Iris**

For **Theatre Trips** you will be able to add your name to the lists at the branch Meetings. Pauline Dennison Tel: 01832 723724

The U3A holds several national events which may be of interest to you. Please check the U3A website (www.u3a.org.uk) at the events and competitions page of the Members' Area Homepage.

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?
If you have some odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

Mystery Photograph



Do you know of what or where in the Thrapston area this photograph is? Let the editor have your answers by letter, email or telephone. The first person to give the editor the

answer will have their name published in the next edition. There is no prize, only the enjoyment of observation and local knowledge. The photograph has kindly been supplied by Eric Franklin.

The editor's contact details are on the last page.

The photograph in the newsletter last month was the tower on the roof of the Methodist Chapel in Market Road.



Methodist Church Tower

Thrapston Art Group



This group meets twice a month on the first and third Thursdays. There is a morning and afternoon group which has been meeting at 154 Oundle Road for the last 7 years. The group was originally made up of members of the Ise Valley U3A but the ten members now come from Ise Valley, Kettering and Thrapston U3As. At the moment we have no places vacant and a waiting list.

Each December we have a lunch when the morning group can meet the afternoon group. In the summer if the weather is fine we paint in the garden.

The photograph is of some of the members enjoying their buffet lunch.

Group Leader - Mandy Dawkins





On this and the previous page are photographs from the Christmas Branch Meeting. There are others on show on the Thrapston and District U3A website.





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