



## HIGHAM & RUSHDEN – AUTUMN 2010 NEWSLETTER

### Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter



Hello everyone. This is my first “Chat” to you.

First of all before I begin, I must say thank you once again to Jack and Margaret for all the sterling work they put in during the past year. No doubt they will enjoy some relaxation now after all the busy times that they must have had over the past few months and have more time to enjoy the groups that they run and enjoy.

Recently, at the first meeting of the new committee we talked about making ourselves better known to you, the members, and to keep you more informed about what is going on. In order to improve this, all the committee details, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are being printed in future in the newsletters. Also, on the main notice-board near the stage, you will see photographs of us all, so you know what we look like.

It is important to say that this is *your* U3A and we need to be aware of how you would like it to develop. Maybe you have a bright idea about something we should try out. If you have a particular talent or interest, perhaps you could start a new group. Talk to Doreen Riley if there is something on these lines that you could discuss with her. One way in which you can help the committee would be to let one of us know if you are aware of anything affecting one of our members, such as an important birthday, anniversary, illness, etc. and feel that a card from U3A would be appreciated.

I am really looking forward to the next meeting, when I will have the opportunity to chat to you and get to know you all.

**Chris Holden**

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## MONTHLY MEETINGS



It seems a long time since we heard Jo Prachett's talk "*Memories of a survivor of the sinking of the Laconia*" in July. Without notes or visual aids, Jo had over 140 people captivated by her memories of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WW and being on board the British Troopship *Laconia* when it was torpedoed by a German U-Boat. Jo was in Singapore with her parents when the Japanese bombed that city (at the same time as they bombed Pearl Harbour) but managed

to escape the island by sea before it was captured. The family travelled to Durban to await their father who remained behind to defend that island but they were eventually reunited by a fortuitous set of circumstances. Together they embarked on the *Laconia* along with 1800 Italian PoWs, 40 Polish Guards, 40 newly trained RAF Pilots and a number of English families. The troopship did not have an escort and on the 4<sup>th</sup> day, was attacked and sunk by a German U-Boat. They managed to find a lifeboat which was overcrowded and unable to take those still in the sea crying for help. There was not enough food or water for all on board and the boats were constantly circled by sharks. On the 4<sup>th</sup> day in the lifeboat, a submarine surfaced and took the Italian PoWs, and on the 5<sup>th</sup> day, a German U-Boat surfaced: the boat which had torpedoed them in the first place. The subsequent events are well documented and for those who were unable to make Jo's talk, more information can be found at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laconia\\_incident](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laconia_incident). Jo's story did not end at being rescued by the French cruiser *Gloire*. All were taken to an internment camp in the desert near Casablanca and kept there under lock and key for 3 months until the Allies found them and made arrangements for their repatriation to England. This too was an eventful episode being attacked again by another U-Boat. Jo has given a recount of all these events to the BBC and it is hoped that a dramatisation of these events will be shown on BBC2 in the autumn. (Picture taken by: Oblt. z. S. Leopold Schuhmacher under the terms of [Wikimedia Commons](#))

## SPEAKERS LIST 2010/11

Margaret Shelton has arranged the following list of equally interesting speakers. Please come along to the Pemberton Centre at 2 pm to hear their talks – and why not bring a friend with you and introduce them to the interesting things we do in our Branch of the U3A?

20 October 10      Trials of a JP      David Hudson  
*A local Justice of the Peace, David will let us into some of his experiences not only in court, but through the education programme they run. If time permits we may also get to consider a case and formulate our own decision. An interesting insight into the complexities of implementing the Law of the Land.*

17 November 10 Amusing by Definition Duo  
*David Wilson and Richard Oberman, both born in Higham Ferrers, are well-known locally for sharing their love and knowledge of Language and Literature through their talks. Join with them for their talk on "Amusing by Definition" based on the Uxbridge Dictionary, in which words are given new, twisted, but logical definitions. Also included are quotes from people who didn't really mean what they actually said!*

15 December 10 Life as an Artist Michael Peachey  
*"Life as an Artist" Michael Peachey will give us his humorous life story as he paints. Active audience participation encouraged.*

19 January 11 St Pancras Station Peter Butler  
*Peter has a wide knowledge of railways and is a judge for the "National Railway Heritage Awards". His talk will cover the formation of The Midland Railway Company in 1844 until the present day.*

16 February 11	My life as a Prison Officer	David Done
16 March 11	Virtual Heritage	Kenton White
20 April 11	The Great Fen	Nick Hammond
	<i>Conservation on a Landscape Scale</i>	
18 May 11	Hypnotherapy Demystified	Anne Widdup
15 June 11	Groups' Away Day	
20 July 11	Facing the Camera	Zena Skinner
August	<i>No meeting</i>	
21 September 11	AGM	

### **MAGAZINE EXCHANGE**

The AGM in September saw the introduction of the branch's Magazine Exchange, run by Elizabeth Rogers. This looks to be a popular feature of our monthly meetings. The idea behind the scheme is to recycle any magazines that you no longer want, and to borrow other magazines that interest you. No conditions or obligations. Bring any unwanted recent, good condition magazines to the table each month. Take any magazines from the table that you are interested in. We call it an exchange, but you don't have to bring anything to take something. Whatever you take, you can keep it or bring back when you have finished. The scheme is totally free, although of course if anyone is moved to make a donation to branch funds they are welcome to do so!

### **A NEW GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED - H&R U3A FRENCH CIRCLE**

This group is about all things French - culture, history, geography and of course food and wine! The French language will come in to it but is not a primary part and you do not need to be a French speaker to join. Meetings will be on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 2 November. Venue will be decided by numbers. To register your interest contact Jack & Margaret Lee 01933 357909 [jandmlee@btopenworld.com](mailto:jandmlee@btopenworld.com)

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The result of the first digital photography group competition ended with two photographs from the same entrant gaining the same score. So well done to Ann Cook. In order to decide a winner the decision has been made to award it to the photograph gaining the most first choices and in that instance, the winner is "Shropshire Morning Mist". This was taken on a morning when the volcanic dust cloud was prevalent in our skies and the



photograph itself was a fine example of an opportunity not missed. The runner up picture was the Robin, again a popular photograph for obvious reasons. In third place was a picture of a waterspout at Wellingborough Embankment. All three photographs were taken by Ann Cook and can be seen on our website on the [News page](#) – regretfully we only have room for the winning picture in the newsletter.

## NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

**Birdwatching:** A new 2010/11 Programme has been prepared. The Group meets on the first Tuesday morning of the month mostly at [Summer Leys Nature Reserve](#). For a copy of the programme, please email Peta Jellis [pej26@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:pej26@ukonline.co.uk).

**Computing:** *Mary Lovejoy writes:* This group continues to go from strength to strength with over 40 members. To join the group you do not have to be computer literate, just come along and try us out, even if you are thinking of getting a computer or have recently acquired one. There is always someone in the group to give you help, advice, and answer any questions you may have.

If you have a Laptop or a Notebook you will be encouraged to bring it with you. The group is of mixed abilities and you will be placed in the appropriate group for you. More advanced members are more than happy to assist you with any problems you may have, which is always under the guidance of the group leader. The group is putting together a computer reference library, which is available to all members. Members are encouraged to bring in any interesting computer related articles they may have come across in Magazines and Newspapers, this all helps to build up the library. Our Group leader has put together a series of 7 easy to follow hand books for beginners.

A few months ago the group had a guest speaker, who demonstrated and gave us an interesting talk on the variety of specialist programs that are available to aid those wanting to create their own Greeting Cards, Leaflets, or other items. The Group is also planning to visit Bletchley Park – (Home of the Code Breakers) so of special interest to us computer users. We hope to arrange a visit over the next few months.

Mary says "When I joined the group I was very much a novice to the computer world, the group has taught me not to be terrified of them. I have surprised myself as to how far I have come, and it's all down to the excellent camaraderie of the group. At times I still have very wobbly moments, but there is always someone there to help and support you."

Do come along and try us out, you will be made very welcome, we are a very relaxed fun group, and there are no exams at the end of term!! For further information please contact the Membership Secretary – Carol Pullen at [carolpullen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolpullen@yahoo.co.uk)

**Country Dancing:** *George Hearnden writes:* The first year ended with a party on 2 August attended by 45 dancers which included friends from the Wellingborough U3A dance group. We all enjoyed cream teas and nibbles with a very sociable afternoon of dancing. The group hopes to repeat this in December with a Christmas do. The group uses a good sized hall in Higham Ferrers, so there is room for more dancers, experienced or with two left feet. The group is very sociable and friendly and you don't need a partner. We aim to improve the standard of dancing keeping in mind it is meant to be light-hearted at the same time. There are many dances which include 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century dances as seen in many of the Jane Austen films. The music is often very lyrical with some stately whilst others are fairly quick. We also try and include traditional English, American contras, Singing squares (George tries his best!). When possible dances will include the odd Scottish and International dances. George says "May I take the opportunity to thank all our members for their support."

**Day Trips:** *Brian Shelton writes:* On Saturday 17 July, 11 members enjoyed a picnic lunch in the grounds of Tolethorpe House, the home of the [open air theatre company](#) based there. The weather could have been better, a sharp shower just as we were finishing lunch caught us unaware, but most of us had come prepared for any eventually. We were there to see a matinee performance of '[Dad's Army](#)' - a production featuring most of the characters from the famous television series. It was a selection of sketches based on episodes from the original TV programmes. One which drew the most laughter, especially from the members of our singing group, was the 'Rehearsal' for the Walmington-on-Sea concert. "True to Life" was a comment made by a few members of our group. Also of note was the Morris Dancing sketch, featuring of course the animosity between Lance Corporal Jones and Private Fraser, shown by over enthusiastic use of sticks. On a more poignant note was the scene where Captain Mannering said goodbye to his lady friend on the railway station, complete with smoke and appropriate noises. Comment was made on the likeness of the actors' portrayal of their characters, especially Private Pike and Private Fraser. With the success of this outing we may investigate the possibility of attending future productions at Tolethorpe, as those who had not been there before were impressed by the setting and facilities, especially the undercover seating.

## **From Cows to Cheese**

Do you remember Jane Barnes giving us a talk entitled "From Cows To Cheese" in April? Well on the 14 September 20 members visited her farm at Somerby in Leics. If anyone was in doubt as to the location we just followed a milk tanker and assumed it would lead us to Southfields Farm, which it did. It was on its way to collect 2067 litres of milk from Jane's farm which is two milkings from her herd of Ayrshire cows. This has to

be kept at a temperature of below 4<sup>0</sup>C with a butterfat content of 4% and 3-8% protein. This is the standard required for the milk to be suitable to be made into Stilton Cheese. On arrival Jane gave us a short history of the farm, explaining they bought the farm in 1940, it consists of 220 acres, 120 of which are grass, none of it has been ploughed for over 250 years and there is evidence of "Ridge and Furrow" in places.

We then were shown around the winter quarters of the animals, and also the "Nursery Section" where the young calves are kept until they are big enough to join the herd. Next we visited the milking parlour where Jane explained the intricacies of all the equipment. We then ventured outside to "Fetch the cows in for milking". This proved to be interesting, as they were quite a way from where we were, after passing a Badger Sett (which Jane assured us was T.B. free) and also seeing some Red Kites. We soldiered on, eventually achieving our aim, albeit with most of the work being done by Jane's husband on a quad bike. Next on the agenda was seeing the milking machinery in action, we were impressed by the cleanliness required, and also by the speed each cow completes its milking cycle, five minutes. 12 cows are able to be milked together, so on average it takes around 12 minutes to milk 12 cows, this time includes all the hygienic operations that have to be done. After watching the milking for a while we then retired to the old milking parlour for tea, cake, and of course some ["Stilton Cheese."](#)



**Digital Photography:** *Mick Aldridge writes:* So far we have held two field trips, one to Wellingborough Embankment where 20 of us spent a couple of happy hours becoming familiar with our cameras. Help was forthcoming from the attendant at the water splash who allowed us to use the facilities to try to capture some "water action". The success of this led us to setting up a sub-committee to arrange regular field events the second of which was held at Olney Market on 9 September. 14 members attended on a fine sunny morning and we all enjoyed it very much.

We have also started to use the regular meetings to try out aspects of camera use. For example on 1 September we decamped to the local Spencer Park where we tried taking action photographs. The locals were quite bemused by senior citizen snappers giggling like schoolchildren and throwing hats in the air, riding on the swings and charging up and down on a bicycle. Afterwards we returned to the hall for coffee and to review the results.

From its fledgling beginnings Digital Photography has begun to sprout wings. We have a core membership now of around 24 and we hope to increase on this now we have found our feet and are expressing our visions for the future. We are a self help group and like to gain knowledge through mutual assistance.



The group has been through a small upheaval after the original group leader found he was no longer able to continue in the post. John Broadbent originally conceived the idea of digital photography as a group activity and it was in no small measure down to him that the group got off to a successful start. As the new group leader Mick Aldridge would like to thank him for his efforts and wish him luck in the future.

**French** will resume after the summer break - La Rentree - in the first week of October:  
Beginners Monday 4th at 11.00 chez Therese  
Rusties Wednesday. 6th at 1.30 at the Carriage House  
Advanced Tuesday. 5th at 11.00 chez Therese  
et comme ca until further notice! Always the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the month. Newcomers welcome. No job too small!

**Gardening Group:** *Pam Curtis reports:* The Group has had a busy summer visiting various gardens to admire and gain inspiration. Some visits also included refreshments such as cream teas (well, in England in the summer, what could be nicer!). On 8 July, the group had a very enjoyable afternoon at Brenda Philips' garden where the weather was sunny, the cream teas were delicious, and the garden was lovely. All came away full of shared enthusiasms and ideas. The event raised £88 for the RNIB from donations and plant sales. Our thanks to Brenda for sharing her lovely garden with us.

In August 23 members of the Group visited [Frogger Cottage](#). The weather forecast was rain but they were lucky, the heavy rain didn't start until just before the end of the visit, as we were watching a demonstration of taking cuttings from Penstemons. Then there was a storm, complete with thunder and lightening. The garden was interesting, with a gravel garden, fish ponds, herbs, a variety of plants, and the penstemon collection.

In September the group visited [Kelmarsh Hall](#). Earlier this year English Heritage awarded the gardens Grade II\* status on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. Gardens include an 18th century lake, sunken garden, rose gardens and herbaceous borders. The triangular kitchen garden, which is in the process of restoration, includes vegetables, cut flower beds and a restored glasshouse. Also this year they have been awarded a grant from the Big Lottery Fund's Local Food Scheme towards their Growing Kelmarsh project, which will help towards the restoration of the walled kitchen garden, and to teach children about growing their own food. Artwork from the Open Studios weekend remains in the lime shed and gardens until 19th September, when the gardens will close to the public until next year.

With all these visits, it is a wonder that members had any time to do the list of garden jobs listed in the Group's monthly newsletter! For more information, please contact Pam Curtis (see list of groups below).



**Handicrafts Group:** *Carol Pullen writes:* At their July meeting, members were able to make a [Temari ball](#) which is a traditional Japanese toy or decoration given for good luck in the New Year, so we will be early for this season! However they are a popular folk art form that originated in China before being taken up by the Japanese around for six hundred years ago. They can be made in many forms but the group was doing Japanese folded patchwork.

The Handicrafts group met in August for the monthly meeting and new members were welcomed. As it is only three months until Christmas we are already planning for the festive season and will be making tree decorations and other items over the coming months. So if you want to try your hand at some homemade and very pretty decorations, come along to our next meeting in September. If you have ideas of your own you are also very welcome!

This year [St Mary's Church](#) is holding a Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend of 20 November. Once again the Handicrafts Group of the H&R U3A have been asked to contribute to this festival. However this time we feel that it should be a concerted effort by **all** the members of the U3A, so we are asking for help in producing the tree and we will be telling you what we will be requiring at the next monthly meeting in October. We are hoping that all group leaders will also give us their support as well!! We do understand that some of you may already have your own projects to undertake but we are sure that others may be able to help. Please put your thinking caps on and anyone with any ideas please contact Carol Pullen on 01933 395394 or [carolmpullen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carolmpullen@yahoo.co.uk)

**History Group:** *Roger Drage writes:* In June the group visited [Foxton Locks](#) and the [Harringworth Viaduct](#), looking at how the coming of new forms of transport changed the landscape. Both are stunning examples of 19<sup>th</sup> Century large-scale engineering to solve problems posed by transport routes having to be taken across unfavourable terrain. The group met at the car park at Foxton and had time to explore the staircase of ten locks, the canal basin, the inclined plane and the small museum. Some members had arrived early and had taken advantage of the wonderful weather by having lunch at one of the refreshment areas at the locks. Most of the group elected to stay at Foxton and a small number went on to Harringworth. The viaduct there is the longest masonry viaduct in the UK, being about 1275 yards long, though only 60 feet high. Its picturesque setting amongst narrow lanes and ancient villages add to the attraction.





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In July and August the meetings were again at Chelveston Village Hall. The July meeting looked at a video on [Well Dressing in Derbyshire](#), loaned by one of the group members, and then enjoyed a slice of TV nostalgia as members looked at a DVD of TV Advertising to Children 1955-89 – ahhh, the old catchphrases: Buy Some for Lulu; Don't Forget the Fruit Gums, Mum; If You Know What's Good For You

.... etc, etc. The group had voted in June on its preferences for the 2010-11 programme, and has opted for six trips out and six meetings at Chelveston. Topics and venues for the year include a similar wide range to those in 2009-10, and two joint visits with the Gardening Group are being arranged for the summer of 2011.

August's meeting was a follow-up to the visit to Grafton Regis in May, as the group had a presentation of extracts from the CDs produced by Grafton Regis Millennium Committee in 2004 – the history of Grafton was covered, along with samples of how the village has developed and changed, and a quick look at the Victorian Village Trail – a set of paintings of scenes in and around the village done by the rector's daughter in the 1870s. The portrayal of the extensive former Grafton Estate looked at villages such as Blisworth, Grimscote and Blakesley, most of which were owned by the Dukes of Grafton up to about 1920.

In September the group visited [Southwick Hall](#), tucked away in the network of villages north of Oundle. The group had been extended the kind favour of having the hall opened for them despite the normal visiting period having ended. Just over two dozen members were able to make the trip, and most met together for an excellent lunch at the local pub before arriving at the hall. The owner and his son-in-law, who manages the property, were there to act as guides. The hall has been in the



continuous possession of just three families - the Knyvetts, the Lynnes and the Caprons - since being built in the early fourteenth century, and the architecture and interiors bear traces of all the various historical periods. In addition, there were fascinating collections of maps, lace, costumes and further exhibits of domestic and rural life over the last hundred and fifty years. At the end of the tour, the owner served the group with tea and biscuits in the small tea room in one of the outbuildings. The group agreed that this had been one of the best trips out they had had.

In October the group is having a guided tour around [Peterborough Cathedral](#) - places for the visit are now fully taken. In November, the group will be meeting again at Chelveston Village hall for a presentation of the Shoe Trade, followed by another in the series on TV advertising - this time to men. The group has recently gained a number of new members, but is still open to more, so if this sounds like the sort of thing you'd enjoy sharing, get in touch quickly! Come and feel the blast of the Past!

**Painting for Pleasure Group** will be having a workshop with [Derek Geater](#) Painter and Graphic artist on Tuesday, 12 October 10-12 noon and will be attempting flowers in a glass vase. Non members of the group always welcome.

**Philosophy Group:** *Deryck Rogers writes:* The group is continuing their philosophical discussions on contemporary issues of ethics, logic and consequences. As usual the group is looking for normative descriptions, of how things *should* be. Deryck Rogers says “We have started by looking at punishment. What right does society have to inflict punishment? Why do we punish? What is punishment intended to achieve? (Spend a little time thinking about it – ‘because they deserve it’ isn’t good enough)?” Can vengeance ever be ethically justified as a reason for punishment? [Kant’s famous Categorical Imperative](#) requires us to treat others as ends and not as means to our own ends. If so, what does this mean to punishment, especially when a judge says that she is going to make an example of the felon? Does this comply with Kant’s injunction? Needless to say, things are far from straightforward.

**Walking Groups:** *Ann Cook writes:* In April an additional walking group was started, meeting on the last Thursday of each month. The walks on offer are all around 4 miles long and taken at an easy pace. They took us initially to Harleston Heath, Woodford and East Carlton Country Park near Corby (though this last walk was abandoned due to floods!) . Each of these locations offered totally different scenery and was only a taster of what is to come on future outings. Once the walk is finished members usually gather in a nearby café, pub or coffee shop for refreshments and a chat. This is a wonderful county to discover with some lovely scenery, lots of history and interesting wild life to spot so if you wish to join in please see our programme of walks published with each U3A Newsletter.

However, Alan Collison will not put forward any longer walks after the 12 October walk as so few people appear to want longer walks. He is prepared to lead longer walks on the basis of letting interested walkers know at each monthly meeting ready for the 2nd Tue/Wed each month and he will have “flyers” on the walking table. But you must talk to Colin and let him know if you intend to walk or contact him on 01933 355986 email: [simnac@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:simnac@yahoo.co.uk).

Ann Cook will be leading the following shorter walks:

Thursday, 28 October 10.30 am start	Wadenhoe Village Hall Car Park	5 miles	3 hours	Along the Nene Way to Thorpe Waterville and back through Apethorpe
Thursday, 25 November 10.30 start	Coach & Horses, Hardborough Road, Brixworth NN6 9BX	5 miles	3 hours	Brixworth along the Brampton Valley Way with lovely views over the valley
December	No walk			

### GROUP CO-ORDINATOR INFORMATION

Having stepped down from the post of Membership Secretary, I am taking over from Jack and Margaret as Group Co-ordinator and I will do my best to make as good a job of it as they did. The committee have decided to give more prominence to the groups at the monthly meetings. We will in the future be having more tables available. I will keep all the group leaders informed.

Linda Grace will be starting a **Canasta Group** – more information from Linda on 01933 460631 or email: [the2graces@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:the2graces@tiscali.co.uk). The “Come Dine With Me” has only had two people show any interest so is not viable at the moment.

If you have any ideas for new groups please contact me. Doreen 01933 313173

GROUP	LEADER	PHONE	EMAIL	VENUE	TIME OF MEETING
Badminton	Hilary Bettles	01933-651454		Pemberton Centre	Tuesdays 10 am-noon
Birdwatching	Peta Jellis	01933-356914	<a href="mailto:pej26@ukonline.co.uk">pej26@ukonline.co.uk</a> ;	Various	1st Tuesday am
Bridge for Beginners	Tricia Drummond	01933-460255	<a href="mailto:tricia875@btinternet.com">tricia875@btinternet.com</a> ;	Carriage House-HF	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 1.30 pm
Chess Beginners	Dennis Riley	01933-316380	<a href="mailto:riley.theinnets@tiscali.co.uk">riley.theinnets@tiscali.co.uk</a> ;	Leader's Home	Various
Classical Music Appreciation	Margaret Lee	01933-357909	<a href="mailto:jandmlee@btopenworld.com">jandmlee@btopenworld.com</a> ;	Leader's Home	Last Wednesday 2-4 pm
Computing	Peter MacGregor	01933-653449	<a href="mailto:peter@ranworth.co.uk">peter@ranworth.co.uk</a> ;	St Peters RC Church Hall Rushden	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2-4 pm
Country Dancing	George Hearnden	01933-622827	<a href="mailto:ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk">ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk</a> ;	HF WMC	Fortnightly Mondays 2 – 3.30 pm [Alternating with Painting for Pleasure]
Day trips	Brian Shelton	01933-314241	<a href="mailto:brian.shelton2@tiscali.co.uk">brian.shelton2@tiscali.co.uk</a> ;	Various	Various
Digital Photography	Mick Aldridge	01933 653755	<a href="mailto:mick.aldri@ntlworld.com">mick.aldri@ntlworld.com</a> ;	St Peter's RC Church Hall	Fortnightly – Wednesday 09.45-11.45
Discussion & Debating	Janet Embling	01933-387126	<a href="mailto:davidhome8@aol.com">davidhome8@aol.com</a> ;	Members' homes	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 2 pm
Flower Arranging	Dom Jones	01933 357252	<a href="mailto:davedom@btinternet.com">davedom@btinternet.com</a>	In abeyance	In abeyance
French:- Advanced Rusty O-Level Beginners	Marie-Therese Easter	01933-410032	<a href="mailto:tony.easter@talk21.com">tony.easter@talk21.com</a> ;	Will recommence in May	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues am 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Mon am
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Genealogy	Rodney Fox	01933-469003	<a href="mailto:rodney@usfoxes.com">rodney@usfoxes.com</a> ;	St Peters RC Church Hall Rushden	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 2-4 pm

Golf	Diane George	07970 532213	<a href="mailto:dianegeorge0674@aol.com">dianegeorge0674@aol.com</a> ;	Various	Alternative Mondays
Greek Literature	Alan Matthias	01933- 350640	<a href="mailto:matthias@freeola.net">matthias@freeola.net</a> ;	Leader's Home	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10 am
Handicrafts	Carol Pullen	01933- 395394	<a href="mailto:carolmpullen@yahoo.co.uk">carolmpullen@yahoo.co.uk</a> ;	Leader's Home	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday
History	Roger Drage	01536- 723138	<a href="mailto:rd@mrd31.co.uk">rd@mrd31.co.uk</a> ;	Chelveston Village Hall	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 2 pm
Painting for pleasure	Doreen Riley	01933- 313173	<a href="mailto:doreenpriley@tiscali.co.uk">doreenpriley@tiscali.co.uk</a> ;	HF WMC	Fortnightly Mondays pm [Alternating with Country Dancing Group]
Philosophy	Deryck Rogers	01933- 410080	<a href="mailto:deryck.rogers@btinternet.com">deryck.rogers@btinternet.com</a> ;	Carriage House - HF	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday pm
Play Reading	Karen Smith	01933- 317393		Green Dragon - HF	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 1.15 pm
Reading:- Group – 1	Dom Jones	01933- 357252	<a href="mailto:davedom@btinternet.com">davedom@btinternet.com</a> ;	HF Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday am
Group – 2	Chris Murdin	01933- 359163	<a href="mailto:christine.murdin@sky.com">christine.murdin@sky.com</a> ;	Members' Homes	first Monday 10 am
Group – 3	Wendy Clarke	01933- 652532	<a href="mailto:wnclr@aol.com">wnclr@aol.com</a> ;	Refer to leader	Refer to leader
Science & Technology	Jack Lee	01933- 357909	<a href="mailto:jandmlee@btopenworld.com">jandmlee@btopenworld.com</a> ;	Leader's home	Monday morning various
Scrabble	Mary Baty	01933- 311447	<a href="mailto:g_baty@sky.com">g_baty@sky.com</a> ;	Carriage House Higham Ferrers	Alternative Tuesdays 1.30-3.30 pm
Singing for Fun	Linda Walker	01933 387892	<a href="mailto:spidar.girl@btinternet.com">spidar.girl@btinternet.com</a> ;	Refer to Leader	Fortnightly Thursdays 2-4 pm
Spanish	Pat Bird	01933- 355313	<a href="mailto:patbird@live.co.uk">patbird@live.co.uk</a>	Leader's home	Mondays Fortnightly 10.00 am
Theatre Visits	Cynthia Matthias	01933- 350640	<a href="mailto:matthias@freeola.net">matthias@freeola.net</a> ;	Various	Various
Walking1	Harry Wells	01399- 314808	<a href="mailto:harry@harrywells.wanadoo.co.uk">harry@harrywells.wanadoo.co.uk</a> ;	In abeyance <b>NO DOGS PLEASE!!</b>	In abeyance
Walking2	Ann Cook	01832 732544	<a href="mailto:Ajacklincook@aol.com">Ajacklincook@aol.com</a> ;	Various	Last Thursday 10.30 am
Wine & Dine	Monica Corbett	01933- 391531		Various	Various

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