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Welcome from the Editor

Welcome to a new summer issue of our Ravenshead U3A magazine. As usual we have managed to put together a mixture of group news, personal stories from members and updates on RU3A activities. Of course our A.G.M. is imminent so make sure you read all the relevant information on page10. Another important development which a subcommittee has been working on is the implementation of Beacon which Terry describes briefly on the opposite page.

Thanks to Glynne for the summer photos for the front and back covers. Glynne always produces wonderful photographs and we were spoilt for choice from the selection he sent us.

Terry and I will be away for the May meeting so we are working hard to get the magazine ready for printing before we leave. We hope you enjoy reading about Gordon's groundhopping, Marjorie's wartime adventures and Tony's account of a wonderful trip to Nepal. What other stories do our members have to tell?

Our next issue is planned for September 2018 so please send any contributions (preferably in word processed form) to myself at xxxxxxxxxx or phone me on xxxxxxxxxx The closing date is Monday, August 6th.

Judith Moore (editor) , Barbara Jukes, David Morton (proof readers),
Terry Moore (desktop publishing).

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Thoughts from the Chair

Hello everyone, I cannot believe that I have nearly completed my first year as Chair. Yes, June 12th 2018 will be our sixth AGM and look how we are growing. We now have over 418 members.

Hopefully by the time you read this the horrible winter will be a distant memory, and you will have been able to get out into the garden amongst the lovely spring flowers and drink in their lovely colours and scents.

Your committee has been very busy as there are a lot of changes taking place within the U3A movement at the moment which we are implementing. Some are quite complicated, and I have to thank certain committee members who have given up a lot of their spare time to do this; after all we are all volunteers.

We are still looking for somebody to take over from Maria as Business Secretary, so if this person is you, or you know somebody who has computer skills and would like to join us, please let a committee member know. I wish you all happy learning and enjoying each other's company.

Lesley Green, Ravenshead U3A Chair



Beacon?

Over the past few months some committee members and I have been involved with Ravenshead U3A's application to join and implement 'Beacon'. We are getting closer to this and hope to be able to give all members more details before long.

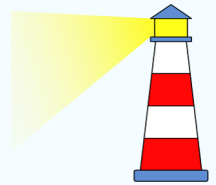
"Well, what is it?" I hear you all shout in anticipation, "a trip to Flamborough Head?"

No. Nothing to do with lighthouses or trips out I am afraid. (Maybe something for Ian to consider though!)

Beacon is an online management system which has been designed to make the running of U3As easier and more efficient for committee members. It includes tools that will help us to handle all aspects of membership and a means to help the Group Coordinators keep track of what is happening. It provides group leaders with membership management, calendars, and easy communication with group members. Further down the line we can use the system for all aspects of finances.

Beacon has the full support of the Third Age Trust and many other U3As are already reaping the benefits. We hope to join them soon!

Terry Moore, Ravenshead U3A committee member



The Koshi River



It is early morning on the banks of the Koshi River, Jabdighat, in the Northern Area of the Koshi Tapu reserve. The air is still and clear. Blue skies paint an astonishingly beautiful picture of sandy river bed littered with large and small rivulets, short grass river margins giving way to clumps of acacia trees, green forested foothills and, in the distance, the magnificent white-peaked Himalaya mountain range. This is Nepal. This is the Koshi River. This is the Koshi River showing off its brilliant best.

It is day four of a ten day wildlife holiday to South Eastern Nepal, staying at Koshi Tapu reserve lodge, close to the Indian border. We breakfast on the river bank and spot the one and only River Tern of the tour, a good start to a warm and biting insect free day. The first Ruddy Shelduck of the trip are also ticked off before the serious quest of scanning the river, with its numerous sand banks and pools, commences.

Waders grace the sandy river islands and banks but we have to work hard to find and identify them. Telescopes are essential. Little Ringed Plover, Temmink's Stint and Common Sandpiper and then the shout goes up; Indian Courser, distant, on the far bank. There is great excitement as this is a bird not easily seen on this tour, but, will everyone get quality scope time to secure good views? There is much fidgeting in the ranks as birders line up to wait their turn at the three available telescopes. The discipline and collective responsibility within this group is first class, everyone gets good views as up to eight birds are located.

Birding the short grassland, the plains adjoining the river, turns the attention to larks and pipits. We are able to compare, at very short distance, Richards, Tawny, and Paddyfield Pipit .



Paddyfield Pipits



Locust and Praying Mantis



Sand Larks patrol the river margins whilst Ashy Crowned Sparrowlarks hide in the short grass, along with Greater Short Toed Lark families. Suddenly the tension rises as our leader calls a Hume's Short Toed Lark, a much sought after rarity, then loses it in the grassland. Panic: much searching and much debate followed. Did the greyer, colder marked lark have the sharply demarcated black tipped bill as described in one field guide? Had we seen a Hume's? Had some, but not all of us, seen a Hume's? You must judge for yourselves' was the final decision as sadly no single bird could be isolated for everyone to see

Also on the plains great views are given by Brown, Bay Backed and Long Tailed Shrikes, the butcher birds of the plains, but what food is available for them on this sun baked landscape? Locusts inhabit the plains and we find a large yellow striped specimen which would make a satisfying meal. Locusts could also be the food of the praying mantis found in the grasses.

Skittering frogs could also be on the menu but for us it was the entertainment value of these delightful little creatures, about the size of a 10p coin. When disturbed from the water margins they skim across the pools, just like a well aimed flat stone, bouncing along until momentum no more, they sink into the water. How many bounces? A lot was the verdict.

Time to move on to the Koshi River barrage. This is a massive dam built by the Indians to protect India from flooding during the monsoon season.

Unfortunately it has reduced the peak flow of the river and resulted in widening and silting up of the river bed. Sadly much of the riverine habitat has been lost.

The Gangetic River Dolphin is our quest and we park, somewhat alarmingly, on the main single carriageway of the barrage, and pile out onto the *(continued over page)*

narrow footway to view the river immediately downstream of the controlling gate system. It is not long before excited calls echo round the group. “Got one, I have two, there’s four,” as the group view dolphins coming to the surface to breathe. Their long snouts break the murky water as if to say “hello” and an arched back takes them gracefully back into the deep. We watch for several minutes, observe several sightings but just how many were there? Probably no more than three or four according to our leader.

And so our journey along the Koshi River comes to an end as we head off to the Kankali Temple Wetlands. A warm clear day on the river of varied and targeted wildlife which also included close views of a male Hen Harrier, distant views of Long Legged Buzzard, Booted Eagle, Himalayan Buzzard and various races of White Wagtail.

Rivers can be magical wildlife places, the Koshi River system is one of them.

Tony Wardell, Ravenshead U3A member

Knitting and Crochet Group Photos:





SPOTLIGHT ON THE Knitting and Crochet group



Got your knitting in a tangle? Not sure what the instructions in a pattern mean? Want to learn to knit? Visit the knitting group; help is at hand. We've a range of experts and beginners, or just come along with your current project and spend time with fellow wool workers.



We have a commitment to charity knitting and in recent years have crafted poppies for an armistice exhibition, beanie hats for RAF troops in the Falklands, items for premature babies, and twiddlemuffs for dementia sufferers.



In 2017 we collaborated on leaf squares, formed into blankets and a selection of baby jackets and hats (pictured left) which were donated to the Kings Mill Hospital Baby Unit. Our current project is traffic light hats for new-borns, as an identifier for hospital staff that a baby needs extra care (red); improving (yellow) or is fine (green).

We hope that you've seen our knitted bunting (pictured left). It's available to borrow and has already been to the Ready Call Garden Party and a wedding in London.

Donations of wool are always welcome, bring them to a meeting or contact one of the group leaders via the U3A website.

Ann Lovegrove and Liz Corner, Ravenshead U3A members

Ground Hopping.



My name is Gordon Cleugh and I have been a member of the Ravenshead U3A since it started. I have been asked to write about one of my hobbies which is visiting football grounds, more commonly known as ground hopping.

As my father was not interested in football I only had a bit of a passing interest in my childhood, My real interest started during my final year at Liverpool University when my flat was about half a mile from Anfield which is the home of Liverpool F.C. I went to all the Liverpool home games in the 1969-70 season during term time. There are 92 teams in the 4 divisions of the Football League and at the end of the season I set a target of visiting all 92 grounds.

A friend was a supporter of Aston Villa which had just been relegated to the 3rd division. When the fixtures appeared for the 1970-71 season I planned to attend as many away games as possible involving either Liverpool or Aston Villa. By the end of the 1971-72 season I has visited 58 of the 92 grounds. It started to get harder as I had been to most of the grounds within easy reach.

By the end of 1974-75 season I had reached 81. Only 11 to go you may think. Incorrect. Barrow was no longer in the Football League and had been replaced by Hereford United so 12 to go. I made a conscious decision to complete the 92 by the end of the following season. I was living in the West Midlands at the time. I ticked off a few grounds during the season and did a final assault doing the last 5 in a week over Easter. It started with Aldershot on Wednesday, Plymouth on Friday, Bournemouth on Saturday, Fulham on Monday and finally Crystal Palace on Tuesday.

Over the next 10 years 3 new teams got elected to the Football League which duly got ticked off. A big change started in 1989. Scunthorpe United moved to a new ground. The Old Show Ground, their old ground, was quite central in Scunthorpe and the site has now been converted to a Sainsbury's. The new ground is on the outskirts of the town.



1989 was also the year of the Hillsborough disaster and the subsequent Taylor report recommended all seater stadiums in the top divisions. A lot of clubs moved to new grounds rather than modify the existing ground. A total of 35 clubs have moved grounds since 1989 – some more than once. The building of new grounds has now slowed down and the last two new build grounds I visited were Brighton and Hove Albion and Rotherham in 2012-3 season. There was also West Ham last season but that was a conversion of the Olympic Stadium.



Since 1987 clubs can be promoted automatically into the Football League from the Football Conference which is the next league down from the Football League. Previously clubs had to apply for election to the Football League and it was a bit of a closed shop. In the first few years some clubs were denied promotion because their ground did not meet Football League standards.

I have now seen 113 different teams in the Football League and visited 153 Football League grounds. Over the past 20 years I have also started visiting non-league grounds of which there are thousands. I have also visited almost 250 other grounds including a few abroad.

I can go to 23 Mansfield Town home games in a season and at the end of the season an odd one or two may stand out as my routine is the same for each match. There is something special about travelling to different grounds. I could go through most of the grounds and remember something about the visit. It could be something about the journey, the weather, the ground itself, incidents in the match or a pub near the ground.

I am a mere amateur at ground hopping. I know people who have visited all the Scottish and Welsh league grounds as well as the 92 English grounds. I try and get at least a dozen new grounds in each season. A friend of mine used to do over 100 new grounds a season.

One on my list before the end of this season is Ravenshead FC who play at the leisure centre in the Nottinghamshire Senior League and I should hopefully have ticked that off before you read this article as I notice they have a floodlit match on 23rd March.

Gordon Cleugh, Ravenshead U3A member



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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE RAVENSHEAD U3A
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 10 a.m.
at St Peter's Church, Ravenshead**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM on 13 June 2017
4. Matters arising
5. To receive the annual accounts for 2017 (*1 January to 31 December 2017*)
6. To approve the appointment of an Independent Examiner – proposal that local member Ralph Chapman (Principal HMRC ret'd) be appointed
7. Chairman's Report on behalf of the Trustees
8. To consider amending the purposes (objects) in Clause 3 of the constitution to bring it in line with the new Third Age Trust model constitution to read:

CHARITABLE PURPOSES

The charitable purposes of The U3A are:

The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development, in Ravenshead and its surrounding locality.

9. Motions (*to be lodged with Business Secretary by 15 May 2018*)
10. Election of the Committee for 2018/19

VOTING
REFRESHMENTS
PRESENTATIONS

11. Election results
12. Date of next AGM - Tuesday 11 June 2019 at 10 a.m. (*to be confirmed in due course*)

Ravenshead U3A charity registration number 1154123

Please note: Nomination forms can be found on the committee page of the RU3A website.

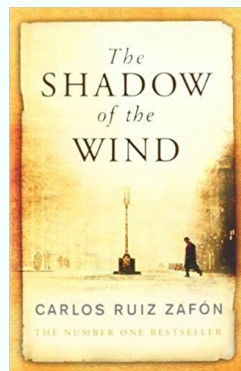
Book Reviews

Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

The author's love of Barcelona is clearly illustrated in his wonderfully descriptive prose, serving as a fascinating backdrop to this unusual story. Originally written in Spanish the narrative was translated into English by Lucia, the daughter of Robert Graves.

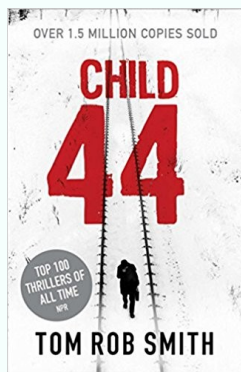
This is a complex book of a story within a story, parallel lives in pre- and post-war Spain.

The central character, a young Daniel Semperer, is taken by his father to the Cemetery of Forgotten Books, a collection of old, out of print works of literature. He is allowed to choose one volume to take home and keepThe Shadow of the Wind. As he reads, he becomes thoroughly involved with both the story and the author. What unfolds is intriguing, tragic and touching - absorbing to the last page.



Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith

An international sensation when it was first published, Child 44 is a truly compelling read. The author uses gruesome murders to explore the politics and bureaucracy of the Communist state. In spite of the police authorities having dossiers on everyone and everything, they are not equipped to deal with serial killers because, in the eyes of Soviet Russia, murderers are deviants who do not exist in their state.



The lead character is a secret policeman who, along with his wife and family, is drawn into a nightmare web of intrigue. He is no glamorous detective but a gritty character subject to the whims of his superiors and with his own poignant history.

Child 44 is a gripping account which holds the attention to the last page.

Equally absorbing are the two sequels - The Secret Speech and Agent 6.

Pat Brown, Reading Group 2, Ravenshead U3A member



SPOTLIGHT ON THE Photography Group



Ravenshead U3A photography group meets on the last Wednesday of each month (excluding December) from 2pm in the Brammer Room of Ravenshead Village Hall.

A typical meeting will consist of a look at the competition photographs taken by members on the theme of the month, followed by voting and presentation of certificates. Glynne will then give his critique of the photographs which is always interesting. Dennis and Glynne then award their highly commended certificates.

Themes for the rest of the year will be:

- May: Trees
- June: Floral
- July: Blur / Bokeh / Motion
- August: Landscapes
- September: Reflections
- October: Animals / Pets
- November: Memory Lane

Often there are additional images to look at as members are encouraged to bring a file of up to five “extras”, which can be photographs on any theme taken during the month, often representing a specific interest or a different location.

Glynne usually presents a short tutorial on a specific aspect of photography, often illustrated by his own photographs. Between them, Glynne and Dennis are extremely

knowledgeable and available to advise on most areas. Any time at the end of the meeting can be used for individual’s questions.

Recent presentations have included:

Bird photography (Jan 2017); HDR Demo (Apr 2017); Video editing (Aug 2017)
Exposure and metering modes (Sept 2017); What makes a good photo? (Sept 2017)
Shooting in RAW (Oct 2017); Close-ups (Jan 2018); Photographing wildlife (March 2018)

For more information on the Photography Group visit the RU3A website or contact group leader **Dennis Harvey**.

Photography Quiz!

Here are some photographs from the 'Film or Book Titles' competition held last year. Can you guess what the titles are? Answers on page 16.



“Further Adventures of Marjorie!” The War Years

Hi folks, here I am again. I left you in 1939 at the start of my time at university in Liverpool.

However it did not last long for the intensive bombardment of the docks meant that we were soon evacuated to another part of the country. And guess what, we were sent to Hull, where we were soon driven out again because of the port! In spite of all this I always consider the war years amongst the best years of my life.

Before starting university in Liverpool myself and six of my girl friends celebrated the end of our school days by going on holiday to Crickieth in North Wales. It was a C.H.A. or Christian Holiday Association (otherwise known as Chap Hunting Association). We stayed for a week, walking in Snowdonia, meeting numerous boys, enjoying the evenings in their company and finishing off with a free day. It was on that free day that I did something for the first, and the last, time in my life!

The girls had decided to go to Llandudno by bus via Deganwy. One of the boys offered to take me on his motorbike and I stupidly accepted. I was the height of fashion in my sleeveless full skirted summer dress with a skimpy cardigan and a tiny scarf and wearing high heeled shoes. No helmet or goggles of course. As soon as we reached the Horseshoe Pass it was terrifying. My scarf blew away, my eyes were watering and I clung to the driver for all my life. Luckily I reached Llandudno in one piece and met up with the others and perhaps even more luckily it began to rain and I had to go back by bus! On Saturday after bidding goodbye to the boys we set off home. Train to Chester, change for Manchester, then home. Awaiting me was my irritated mother. “You have a visitor.” And there was Edmund, who had arrived two hours earlier by motorbike after one of the girls had given him my address! He was also going to Hull University.

Following my life at university things moved quickly. After training as a teacher and working at Bradford Boys’ Grammar School I joined the A.T.S. [*The Auxiliary Territorial Service was the women's branch of the British Army during the Second World War. Ed*] My mother was shocked thinking I would be sent straight off to the front. In actual fact I found myself still in Yorkshire on a farm in Waddow near Clitheroe



living under canvas.

My uniform was a blouse with one pip to denote that I was a second lieutenant and I had to be addressed as 'Marm'. I had a cap, of course, and two pairs of navy blue trousers and two pairs of white pumps. This was because I had taken advanced P.E. during my teacher training and in the army I also had to take basic exercise including drill, saluting and marching. I had enrolled in the A.T.S. in July but in October I got a personal letter from the Ministry of Education saying that as more and more male teachers had been called up I was required to return to the classroom.

So what did I wear then? We had clothing coupons so we were limited as to how much we could buy. "Make do and mend" was the order of the day.

Buttons were hard to find and limited to three per garment. I bought some wooden buttons, made myself a blouse with eight buttons and painted them M.A.R.J.O.R.I.E. with red nail varnish.

At this point in my life I found myself engaged to Edmund who seemed to pop up into my life time and time again. He had bought me a record "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You" by Fats Waller. My next blouse had a collar so with ordinary black cotton I embroidered two sets of five stave lines and filled them with the notes of the song.

I could write a book about wartime wardrobes but I will finish this account of the war years with one more story. This concerns the arrival of the Yankees. Edmund by this time was working in the New Forest on a new engine for the Air Force and I was going down to Winchester for the weekend arriving on the Friday night. As we arrived in London the air raid sirens were blaring out and I found myself being ushered into the Underground station. I was sitting on a round hatbox with items for the weekend, including my gas mask, an umbrella, magazines and some sandwiches my mother had made me for the journey. Coming out of the station into the darkness of night as the all clear sounded I asked at the information bus and was directed to the Russell Square Hotel where there was accommodation. Going up the many steps of the hotel I was faced with a revolving door. I entered the first compartment but someone entered the next with a great push and I was propelled into the reception hall and fell to the floor with all my impedimenta. I



saw my hat box rolling past and everything else scattered around. What a sight! What a mess! I got to my feet and found myself surrounded by Yankees picking up my things and one of them offered me a brandy from his flask. It was my very first brandy but I felt it would be rude to reject it. At the reception desk picking up my key I asked where I could get a meal but was told there was nothing till breakfast. The Yankees invited me to go with them and I left the hotel to find a jeep waiting for me. I got into the back with a soldier on each side of me and an officer (who I later learned was called Chuck) and driver in front. We went through London to the U.S.A. quartermaster's store. After a meal of sorts I was treated to three packets of chewing gum, three gents' handkerchiefs and a bar of chocolate. I had half hoped for a pair of silk stockings. Alas no, but I did acquire half a silk parachute!

After the meal we went to a theatre for a show known as "We Never Stop" which was crammed even at two in the morning. Back at the hotel I got my huge key and was escorted to my room. The alarm bells started ringing so I built a barricade with a chair placed under the brass door knob. Just before dawn I heard the handle turn. More panic but no one entered and all was quiet. Next morning I enquired at reception about trains to Eastleigh and was told that one was leaving at 10.05 if I could make it. Once again the U.S. army came to the rescue. Unfortunately we missed the train so they took me all the way to Eastleigh by jeep where I was greeted by Edmund and said goodbye to Chuck and his driver. I never saw them again but was severely shocked to be chastised by Edmund when I told him my story.

Next time more about the war including my 1945 wedding and no, it was not to Edmund!

Marjorie Eyre, Ravenshead U3A member

Picture Quiz Answers

1. **Cakes And Ale - Somerset Maugham** [photo by Colin Kibbler]
2. **Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit - Jeanette Winterson** - [photo by Sue Butler]
3. **Guess Who's Coming To Dinner - 1967** [photo by Carol Russel]
4. **Whisky Galore! - Compton Mackenzie** [photo by Tony Wardell]
5. **The Hand - 1981** [photo by Jim Phillips]
6. **North By NorthWest - 1959** [photo by Jackie Douglas-Kellie]



SPOTLIGHT ON THE Current Affairs Group



Do you know the difference between a suffragist and a suffragette?

[answer below - upside down]

Just one of the knotty problems discussed most recently at the current affairs group, where we never quite manage to set the world to rights over a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Other more regular items have been the inevitable ups and downs of Brexit, the NHS, Mr Trump and the American gun lobby and comparisons with UK knife crime.

Quite a lot of serious stuff, but as a mixed group with a huge range of work and life experiences, we always find something to laugh at. There's plenty of room for more views, visit the Brammer Room on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.00 p.m.

Carol Wright, Ravenshead U3A member

*Answer: a suffragist is a general term for anyone supporting access to voting, particularly for women.
A suffragette is a person who advocates militant activity to achieve that aim.
Most pre 1918 were members of the WSPU - Women's Social and Political Union.*

RAVENSHEAD U3A – INTEREST GROUPS

Group Name	Leader	Phone	Meeting Day and Time	Location	Full
Antiques	David Turner Maureen Smith		Monthly TBC	Members' Homes	No
Angling	Lionel Castle		Please ring for details		No
Art Gallery/Museum	David Turner		Various visits to be arranged	Please contact for details	No
Bird watching	Graham Jukes Tony Wardell		Usually once a month	Please contact for details	No
Bridge for Beginners	Maria Gabrielyczyk		Various times and dates	At leaders home	No
Canasta	Trevor Davy		2 nd and 4 th Tues 2 – 4pm	Brammer Room	No
Chess and Backgammon	Jan Fraser		1 st & 3 rd Mon 10 -12	Home	No
Computing Beginners	Alan Paul		On demand	Alan Paul's house	No
Craft workshops	Kate Asquith		Thursday 10.00-12.00	Room 2 The Centre	No
Creative Writing	David Turner		Friday of the week following the U3A monthly meeting	Members' Homes	No
Cryptic Crossword	Frances Gilbert		9.00 – 10.45 Thursday	Members' Homes	No
Current Affairs	Carol Wright		3 rd Wednesday 2 -3.30	Brammer Room	No
Family History	Barbara Jukes		4 th Tuesday 10-12	Brammer Room	No
Folk Dancing	Alex Fraser		2 nd & 4 th Mon 2 - 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 2 – 4pm	Anick's house	Full
Gardening	Elizabeth Clarkson		Various dates and locations	See group web page	No
Guitar	John Bewick		1 st & 3 rd Thursday 10.00 - 12.00	Ravenshead Church Lounge	Full
Hikers (5-8 miles)	Steve Hargreaves		Various dates and locations	See group web page	No
Knitting and Crochet	Anne Lovegrove Liz Corner		2pm – 4pm 1 st and 3 rd Friday	Brammer Room, Village Hall	No
Latin	David Morton		2 nd & 4 th Wed -9.30 - noon	Room 3 the Centre	Full
Local History	Judith Walker		2pm – 4pm 2 nd Tuesday	Room 3 The Centre	No
Luncheon Club	Chris Dean		Various locations monthly	See group web page	No
Mah Jong	Anne Eldridge Jennifer Philby		1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 2-4 pm	Brammer Room, Village Hall	No
Music Appreciation 1	Joan Harvey		2 nd Tuesday 2.00 – 4.00	Members' Homes	Full
Music Appreciation 2	David Turner		3 rd Tuesday 1.30 – 3.00	Members' Homes	No
Painting	Mary Abbott		2nd Monday 1.30 – 3.30	The Centre	No
Pastels	Wanda Parker		Gp 1 Wed.10.00 – 12.00 Gp 2 Fri. 10.00 – 12.00	Wanda's house	Full No
Photography	Dennis Harvey Glynne Payze		Last Wed in month 2pm	Brammer Room	Full
Play Reading Group	Alan Kirkham		2.30 Wednesday after U3A monthly meeting	Members' Homes	No

Reading Group 1	Pat Brown	3 rd Tuesday 2.30pm	Members' Homes	Full
Reading Group 2	Carol Payze	3 rd Tuesday 2pm	Carol's house	No
Science and Technology	Alan Paul	1 st Friday in month	The Centre	No
Scrabble Cribbage Rummikub 1	Susanne Smith	3 rd Tuesday 10am	Brammer Room	No
Scrabble Cribbage Rummikub 2	Leslie Newey	1 st Tuesday 7.30pm-9.30pm	Brammer Room	No
Spanish	Joyce Capps	2 nd and 4 th Mondays at 10.30 am	Member's Homes	No
Table Tennis	John Clay	2pm-3pm 1 st & 3 rd Monday	Cornwater Leisure Centre	Full
Thursday Walks	Paul & Margaret Craddock	Running intermittently at present	Details on the website or contact Paul and Margaret	No
Trips and Visits	Ian Harrison	Various times and locations	Please see website for details	
Weekenders	Sue Owen Pat Van Grondelle Chris Munton	Various events and visits	For more information see the web site	No
Wine Group 1	Lionel Castle	3 rd Friday	Members' homes	Full
Wine Group 2	Brenda Beale	3 rd 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 1	Bob Ford	Wkly 2.00-3.30 Tuesday	The Centre at St Peters	No
Yoga Group 2	Bob Ford	Wkly 9.30-11.00 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.

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.

A new group held their first meeting recently, "Exploring Antiques". They hope to meet once a month at various venues. For further information please contact David Turner (xxxxxxxx) or Maureen Smith (xxxxxxxx).

To post a message contact the Editor!

Dates for Your Diary

(Always check the website for the latest information!)

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

Tue May 8th Tales from a Dairy Farmer's wife.
Speaker: Jane Barnes

Tue Jun 12th Annual General Meeting

Tue Jul 10th Nottingham in the Great War
Speaker: Carol Lovejoy-Edwards

Tue Aug 14th Tax, Care and Toy Boys
Speaker: Oliver Hill

Tue Sep 11th Women Pilots of World War II
Speaker: John Whitfield

Social Events

Coffee and Conversation, commencing 10am.

Venue: Room 3, the Centre at St. Peter's (3rd MONDAY of each Month) **Dates: Apr.16th; May 21st; Jun 18th; Jul 16th; Aug 20th**

Occasional Visits

Details on website 'TRIPS and VISITS' page.

Tue May 8th Bletchley Park, contact: Kate Asquith

Sat Jun 9th Chatsworth Flower Show, contact: Alan Paul

Tue Sep 18th Terracotta Army, contact: Jackie Salmon.

Sun Oct 28th Thursford Christmas Show, Jackie Salmon.



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