



HIGHAM & RUSHDEN – SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER



CHAIR'S CHAT

Hello everyone. Earlier this month, our U3A hosted a meeting of the Northampton Network of U3A's. This is a group of nine U3A's in the County - Northampton, Wellingborough, Kettering, Ise Valley (Kettering), Oundle, Brixworth, Upper Nene Villages, Towcester and, of course, ourselves. The Network group meets about three times a year hosted in turn by each U3A. Of course, each U3A is run independently, according to what their members want and all are slightly different in their approach, but when you do a "job" in isolation, it is always pleasant to meet your opposite number and compare notes. We are able to help each other in various ways, particularly in recommending speakers and we are trying to arrange an activity in which we can all take part – quite a lot of people to get together!

U3A News. Beginning in April, each household will receive a copy of the U3A News in the post to your home address instead of collecting one at the monthly meeting. We are starting this new system so that all our members will receive a copy whether or not they come to the meeting. You will then receive one in June and October this year. If by May you have not received the U3A News directly, please let Linda Grace know. We hope you will enjoy receiving the U3A News at home; accompanying it will be "Sources", another short magazine giving you more information. If you think we should send an item to be included in the "News", please let one of the committee know. **CHRIS**

SUMMER "AWAY DAY" 15 JUNE

This year's "away day" will be at Wadenhoe in the Village Hall. Wadenhoe is a very attractive village which has been used for "period" film sets in the past. This is a ticket only event for £1 per person and the tickets will be on sale at the April and May meetings. Numbers are limited due to the size of the hall, so please book up quickly. After coffee on arrival at 10 am, there will be a choice of walking around the village to answer quiz questions – a sort of street rally – or for the more energetic of you there will a 3 mile walk across the Nene River through the woods to Pilton and back via the Dovecote. Wadenhoe Church is very interesting and offers spectacular views over the valley, and a historical write-up will be available for anyone interested. Lunch will be provided by you all – a plate of goodies will be expected from each person attending with some guidance so that there are not too many sausage rolls and nothing else. Doreen will be selling tickets and arranging this. In the afternoon, there will be a Beetle Drive followed by tea and cakes on departure at 3.45. **PLEASE NOTE: Car parking spaces are very limited at the Hall and within the village, so please share transport with friends.**

USEFUL INFORMATION



How do you find a trader that is on the level? The Trading Standards in Northamptonshire County Council runs an Approved Trader Scheme which lists approved reliable local tradesmen and women. Officers from Trading Standards visit and vet every applicant and only if they pass stringent checks, are they accepted onto the "Buy with Confidence" scheme. The businesses are constantly monitored by the Trading Standards to make sure their work is not slipping. So if you need a

plumber or someone to cut the grass on a regular basis, visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders or call 01604 236236.

THINK BEFORE YOU PRINT!

Do you really need a "hard" copy of this newsletter? Perhaps one or two pages are really all you need. If so, go to File/Print and look at the options available to you. You can just print a couple of pages or the current page you are looking at. Learn to read on screen. It is an essential skill for this modern age. Think about the trees being destroyed for printing paper which your grandchildren will never see. THINK BEFORE YOU PRINT! *Peta Jellis, Editor*

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Margaret Shelton has arranged the following list of 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 April 2011 Conservation on a Landscape Scale Nick Hammond

Covering an area of 3,700 hectares, this project is the largest in lowland England. Although now retired Nick, as a director of The Wildlife Trust, has been involved since the project started in earnest in 2001. Nick will give an intimate insight into this exciting project.

18 May 2011 Hypnotherapy De-Mystified. Anne Widdup

Have you ever met anyone who will admit to having undergone hypnotherapy? Come and listen to Anne discuss the facts and fiction pertaining to this subject - and make your own mind up!

15 June 2011 Away Day

This will be at Wadenhoe and will be a "ticket only" event. Tickets will be available at the April and May monthly meetings.

20 July 2011 Facing the Camera Zena Skinner

Could you imagine having to Face the Camera, having no television experience and produce tempting cookery dishes in black and white for the masses in post war Britain? Many still use Zena's Christmas cake recipe to this day! Do you? Zena has a gentle humour with the ability to laugh at herself, and has become a popular speaker with U3A audiences.

17 August 2011 "It shouldn't happen to a Chemist" William "Bill" Steele.

A very popular and kindly man who, for many years, was the Chemist to be found on Higham Market Square. "Bill" will tell us about the changes his role went through over the years and some of the characters he met. He will also bring along some equipment that he used.

21 September 2011 AGM

GROUP UPDATE

SPANISH STARTS AGAIN

Hola! Our Spanish classes are well underway. We meet every other Monday at 10 am. We now have two ladies who are fluent in Spanish to help our group leader who only knew a few words like “Sangria” and “Tapas” (the important words)! Come along and have fun with eight others. **Contact Pat Bird.** 01933 355313 patbird@live.co.uk Hasta luego!

NEW READING GROUP AT RUSHDEN LIBRARY

A new reading group is starting at Rushden Library meeting on the second Thursday in the month from 2-4 pm starting on 14 April. Leader **Rosemary Van De Meer** tel 01933 314517 e-mail randrvandemeer@tiscali.co.uk. Bookworms please contact Rosemary direct.



CANASTA

We are a small group of people who enjoy playing Canasta – a card game that is full of unexpected twists and turns. We meet every 2 weeks on Monday mornings and just enjoy ourselves. New members are always welcome. **Linda Grace** 01933 460631 email: the2graces@tiscali.co.uk

GROUP ACTIVITIES REPORTS

A LITTLE ALOUD

Linda Walker writes: We are a group of 10 or so who meet fortnightly at my home. I can only fit 10 into my sitting room. This gives us each a turn in reading and discussion (talking about the future and the past) then coffee then we go round again. We decide on a **theme** the week before. So far we have had ghastly children, springtime, love Christmas, gun powder treason and plot, winter and a few I have forgotten. We read prose, poetry, articles from the newspaper, text books, the Bible and are open to any other suggestions. We have a great time laughing and occasionally crying. At the end of each meeting everyone leaves with a spring in their step - it has really cheered up all our Friday mornings. At present we are full. Please would anyone like to start another group? I will give all the help I can. Contact **Linda Walker** 01933 387892

BIRDWATCHING



The Group meets on the first Tuesday morning of the month mostly at [Summer Leys Nature Reserve](#). The Group is not deterred by frosty weather as this image shows for our December meeting at [Stanwick Lakes](#). In January the group returned to Summer Leys where they had a glimpse of a Bittern - the first time many of the group had seen this bird. In February the group went to [Pitsford Reservoir](#) to search for winter wildfowl and was rewarded by seeing several rare winter visitors: Smew and Great White Egret. In May one of

the county’s most respected bird guides, John Ward, will give a master class on Warblers at Summer Leys. Charge £2.50 – all welcome. **Peta Jellis** pej@petaj26.me.uk

CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

Having finished 2010 with a wonderful afternoon of Gilbert & Sullivan, we started 2011 with a DVD featuring an Andre Rieu Vienne concert from the Royal Albert Hall. This was highly enjoyable and great fun! In February Peta Jellis spoke of her visit to see "The Barber of Seville" at the Royal Opera House. As well as talking about the opera she delighted us with details of the building itself and the whole ambience of the occasion. The overture to the opera was played along with various other pieces by Rossini. At our meeting in March we shall have an afternoon of music with a "K". This is the letter "K" which was chosen at random at the January meeting. Members will bring along pieces of music connected to the letter by title, composer, musician, instrument (or any other connection they can come up with!). We should be in for an interesting afternoon. Our future programme includes a session on Mahler in April, London & Music in May and Women Composers in June. We are a friendly group with room for one or two more members. Contact **Margaret Lee** on 01933 357909.

COUNTRY DANCING

The country dance group is flourishing. Numbers have increased but there is plenty of room for more dancers. The standard of dancing has much improved over the last year as dancers come to grips with the various movements such as ladies chains, stars, rights and lefts etc. As our dancers become more experienced a greater variety of dances, old and new, can be introduced whilst still maintaining a sense of fun. We are having our second lunch out this year. The first lunch was at the *Needle and Awl* which was attended by 20 members followed by dancing (to work the meal off!!!). Our next lunch will be at *The Griffin Higham Ferrers*. We are also hoping to hold a garden evening or afternoon of dance in the summer. If anyone would like to come and have a go, no partner is required and everyone is very sociable. Please call **George Hearnden** 01933-622827 ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk;

DAY TRIPS

Brian Shelton writes: Finally I have sorted out the complications made by the cancellation of the original [Lincoln](#) Christmas Market trip. Those members who required a refund have been paid. Those who are going on the re-arranged trip have been notified, and those who are joining us on the 26 May please visit my table with £10.50 as soon as possible. The coach is now full, but there maybe a last minute cancellation so if you get in touch there maybe a vacancy.

I have reserved 20 good seats for a performance of ["Pride and Prejudice" at Tolethorpe](#) open air theatre on the 22 June. Although the actors are in the open, the audience is under cover, but it still can get a bit cool later on in the performance, so bring a rug. This is an evening show at 7.45 pm. The intention is to arrive about 6.00 pm and have a picnic beforehand. The price of tickets is £10 and I have three left. The theatre needs confirmation by 1 May. This will be transport by "own means".

The [Highgrove](#) trip on 5 August has been an overwhelming success, so much so that a great many people will have been disappointed not to have been allocated a place. I feel an explanation is needed to explain why so many were left out. In the first instance this was a **Gardening Club** suggestion, and they had provided me with some names. I then opened it up to the rest of the U3A and was inundated with people wanting to go! Obviously those members of the garden group had first choice, and then I had to take names in date order of when people put their names down. So if you were not at the

meeting where I first put the list out, I am afraid you have not been successful, and I am sorry you have been disappointed. This venture has been so popular that I hope to repeat it again next year, so watch this space. I now have the tickets for this trip and will be selling them at the meeting in April. The cost is £30 and all details are printed on the tickets. Highgrove have a policy of **no cameras** of any sort will be allowed on the tour of the gardens, and also **mobile phones will have to be switched off**. So if your intention is to have a photographic record of your visit you will be disappointed.

The last item for this year so far is the outing to the [National Memorial Arboretum](#) on 29 September. This is a special place to visit and a really memorable day out. The NMA is the UK's Centre of Remembrance, a living and lasting memorial to commemorate and to celebrate those who have given their lives in serving their country. The Arboretum consists of 150 acres of wooded parkland, laid out with various memorial gardens to regiments and other organisations and these can be visited on foot or by a 'Land-Train' We aim to get there in time for the "Last Post" at 11 am there will then be plenty of time to tour round the majority of the Arboretum. If we then leave at 2.30 pm this will give us time to spend a couple of hours in [Lichfield](#), maybe visit the [Cathedral](#) or just look around the shops, or maybe a bite to eat? However if folk would rather spend more time at the Arboretum this can be decided nearer the date. Travel will be by coach and the cost will be decided later. **Brian Shelton**

[Oundle Festival of Literature - Murder Mystery.](#)

"My head hurts!" said one of the group's sleuths as we confronted the story presented at "The Rhymer's Revenge". Fun for the potential Hercule Poirot's and Miss Marples', interviewing the suspects and trying to separate fact from fiction, the lies, the dead ends and the red herrings. Well "the Little Grey Cells" correctly deduced one of the murderers. But just as we thought the event had ended - another murder! We should have suspected the Vicar - well he was called "Randy"!

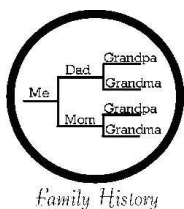
FRENCH CIRCLE

This group started in January and is going well. We have had presentations by members covering the various areas of France and French customs which they have experienced. In March we watched a film, "La Cage aux Folles" or in English "The Mad House" with subtitles - thankfully! All meetings have been accompanied by appropriate refreshment! If you have any interest in France and things french come and join us. You do not need to be a french speaker. Contact **Jack & Margaret Lee** on 01933 357909.

GARDENING CLUB

VISIT TO FARNDISH ON 10 FEBRUARY 2011 As you can see from the happy faces, although it was a grey and drizzling day this was an interesting visit. The Club saw tiny snowdrops and tall snowdrops, with narrow leaves and broad leaves, and lots of pretty cyclamen. The garden had a duck pond, hens, horses and lovely countryside views. Members even visited the disused church next door. **Carole Rider**





GENEALOGY GROUP Bringing new Group members up to speed.

A problem faced by many U3A Group leaders is how to cater for the disparity of skills and experience across the Group. Too simple a discussion leaves experienced members bored; too advanced a discussion leaves novices out of their depth. This problem surfaced recently with the

Genealogy Group with the influx of a number of new members, 10 of which had little or no previous information or family history research experience. Group leader **Rodney Fox** decided to conduct a number of individual introductory sessions in his home, using his own PC to take novice members through the basics of family history research, giving focused instruction and practical experience using real examples from the family trees of each member. Each session had only one or two new members, enabling a lot of information and instruction to be given within a 3-hour afternoon period.

The new members have certainly appreciated these introductory sessions:

"Thank you so much for your time today, I really enjoyed it and learnt a lot." Linda Pibworth

"Thanks for the info from yesterday, yes I did enjoy the session." Janet Pearson

"Thank you so much. I can't believe all the information that it falling into place. You're a genius. The amount of information that has turned up on my dad's family has opened my eyes to the person he was and it puts in place the upbringing I had." Lesley Lock

"Thank you for your email, I have found it very useful and have used it in conjunction with the information I had from the afternoon induction course." Dorenda Frost

HANDICRAFTS

In January the group met with their UFOs (Unfinished Objects). It is always amazing to see the range of crafts that we all do and it was decided that at February's meeting we would make decoupage cards. These proved tricky to cut out but the efforts were well worth it as some beautiful cards were produced.

In March we were knitting for charity including: Shoeboxes for children for Samaritan's Purse, premature baby outfits, knitted squares for blankets for children with Aids in Africa, Burundi bears to raise money for primary schools in Africa, Teddies for Tragedies and shawls for SANDS (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity). In April we are having a guest speaker to show us how to make rag rugs. **Carol Pullen**

HISTORY GROUP

In January the group had a presentation giving a brief introduction to English Church Architecture. This was a follow-up to October's trip to Peterborough Cathedral and a taster for March's visit to [Lowick Church](#) and June's to [Fotheringhay](#). The main periods in the development of church architecture were covered, with illustrations of their key aspects, from Saxon and Norman to the glories of fifteenth century Perpendicular Gothic such as the interior of King's College Chapel in Cambridge (seen here). In the second part of the meeting, everything went from high-brow to low-brow, as the group saw a further batch of TV ads from 1955-89, this time dealing with "indulgence brands" - those items advertising agencies (invariably men) think women want to buy, rather than need to buy. The episode was entitled "Sixpence worth of Heaven" - cue soaps like Lux and Camay, plus items such as Babycham and the inevitable Cadbury's Flake, all the way through to modern perfume, sorry! - fragrances.....



In February, Carol Pullen gave a very interesting presentation on [Mary Pendered](#) (1854-1942) - a "Local Lady of Letters" and leading authoress for over eighty years, gaining the respect and admiration of fellow authors such as H E Bates. At the end of her well researched article, Carol revealed an even more personal interest in the matter - Mary was her great-aunt. From the sublime to the ridiculous again, the session concluded with the last episode of the old BBC "Washes Whiter" series from 1989, as the group watched "The Getaway People", with its focus on the way TV ads have reflected contemporary society and values, especially the tensions between the aspirations of the Individual ("I want ...") and the recognition of being part of the wider group ("I belong"). A series of fondly - and not so fondly - remembered ads went across the screen as groups of neighbours chatted in the street and across garden fences; young people raced an E-type Jag through the surf; the baker's boy pushed that bike up that cobbled hill; and jet-setting businessmen carved each other up in a boardroom plot.



The group's external programme resumed in March 2011, with a visit to [Lowick Church](#). St Peter's Church at Lowick is rated one of the best in the county, and has even been nominated as one of the 100 best in the whole country. Set as it is on the slope above the village, it takes the eye for some distance around, not least because of the thirteen golden weather vanes which crown its tower - a central very small spire amid an octagonal lantern tower surrounded by a

traditional four-pinnacle square tower. The church itself dates back to the Domesday book, but there is no evidence of the earliest structure, and very little of the early medieval building which succeeded it. The exterior was completely rebuilt in the fifteenth century by the Greene family of Drayton Hall, creating the present structure which is almost a pure example of English Perpendicular Gothic architecture - a sort of mini-cathedral above a traditional village. The church also benefited from support by the Greenes' successors: the Germaines and the Sackvilles.

Inside the church, the eye is taken by fine wooden carvings adorning the pew ends, a separate side chapel with tombs decorated with statues and brasses, and a further set of reclining marble and alabaster figures in the north-east corner of the church. The parish staff had kindly provided guide sheets, and the group were free to explore at their leisure. There was general agreement that this had been a rewarding visit to a fascinating village church.



In April, the group is due to visit the [Roman Villa Museum](#) at Piddington. In May there is a joint visit with the Gardening Group to the [Prebendal Manor](#) at Nassington, followed in June by a visit to [Fotheringhay](#) and [Barnwell](#). In late May, the group will also be deciding on its preferences for the programme for 2011-12. New members have recently joined the group, but it is still open to more. If this seems like the kind of thing you would enjoy, get in touch. Come and feel the Blast of the Past! **Roger Drage**

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

Some good work has been produced this term including a landscape complete with Salvation Army Band. Also some lovely flower paintings and good life drawings including Sheila's dog. The group continues to thrive but new members are always welcome. Contact **Doreen Riley** on 01933 313173

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY GROUP (the "42" Group)

We have now finished, for the time being, our study of Space and the Solar System. We are planning a trip to the [Space Centre at Leicester](#) in April. We have now started a course of study on the subject of Time, how our earth and the universe it lives in, came to be and what has happened to it since it began! Nothing much really! We are a small friendly group and any member wishing to join us will be made very welcome. You do not need to have any previous knowledge, just be interested in LIFE, the UNIVERSE & EVERYTHING! Contact **Jack Lee** on 01933 357909

SINGING FOR FUN

We have been meeting every fortnight since February 2010. Occasionally we perform at care homes locally encouraging residents to sing along. We sang carols to Park Care Home residents and we particularly liked singing to the bedridden making our group feel worthwhile. At Christmas we sang outside [St Mary's Church](#) in Higham Ferrers and at The Griffin.

We sing to the best of our ability - if you have heard us at the Pemberton Centre you will know how good/not so good we are! Our aims are to Sing for Fun. If you do not wish to perform with us outside of our usual practice meetings - that's fine. Soloists are encouraged too. We all have a hand in choosing our songs. Many of us do not read music or sing very well. At present there are about 20 active members including a resident from one of our care homes. If anyone knows of a local group who would like us to entertain and get them singing along, please ring **Linda Walker** 01933 387892.

THEATRE TRIPS

During the past year several visits to the theatre have taken place. Our first trip was to The Royal Theatre Northampton to see an *avant garde* production of [Chekhov's The Three Sisters](#). The unusual blend of different periods of history delighted the audience and made us aware of how fortunate we are in this area to have such an innovative playhouse on our doorstep. In October members went to see a stunning production of Webster's [The Duchess of Malfi](#), also in Northampton. Again this also proved to be a ground-breaking production, and received rave reviews in the national press. In a lighter vein, members went to see The Royal Theatre's Christmas production of *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The music and dance in this show took us into the wonderful world behind the wardrobe door and away from the snowy weather outside. On March 17 a group of Higham & Rushden U3A members went to see Derek Jacobi as [King Lear](#) in Milton Keynes. We were very fortunate in obtaining tickets for this production, which sold out very quickly. Jacobi's interpretation has been hailed in the national press as being one of the best "Lear's" ever.

Closer to our own time, some of our members are going to Northampton to see [In Praise of Love](#) by Terence Rattigan on April 14. This should have the interesting story-line for which Rattigan is famous. Should you wish to join a group to see [Two Gentlemen of Verona](#) at The Royal Theatre Northampton, on October 20 at 7.45 pm, please get in touch with Cynthia Matthias on 01933 350640, or email: matthias@freeola.net. This is to be performed by RashDash Productions, and is brought into the 21st century with a strikingly stylish swagger. Tickets at group booking rate are £25. Please contact me on the above number for more details. **Cynthia Matthias**

WALKING GROUP

Ann Cook has successfully organised short morning walks of 3 to 4 miles on the last Thursday of each month. Alan Collison (simnac@yahoo.co.uk) has led some longer walks and is happy to carry on organising either longer or shorter walks. Check at the monthly meeting for news of the next planned walk. The day/time of the walk can be flexible to suit the majority of the walkers, but as a suggestion it could be the 2nd Tuesday morning of each month. Most of the walks would be local, and so on the day of the walk, we could meet at the Pemberton Centre to share transport to the start of the walk. All walks would be on recognised paths or tracks but may involve some cross field walking so suitable footwear and clothing is recommended. Mid walk there would be a stop for coffee/snack and on some walks it could be possible to end at a pub for a meal. The choice will be up to the members of the group. **Please feel free to provide an input to make the group that you want to belong to. Alan Collison**

WINE AND DINE

DATE	WHERE	TIME	ORGANISER	PHONE
Wednesday, 4 May	The Merry Miller, Wellingborough	Lunch 12.30 for 1 pm	Chris Holden Jenny Beasant Jan Pearson	01933 418684 01933 622806 01933 623218
Tuesday, 14 June	The Fox Inn, Thorpe Waterville	Lunch 12-12.30	Brian and Carole Rider	01933 350406
Thursday, 7 July	The Black Horse, Elton	Evening Meal 7.00 pm	Carole Baxter	01933 313714

See August Newsletter for events in August, September and October

GROUP LEADERS' DETAILS

If you have any ideas for new groups please contact Doreen Riley on 01933 313173

GROUP	LEADER	PHONE	EMAIL	VENUE	TIME OF MEETING
A Little Aloud	Linda Walker	01933 387892	spidar.girl@btinternet.com ;	Refer to Leader	Alternate Fridays am
Badminton	Hilary Bettles	01933- 651454		Pemberton Centre	Tuesdays 10 am-noon
Birdwatching	Peta Jellis	01933- 356914	pej@petaj26.me.uk ;	Various	1st Tuesday am
Bridge for Beginners	Tricia Drummond	01933- 460255	tricia875@btinternet.com ;	Carriage House-HF	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays 1.30 pm

Canasta	Linda Grace	01933 460631	the2graces@tiscali.co.uk ;	Leader's Home	Fortnightly Mondays 10-12.00
Come Dine with me	Trevor Warland	01933 318245	warlandtrevor@yahoo.co.uk ;	Leader's Home	Monthly various
Chess	Dennis Riley	01933- 316380	riley.thelinnets@tiscali.co.uk ;	Leader's Home	Various
Classical Music Appreciation	Margaret Lee	01933- 357909	jandmlee@btopenworld.com ;	Leader's Home	Last Wednesday 2- 4 pm
Computing	Peter MacGregor	01933- 653449	peter@ranworth.co.uk ;	St Peters RC Church Hall Rushden	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 2-4 pm
Country Dancing	George Hearnden	01933- 622827	ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk ;	HF WMC	Fortnightly Mondays 2 – 3.30 pm [Alternating with Painting for Pleasure]
Day trips	Brian Shelton	01933- 314241	brian.shelton2@tiscali.co.uk ;	Various	Various
Digital Photography	Mick Aldridge	01933 653755	mick.aldri@ntlworld.com ;	St Peter's RC Church Hall	Fortnightly – Wednesday 09.45-11.45
Discussion & Debating	Janet Embling	01933- 387126	davidhome8@aol.com ;	Higham Library	1 st Wednesday 2-3.30 pm
French:- Advanced Rusty O- Level Beginners	Marie-Therese Easter	01933- 410032	tony.easter@talk21.com ;	Leader's home	1 st Tues am 1 st Wed pm 1 st Mon am
French Circle	Margaret & Jack Lee	01933- 357909	jandmlee@btopenworld.com ;	Leaders' home	1 st Tuesday 7 pm
Gardening	Carole Rider Pam Curtis Sandra Cox	01933- 350406 01933- 350280 01933- 624948	carolerider12@aol.com ; curtispi@globalnet.co.uk ; sjc43@btinternet.com ;	Rushden Hall	2 nd Thursday 2-4 pm
Genealogy	Rodney Fox	01933- 469003	rodney@usfoxes.com ;	St Peters RC Church Hall Rushden	3 rd Tuesdays 2-4 pm
Golf	Diane George	07970 532213	dianegeorge0674@aol.com ;	Various	Alternative Mondays
Greek Literature	Alan Matthias	01933- 350640	matthias@freeola.net ;	Leader's Home	3 rd Wednesday 10 am
Handicrafts	Carol Pullen	01933- 395394	carolmpullen@yahoo.co.uk ;	Leader's Home	4 th Thursday 2-4 pm
History	Roger Drage	01536- 723138	rd@mrd31.co.uk ;	Chelveston Village Hall	3 rd Thursday 2 pm
Keyboard Kapers (Musical)	Trevor Warland	01933 318245	warlandtrevor@yahoo.co.uk ;	Leader's Home	TBA

Painting for pleasure	Doreen Riley	01933-313173	doreenpriley@tiscali.co.uk ;	HF WMC	Fortnightly Mondays pm Alternating with Country Dancing Group
Philosophy	Deryck Rogers	01933-410080	deryck.rogers@btinternet.com ;	Carriage House - HF	3 rd Monday pm
Play Reading	Karen Smith	01933-317393		Higham Ferrers Library	1 st Tuesday 1.15 pm
Reading:- Group – 1	Dom Jones	01933-357252	davedom@btinternet.com ;	HF Library	2 nd Wednesday am
Group – 2	Chris Murdin	01933-359163	christine.murdin@sky.com ;	Members' Homes	first Monday 10 am
Group – 3	Rosemary Van De Meer	01933-314517	randrvandemeer@tiscali.co.uk ;	Rushden Library	2 nd Thursday of month 2-4 pm
Science & Technology	Jack Lee	01933-357909	jandmlee@btopenworld.com ;	Leader's home	2 nd Monday 10 am
Scrabble	Mary Baty	01933-311447	g_baty@sky.com ;	Carriage House Higham Ferrers	Alternative Tuesdays 1.30-3.30 pm
Singing for Fun	Linda Walker	01933-387892	spidar.girl@btinternet.com ;	Refer to Leader	Fortnightly Thursdays 2-4 pm
Spanish	Pat Bird	01933-355313	patbird@live.co.uk ;	Leader's Home	Alternate Mondays 10 am
Theatre Visits	Cynthia Matthias	01933-350640	matthias@freeola.net ;	Various	Various
Walking	Harry Wells Alan Collison	01933-314808 01933-355986	harry@harrywells.wanadoo.co.uk ; simnac@yahoo.co.uk ;	See Alan at monthly meeting for next walk details NO DOGS PLEASE!!	Various
Wine & Dine	Monica Corbett	01933-391531		Various	Various

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