

YEAR 1 SUMMARY

MAY 2012 - MAY 2013

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 180
NUMBER OF GROUPS: 27 (Group List)

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairs	David Read (May to July 2012), Glynis Hill (July to May 2013)
Vice Chair	Veronica Norwood
Treasurer	Bryan Elliot
Secretary	Liz Treacy
Membership	Jo Hancock
Groups Co-ordinator	David Read
Publicity	Rachel Thompson
Speaker Seeker	Richard Swindall

Temporary Committee Members

June Martin
Jerry Martin

KEY EVENTS /ADMINISTRATION

May 2012

Meeting to launch Thrapston U3A.
First meeting of the Steering Committee.
Membership fee set at £16 with £12.50 for associate membership.
£1 charge for members attending the monthly meetings, £2 for non-members.
Appeal for group leaders for 19 potential new groups.
Website launched using a template from the Third Age Trust.

August 2012

100 members reported.

September 2012

Request from the newsletter editor for photographs, poems, creative writings for future editions.

October 2012

Thrapston U3A became a full member of the U3A Third Age Trust. Members to receive a copy of Third Age Matters five times a year plus access to on-line courses, subject study days, computer software discounts and subject advice from the Resource Centre.
143 members reported.

December 2012

152 members reported, 80 members attended monthly meetings in October and November. Over 20 interest groups.
First Christmas meeting included carol singing, a quiz, raffle and small display from a number of groups.

March 2013

Appeals made for nominations for committee members. If members of the Steering Committee wanted to continue, they would need to be nominated and elected. Chair and Business Secretary were required.

April 2103

180 members and 25 groups reported.

All members requested to renew membership by 30 April.

Draft constitution posted on website for comments in preparation for first AGM.

Policies and procedures posted on website for information.

May 2013

First AGM 17 May 2013. Members vote for Chairman.

First group leaders meeting and thank you lunch.

Social event to be planned for August 2013.

NEW GROUPS

2012

June	Creative Writing
September	Bridge
October	Gardening (group 2), Lace Making, Theatres / Outings
November	South African and Zimbabwe group
December	Poetry, Military History, Destress & Relax

2013

January	Discussion Group
February	Tai Chi, Walks Group 2
March	French Revivers, Jazz Appreciation
April	English
May	Bowls, Classical Music

GROUP CLOSURES

None

GROUP NEWS

August 2012

Book group met to discuss their first book.

September 2012

Bridge group had its first meeting and had a waiting list for inexperienced players, but experienced players were welcomed.

December 2012

Military History began with 7 members and a programme planned for the year.

January 2013

First meeting of Discussion group. Feasibility meeting for Classical Music.

April 2013

Bridge group held meeting at Little Chef for first time.

OUT AND ABOUT

August 2012

Invitation to members from Oundle U3A for Party in the Park

September 2012

Gardening group visited the Rectory Garden in Sudborough

Lunch group met at The Old Friar, Twywell.

October 2012

Lacemaking group visited the Lace and Craft Fair at St Ives.

Lunch group met at the Thornhill Arms in Rushton.

December 2012

Outing to Olney for Dickensian Christmas.

January 2013

Theatre visit to see 'The Lady Killers' at Milton Keynes - first outing with coach included.

March 2013

Outing to Oxford.

The Gardening group visited the Edible Garden Show at Stoneleigh Park.

April 2013

Theatre visit to see 'The Complete Works of Shakespeare' at The Castle, Wellingborough.

SHORT COURSES

None

SPEAKERS

2012

July	Eric Franklin	Thrapston in the 20 th century
August	Greta Palmer	Dressed to Impress
September	Margaret Burgon	It Couldn't Happen at a Wedding
October	Mick Boyce	The Story of Rockingham Castle
November	Glyn Hill	Being a Games Maker in the Para Olympic

2013

January	Jo Pratchet	Surviving the Sinking of SS Laconia
February	Angela Cooksley	Upstairs & Downstairs
April	Lt. Col. Derek Kimberley	Pageantry of Ceremonial Music

MISCELLANEOUS None

YEAR 2: SUMMARY

JUNE 2013 - MAY 2014

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 200 (Chairs Report 2014)
NUMBER OF GROUPS: 35 (Group List)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Glyn James	
Vice Chair	Jo Hancock	→ Glynis Hill
Treasurer	Bryan Elliot	
Secretary	Michelle Owen	
Membership	Jo Hancock	→ Maddie Godden (co-opted)
Speaker Seeker	Richard Swindall	
Publicity	Rachel Thompson	
Newsletter Editor	Hwyel Parry- Jones (co-opted)	
Web pages	Neil Busby (co-opted)	
Groups Co-ordinator	Glynis Hill	

Note: Maddie Godden is also known as Madeline Fisher in the records

KEY EVENTS / ADMINISTRATION

July 2013

Jo Hancock resigned from the Committee. Glynis Hill took on the role of Vice-Chair. Neil Busby co-opted onto committee as Website Manager.

August 2013

Monthly meeting at the Plaza replaced by an Autumn Social; a BBQ at the Mid-Nene Sailing Club

September 2013

Maddie Godden took on the role of Membership Secretary. Web site developed and available.

November 2013

Hywel Parry-Jones co-opted as Newsletter editor,
Expenses - Recommendation made for 40p per mile to be paid to driver by passengers and 30p for tea or coffee to host.

December 2013

First Christmas Showcase meeting with all groups represented. Barn dance was held at the Bridge Hotel.

February 2014

Membership fees set at £16.50 for full members / £ 12.50 for dual members. New members joining in February given 15 months for £16.50.

March 2014

David Bletsoe offered the cattle market in Market Road to U3A members for parking during the Plaza monthly meeting. Notice given of AGM. Treasurer Bryan Elliot to step down at AGM.

May 2014

Group Leaders Meeting followed by Lunch

AGM

NEW GROUPS

2013

July Singing for pleasure, Sewing.
September Current Affairs.
December Computer group, Cycling

2014

January Antiques & Bygones, Board Games, Country Dancing,
Papercraft & Card Making, Ten Pin Bowling.
February Photography
April Advanced Driving.
May Magic, Town and Village walks

GROUP CLOSURES

Discussion group (reformed as Current Affairs), Poetry, Destress & Relax group, Walks and Wheels, World War 2, Play Reading.

GROUP NEWS

February 2014

The Creative Writing group's 1st book of writings published.

March 2014

Tai Chi moved to the St John Ambulance Hall.
The Photography Group moved to Thrapston Bowls Club.

April 2014

The Lunch Group had 49 members, some attending regularly and others occasionally. It was hard to find restaurants able to accommodate more than 30 therefore a first come, first served model was adopted with sign-up sheets available at the monthly meeting.

OUT AND ABOUT

June 2013

Outing to Ironbridge.
Theatre visit to Milton Keynes to see 'CATS'.
Nine members of Weekenders group met at Twywell.
Bowls group enjoyed a day out in Yarmouth.
Gardening Group (1) visited Barnsdale.
The Military History group visited Bletchley Park.

July 2013

Gardening Group (2) visited Kathy Brown's Garden at Stevington, Beds.

September 2013

Theatre visit to the Royal & Derngate, Northampton to see 'To Sir with Love'.

December 2013

Outing to Houses of Parliament.

Theatre visit to Milton Keynes theatre to see 'Buddy Holiday Story'.

January 2014

Theatre visit to Milton Keynes to see 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert'.

February 2014

The Antiques & Bygones group visited Goldsmiths Auction rooms in Oundle.

March 2014

Visit to Cottesbrooke Hall organised by the Northamptonshire Network of U3As.
The Antiques & Bygones group visited 78 Derngate Northampton.

April 2014

Theatre visit to see 'Fiddler on the Roof' at the Derngate, Northampton.

May 2014

Town and Village walks group visited Islip led by Eric Franklin.

SHORT COURSES

None

SPEAKERS

2013

June	Sue Edwards	The Study Behind the Portrait
July	Dave Mackay	The Stanwick Lakes Project
September	Brian Sumpton	RSPB Story of the Red Kite
October	Jean Fouhy	Shoeboxes to Kurdistan
November	Brian Jones	The Meaning of Flowers

2014

January	Mike Leonard	Sadistic Safari
February	Martin Towsy	Garden Estates Manager – Woburn
March	Dr. Miles Ellis	An Englishman's Impressions of Burma
April	Glyn James	A Year in Sweden

MISCELLANEOUS

None

YEAR 3 SUMMARY

JUNE 2014 - MAY 2015

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 230 (Chairman's AGM report)
NUMBER OF GROUPS: 41 (Group list)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Glyn James
Vice Chair	Glynis Hill
Treasurer	Tricia James
Secretary	Michelle Owen
Membership	Maddie Godden
Speaker Seeker	Richard Swindall
Social Media	Rachel Thompson
Publicity	Ann Carter
Newsletter Editor	Hwyel Parry-Jones
Web pages	Neil Busby (resigned Oct 2014, remained as web-site Manager)
Groups Co-ordinator	Glynis Hill
Welcome Team	Michele Collison

KEY EVENTS / ADMINISTRATION

June 2014

Members of a new Social Sub-committee included Glynis Hill, Richard Swindall and Brenda Berry.

Following reports of members not informing group leaders when they were unable to attend meetings, members were reminded that the place of anyone who does not attend on 3 occasions without informing the group leader, may be forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list.

Members were asked to record their ICE (In Case of Emergency) number on the back of their membership card which should always be carried when attending U3A events.

August 2014

August Social Event was held at the Middle Nene Sailing Club (report in September 2014 newsletter).

October 2014

Group Leaders Meeting was reported in November newsletter.

December 2014

Plaza Christmas meeting provided opportunity for groups to showcase their activities. Barn Dance held at the Plaza.

March 2015

Group leaders encouraged to ensure that all participants in their group are current members of U3A for insurance purposes. Non-members could join Group activities twice before becoming a member.

Group leaders were asked to see members membership cards once a year and to maintain a register of participants.

Recommended travel expenses, paid to the driver were reduced from 40p per mile to 25p per mile.

April 2015

To facilitate the collection of fees, membership renewal changed from May for everyone and instead to be on the anniversary of joining.

An appeal made for an accountant /bookkeeper to examine the books.

A reciprocal arrangement with Higham and Rushden U3A agreed. Members from both U3As could in certain circumstances join groups organised by the other U3A.

May 2015

AGM held on the 15th May

NEW GROUPS

September 2014

Art group, previously run for Higham and Rushden, to move to Thrapston, Whist

October 2014

Cycling, Days Out

January 2015

Latin, Line dancing, Live Music

February 2015

Flower Arranging

March 2015

Cake and Bake

GROUP CLOSURES

Cycling, South Africa & Zimbabwe. Jazz Appreciation, Current Issues, Advanced Driving, Antiques and Bygones, Sewing Group.

GROUP NEWS

August 2014

Roger Davies took over leadership of French Revivers.

September 2014

Current Issues restarted after extended period of closure.

October 2014

Madeline Fisher became leader of Outings.

Linda Vickerman restarted the Jazz Appreciation Group.

January 2015

The Latin Group, Live Music and Line Dancing held their first meetings.

February 2015

The Photographic group had a display in Saint James Church, Thrapston.
Pam Richardson took over as leader of the Weekender Lunches group.

March 2015

The Town and Village Walks group was renamed as Local History Walks to better reflect their activities.

APRIL 2015

Celia Busby took over the Group Leader role for the Book Group.

May 2015

Live Music and the Ukulele groups jointly provided entertainment for the AGM.

OUT AND ABOUT

July 2014

Visit to Cottesbrook Hall organised by the Northants U3A Network.
Theatre visit to see 'Singing' in the Rain'.

August 2014

Local History Walks group walked Oundle led by Oundle History group.

September 2014

Theatre visit to see 'Barnum' at the Curve Theatre, Leicester.
Local History Walks group visited Titchmarsh led by Ian Curtis and Sylvia Prestwich.

October 2014

Local History Walks group walked in Thrapston led by Neil Busby.

November 2014

Theatre visit to see 'Calamity Jane' at Milton Keynes.
Visit to Greyhound Stadium in Peterborough.
The Lunch Group visited Wicksteed Park for Christmas Lunch.

January 2015

Theatre visit to see 'The Full Monty' at Milton Keynes.
The Lunch group met at the Axe & Compass in Ringstead.

February 2015

The Lunch group met at the Samuel Pepys in Slipton.

March 2015

The Photographic group visited Podington Garden Centre and Nursery.
The Lunch group met at The Lamb in Harrowden.

April 2015

Local History Walks group restarted after the winter break with a walk around Thrapston led by Neil Busby.

May 2015

Visit to Greyhound Stadium, Peterborough.

SHORT COURSES

September 2014

First Aid.

SPEAKERS

2014

June

Lt Col. Derek Kimberley Birmingham Olympic Bid

July

Eric Nixon Life of the Honeybee

September

Ashley Grove Shetland to Scilly - Birds of
the British Isles

October

Andy Smith Under the Influence

November

Neil Busby & Eric Franklin Recording Family History

2015

January

Steve Dimmer Walt Disney - Struggle for a
Legend

February

Susan Copperwheat Spires, Saints & Martyrs

March

Adrian Perkins The Ghost Detective

April

Charles Bezina In search of ice made in
Heaven

MISCELLANEOUS

September 2014

Members asked to host international students visiting the area.

October 2014

Request from Beanstalk to help young children to read.

March 2015

Invitation to members to join a UCL research project on Dementia.

YEAR 4 SUMMARY

JUNE 2015 - MAY 2016

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 250 (AGM minutes 2016)
NUMBER OF GROUPS: 36 (Group list)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Frank Boydell
Vice Chair	Michelle Collison
Treasurer	Tricia James
Secretary	Guinette Davies (From January 2016)
Group Co-ordinator	Marion Healey
Membership	Maddie Godden
Social Media	Rachel Thompson
Publicity	Ann Carter
Speaker Seeker	Bryan Elliot
Newsletter	Hywel Parry-Jones
Off Committee	
Website Manager	Neil Busby

KEY EVENTS / ADMINISTRATION

July 2015

An advertisement was placed in the newsletter indicating an urgent need for a secretary

August 2015

The Plaza closed so that a new kitchen area and bar could be installed
Summer BBQ was held at the Middle Nene Sailing Club.

December 2015

Christmas Showcase

NEW GROUPS

August 2015	Crochet
September 2015	Cycling (Second group)
November 201	Card & Board Games
January 2016	Nordic walking for Fitness (Group 2)
February 2016	Science and Technology

GROUP CLOSURES

Gardening Groups I and 2, Country dancing

GROUP NEWS

2015

June

The Art Group used a noticeboard in the Plaza to display their work. First display was at the June monthly meeting.

July

Days Out was renamed Places 2 Go

August

Crochet Group held their first meeting.

September

Creative Writing group published the second edition of Pick and Mix' and David Green became the new Group Leader.

Ten Pin Bowling restarted after the summer break.

October

Flower Arranging, was renamed Flower Bunch, led by Linda Vickerman.

2016

April

Ann Carter took over leadership role for the Photography Group.

OUT AND ABOUT

June 2015

Local History Walks group met in Thrapston for a walk led by Neil Busby.
Outing to Cottesbrook Hall organised by the Northant's Network of U3As

July 2015

Theatre visit to see 'Jesus Christ, Superstar' at Milton Keynes.

The Photographic group visited Hamerton Zoo.

Local History Walks group visited Finedon.

Places 2 Go played Petanque in Geddington.

In June the Lunch Group visited Polebrook and went to Knutson Hall in July.

August 2015

Local History Walks group visited Titchmarsh.

Places 2 Go went punting on the River Cam in Cambridge.

September 2015

The Photographic group visited Lyveden (National Trust).

The Lunch Group visited Vesuvio in Bedford.

October 2015

Local History Walks met in Thrapston for a walk led by Neil Busby.

December 2015

Visit to Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

January 2016

Theatre visit to see 'Aladdin' at Milton Keynes.

February 2016

Visit to Greyhound Stadium in Peterborough.

March 2016

Theatre trip to see 'Chicago' at the Milton Keynes Theatre.

April 2016

Local History Walks group visited Raunds.

May 2016

Places 2 Go visited Everdon Stubbs to see the bluebells.

Local History Walks group met in Thrapston for the 3rd walk led by Neil Busby
The Latin group visit Verulamium (St Albans).

SHORT COURSES

None

SPEAKERS

2015

June	Don Chiswell	Alfred the Great Statesman & Cook
July	Ian Keable	Satirist to insanity (James Gilray)
September	Derek R Harris	Up the Cut (canal stories/history)
October	Polly Feeley	From a 1950s childhood
November	Roy Smart	Another Icarus (Percy Pilcher)

2016

January	Colin Ray	Talking Machines
February	Chris Carr	Medieval Medicines
March	Stanwick Handbell	Bell Ringing

MISCELLANEOUS

September 2015

Advanced notification given of the U3A Summer School to take place in August 2016 and open to all U3A members.

October 2015

Information included on Volunteer Action, a charity providing transport for essential journeys

Articles warning members of courier scams, distraction burglary and postal scams.

Warnings were repeated in December 2015 and February 2016 newsletters

January 2016

Articles providing information about the U3A legal helpline were available to all members together with information on the U3A National and Regional summer schools

YEAR 5 SUMMARY JUNE 2016 - MAY 2017

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 304
NUMBER OF GROUPS: 43 (Group List)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Frank Boydell
Vice Chair	Sheila Underwood
Treasurer	Tricia James
Secretary	Guinette Davies
Group Co-ordinator	Marion Healey
Membership	Maddie Godden
Social Media	Rachel Thompson
Publicity	Ann Carter
Speaker Seeker	Paul Ollett
Newsletter	Hwyell Parry-Jones
New Members Rep.	Pauline Johnson
Off Committee	
Website Manager	Neil Busby

ADMINISTRATION /KEY EVENTS

June 2016

The Ukulele group were invited to play at the Town Council's 'Party in the Park' There was an enquiry from the Town Council asking if Thrapston U3A would like to organise an 'Open Garden' event in Thrapston but there was insufficient support for the scheme to go ahead.

August 2016

The Social group Summer Event was held at the Mid Nene Sailing Club. An appeal was made for members to help with refreshments at monthly meetings and for someone to replace Michelle Collison to lead 'Front of House' activities. Repeated in September.

April 2017

Thrapston U3A received an award for 'Contribution to the Community' from the Town Council.

May 2017.

On May 6th an Open Day was held at the Plaza to celebrate Thrapston U3A's 5th birthday. 93 visitors attended, many of whom joined.
At the AGM held in May 2017 members approved a change in the U3A financial year from April to March to facilitate auditing of the accounts. (Previously only 3 weeks or less available)

NEW GROUPS

June 2016	Woodland Wellbeing
August 2016	Short Cycling Group
December 2016	Gardening Group
February 2017	Spanish
March 2017	Italian, Singing for Pleasure, Fork to Fork
May 2017	Classical Music 2, Nordic Walking 2

GROUP CLOSURE Crochet

GROUP NEWS

June 2016

The Cycling and the Latin groups reported on their meetings as did Places to Go and Military History.

July 2016

Cycling group reported that they had gained 5 new members since last month.

Tai Chi announced a summer break.

Woodland Wellbeing held their first meeting to explain the intentions and hopes of the Group Leaders.

September 2016

Science and Technology reported on the Group's visit to Woolsthorpe Manor, The Local History Walks Group visited Flag Fen and Places to Go went punting on the Cam.

December 2016

A new Gardening group started with Angela Gyves leading.

Creative Writing reported on their activities.

January 2017

Line Dancing announced they were to take a break for the foreseeable future

April 2017

The Walks Group reported on a challenging walk from Finedon. The Group Leader Pauline Dennison announced she was stepping down after several years. A new leader was yet to be found.

OUT AND ABOUT

June 2016

The Local History Walks group visited Flag Fen, Peterborough.

July 2016

The Photographic group visited Fermyn Woods hoping to photograph Purple Emperors. Places to Go went on a Car Treasure Hunt

August 2016

The Science and Technology group visited Woolsthorpe Manor.

Theatre visit to see 'Sister Act' at the Curve Theatre in Leicester.

The Local History Walks group visited Ringstead.

Places 2 Go went punting on the River Cam in Cambridge.

September 201

The Local History Walks group visited Elton Hall.

Places to Go visited Mississippi Paddle Boat.

October 2016

Visit to Greyhound Stadium, Peterborough.

December 2016

Visit to Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

January 2017

Science and Technology visited Whipple Museum in Cambridge.
The Local History Walks group visited Ringstead.

February 2017

The Gardening Group visited Chelveston Churchyard to see snowdrops and aconites.

March 2017

Theatre visit to Milton Keynes to see 'Funny Girl'.

April 2017

The Local History Walks group met in Thrapston for a 4th walk led by Neil Busby.
Visit to Greyhound Stadium, Peterborough.

May 2017

Places-2-Go visited a Hindu Temple in Leicester.

The Latin Group visit Verulamium in St Albans.

SPEAKERS

June 2016	Paul Ollett	India on a Motorcycle
July 2016	Kim Durden	Through the eyes of an Optometrist
September 2016	Andy Smith	Life in the Music
October 2016	Eric Franklin	Thrapston Miscellany
November 2016	Brian Sanders	Badgers
January 2017	Will Osbourn	My Favourite Things
February 2017	Gail Stuart	'Life with my father' - Eric Morecambe
March 2017	Guinette Davies	MBE - Investiture at Buckingham Palace
April 2017	David Price	'Kicks & Frills' - Story of the Can-Can
May 2017	Martin Izzard	Along the Nene

MISCELLANEOUS

June 2016

The Town Council organised a 'Party in the Park' to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

July 2016

Susan Waters, a member of Rushden U3A, invited Thrapston members to a festival at Little Gidding near Peterborough to celebrate the life of T S Eliot.

September 2016

Members invited to attend a Wild Wood Heritage Trail in Oxlip Wood in Sudborough.

October 2016

Ringstead Heritage group invited members to join them on a Heritage Trail of Rushden.

May 2017

Events taking place at the Globe Theatre for U3As were reported on in the newsletter.

YEAR 6 SUMMARY

JUNE 2017 - MAY 2018

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 350

NUMBER OF GROUPS: 49 (Groups Spreadsheet)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Sheila Underwood
Vice Chair	Viv Tunstall
Treasurer	Tricia James
Secretary	Pauline Johnson
Group Co Ordinator	Roger Davies
Membership	Pauline Dennison
Publicity	Glynis Hill
Speaker Seeker	Paul Ollett
Newsletter	Wendy Davies
New Members Rep.	Brenda Berry
IT Operations Manager	Neil Busby
Equipment Manager	Ian Byrnes

KEY EVENTS / ADMINISTRATION

June 2017

New Constitution introduced. The £1 admission fee to the monthly Plaza meeting was discontinued.

U3A had a stall at the Charter Fair in Thrapston.

July 2017

Vice Chair was interviewed live on Radio Northampton.

August 2017

The Summer Social was held at the Mid Nene Sailing Club.

U3A Regional network proposed a trip to Silverstone

September 2017

Group leaders meeting and New Members Lunch. The proposed visit to Silverstone was cancelled

October 2017

The Community Award given to U3A was mentioned in the Third Age Matters magazine. The Chair, Vice Chair and two members attended a Publicity Workshop run by National U3A.

Changes to GDPR regulations necessitated changes to some forms and identified which information could be safely stored and shared.

December 2017

The Christmas Social event took place at the Plaza with a 1960s theme.

January 2018

It was announced that for the next financial year the membership subscription would be reduced from £16.50 to £15.00 and to £10.00 for Associate members.

A new P.A. system was purchased for use in the Plaza.

March 2018

There was a regular attendance of 120 members at the monthly Plaza meetings. The seating at the Plaza was moved so that members faced the stage rather than the side

wall which made it better for seating a larger number and gave members a better view of the speaker.

April 2018

A new members coffee morning was held in the Baptist Church.

May 2018

The 2017 AGM included information that New Members lunches were well received, Membership fees were kept at same reduced level and new banners and publicity material produced.

Glynis Hill appointed Access Officer.

NEW GROUPS

September 2017

Boys Toys, Italian, French Encore, Bridge Training, and Papercraft

November 2017

Stitchers

January 2018

A second Tai Chi group ran for a short time before re-joining original group

February 2018

Shared Learning Project with the National Trust

March 2018

Art Appreciation.

May 2018

Play Reading

GROUP CLOSURES

Boys Toys, Bridge Training, Cycling Casual, Cycling Short and Papercraft.

GROUP NEWS

June 2017

The Lacemakers gave a demonstration at Stanwick Lakes.

September 2017

The Lacemakers took part in a 'Making History' event at Stanwick Lakes.

Members of the Flower Bunch won 2 Firsts, 1 Second and the Novice Shield at a local Flower Show.

Live Music changed its name to Making Music, led by Neil Mathieson

October 2017

Cake and Bake was mentioned in the U3A Trust's 'Sources' magazine

November 2017

Outings visit to Rockingham Castle for a Christmas Event

April 2018

Woodland Working Group renamed Social Forestry.

OUT AND ABOUT

June 2017

Science and Technology visited Bletchley Park.
The Local History walks group visited Islip.

July 2017

Places 2 Go took a trip on The Rutland Belle on Rutland Water.
The Nordic walkers went to Brixworth.

September 2017

Places 2 Go visited the Crusader Canal Boat.
Local History Walks visited Kings Cliffe and Lamport Hall.

October 2017

Local History walks group went for a walk in Thrapston led by Neil Busby.
Theatre trip to see 'Blood Brothers' at Milton Keynes.
Science and Technology visited the British Motor museum.

November 2017

Visit to Greyhound Stadium, Peterborough.
Outings visit to Rockingham Castle.

January 2018

Science and Technology visited the Peterborough Recycling Plant.

February 2018

Theatre visit to see 'Mama Mia' at the Derngate Theatre, Northampton

March 2018

Outings visit to the Sessions House in Northampton

April 2018

Theatre Visit to see 'An Officer and a Gentleman' at the Curve Theatre Leicester.
Local History Walks group met for a walk in Thrapston led by Neil Busby.

May 2018

Visit to Greyhound Stadium.
The Local History Walks group visited Brigstock.
The Science and Technology visited the Shuttleworth Collection.
Outings visit to Wimpole Hall.

SHORT COURSES

January 2018

Red Cross First Aid course

SPEAKERS

June 2017

Mike Leonard School Holiday Fiascos

July 2017

Roy Smart Amy Johnson

September 2017

Patricia Woods Rockingham Castle - 950 years of history

October 2017

David Bell The Plague Doctor

November 2017

Mike Long Day in the life of TV Licence enforcement officer

January 2018

Philip Saxby Cider Maker

February 2018

Andy Smith John, Paul George & Me (Beatles)

March 2018	Tom Way	Britain through the seasons
April 2018	Alan Gray	'You cannot be serious' - Tales from a
Wimbledon Umpire 1988 - 2012		
May 2018	Steve Dimmer	The Comedy of Victoria Wood

MISCELLANEOUS

Information provided on Thrapston Library closure.

National U3A website updated.

Rural Well Being Bus was in Thrapston.

Northampton U3A ran a free financial fraud workshop entitled 'Stay safe'.

Free outdoor gym sessions were offered to use the apparatus installed in Thrapston Castle Playing Sports Field and in Raunds.

In April 2018 Higham & Rushden U3A members invited Thrapston members to visit Wimpole Hall.

YEAR 7 SUMMARY

JUNE 2018 - MAY 2019

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 332 (from Membership Secretary)

NUMBER OF GROUPS: 46 (Group List)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Sheila Underwood
Vice Chair	Wendy Davies
Treasurer	Tricia James
Secretary	Ian Byrnes
Group Co-ordinator	Roger Davies
Membership	Pauline Dennison
Access Advisor	Glynis Hill
Publicity	Glynis Hill/Sue Campbell (Co-opted)
Speaker Seeker	Paul Ollett
Newsletter	Wendy Davies
New Members Rep.	Brenda Berry
IT Operations Manager	Neil Busby
Off Committee	
Social Team	Viv Tunstall

KEY EVENTS / ADMINISTRATION

June 2018

U3A had a stall at the Charter Fair.

July 2018

A New Members' Coffee Morning (replacing lunches) was held in the Baptist Church.

December 2018

Storage of U3A items moved from the Plaza to the Baptist Church.

Christmas social was held in the Plaza with entertainment from Tai Chi group, Making Music, Line dancers, and Kyle (singer), quiz, raffle and audience participation in '12 days of Christmas'.

January 2019

Plaza closed for refurbishment. Monthly meeting held in St James' Church.

February 2019

New Members' Coffee morning took place.

Newsletters to be delivered by Mailchimp

March 2019

EGM held to appoint auditor.

Survey Questionnaire sent out to all members.

April 2019

April 2019 meeting delayed one week until 26th April because the Plaza closed over Easter.

All new members invited to a coffee morning.

Information on the Shared Learning group was published in the Sources section of 3rd Age Trust Magazine.

ecommendation was made that all Group Members pay their host 50p for coffee/ biscuits.

NEW GROUPS

January 2019

2nd English Group

April 2019

Table Tennis

GROUP CLOSURES

Art and Tai Chi 2nd group

SHORT COURSES

Cryptic Crosswords, Drawing for the terrified.

GROUP NEWS

August 2018

Tai Chi group members had their annual Cream Tea.

October 2018

The Tai Chi 2nd group closed and members joined the 1st group.

November 2018

The Shared Learning group's project on Meriel Tresham was completed and presented to Lyveden National Trust staff. Members formed the Archive group.

December 2018

Pete Wearn, Science and Technology's Christmas Speaker spoke about liquid nitrogen.

OUT AND ABOUT

June 2018

Local History Walks group visited Kings Cliffe.
The Photography group visited Castle Ashby.

July 2018

Science and Technology group visited Church's Shoes.
Local History Walks group visited Geddington.

August 2018

Local History Walks group visited Apethorpe Palace.
Outings visited to Audley End.
The Northamptonshire Network organised visits to Silverstone.

September 2018

The Local History Walks group visited Ringstead.
Outings visit to Bure Valley Steam Railway and Norfolk Broads.

October 2018

Visit to Greyhound Stadium, Peterborough.

November 2018

Science and Technology visited the Mini factory.

December 2018

Outings visit to Canons Ashby & Nottingham Christmas Market.

January 2019

Theatre visit to see 'White Christmas' in Leicester.

March 2019

The Nordic Walking group walk at Grafham Water.

Science & Technology group visited Abbey Pumping Station, Leicester.

April 2019

Local History Walks group visited Kimbolton Castle.

Science and Technology group visited Leicester Museum and Saxby's Cider Brewery.

Visit to Greyhound Stadium, Peterborough.

May 2019

Outings visit to Gates Farm & Garden Centre.

Local History Walks visit Titchmarsh

SPEAKERS**June 2018**

Jane Barnes

Tales from a Dairy Farmer's Wife

July 2018

Nick Barratt

Genealogy

Sept 2018

Susan Lees

An Unfinished Dream - Lyveden

October 2018

Eric Franklin

Brief history of Thrapston drinking

establishments

November 2018

Paul Needle

Is that the End of the News?

January 2019

Eugene Mattias

Ugly Duckling and the Magic Wand

February 2019

William J French

Butler to Royalty

March 2019

Georgie Hale Shipwrecked in Antarctica

April 2019

Mike Leonard

A Tribute to Les Dawson

May 2019

Vince Eager

You are never too old to Rock and Roll

MISCELLANEOUS

Northampton U3A produced a 1hour video on 'How to keep safe from financial fraud'

YEAR 8 SUMMARY

JUNE 2019 - MAY 2020

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 262 (Membership Secretary)

NUMBER OF GROUPS: 46 (Groups List)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Sheila Underwood
Vice Chair	Wendy Davies
Treasurer	Sue Campbell
Secretary	Ian Byrnes
Group Co-Ordinator	Roger Davies
Membership	Pauline Dennison
Publicity	Sue Campbell
Speaker Seeker	Terry Robinson/Paul Ollett
Newsletter	Wendy Davies
IT Operations Manager	Neil Busby
Short Courses	Tricia Eales
Welcome Team	Tina Jones
Co-opted	Anna Bond & Paul Ollett

Off Committee

Access Advisor	Glynis Hill
Social Team	Viv Tunstall
New Members Rep	Brenda Berry / Diane Strickland

KEY EVENTS / ADMINISTRATION

June 2019

Helpers to wear sashes at Plaza meetings.

Parking for Blue badge holders at the Bridge Hotel to be re-introduced on Friday mornings for the monthly meeting. In July the hotel will introduce pay and display. It is expected to cost £1 for two hours and £2 for up to four hours. Parking continues to be available in the cattle market car park in Market Road opposite the old Methodist church.

U3A stall at Charter Fair (Caribbean Theme)

October 2019

Registration with Charity Commission.

December 2019

Christmas Social with entertainment from music groups and Eugene Matthias (Magician).

February 2020

Grant of £1250 received from Central England Co-operative Community Fund for purchase of Tour Guide System.

March 2020 Covid-19 pandemic lockdown instituted on March 23rd. Resulted in:

- the cancellation of all monthly meetings at the Plaza to be replaced by zoom meetings,
- the temporary shutdown of all groups for the foreseeable future,
- Committee meetings to take place by zoom meetings,
- Postponement of the AGM.

April 2020

When meetings start again £1 entry to Plaza meeting to be re-instated, £3 for visitors.

May 2020

AGM postponed due to Covid19 restrictions.

NEW GROUPS**September 2019**

'Drawing for the terrified'

November 2019

Table Games

March 2020

Casual Cycling,

GROUP CLOSURES

Magic, Places 2 Go, Singing for Pleasure

GROUP NEWS**June 2019**

First Thrapston Arts Festival provided opportunity for several groups to display their efforts including several groups including Makin' Music, Ukulele, Stitchers, Lace Making, Flower Bunch, Photography, Creative Writing, and Play Reading.

July 2019

Liz Bryan stepped down as group leader of the Bridge group and Sue Hallam took over as new leader.

August 2019

Wellbeing with Nature renamed Social Forestry.

Nordic walking group invited new members to join either the Friday or the Tuesday group

October 2019

Neil Hallam takes over the role of Group Leader for the Walking Group from Pauline Dennison.

November 2019

Sue Pringle stepped down as leader of Line Dancing and Sheila Hankins took over. The Shared Research group presented findings on Lady Meriel Tresham to National Trust, Lyveden

December 2019

Science and Technology had a Christmas Guest Speaker on 'Death in the Garden'.

January 2020

Iris Squires stepped down as leader Monthly Lunches and Jean Mole took over.

During Lockdown due to the Covid 19 pandemic:

The Bridge Group held online sessions, French Encore met via Zoom, Italian met via Zoom, Photography took photos and posted them on Dropbox, Cake and Bake, Gardening, Stitchers and Ukulele groups all kept in touch online.

OUT AND ABOUT

June 2019

Local History Walk group walked in Thrapston (Post Norman Conquest).
Northamptonshire Network outing to Lamport Hall. Outings visit Peckover House and Elgood's Brewery.

July 2019

Theatre visit to see 'Annie' in Milton Keynes.
Local History Walks visited Stanwick Lakes led by Neil Busby.

August 2019

Stitchers' Group outing to the Festival of Quilts at the NEC.

Sept 2019

Theatre visit to see 'Grease' at Leicester Curve Theatre. Coach seats unused by theatre goers offered to members for shopping in Leicester.
Local History Walks group visited Peterborough Cathedral.
Outings visit Sandringham and Hunstanton.

October 2019

Theatre visit to see 'Calendar Girls' at the Royal and Derngate theatre.
Science and Technology visited Amey Waterbeach Waste Management Centre
Local History Walks group met in Thrapston for walk led by Neil Busby

November 2019

Visit to Greyhound Racing Stadium in Peterborough

January 2020

Science and Technology visited Amazon Warehouse in Peterborough

SHORT COURSES

July 2019

Cryptic Crosswords, First Aid

November 2019

H.E. Bates

SPEAKERS

June 2019

Tricia Thompson Love Me Tender - Elvis Biography

July 2019

Mike Ingram Fotheringay & The House of York

September 2019

Ian Keable Charles Dickens - Author & Conjuror

October 2019

Jennifer Anderson Hunters in the Sky (raptors)

November 2019

Chief Supt Thorogood Behind the call of Duty

January 2020

Tom Way India - Tigers

February 2020

Steve Pateman Kinky Boots Story

March 2020

Phil Theefoot Cancelled

April 2020

Neil Hallam Cancelled

May 2020

Andy Smith Cancelled

YEAR 9 SUMMARY

JUNE 2020 - MAY 2021

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 345 (Membership Secretary)

NUMBER OF GROUPS: 46 (Group Spreadsheet)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Ian Byrnes
Vice Chair	Wendy Davies
Treasurer	Sue Campbell
Secretary	Vacant
Group Co Ordinator	Anna Bond
Membership	Pauline Dennison
Publicity	Roger Davies
Speaker Seeker	Paul Ollett
Short course	Tricia Eales
Newsletter	Tina Jones
IT Operations Manager	Neil Busby
Plaza Registration	Vacant
Off Committee	
Access Advisor	Glynis Hill
Refreshment	Ann Thorpe
Social Committee	Viv Tunstall

KEY EVENTS /ADMINISTRATION

June 2020

The post of Business Secretary on the Committee remained vacant.
Committee meetings and Group Leader meetings take place online via ZOOM
The Committee provided a list of outgoing costs compared to income.
Members whose membership had lapsed were encouraged to rejoin.

July 2020

The Chairman announced an increase in membership fees by £1.50 to £16.50.
The August Social was cancelled due to Covid-19.

September 2020

The Chairman appealed for members to take up committee posts and to volunteer for various jobs needed to keep U3A running smoothly

January 2021

Neil Busby U3A Webmaster to step down in May 2021. Appeal made for members to take on parts of his Webmaster's role.
Group Leaders meeting held via Zoom.

February 2021

Notice given of an EGM to take place in March 2021 to gain members approval for the revised constitution

May 2021

Members voted to accept revised constitution at EGM.

April 2021

The Committee voted to change payment of subscriptions to an annual date instead of individual members' anniversary date.

May 2021

Notice of forthcoming AGM and the agenda were published in the newsletter AGM to take place on Zoom.

NEW GROUPS

None

GROUP CLOSURES

None identified as closing permanently. Most groups temporarily closed due to Covid 19 Pandemic.

GROUPS NEWS

June 2020

Book group invited all U3A members to share their choice of reading materials.

July 2020

The Committee organised competitions for Poetry, Short Stories and Photography

August 2020

Tai Chi recommenced meetings on the Baptist church lawn
French encore 'meeting' weekly via Zoom.

September 2020

Archive group appeal for information about groups over the last 10 years.
Bridge group 'meeting' electronically
Walking group met for a local walk.

November 2020

A new set of competitions: Photography, Writing Poetry and Prose published.

February 2121

Members of the Cake & Bake group produced a monthly recipe for the newsletter.

March 2021

The following groups reported to be meeting by Zoom: French Encore; Cake & Bake; Ukulele; Italian; Photograph; Making Music; Bridge; Creative writing and Play reading.

April 2021

Cycling group recommenced their weekly rides from Thrapston Co-op every Monday.
Tai Chi restarted indoors at Islip Village Hall.

OUT AND ABOUT

None.

In March 2021 a visit to Hampton Court proposed.

SPEAKERS

June 2020

Andy Smith Musician Cancelled

July 2020 (ZOOM)

Ian Keable The Birth of Hoax in the 18th Century

October 2020 (ZOOM) Jenny Mallin A Grandmothers Legacy: Travels in India

November 2020 (ZOOM) Jane Barnes More Tales from a Dairy Farmers Wife

December 2020(ZOOM) Dr James Taylor A History of the British Postcard

January 2021(ZOOM) Barbara Meyer Wildlife Photography in Sherwood Forest

February 2021(ZOOM) Sarah Slater Sex, Secrets, Scandals and Salacious Gossip (Revelations from Hampton Court Palace)

March 2021 (ZOOM) Mike Storr Masters of Mirth

April 2021 (ZOOM) Steve Herra The QE2

May 2021 (ZOOM) Philip Caine From Barrow to Bagdad and back

MISCELLANEOUS

June 2020

Plaza shut originally until August, but this was extended to September
 The Thrapston Art Festival, Nene Valley Festival, Thrapston Firework Display and the event to switch on the Christmas Lights were all cancelled.
 Information given of support groups available for those who are self-isolating.
 Information given about action to take when scam emails received
 Information given about 'What3words' which is a simple way to talk about location.
 Every 3m square in the world has a unique 3 word address that will never change.
 The scheme is used by an increasing number of organisations, including the Red Cross, UN, AA and our emergency services, to find an exact location. For example, the entrance at the Plaza, Thrapston is "thorax.jolly.eyelashes"

September 2020

Information given about support for carers.

October 2020

U3A launch the U3A radio podcast.
 Information about Red Cross courses on loneliness.

February 2021

Information given about the 2021 Census.

YEAR 10: SUMMARY

JUNE 2021 - MAY 2022

NUMBER OF MEMBERS 242 (AGM minutes)
NUMBER OF GROUPS 30 (AGM minutes)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair	Ian Byrnes
Vice Chair	Sheila Underwood
Treasurer	Sue Campbell
Secretary	Wendy Davies
Group Co Ordinator	Anna Bond / Roger Davies (January 2022)
Membership	Pauline Dennison
Publicity & Facebook	Roger Davies / Angela Gyves (January 2022)
Speaker Seeker	Paul Ollett
Newsletter	Tina Jones
Plaza Welcome Manager	Viv Tunstall
New Members representative	Irene Northern

Off Committee

Access Advisor	Glynis Hill
Refreshment	Ann Thorpe
Social Committee	Viv Tunstall
IT Operations Manager	Neil Busby
Facebook Editor	Neil Busby (January 2022)

KEY EVENTS / ADMINISTRATION

June 2021

U3A Day 2nd around the town. On Saturday 5th June a U3A had a stall at the Farmer's market.

As a registered charity Thrapston u3a joined the Amazon Smile initiative

August 2021

August Social coffee morning held at the King's Arms in Thrapston.

September 2021

Monthly meeting held in the Plaza for the first time since February 2020

U3A had a stall at the delayed Charter Fair.

November 2021 Charity of the month started. In November it was Pancreatic Cancer

Members Coffee Morning was held at the King's Arms in Thrapston

December 2021 Christmas event took place at the Plaza with Dave Moylan (Magician)

January 2022

Roger Davies took over the role of Groups Co-ordinator from Anna Bond. Roger's previous role of Publicity was taken over by Angela Gyves and that of Facebook Editor by Neil Busby.

April 2022 Archive section on the website goes live

May

Open Day on 7th MAY at the Plaza to celebrate Thrapston u3a's 10th Birthday
AGM held on the 20th May at the Plaza

NEW GROUPS

Singing for Fun (October 2021); Tai Chi Group 2 for beginners September 2021);
Playford Dancing (February 2022).

GROUP CLOSURE

As of May 2022 the following groups have not restarted following the Covid-19
Pandemic lockdown: Art Appreciation; Book Group; Bowls; Card & Board Group;
Casual Cycling; Classical Music (2); Computing; Drawing for the Terrified; English (2);
Fork to Fork; Gardening; Italian; Lacemaking; Latin; Local History Walks; Military
History; Science & Technology; Table Games; Walking Group and Weekenders.

GROUPS NEWS

June 2021

Table Tennis group restarted at the Baptist Church

July 2021

Lunch Club informal meeting in the Woolpack to plan the restart

August 2021

Line Dancing restarted
10 Pin Bowling recommenced

September 2021

Sue Thurlow took on the role of Line Dancing Leader
Marion Healey takes on role of Group Leader of Making Music

October 2021

Stitchers Group met for first time since March 2020

January 2022

It was reported that the walking group required a new leader as soon as possible
Flower Bunch which is held at Cole Court, Raunds is open for new members

February 2022

The Bridge Group recommenced
Lunch club will meet on the third Wednesday of each month from March onwards
The Cycling Group have space for new members and meets every Monday
A new group, Playford Dance Group, to meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each
month starting February 9th.

March 2022

dancing recommences 1st March every other Tuesday

OUT AND ABOUT

June 2021

Outing visit to Newmarket Stud and Bury St Edmunds planned.

August 2021

Lunch Club visit Woolpack.

September 2021

Outing to Highclere Castle planned for July.
Lunch Club lunch visit the White Horse in Tilbrook.

October 2021

Outing to St Albans planned.
Lunch Club lunch at the Pheasant, Keystone.

December 2021 Outing to Thursford Spectacular.

January 2022

Lunch Club visited Dukes Arms in Woodford.

February 2022

Lunch Club visited Axe & Compass in Ringstead.

April 2022

Lunch club visited the Lilacs at Isham.

May 2022

Lunch club to visit The Willow & Brook in Apethorpe.
Outing visit to Syon House & Gardens.

SPEAKERS

June 2021	Andy Smith	A life in Music	Delivered by Zoom
July 2021	Steve Dimmer	Life of Ronnie Barker	Delivered by Zoom
Sept 2021	Dave Moylan	Magic and Music Halls	
October 2022	Derek Blunt	Saint, Sinners, Stars & Scandals	
November 2021	Ian Addis	The Charles Wicksteed Story	
December 2021	Dave Moylan	Magic and Music Halls	
January 2022	David Sweeney	Tower of London & Ceremony of the Keys	
February 2022	Eric Franklin	Tales of Thrapston & County over 200 years	
March 2022	Phil Theefoot	Goa: An Indian Adventure	
April 2022	Christine Green	Working for Auntie: Behind the BBC scenes	
May 2022	Carol & Steve Robson	Fools Gold	

MISCELLANEOUS

December 2021

Linda Lewis (u3a member) presented monies collected through her Charity 'No Pain – No Gain' for the purchase of buying a syringe driver in, memory of her husband Tony to Community Matron Laura Clifford.

February 2022

The newsletter included a report on the Thrapston Nene Valley Park Project.

April 2022

An appeal for Ukraine raised £50 at the Plaza Meeting.

May 2022

CarKraft event to take place at Silverstone on 21st May.
Information given about Members Mile to take place in July.

YEAR 11: SUMMARY

JUNE 2022 - MAY 2023

NUMBER OF MEMBERS 205

NUMBER OF GROUPS 29

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Ian Byrnes(May to October) Sheila Underwood(October to May)

Vice Chair/ Network Liaison Sheila Underwood/ Paul Ollett

Treasurer Ann Thorpe

Secretary Wendy Davies

Groups Roger Davies

Membership Registrar Pauline Dennison

Speaker Seeker Paul Ollett

Publicity Angela Gyves (left September) Marion Healey

Newsletter Editor Tina Jones

Plaza Welcome Team Viv Tunstall

New Members Representative Sue Campbell

Off Committee:

Access Advisor Glynis Hills

IT Operations Neil Busby

Facebook Manager Neil Busby

Refreshments Ann Thorpe

Social Committee Viv Tunstall

KEY EVENTS

June 2022

We successfully applied for a £1000 grant from the Town Council Community fund to purchase publicity material with the new u3a logo (e.g., gazebo, bunting, leaflets) We had a stall at the Charter Fair with a Tombola (which raised funds for the business Account)

July 2022

There was a Coffee Morning for new members and other members.

Members also had the opportunity to walk their mile for the members mile.

August 2022

Social event at the Sailing Club

September 2022

Network event at Chester House. We were well represented with several groups having static displays and the music group performing. We took part in the Members' Mile Challenge and raised over £300 which was used to purchase a bench as part of the Thrapston Park Project

October 2022

Ian resigned from being Chair and Sheila Underwood (Vice Chair) stepped into the role. Paul Ollett volunteered to step into the Vice Chair role.

December: Social took place.

There was a very successful "Turkey and Tinsel" weekend organised in Bournemouth
Plaque was purchased to go on the bench

April 2023

It was decided to raise the cost of entry to the Plaza monthly meeting and to reserve the possibility of raising the subscription in February. Both decisions to go to the AGM

May 2023

AGM Agreed to both proposals stated above

GROUPS

NUMBER OF GROUPS 29

NEW GROUPS

Science and Technology was relaunched in December with the first meeting timetabled for March.

GROUP CLOSURES

GROUP NEWS

The two Nordic walking groups logged their hours for the Member's Mile (organised by Northants Network to celebrate 40 years of the u3a).

SPEAKERS

June 2022	Colin Hill "Dancing with Diana"
July 2022	Nick Corbie "Diagonal Walking"
September 2022	Peter Coombs "Antiques from the Bottom of the Box"
October 2022	Derek Blunt "The County of Spires and Squires"
November 2022	John Lilley "The Peoples Mosquito "
January 2023	Lucy Swales "Madame Tussauds"
February 2023	Helen Frost "WW1 Women's Land Army"
March 2023	Paul Barwick "Nancy Wake -The White Mouse"
April 2023	Peter Austin "Northants Film Archive Trust"

MISCELLANEOUS

None

YEAR 12 SUMMARY

20th MAY 2023 TO MAY 2024

NUMBER OF MEMBERS 243

NUMBER OF GROUPS 32

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Paul Ollett

Vice Chair: Frank Boydell

Treasurer: Ann Thorpe

Business Secretary: Wendy Davies

Groups Co-ordinator: Roger Davies

Membership Registrar: Sue Campbell

Speaker Seeker: Frank Boydell

Publicity: Glynis Hill

Newsletter Editor: Tina Jones

Plaza Welcome Team: Viv Tunstall

New Members Representative: Sue Campbell

Access Advisor Glynis Hill

IT Operations: Frank Boydell

Off Committee:

Social Committee: Pauline Johnson

Website manager: Neil Busby

ADMINISTRATION

July 2023: Fee for attendance and refreshments at the monthly Plaza meeting rose in July from £1

per member to £2 and for visitors to £3

May 2024 At the AGM the Constitution was amended to allow committee members in exceptional circumstances to serve beyond the existing three year limit.

KEY EVENTS

2023

June : Stall at the Charter Fair with a Tombola raised £295.

New Members Coffee Morning took place at the Kings Arms, High

Street

August: A very successful summer event took place at the Sailing Club instead of the Plaza meeting.

Letter received from Tom Pursglove MP congratulating Thrapston U3A on their donation of a bench for the new Thrapston Park Project, to commemorate their tenth anniversary

September: Town Treasure Hunt

October: New Members coffee morning was held at the King's Arms

December: The Christmas Event took place instead of the usual monthly Plaza meeting

2024

February: A New Members coffee morning was held at the Hermitage Care Home
Group Leaders met in February at the King's Arms

April : Open Day at Plaza

May: Thrapston u3a fielded two teams for the Mayor's Quiz night
AGM

A New Members coffee morning was held at the Hermitage Care Home

GROUPS

NUMBER OF GROUPS 32

NEW GROUPS

June 2023: Mandy Dawkins - Family History

August 2023: Bob Simpson - Birds and Butterfly Watching

October 2023: Eric Franklin - Local History Group

Annie Thantrey - Art group on alternate Wednesdays in the Library.

February 2024: Ken Broadhurst - A new Board Games group in the library on alternate Tuesdays.

GROUP CLOSURES

Archive, Gardening, Line Dancing, Playreading and Playford-style Dance closed.

GROUP NEWS

July: Science and Technology restarted with a talk on 'Tortoises'.

Table tennis continued to provide a second session on Thursdays

September: Five members of the Cycling group joined 'Ride and Stride' - a charity ride around the churches of Northamptonshire

October: Canasta restarted

Pauline Johnson became Group Leader for Nordic Walking, taking over from Rod Brown

The Family History Group restarted with a new leader and had vacancies for 2 members

November: Tai Chi offered 'taster' sessions to attract new members

December: The Social walking group put out a plea for a group leader

Classical Music was renamed Desert Island Discs

March: Jean Mole offered a beginners group on an ad hoc basis for those who would like to

learn to play Canasta

Family History have place for a further member

OUT AND ABOUT

June: Visit to the NEC for the Gardeners World Show

September: History walks - The History of the Town Centre.

December: Turkey and Tinsel weekend at the Suncliffe hotel Bournemouth

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Bournemouth February

February : Elvis exhibition London

April: 'Come from Away' at New Theatre

SPEAKERS

2023

June: Jason Middleton "An Introduction to gemstones"

July: Barbara Meyer "Photography and its role in Conservation"

September: Sheila Guilford "Boating around our Waterways at 3 mph"

October: Craig Fisher "Stranded in Gambo"

November: Phil Cox "The Newport Medieval Ship "

2024

January: Lucy Swales "Madame Tussauds"

February: David Pibworth "From Hancock to Dad's Army. History of British Classic Sit Com"

March: Helen Frost "Keeping Faith at The Front during the First World War"

April: Paul Barwick "WW2 Double Agent - The Life and Crimes of Agent Zigzag"

May: David Duker "The Remarkable Story of Battle of Britain pilot Squadron

Leader Victor Ekins MBE DFC"