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The October Branch Meeting was opened by the Vice Chair, Michele Collison, in the absence of Frank Boydell. After the usual notices, Polly Feeley gave an interesting, enjoyable and well-received talk, with music, about her memories as a child in the 1950s.

News from the Groups

Art Group - for our November meetings we are experimenting with silk



paints. Group leader Mandy Dawkins was previously a member of The Guild of Silk Painters and demonstrated silk painting at Open Studios on two occasions. Having lots of equipment and paints available, the groups are able to take

advantage of this and take part in two workshops.

Our first two sessions with the two groups were on Thursday 5 November when we used gutta and the salt technique producing small paintings. At our next meets on 19 November we will be working freehand on larger pieces of silk.

We will display our work at the December showcase.

Mandy Dawkins - group leader

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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.

- 20 November **Branch Meeting - Another Icarus: The rise and fall of Percy Pitcher ... and the Art of Flight by Roy Smart.**
- 2 December **Thursford:** the coach will leave the Co-op car park at 9.15am. There will be a comfort stop at Caithness Glass before arriving at Thursford. The coach will return leaving at approx. 5.00pm, and there will be a 90 minute refreshment stop at the Brewers Fayre near Kings Lynn. For details contact either Iris on 730434 or Pauline on 732724.
- 18 December **Branch Christmas Meeting** - Details in the next newsletter.
- 2016**
- 6 January **Aladdin:** all tickets have been sold and the coach will leave the Co-op car park at 11.30am.
- 15 January **Branch Meeting - Badgers by Brian Sanders**
- 12 February **Greyhound Racing:** there are a few places left for this event. A £5.00 deposit will secure your place. The balance (£20.00) is payable on or before 15 January.
- 19 February **Branch Meeting - Mediaeval Medicine by Chris Carr**
- 16 March **Chicago - Last chance to book a seat for this show.** Please **book and pay at the November meeting.** The price is £43, which includes coach fare, theatre ticket and driver's tip. For details contact Pauline 732724.



- 18 March **Branch Meeting - Stanwick Handbell Ringers**
- 20 May **Branch Meeting - The Last Naval Hero. David 1st Earl Beatty by Roy Smart**

For **Theatre Trips** you may add your name to the lists at the Branch Meetings.
Pauline Dennison Tel: 01832 732724

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.



More action from the Art Group

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Card Games - this group will now meet on the first and third Monday afternoons at 2pm at the Manor Flats, Manor Close, starting on Monday 16 November, and Irene is looking forward to seeing all who enjoy card and board games.

Contact Irene - 01832 732948

Creative Writing Group published a further collection of some writings during the summer, entitled Pick 'n' Mix 2. Copies are available at the very modest price of £2 and can be bought from the group's representative at the branch monthly meetings or direct from the group leader, David Green - 720269. This will be a quarterly publication, the next is scheduled prior to Christmas - a useful stocking-filler.

The group meets in Thrapston on the morning of the second Wednesday of each month and has room for two new members. Novice writers are just as welcome as experienced and already published ones. Everybody has a story to tell - fancy telling some of yours? Then ring the above number or speak with any member of the group. David Green - Tel. 01832 720269 Mob. 07934 143494

Cycling - 'Why is every way out of Thrapston up hill?' A comment I made as we reached Woodford. It was a most enjoyable October morning and the weather was fine. Lead by David, Jack, Glyn and myself were joined by new members Sue and Neil. We were ready for refreshments by the time we arrived at Stanwick, artfully avoiding pedestrians who seemed astonished to see cyclist on the cycle track. We returned the easy way by the railway line, enjoying the views while crossing the bridges.

Flower Arranging - We had a pleasantly sociable afternoon creating autumn arrangements using plant material from our gardens. We will meet again to create something for Christmas. Contact Rachel on 734974 if you would like to join us.

Military History - David Lamburn gave a very interesting, well-researched and well-received talk about the Dardenelles campaign of 100 years ago.

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The Group does not meet in December and will resume on the second Monday in January.

Papercrafts – Two places are available in this group. Contact Irene - 01832 732948

Photography – After an interesting and very useful talk in October by Ann Carter on Close-Up Photography, the members were able to practice their newly-learned skills on a variety of still life subjects. For all those interested in photography, irrespective of proficiency levels, this is a most useful group.

Ten Pin Bowling remains popular and is held at the Wellingborough Bowling Centre (near Tesco) on the second Friday of each month at 10.30am. The cost is £6.20 and includes two games, shoe hire and a hot drink. Contact Irene - 01832 732948

Ukulele and Live Music Groups – Last month members of these two groups combined to perform a small concert for Finedon Over-Sixties Club. It took the form of some good ol' singalong songs which the club members seemed to really enjoy - they were even inspired to get up and barn dance. It is good to spread a little happiness!

All groups are now preparing for the Christmas showcase which is looking very promising.

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