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**CHAIR'S WELCOME**



September has arrived and the children are back at school. This means that, for some, grandparent duties become easier! It is also the time when children and parents start to look at what has to be achieved in the coming year. Your Committee is also starting to plan for the coming year.

Our Constitution states that most of the committee roles cannot be held by one person for more than three years. This is to keep our U3A fresh and forward looking and allow different members to contribute, have a say in what we do and how we do it. We have two spaces on the Committee at present and in May, if not before, there will be other vacancies.

Being a Committee member is a great way to get to know other members , enjoy biscuits and tea/ coffee with a great team and be an active member of our U3A.

Our U3A runs because everyone contributes in some way. If you feel that your contribution could be as a Committee member, then please step forward and speak to one of the current Committee members. Please come along to some of our meetings and see if it is for you. It would be great to see you there.

*Sheila*





# Thrapston U3A Summer Event 2019



Our Summer Event was a great success again this year. The weather was not kind to us and threatened rain throughout the morning. It did hold off till after lunch but forced us all inside at the Sailing Club. This different arrangement gave a good social atmosphere and everyone enjoyed guessing the singers of songs from earlier decades. People were even seen “dancing” down the room to collect their lunch. We were also asked to guess the contents of a bag, which caused much hilarity.



Sadly the weather meant that the planned boat trips could not happen but everyone appeared to have a good time.

Our thanks go to Viv and her Social Team for all their hard work.

This photographic record of the event is courtesy of Neil U and Linda L.



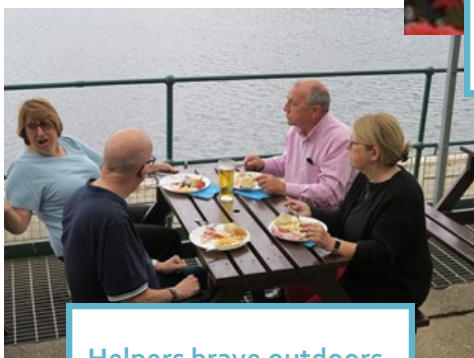
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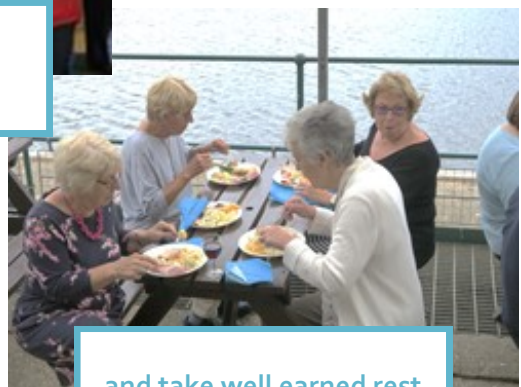
The reception committee!



Time for food



Helpers brave outdoors



and take well earned rest





Summer  
Event



Friday  
August 16th  
2019



Sailing Club  
Thrapston



## Calendar of Events 2019

11th September	<b>Grease</b> - see page 6
19th September	<b>Sandringham</b> - see page 6
20th September	<b>Charles Dickens—Author &amp; Conjuror</b> - by Ian Keable
10th October	<b>Calendar Girls</b> - see page 6
18th October	<b>Hunters in the Sky</b> - by Jennifer Anderson
25th October	<b>Local History Walk</b> - see page 5
8th November	<b>Greyhound Racing</b> - see below

### Monthly Plaza Meetings

**When?** 3rd Friday of each month  
**Where?** The Plaza in Thrapston  
**When?** from 10.30 to 12

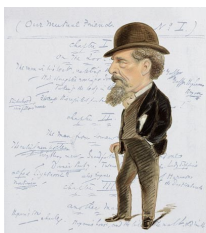
*Please note that doors open at 10.00 a.m.*

*Visitors are also welcome to join us for a small charge of £2*



#### *This Month*

*Friday September 20th*



*Charles Dickens -  
Author and Conjuror*

*by Ian Keable*

#### *Next Month*

*Friday October 18th*

*Hunters in the Sky*

*by  
Jennifer Anderson*



### GREYHOUND RACING AT PETERBOROUGH

Irene's next trip to Peterborough Greyhound Racing Stadium on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

The cost is £27, which includes

Entry to the Stadium

Travel to and from Thrapston plus a tip for the driver

Two-course meal in the trackside restaurant.

If you wish to place bets on the races, staff will come to your table to serve drinks or take your bets – and bring you your winnings!

Payment is due on September 20<sup>th</sup> at The Plaza.

Contact Irene on 732 948



## News from the Groups

### *Creative Writing Group*

Thanks to Terry Robinson for the following contribution.

#### **Bread and Jam**



Mummy and daddy fast asleep  
I know 'cos I had a peep  
I felt that I was really cool  
Getting myself ready for school

Washed my hands and face  
Shoes on, and retying a lace  
I'll show mum how clever I am  
I'll toast bread and spread some jam

I'd seen mum make cups of tea  
I thought, now it's up to me  
Tea and milk stirred in the cup  
The tray all ready to take up

Up the stairs I carefully crept  
Tray in hand as they slept  
Mummy opened her eyes  
And said. 'What a nice surprise'

'Thank you dear', as she saw the food  
At my uniform and my laced-up shoes  
And she said as she took the tray  
'But dear, don't you know it's Saturday.'

#### **A Cunning Plan**



A cunning plan.  
Thought the fox.  
Will it work, yes it can.  
I will hide in the copse.

Time I will bide.  
Whilst staying aback.  
Keeping eyes wide.  
Ready to attack.

Chickens hatch chicks.  
But I hatch tricks.  
Oh, I'm so Sly.  
I'm that kind of guy.  
So let me at 'em.  
And I will eat 'em.

I'm Hungry and Wiley.  
Eat chickens entirely.  
Spitting bones out.  
Whilst looking about  
for the farmer's son.  
Who carries a gun.  
And fails to see.  
I'm more cunning than he.

### **LOCAL HISTORY WALK - Friday 25 October**

"During the 19th century Thrapston had many industries providing most of the employment".

This walk, along pavements, will start at 1.30 p.m. outside Scotts on Bridge Street, led by Neil Busby of Thrapston Heritage and taking about 90 minutes.

There is a limit of 20 people so booking is essential.

Either sign up at the October meeting or telephone Brenda on 730 225.





## Theatre and Outings

### Outings

#### Sandringham House and Hunstanton

Sept. 19th



This outing is now fully booked. The itinerary for the day is as follows :

Meet at 8.10am - Thrapston Co-op car park, to depart 8.15 am

Arrive Sandringham approx 10.00 am for Tea, coffee and shop

10.30 am Gardens (please note it is a 15 minutes walk to the house)

11.00 am - 12.00 am Tour of the house

12.00 - 1.15 pm Museum and Gardens (15 minutes walk back to coach)

1.30 pm coach departs for Hunstanton

2.15 pm - 4.45 pm Two and a half hours free time in Hunstanton for lunch and shopping

5.00 pm Coach departs

6.45 Return to Thrapston

You are quite welcome to bring a picnic (which can be left on the coach whilst we visit Sandringham ) or to enjoy the many eateries in Hunstanton.

Any further questions, please contact me on 358 721 but if not, I'll see you at 08.10 am on the day .

*As you probably know I am stepping down from my role of arranging outings and if anyone would like to take on this role please speak to me or a member of the committee. I have very much enjoyed the role over the last few years. I've made lots of new friends, had many memorable outings and hopefully those who have joined me on these trips have had a good time too.*

*Thank you all for your support.*

*Jenni*

### Theatre Trips

#### GREASE - THE MUSICAL

ONLY ONE PLACE REMAINING.....



When? Wednesday 11th September

Where? Leicester Curve theatre

How much? Price £45 per person to include return coach fare and driver's tip.

Do you know of any U3A member who would enjoy this spectacular fast pace, toe-tapping fun-tastical show?

For all theatre trips, the coach leaves Thrapston Co-op at 10:30am and returns by 6pm.

Please make sure you arrive at the Co-op in plenty of time, especially if you have a mobility walker which will need to be stored.

#### CALENDAR GIRLS

NOW FULLY BOOKED, BUT RESERVE LIST IS AVAILABLE.

Thursday 10th October, Royal and Derngate, Northampton

Please remember, tickets are non-refundable.

Please be aware that an option for payment can now be made online; ask for details

*Moir* Contact : 07960 640161

## Cycling Group



Here the group is powering through Fermyn Woods on their routine Monday ride out.

(Thanks to Paul for the photo)

The group meet up the second and fourth Monday mornings for moderate rides of around 15 miles. The third Monday morning is used for longer runs of around 25 miles.

Contact Frank Boydell for further information. Phone 735 797

## Short Courses

**Don't Forget.....** The following short courses have been suggested by members:

Paper / foam craft flowers

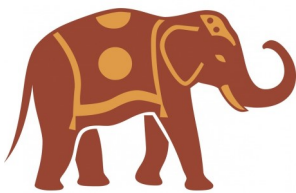
H.E.Bates

Shakespeare

Understanding people

First Aid

Calligraphy



If you think you might be interested in trying one of these for a period of 4 to 6 weeks, then contact Tricia at [coursesthrapstonu3a@yahoo.com](mailto:coursesthrapstonu3a@yahoo.com)

## **\*\* Advanced Notice \*\***

With good memories of the Summer Event in our minds, and recollections of Sheila, Viv and Jenni entering into the festive spirit last year, our thoughts start to turn to our next social event.

***Christmas 2019*** is coming.....

In an attempt to make the allocation of tickets as fair as possible, we are going to use a different system this year.

We are limited to 130 seats at the venue, including helpers and performers, so we are going to operate a ballot scheme this year.

To give you plenty of time to apply for your tickets, you will receive an email later this week via Mailchimp explaining the details. So put December 20th in your diaries.....and watch out for the email.





### ***A reminder that .....***

***Thrapston's Mayor*** is holding a sponsored silence on Saturday September 21st to raise money for the mayor's charity for this year - *Mind* - highlighting the need for mental health support.

Karen will sit in silence from sunrise to sunset (06.46 to 19.04 ) outside the Library.

If you wish to sponsor this event or participate yourself, call into the Town Council Office or telephone 734 673



Telephone numbers given in the newsletter are usually preceded by the Thrapston STD code—01832. Any Raunds numbers (indicated by R) need the STD code 01933

### ***Thrapston and District U3A Committee 2019/20***

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