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A group of Ravenshead U3A members pictured at the inaugural use of the new Centre for its Coffee and Conversation mornings.

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Welcome from the editor.

Welcome to our summer 2015 edition of the Ravenshead U3A magazine.

As before we are lucky to have a range of articles, including reports on two visits, news of other U3A activities and our first contribution from a member of our new Creative Writing group. We look forward to more from them in future issues. Elsewhere we are introduced to our four new committee members and can test our knowledge of the British Isles with a summer quiz.

Please remember that as soon as one magazine goes to print we are looking for contributions for the next. If you think you can produce an article for publishing in the next edition please submit it (preferably in a word processed format) to the editor, Judith Moore, by email or contact by phone

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Thoughts from the Chair!



In the last issue of the magazine I was looking forward to the AGM and a chance to reflect on another year in the life of Ravenshead U3A. At the meeting, attended by around 140 members, we presented changes to the committee and to the constitution with the official removal of our catchment area. We were also able to announce a reduction in subscription charges for next year. Membership is now up to 370 so we are in a healthy position going forward.

People join U3A for a variety of reasons. Some enjoy learning new skills, brushing up old ones or passing on their expertise to others: these make good use of our groups activities. Others look to the social aspect of the U3A and have made new friendships or found companionship in shared outings and visits. Many, but not all, regularly attend the main monthly meetings where we provide information, enjoy a refreshment break and a chance to chat and listen to visiting speakers who may entertain, amuse and educate. Whatever you want from the U3A you are able to make your own choices from the opportunities on offer.

As I begin my second year as chair I can also look back at my own experience. Being on the steering committee and working alongside Val Ford as Groups Coordinator gave me a good overview of activities on offer. I joined the Yoga and Folk Dancing groups, organised and participated in several trips and have dined out with the Luncheon group. I have chatted to people at Coffee and Conversation meetings and enjoyed reading about members' interests and putting together this magazine. No wonder people say being retired is the busiest time of their lives!

Being a U3A member also means that we are part of a national (indeed international) organisation. Regional networking gives committee members a chance to train alongside their counterparts and share good practice. We can also link up in different ways with other U3As as Steve Hargreaves explains (page 16).

Summer is officially here, so whatever you are planning over the next few months I hope you have an enjoyable time. In the meantime your four new committee members introduce themselves on pages 4 and 5.

Judith Moore, Ravenshead U3A Chair

Your New Committee Members.

Phil Asquith

I am a thrifty Yorkshireman and moved into Ravenshead in 1998.

As a Chartered Mechanical Engineer I worked in the Aerospace industry before making a career change into Economic Development, ultimately retiring from my post of Director of Inward Investment at The East Midlands Development Company.

A keen member of the guitar group, I also enjoy reading but my passion is cruising, caravanning and travelling with my wife Kate.



Maria Gabrielczyk.

I was called to the Bar in 1975 and then worked for the Court Service as a legal adviser and trainer. Originally from London I have lived in Ravenshead since 1983. As soon as I retired in February 2013 I joined the U3A in order to refresh my Bridge playing skills after a gap of about 20 years. I enjoy being a permanent weekender, taking occasional holidays, reading, doing a bit of Sudoku and 'playing' with computers.



Mike Salmon

I have lived in Ravenshead for almost 20 years and have thoroughly enjoyed living here and still do! My wife and I joined the U3A at its inception and we have found it to be very enjoyable and social and in the process have met some

very nice and interesting people. I am looking forward to serving on the Committee.

I have been involved in road transport in various roles over 40 years and spent the last 20 years working for the Road Haulage Association as their Area Manager for the East Midlands. I still do a little consultancy work within the industry.

My hobbies have been many and varied. I have kept, bred, shown and judged cage birds and other small animals all of my life and for the last

30 years have been a very active caravanner.. I was on the Caravan Club Central Regional Council for 10 years and have served on various

committees in different capacities with many different organisations. In recent years I have had a keen interest in horse racing (not gambling!) and bloodstock and have shares in a race horse. Since retiring in 2010 I have also become a volunteer driver for Ravenshead Community Transport. This gives me great pleasure and the opportunity to put a little bit back into the community



Alan Wilson

I am a native of Nottingham having moved to Ravenshead in 1983.

My work was almost wholly in one form of finance or another, mainly with public companies. After retiring from all of that around 1986 I have been involved with a number of charities, largely within the Baptist family. I am an Officer and Deacon of the large Baptist church at the end of Gregory Boulevard which I first attended in 1945. I live on Sheepwalk Lane with interests in model railways, music, and reading. I enjoy singing and am a member of the “Singing for Fun” group.





The Summer Holiday Quiz.

How well do you know the
British Isles?
(answers on page 19)

*The Bluebell railway, but where is it
found?*

1	Which river separates Cornwall from Devon?
2	Which is Britain's busiest railway station in terms of services, with more than 2,000 trains a day passing through?
3	Which island is separated from the British mainland by the Menai Straits?
4	From which east coast port in the UK can you get ferries to Hook of Holland and Esbjerg?
5	In which British island group are Hoy, Westray, North Ronaldsay and South Ronaldsay to be found?
6	Which is the only lake in Scotland to be actually called a lake?
7	Which Shipping Forecast area shares its name with an island at the entrance to the Bristol Channel?
8	What Channel separates the Isle of Wight from the English mainland?
9	Which English city has more than 100 miles of canal?
10	What alternative name is given to the River Thames as it passes through Oxford?
11	In which county is the historic Bluebell Railway to be found?
12	In which Welsh county is Caernarvon?
13	In which Irish county is Malin Head, the most northerly point of the Irish mainland?
14	If all the traditional counties of England were listed alphabetically, which would come first?
15	The Tay Bridge runs south from which city?

Ravenshead U3A Visit to the Houses of Parliament and the Churchill War Rooms

Below is a write up by one of the 42 members who travelled to London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament, sponsored by our MP Mark Spencer after which 27 went on to the Churchill Cabinet War Rooms, the rest doing their own thing such as visiting Westminster Abbey and Tate Modern or walking along the Thames on what turned out to be a beautiful spring afternoon.

At an hour when most retired folk are still soundly asleep, shadowy figures walked through the early morning mists on the first day of spring and boarded a coach to visit the Houses of Parliament. It was to be a most enjoyable and slightly nostalgic day. On our way down we managed to get occasional glimpses of the eclipse of the sun, displayed as a quadrant of bright light peeping below the moon.

On this rare journey by road through central London we passed many street names that feature on the Monopoly board game. This, and particularly the general congestion, made me glad I live in Ravenshead. However our driver soon discharged us on the pavement a few yards from the Houses of Parliament and drove off before the arrival of traffic wardens.

Although we were visiting a historic building which boasts a proud heritage, we were soon subject to a present day reality check in the form of large steel anti-ramming barriers and an airport style security check to gain access to the House.

We assembled in Westminster Hall and were met by our guide, an RAF Officer who after retirement spent many years employed on the staff of the Houses of Parliament. He explained that Westminster Hall was built on the site of a previous government building, and at the time of completion in 1099 was the biggest hall in the UK and probably Europe with a roof supported by hammer beam timber frames. A stone building, it was in existence at the time of the Great Fire of London, when most dwellings were wooden constructions. Many of the privileged members of society stored their house furnishings in the hall to protect them from destruction.



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I was impressed that in this very room many historic events had taken place; the state trials of Sir William Wallace (1305), Sir Thomas Moore (1535), Guy Fawkes (1606), Charles I (1649), and Warren Hastings (1795) being just a few. The hall is not regularly used for official functions these days.



One recent significant occasion was when President Obama addressed both Houses of Parliament on 25th May 2011. Our attention was also drawn to the brass plaque installed on the steps to mark the occasion when Nelson Mandela addressed both Houses of Parliament in 1996.

Unusually for a Friday, the House was in session discussing the Budget presented earlier in the week, so our visit was directed through St Stephen's Hall to the House of Lords via the central lobby that links the various chambers that form the Palace of Westminster. It is in the 'lobby' that you can request to meet your Member of Parliament. Hence the term 'lobbying' where all the TV interviews that we see also take place. On entering the House of Lords via the 'content' passage (as compared with the 'non content' lobby on the opposite side of the chamber), we found ourselves amidst a large number of school children and older foreign students. The atmosphere could hardly be described as quiet and orderly. Our guide had to compete with a guide to another party who had a voice like a sergeant major. However our attention was drawn to the Bible and other sacred texts on which MPs and Members of the House of Lords must make an oath of allegiance to the Crown. We saw the wool sack, the seat of the Lord Speaker of the House of Lords, which is stuffed with wool from around the Commonwealth and is a symbol of wealth relating back the period when the wool trade was of great importance in this country.

This historic building has some modern additions such as TV monitors used to display the results of division votes and suspended microphones and speakers mounted in the backs of upholstered benches for the hard of hearing Lords to hear the detail of debate. We were told the Lords were not dozing against the backs of the seats! We were taken back to St Stephens's Hall to await our allocation of tickets to visit the public gallery in the House of Parliament, where our guide bid his farewell.

We were surprised and somewhat disappointed to see that there were no more than a dozen MPs debating the recent budget. We listened for a while to the opposition speech relayed through adjacent TV screens, and had a light lunch in the basement

refectory, before reassembling to visit the Churchill War Rooms under the Northern Ireland Office. For me the visits to the War Rooms brought back many memories of my childhood and the blitz period in Liverpool in 1941. We were reminded of many of Churchill's famous speeches (*I have nothing to offer, but blood, sweat and tears; We will fight them on the beaches; Never have so many been so thankful to so few*; the air Battle of Britain; *This is their finest hour*; a reference to the forthcoming period of preparation following the retreat from France for the eventual defeat of Hitler.)

Our tour directed us through the underground corridors leading to rooms for war planning, communication centres, bed rooms, kitchens, dining rooms, Churchill's bedroom and many more. The main exhibition room had a wealth of information about many aspects of the war including blitz damage, the role of women in the armament factories, experimental development of defence and armament equipment, and several interactive displays of significant events during the period 1930 to late 1940.

Our departure from the capital coincided with the evening rush hour and our driver displayed extreme patience in negotiating traffic queues which gave me an opportunity to see into the rooms of many regency styled residences, only to find that they were mostly converted to offices.

Our journey home was uneventful and we arrived back in Ravenshead at around 9.45 pm, some fifteen hours after starting a very interesting day.

Thank you to Alan and Judy Walker for arranging this trip and guiding us throughout the day.



Alan Paul Ravenshead U3A member

RAVENSHEAD U3A – INTEREST GROUPS

Group Name	Leader	Phone	Meeting Day and Time	Location	Full
Angling	Lionel Castle		Please ring for details		No
Art (Watercolour)	Audrey Leech		2nd Monday 1.30 – 4.00	The Centre	No
Art Gallery/Museum	Antony Gordon		Various visits arranged	Please contact for details	No
Bird watching	Peter York		Usually once a month	Please contact for details	No
Canasta	Enid Thomas		2 nd and 4 th Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00	Brammer Room	No
Chess and Backgammon	Jan Fraser		1 st & 3 rd Mon 10.00-12.00	Home	No
Computing (Beginners)	Alan Paul		Mon 2pm & Thurs 9.30 Start again in Sept.	Alan Paul's House	No
Craft workshops	Kate Asquith		Thursday 10.00-12.00	Please ring for details	No
Creative Writing	Villia Bullock		4 th Friday 2.00-4.00	Members' Homes	No
Current Affairs	Carol Wright		3 rd Wednesday 2.00 - 3.30	Brammer Room	No
Family History	Barbara Jukes		4 th Tuesday 10-12 Next meeting 22.09.15	Venue to be advised	No
Folk Dancing	Mike, Mary Adams		2 nd & 4 th Mon 2pm - 4pm	Ravenshead Village Hall	No
French Conversation	Brian Machin		1 st & 3 rd Mon 10.00-11.30.	Please telephone for details	Full
French Conversation 2	Anick Spence		1 st & 3 rd Mon 14.00–16.00	Anick's house	No
Gardening	Peter and Sue York		Please ring for details	Brammer Room	No
Guitar	John Bewick		1 st & 3 rd Thur 10.00 - 12.00	Ravenshead Church Lounge	No
Hikers (5-8 miles)	Steve Hargreaves		1 st & 3rd Wednesday	Please ring for details	No
Knitting and Crochet	Anne Lovegrove Liz Corner		2pm – 4pm 1 st and 3rd Friday (3 rd Friday only until Sept)	Brammer Room, Village Hall	No
Local History	Philip Jones		2pm – 4pm 2 nd Tuesday Next meeting 08.09.15	Kighill Farm	No
Luncheon Club	Chris Dean			Please ring for details	No

Mah Jong	Judy Bragg	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 1.30-3.30	Brammer Room, Village Hall	No
Music Appreciation 1	Joan Harvey	2 nd Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00	Members' Homes	Full
Music Appreciation 3	Fay Garrison	3 rd Tuesday 1.30 – 3.00	Members' Homes	No
Occasional Visits	Various		Please see website, U3A4U or info at monthly meeting	
Pastels	Wanda Parker	Gp 1 Wed.10.00 – 12.00 Gp 2 Fri. 10.00 – 12.00	Please ring for details	Full No
Photography	Dennis Harvey Glynn Payze	Last Wed at 2pm	Brammer Room	Full
Play Reading Group	Alan Kirkham	Wednesday immediately following U3A monthly meeting	Please ring for details	No
Reading Group 1	Carol Payze	3 rd Tuesday 2pm	Carol's house	No
Reading Group 2	Pat Brown	3 rd Tuesday 2.30pm	Members' Home	Full
Scrabble, Rumikubs and Cribbage	Susanne Smith Leslie & Rhoda Newey	3 rd Tuesday 10am 1 st Tuesday 7.30pm-9.30pm	Brammer Room	No
Singing for Fun	Graham Jukes	4 th Thursday in the month 10.00 -11.30	Fay Garrison's home	No
Sustrans Cycling	Alex Fraser		Please ring for details	No
Thursday Walks	Paul and Margaret Craddock	2 nd & 4 th Thursday - 1.30 prompt start.	Details on the website or contact Paul and Margaret	No
Weekenders	Sue Owen Maria Gabrielczyk	Various events and visits	Please ring for information	No
Wine Group 1	Lionel Castle	3 rd Friday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 2	Brenda Beale	3rd Tuesday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 3	Michael Neville	2 nd Monday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 4	Judy Vaughan	3 rd Tuesday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 5	Sue Tidbury	1 st Wednesday	Members' homes	Full
Yoga Group 2	Bob Ford	Wkly 2.00–3.30 Tuesday	The Centre at St Peters	No
Yoga Group 3	Bob Ford	Wkly 10.00–11.30 Friday.	The Centre at St Peters	No

If you are interested in joining any of the above Groups but they are showing as full, please contact the Group Leader to ask to be put on a waiting list. You will then be contacted once a place becomes available or there are enough people to form a further Group.

“A Crack in Time” by Dragon Breath Theatre

An educational visit to Papplewick Pumping Station

On June 8th I took part in a school visit to Papplewick Pumping Station with around fifty ten and eleven year old pupils from Radford Primary School where I still work (until this summer!) for one day a week. I have visited here before but this was a visit with a difference. Dragon Breath Theatre Company had created a step back in time which was educational, engaging and fun.



Thomas Hawksley outlines his plans to the Water Company

From the moment the children arrived to be greeted by a cast of Victorian characters through a series of short role plays until the light and sound displays in the disused underground reservoir the experience was one which I know the children and adults alike really enjoyed and

which gave them an understanding of the significance of Papplewick Pumping Station to public health in the Victorian period.



The real Thomas Hawksley

The actors represented factual and fictional characters from Papplewick’s past, including Thomas Hawksley, the son of a manufacturer in Arnold near Nottingham who was born on 12 July 1807. He received a basic education at the Nottingham Grammar School before leaving at 15 to join architect Edward Staveley as a surveyor. A highly talented mathematician, he was appointed at the age of 23 as Engineer to the Trent Water Company and built a waterworks near Trent Bridge in Nottingham.



*Jess Montagu , the
superintendent's wife*

Through his ingenuity, Nottingham became the first of many places in the world to benefit from a pressurised supply of water available by the turn of a tap twenty four hours a day. This system saved huge numbers of people when a cholera epidemic struck the country in 1848–9 with Nottingham actually escaping the infection.

Cholera is a waterborne disease which usually started in the poor areas of towns and cities, but unlike some other diseases cholera did spread into the richer areas. People usually got the illness by drinking infected water. Another character was fictional Jenny Sparrow from *Narrow Marsh* whose children had died from the disease because she and many others could not afford clean water and instead bought water from water sellers or higglers which was often dirty and contaminated. It was the plight of people like Jenny which inspired real life Thomas Hawksley to design his system of pumping fresh water from Papplewick all the way into Nottingham.

Other characters who interacted with the children throughout the day were Wilf, the young boiler boy from Papplewick, and Seth the gardener. We also met James Montagu, the superintendent of Papplewick Pumping station, and his wife Jess. Although fictional these two were based on the parents of Pem and George Olifent who as children lived at Papplewick Pumping Station from the 1930s. They all had stories to tell and stayed in role to talk to the children about their lives and work.

The 1880 Papplewick reservoir is empty now because of the century old crack in its structure but it reminds us of what Hawksley and the workers at the Pumping Station achieved. “A Crack in Time” also alerts the children to wider global issues of the importance of clean water today, something we are lucky enough to take for granted!

Judith Moore, Ravenshead U3A

U3A Trip to Hampton Court Flower Show

1st and 2nd July 2015.

On what proved to be the two hottest days of the year 48 members of Ravenshead U3A plus six from



Coffee at Knebworth



Knebworth House

Rainworth left

Ravenshead at 8am to journey to Knebworth House, the home of the Lytton family, where coffee and biscuits awaited followed by guided tours of the house and free time to explore the gardens. By 3.30 everyone was ready to get back on to the air conditioned coach and journey to our hotel The Park Inn at Harlow.



Crossing the Thames by boat



Hazel and Joyce in the Maze at Knebworth

After an early start the next morning we left to head to Hampton Court for the 25th Flower Show to be held there. Our driver Paul got us there in what we thought was good time and so by 10am we were off the coach and either walking or on the shuttle bus to Hampton Court. From the shuttle bus some walked the rest of the way, others went by ferry across the Thames which was lovely. There were a few spots of rain and we wondered what we were in for but very quickly it stopped and another hot day was upon us. Surprisingly we were able to get round the show ground relatively easily, it being so big and quite well spaced out. There were plenty of places to sit and several picnic tents to rest a while.

The displays were pretty spectacular in the Floral Marquee and the Rose



One of the show gardens



Bonsai Rhododendron

Marquee with the perfume being wonderful and some of the Show Gardens were beautiful. The Bonsai Rhododendron was particularly striking. Personally I usually preferred the silver gilt winning gardens to the gold winning gardens, but what do I know!

At 4 o'clock we were all back on the coach ready to journey to Weedon near Northampton for our evening meal. This is where for me it all got very hairy – the M25 and then the M1 were absolutely solid bumper to bumper and instead of arriving at between 6 and 6.30 it was 7pm by the time we got to The Cross Roads Hotel. A pre-ordered meal awaited us and they served us in pretty good time and I believe everyone enjoyed their meal; at least no one complained when I asked them so I paid the bill and off we set for home. We arrived back in Ravenshead just before 10pm.



Hampton's 25th Birthday Cake!

Ravenshead Community Transport provided two mini buses on Wednesday morning to transport our members to The Sherwood Ranger where a Skills coach awaited to take us on our trip and on our return one of our own minibuses awaited along with one of the Kirkby Our Centre mini buses to take people back to their doors.

Judy Walker, Ravenshead U3A member and trip organiser

Making links.

While on holiday in Mablethorpe in June 2015 I contacted Skegness U3A and was warmly welcomed to join in with their circular walk from Alford, Lincs.

The walk was on Tuesday June 30th, one of the hottest days of the summer, and lasted four hours followed by a refreshing pot of tea with Dave and Jo Rigg, walking group leaders of the Skegness U3A Walkers. (see photo).

During our conversations many comparisons were made between Ravenshead U3A Hikers group and Skegness U3A Walking Group. The Skegness U3A has approximately 180 members and on average 1:10 are members of their walking group. By comparison Ravenshead has approximately 370 members and 1:12 are members of the walking groups. I enjoyed the walk and the company. Next spring I hope to organise a shared walk in the Wolds with Jo and Dave and members of both U3As.

Steve Hargreaves Ravenshead U3A member



Steve (right) taking tea with the walking group leaders of Skegness U3A

Have you made links with other U3As? Let us know about them! ED.

Book Review:

Dissolution by C.J.Sansom.

The series, of which this book is the first, is one of my favourites.

C.J.Sansom graduated in history and then retrained as a lawyer, spending much of his time in the legal aid system acting on behalf of the underdog.

His love of history is clear in the details of his descriptions and his legal studies are translated into the profession of his main character, Matthew Shardlake, a lawyer who often shelters the disadvantaged.

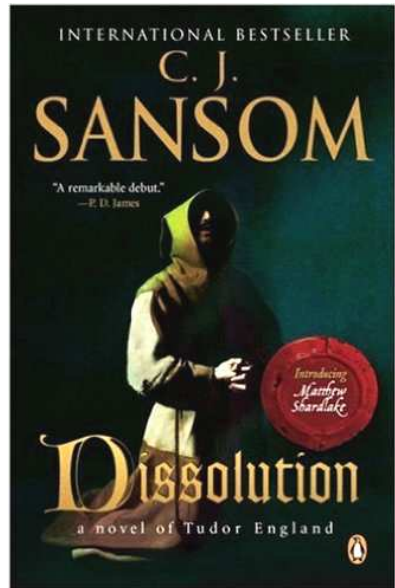
The main character is a very unprepossessing hunchback who engages the sympathy of the reader as he suffers bullying and insults as he goes about his life. His quick brain and strength of character make him a person to be admired rather than pitied.

The period in which the book is set is the reign of Henry VIII as he sets out to dissolve the monasteries after he assumes the title Supreme Head of the Church. One such monastery with its closed community becomes the scene of a murder which Shardlake is sent to investigate.

C.J.Sansom writes with a gripping realism which is definitely not a rosy picture of Tudor times. In an interview, he said 'I deplore.....all those frocks and plots. I'd like to get away from that'. He certainly does! The reader experiences the scenes through all the senses, the sights, sounds and even smells are vividly depicted.

The plot of the book is so absorbing that it draws in the reader totally.

The best thing is that there are five more books to follow! Each book can be read as a stand alone but a better understanding of the intrigues of the time is gained by reading them in order.



Pat Brown Ravenshead U3A Reading Group

GETTING ON

From the moment we're born our days are all numbered
But the young just don't see this; their horizons aren't cumbered
with thoughts of mortality. They don't give a toss
as they strive for promotion and aim to be boss.

Was there ever a time when you said: "This is me
I know what I want and I'll get it; you'll see!
I know where I'm going now; this is my scene.
And I've got all the Tee shirts to show where I've been."

But the longer one lives the faster time goes
Then you can't see your knees and you can't touch your toes
You can't find your glasses, your book or your keys
And in spite of the pills you're more prone to disease.

But there are compensations from adding on years
You don't get the angst and you don't get the tears
that you had as a teenager; misunderstood
and at odds with the world that you knew was no good.

You can do as you please now; ignore what folks think
You can now wear purple; you can even wear pink
You can talk loud in libraries; fall asleep when you like
Leave the pots in the sink and just go on strike.

Age does of course weary you and years condemn
But if we that are left grow old, look what happened to them
who decided that birthdays were not a good
thing
They've curled up their toes and passed on all
their bling.



Alan Kirkham Ravenshead U3A member

Notice Board



Do you have an interest that you would like to share with other members? You can use this notice board to post messages.

To post a message contact the Editor



Pictured at the U3A stand at the St. Peter's Summer Fair on June 27th 2015 are members, Janet Hampson, Val and Bob Ford and Judith Moore, sharing information with Molly Bell. The U3A Craft stall raised £50 which was donated to the Centre.

Answers to Summer Holiday Quiz

1. Tamar ; 2. Clapham Junction; 3. Anglesey; 4. Harwich;
5. Orkney Islands; 6. The Lake of Menteith (all the rest are lochs); 7. Lundy;
8. The Solent ; 9. Birmingham; 10. The Isis; 11. Sussex (East and West);
12. Gwynedd; 13. Donegal ; 14. Bedfordshire; 15. Dundee.

Dates for Your Diary

(check website for latest information)

Monthly Meetings

(10.00 a.m. St. Peter's Church, Ravenshead)

Tue Sep 8th	Life in Uganda. Speakers Ian and Shelagh Baird-Smith
Tue Oct 13th	The History of Newstead Abbey. Speaker David Newport.
Tue Nov 10th	The Victorians and Christmas. Speaker Danny Wells.
Tue Dec 8th	"A Bridge in Time" the story of the Bailey Bridge. Speaker Malcolm Darroch

Social Events

Coffee and Conversation, commencing 10am.

Venue: Room 3, the Centre at St. Peter's

Dates: (MONDAYS) August 17th ; September 21st; October 19th;
November 16th; December 21st .

Tue Dec 15th	Christmas Bash at the Centre at St. Peter's
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Occasional Visits

*Details on website **Occasional Visits** page.*

Mon Sep 7th	Eltham Palace
Thu Oct 15th	The Body Guard matinee performance at Nottingham Theatre Royal
Wed Oct 21st	Thorntons Factory Tour (1)
Thu Oct 22nd	Thorntons Factory Tour (2)
Sat Nov 7th	NEC – Crafts at Christmas PLUS Hobby Craft Show PLUS Christmas Food & Drink Show