



STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN RETIREMENT



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From the Chairman: -

I would like to welcome all the new members who have recently joined Stowmarket U3A and I've been encouraged how quickly they've joined in and contributed to our extensive range of group activities. The very latest figures show a membership of almost 240, an increase of more than 30 over the same time last year.

Last month saw our third Summer Garden Party at Elm Farm, Stonham Aspel. Unfortunately, we were not favoured with such fine weather as that enjoyed at the previous two years' events. Whilst dry, there was not much sun and the wind was rather chilly. Nevertheless, it's safe to say that everyone enjoyed the atmosphere, the fine food and, not the least, the opportunity to have a good gossip. You can find the quiz questions and answers elsewhere in the newsletter. Many thanks are due to Dee Payne for once again organising such a successful day out for us all.

Coming up in August (20th) is the annual outing; in the morning we first travel by coach to Sheringham and later take a journey on the North Norfolk Railway (in a reserved carriage) to Holt. The coach picks us up at Holt station and takes us into the town giving us the afternoon to explore its delights. Can I remind everyone that payment must be made, at the latest, at the July meeting and that on the day the coach will leave Meadlands car park (free for the day) promptly at 9.25am and, for pedestrians, Stowmarket Station 9.30am.

Within this newsletter are details about the 2014 AGM which again will be followed by an *optional* light finger buffet and an opportunity to socialise in the afternoon when representatives of the various interest groups will be able to demonstrate what they have to offer. Please note the change of venue, Cedars Hotel, where there are plenty of free parking spaces. If anyone needs a lift to get there, please let a Committee member know, who will be happy to arrange it. All the necessary notices and proposal forms will be posted on the board at the July meeting.

Finally, this will be the last time I'll be writing to you as Chairman. Having joined the U3A early in 2007, I was elected Secretary at that year's AGM. It was difficult at that time since I didn't know many members personally, but over the following years I made a lot of new friends and, having had the opportunity to interact with members in a very direct way, gained a deep understanding of what Stowmarket U3A is all about. After 5 years as Secretary and now 2 years as Chairman, I've decided to stand down as both Chairman and from the Committee at the AGM. All organisations need an occasional injection of fresh talent and ideas and hopefully, this move will achieve that. I would like to thank all the Committee members with whom I've worked during the last 7 years for their sterling work and the help given to me in both roles. The new, enlarged, Committee elected last year has a lot of vibrancy and enthusiasm to carry on and make our U3A better and more meaningful to the members.

It's been on honour and a privilege to have been able to contribute to the wellbeing of our relatively small but vibrant U3A. Thank you.

Peter Dakeyne

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The Editor of a Newsletter doesn't usually get much credit for all the hard work – and it is - that the job entails. But as this is the last edition that Philip Weir will be looking after, we need to record our sincere appreciation to him for what he has been doing since 2002.

We've had a Working Group looking at a range of options – as well as the Newsletters of other U3A groups.

The next Newsletter will consequently introduce some changes, including colour; and we plan for there to be a wider range of contributors – such as Committee Members and Group Conveners – contributing their bit.

We want the U3A Stowmarket Newsletter to be full of interesting stories and items, to encourage and enthuse our own Membership. But also to enable non-U3A Members to see what they are missing and ask to join us!

If you have any ideas or thoughts about what you would like to see included or changed, please let me know. The Newsletter is, after all, for you!

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GROUP COORDINATOR'S NOTES

The meeting for Stowmarket U3A Group Hosts / Convenors was held at the Rookery Bowling Club on Thursday, May 29th. Most of Stowmarket's U3A Groups were represented. After a welcome of coffee and cake (provided by member Anna Rodgers - thank you Anna!) a general agenda was agreed for the meeting. First, the objectives of the U3A movement itself were restated.

There was an update by the Groups Coordinator on the wider world of the U3A movement and then the sharing of news from Stowmarket's various groups. Ideas were sought in the meeting about our current Stowmarket U3A and how it might develop. News of the findings of the Committee Working Party was also shared. Reminders were given about refreshment money (30p) at meetings and about travel contributions (£2) for lifts to events, etc.

Discussion took place about how our various Groups were fairing; what difficulties had arisen or might arise in their organisation & development; what to do about too few numbers to make a group viable and about having too many people - leading to members being turned away. If new members of Stowmarket U3A are turned away from Groups they are often put off being members altogether. Also noted was the range of supportive and helpful information available from the Third Age Trust and the various U3A websites, including our own.

In general, the meeting appeared to be successful with lots of airing and sharing of issues and ideas. Much was especially valuable to 'new' Group Hosts / Convenors.

MORE NOTES FROM 'ABROAD' - WIDER U3A ISSUES

It might be a worthwhile reminder for members to note that the OBJECTIVES of the U3A Movement are brief but meaningful and could usefully be shared with all group members. Have you got a copy?

It is also important to remember that the Central Office of U3A is NOT a HEAD office given to laying down the rules but a supportive body, well worth consulting for information and help.

The Suffolk & District Network of U3As (SaDNET) is our county-wide supportive body trying hard to help local U3As & provide joint county-wide events.

THIRD AGE TRUST MEETING IN STOWMARKET

Adrian Breacker, the East Anglian representative of the THIRD AGE TRUST (our parent body) held a meeting for Suffolk U3A members in Stowmarket recently. The Third Age Trust is reviewing its current policies and practice and our local representative, Adrian, wanted to take our viewpoints to the central committee. The overall feeling of the meeting was that the Third Age Trust should continue to follow its positive, supportive practices and ensure that each and every local U3A remained independent within the overall supportive umbrella of the U3A movement.

Tony Taylor, Groups Coordinator

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Since the last Newsletter :-

March :- 'Aspects of the British Empire History'
Jan Brownfoot brought Suffolk people into focus on this explanation on the development of Auckland in its very early days, and their family's involvement in southern Asia.

April :- The life of 'Jane Austin - my sister' was graphically and theatrically revealed by a costumed Frances Hart.

May :- John Read, who spent his working life in 'The Gas Works' revealed many fascinating side lights on what that life was like then and to aspects that we knew little about.

June :- This year's Garden Party was , unfortunately lacking the wonderful summer's day we had last year! Nevertheless it was greatly enjoyed by a grand turnout with the ladies in their party frocks and hats well supported by their men. For those who failed to

hear the answers to the quiz, they are printed out on page 7 of this issue.

Coming up :-

July :-
Linda Scoles returns to tell us about her family's farming experience in the USA, using the theme 'I was born in Them Thar Hills'.

September :-

The AGM and Groups showcase this year is being held at the Cedars Hotel, see details on page 8 and the July notice Board.

October :-

William Tyler MBE will be giving this month's talk which is entitled 'HI DI HI, The Holiday Camp Heyday'.

Art Appreciation (1) SAAG:-

The meetings for SAAG are drawing towards their Summer break. We have just 3 sessions left with studies of the artists John Piper & Augustus John before our 'end of term Bash' on July 15th. This is lunch with a little bit of art thrown in! The group will hopefully reconvene in September.

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Art Appreciation (2) SEAM:-

SEAM has gone from strength to strength this year. We started with just a few members but the group is now full at 16!

We have had a year full of varied talks and group discussions ranging from Australian Aboriginal art to Annunciation pictures. We have talked about Symbolism in Art; L. S. Lowry and images painted by this iconic British artist. We have had a discussion about the importance of understanding Colour and in February, to coincide with St. Valentine's Day, we all brought an image of A Kiss. It was surprising just how many images we could find and there was much fun had by all!

We will end the year in July with a joint discussion on Pablo Picasso. We take a break in August and September. We already have ideas for our discussions in 2015.

We have two planned visits this summer: One to Constance Stubbs' studio, Pakenham, and a visit to Alfred Munning's house, Castle House, Dedham. Our December meeting was preceded by a 'bring-and-share' lunch which was much enjoyed by all the members.

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Book Club :-

Mary Bradley 01449 775 628

Computer group :-

Just to remind you we meet in the afternoon of the second Wednesday of each month at Stowupland High School. Unfortunately, since the last Newsletter there has been a significant decline in the numbers at each session with May at 6 and June at 7 being particularly poor.

Much of the discussion in our monthly 'Agony Corner' has been devoted to the various types of malware, spyware, viruses and PuPs (potentially unwanted programmes) etc. – how to avoid getting infected and how to remove the infection if you do.

For our March topic we discussed the then pending demise of Windows XP (due April), what to do if you want to keep it and the options/benefits/pitfalls of upgrading to Windows 8.1. Many of our members are still on XP and would wish to continue with it, others have graduated onto

Windows 7 and some have already taken a chance on Windows 8.1

There was no meeting in April due to the school Easter holidays.

I'd previously circulated details of a free learning site, www.gcflearnfree.org/, and this was the basis of the session for May. Using the web site as a launch pad, members selected individual topics and helped each other through their problems which proved to be a very good use of the time.

Due to the small numbers at the May meeting this topic was carried forward to June and for the same reason, those present agreed that it should also go forward to July in the hope that more members will be attending.

I'm always looking for members to come up with suggestions for our monthly topic for the day or, better still, volunteers to talk to the group on a topic of their choosing.

If you are a new member of Stowmarket U3A and would like to learn more about computer related topics or indeed have experience or knowledge that you'd like to pass on, please let me know. If you go onto the Computer Group page on the website (www.u3astowmarket.org.uk) click 'Groups' then 'Computer' and you will find links to notes for all meetings back to November 2010.

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Country Strolls :-

Longer :-

Andrea Burton 01449 774 869

Shorter :-

Helen Mead 01449 673 660

Discussion Group :-

After our summer recess we will meet again monthly starting in September. Whilst our group is not very big it is indeed very lively and we cover a huge range of topics in a very pleasant manner, enjoying the hospitality of Pat Smith and the usual 'cuppa'. Any new comers will be welcomed and their views taken and enjoyed.

Philip Weir 01449 676 528

French Conversation 2:-

This group is continuing to meet on an informal, self-study, basis on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

The group will reconvene on a formal basis in the autumn, when we hope to resume classes with a tutor.

Ann Williams and Helen Barrett are jointly leading this group in Peter Bystricky's absence. Helen can be contacted on 01449 676491

Gardens and Things :-

Since our last contribution we have covered a few more miles on the roads of Suffolk from North to South

March. The first outing of the year started in March led by Sandie and Tony with the group visiting 'Foggy Bottom', this was at the Bressingham gardens near Diss. Although it was March there was a glorious showing of the amazing amount of different colours that can be found at this time of the year when yellow is the predominant shade. Some of the group actually spoke to the owner Mr. Bloom himself and had a discussion on his choice of plants and his plans for the future. Foggy Bottom is part of the Bressingham complex. After our lunch in their restaurant we then had the opportunity to browse the plant section and quite a few car boots were filled with this year's latest selection (42 Miles)

April. Unfortunately there were no volunteers for the month so we had a blank date.

May. Irene and Harold took the group on a visit to the green waste recycling centre at Creting St Mary. A lot of people do not realize that they have a big site so near, all the green stuff that you take to the recycle dump finishes up at this location from this catchment area. The group was taken on a tour of every aspect of the operation, from the green waste coming in, to the bagging of the recycled soil improver. It is called 'improver' because it is a sterile soil with no added chemicals, but can be used to improve the quality of your garden soil, making it more water retentive and act like a mulch. Everyone that visited the site received two bags for their gardens. You may think that it was strange to visit such a place but we are The G&T group and the T does stand for things related to the gardening world! Lunch was arranged at the Hungry Horse Pub in Claydon and after that we travelled to Coddensham to a garden called 'Woodwards'. This is a garden in the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) listing and is a long strip of land in the middle of a very old village. The garden has been laid out in a meandering walk of ever changing views and covers about a quarter of an acre. After our viewing of the garden the host gave us tea and cakes on the patio, as it was a glorious sunny day (20 Miles).

June. Saw Pat arrange a visit for 12 to the Corn Craft centre at Monks Eleigh which included a demonstration of the art of 'corn dolly making'; we heard about the origins of the various designs, also the meaning in folk lore, that are produced from the stems of the wheat. The wheat is cut by hand with a sickle and stored until they are needed. The whole process is done as a cottage industry as there is no machinery involved from start to finish, and the

quality is dependent on the skill of the person making the required design. We were all invited to try our hand at making a simple dolly that represented good harvest, maybe the quality was a little suspect? But nevertheless we all enjoyed our time there; the day finished with a walk round the plant section after we had had a very nice lunch, (32 Miles)

Harold Turner

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Memoirs Group :-

Pat Smith

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Myths & Legends :-

Our little group has grown a little and we recommence meeting on the first Monday in September. Our programme is posted on our U3A site and starts with a slight variation to usual by looking at the Druids in all their aspects.

Any new members will be greatly welcomed.

Philip Weir

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Photography Group:-

We each prepare a set of photographs on a 'topic for the month' given at the previous meeting.

In March our topic was 'Table Top', April 'Spring', May 'Patterns' and June 'Portraits'.

As usual, all pictures were critically appraised by the whole group and Roy showed how, if necessary, they could be improved by using simple techniques in Photoshop.

Roy collected together a selection of pictures from each of the topics we've studied, June 2013 to February 2014, which I've put together as a gallery on our 'Photography' web page (just follow the links from 'Groups'). There's one per member per topic; some have been tweaked as necessary, the remainder are as submitted.

Our project for July is 'Architecture' (in all its forms!) and August will be 'Machinery'.

Come and visit us at the AGM/Groups day in September to see some of our work.

Our meetings are at my house in Bacton, 2.00pm the afternoon of the third Tuesday of the month.

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Play Reading Group:-

The Play Reading group meets on the 2nd Monday in the month, at 18 Edinburgh Close Stowmarket. New members will be very welcome.

We have recently enjoyed reading *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* by Tennessee Williams and worked hard with the style of writing and the Southern drawl.

Margaret, the self-described "cat on a hot tin roof" in William's careful *and* melodramatic

depiction of the interior life of a woman who doesn't spend much time thinking about her interior life, because she's giving all she has to her survival.

Set in late summer on a plantation in the Mississippi Delta: a season of storms. The Pollinate family has gathered for the sixty-fifth birthday of its patriarch, Big Daddy, who has recently had a cancer scare. Big Mama has just got some wonderful news: her husband doesn't have cancer, after all; it's just a little ol' something called a spastic colon. But that's a lie that the doctor tells Big Mama, to ease her mind. Her sons, Gooper and Brick and Brick's wife, Margaret, know that Big Daddy won't live out the year; it's time to name an heir to his vast property and fortune.

After the emotion of *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof* we relaxed and enjoyed reading a new play *A Piece of Cake* by Lucy Bennett. We followed the adventures of Penelope Hart as she opened a Café/tea shop, fell in love and made new friends. This was an ideal read for a summer's afternoon especially as it had a happy ending

We are now having a break till the Autumn.

Helen Freeman

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Playwrights Study Group:-

The 12 members of the group have been busy looking at the life of George Bernard Shaw and have had some lively, thought provoking discussions. We have read "Mrs Warren's Profession", a play that examines the place of women in society and questions the double standards associated with "the oldest profession". Another moral dilemma is posed in "Major Barbara", where Shaw plays devil's advocate and makes us question whether money made from the arms trade and distilleries should be used for the relief of poverty. Surely this is tainted money? Barbara has to decide if the end justifies the means. Shaw wrote this play in 1905 but the issues are still relevant over 100 years later.

On a lighter note, we have just enjoyed a visit to The Theatre Royal, Norwich to see Shaw's "Pygmalion". Alistair McGowan, the impressionist, stars as Professor Higgins, the linguist who attempts to transform a flower girl into a Duchess. First performed in 1914, just months before war broke out, it dared to suggest that a woman could become independent and make her own way in life rather than being the "property" of her father or husband.

The group is presently full. If there is sufficient interest to start another group, I will be happy to assist in the early stages.

Helen Barrett

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Poetry Group :-

The theme chosen for our March Session was "War Poetry from 1914" and that is an enormous field to cover.

Through generations of invention and development of evermore lethal and destructive weaponry we saw that the mood of war poetry changed and developed from the c19th call to arms and flag waving patriotic confidence and romanticism to an acknowledgement that war is neither romantic nor chivalrous, but is messy and brutal.

We found in our wide selection of war poetry an increase of doubt, even cynicism, along with a tragic acceptance that the nightmare must be endured ... A question of survival ... Pandora's fatal box had been opened And there was no real answer as to "why".

We found too, the nostalgia of the commonplaces of home, and an acute awareness of the fragility of nature and of life, deeply moving. In the words of Wilfrid Owen: "All a poet can do is warn. That is why the poets must be truthful". Owen described himself as "a conscientious objector with a very seared conscience....." and wrote "my subject is War, and the pity of war. The poetry is the pity" Owen remained in the Army, and was killed one week before the Armistice in 1918.

Clodagh Chapman

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Town and Village History :-

We have enjoyed some excellent outings so far this year following our AGM in February.

Members suggested some many and varied places of interest to Angela and our 2014 programme was soon agreed and distributed.

In April Angela organised for the group to visit Mendelsham church and Armoury where everyone enjoyed a guided tour and tea and coffee.

The 95th bomb group hospital museum was our May outing venue located deep in the countryside near Eye, we were all amazed by the seemingly primitive hospital conditions at least by today's standards and the very atmospheric war time buildings as we toured the museum so a thank you to Harold Turner for planning this outing.

The sun was shining on our group in June as we made our way to Sudbury. We climbed aboard our river boats and slowly cruised along the Stour towards Gt Cornard - past war time pill boxes - where we disembarked and walked across the lock to the interesting visitor centre. We were made very welcome with teas and coffees and listened to an informative talk about the work of the Trust before making our way back along the river to Sudbury. A

really great day out enjoyed by all and organised by Pat Griffiths.

In July we are visiting Colchester Castle, in September Newmarket museum and in October Laxfield museum.

Our next AGM will be held on November 6th 2014 in the Stowupland Village Hall meeting room from 2 to 4 pm where we will enjoy tea and homemade cakes whilst planning our 2015 programme- please do bring along your ideas. We have also organised a guest speaker Jeanette Baldry to give us a talk about the Servants of Abbots Hall - and we do need names for this AGM meeting as the numbers are limited to 30.

I have agreed to help to run the group alongside Angela Bentley and can be contacted on

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Scrabble Groups :-

Saturday June 28th Red Gables welcomed 19 of us for our Annual Scrabblethon. Anna Rodgers had thoughtfully booked the Sitting (Garden) Room as well as the main area of The Old Library for the event.

She with her husband Andrew had also kindly opened up and set out both rooms before our arrival and were there to welcome us at 2.00 p.m. Many thanks to them both.

The sun shone into both rooms which were quickly enlivened further by chat, welcoming new comers and setting out cakes etc. kindly provided by members.

After brief introductions, and rules checked, places were taken and games began. The groups for the 1st game were drawn so as to ensure each of the 4 players came from a Group other than their normal one. That took a moment of getting used to but seemed to work well; and play seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Then it was a self-help cuppa and more chat. After a final game and more time to socialise the event finished with thanks and mutual congratulation on an event so relaxed, and with such a lot of conviviality – a good social occasion as well as a chance to play a loved game in a larger setting

Sheila Dobey 01449 677 265

U3A Suffolk & District Network: :-

This has largely been covered by Tony Taylor on page 2. However as you will see and hear elsewhere on Saturday 30th September at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds on a 'Celebration of The Magna Carta' run by Bury st Edmunds U3A and the Local Authority.

There will be six eminent professors speaking about various aspects of the Magna Carta. Whilst the cost for the day is but £15 it should be a very worthwhile event to partake in, as it will not only be informative but should prove to be entertaining.

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U3A Central Office :-

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This photograph shows the U3A exhibit at the URCs 'Festival of Flowers 2014' in June and was entitled 'A Refreshing Cup of Tea'.



Our thanks go to those who showed such pleasant imagination for us.

Garden Party Quiz

What do you know about Suffolk?

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| 1 In which church can be found the skull of an Archbishop of Canterbury? | St Gregory, Sudbury |
| 2 Where, reputedly, can be found the longest crinkle-crankle wall in the world? | Easton |
| 3 Which village was famous for chair making? | Mendlesham |
| 4 Which B.St.E. business had its own fire brigade until 1997? | Greene King |
| 5 Who launched a hot air balloon whilst filming Apotheosis II in Lavenham? | John Lennon/ Yoko Ono |
| 6 Which village was formerly Barton Parva (to distinguish it from Great Barton)? | Barton Mills |
| 7 Who led the team which developed radar at Bawdsey Manor? | Sir Robert Watson-Watt |
| 8 How many holes has Flempton Golf Course? | 9 |
| 9 Sir Thomas Kytson's tomb is in the Church of the Reconciliation – where? | Hengrave |
| 10 Where will you find a war memorial over 100 ft high? | Elveden |
| 11 Reputedly whose haircut led to the term "Roundhead" ? | Sir Samuel Barnardiston |
| 12 Who once lived at Hintlesham Hall and made a scientific study of sexual behaviour? | Havelock Ellis |
| 13 Which Felixstowe hotel was burned down by Suffragettes? | Bath Hotel |
| 14 18 th century Hadleigh & Sizewell were renowned for their gangs of what? | Smugglers |
| 15 Which battle was fought off Southwold? | Sole Bay |
| 16 What are Woolpit whites? | Bricks |
| 17 In Suffolk dialect what was a "Long Melford"? | A leather/or material purse |
| 18 Likewise what was "bang"? | Hard Suffolk cheese |
| 19 On Radio Suffolk who invites guests to her couch? | Lesley Dolphin |
| 20 Who wrote "The View in Winter" & "Word from Wormingford"? | Ronald Blythe |

Connections

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| 1 Who chaired the enquiry into the death of David Kelly a biological warfare expert and former UN weapons inspector in Iraq? | Lord Hutton |
| 2 What is the American television drama about a Miami Metro Police Department blood pattern analyst with a double life? | Dexter |
| 3 Of which Hebridean island is Stornaway the capital of? | Lewis |
| 4 What was the name of the character and protagonist portrayed by Angela Lansbury in the television series ' Murder She Wrote'? | Jessica Fletcher |
| 5 What is the name of the area in South Wales projecting into the British Channel which became the first area in the UK to be designated an Area Of Outstanding Beauty? | The Gower Peninsula |
| 6 Who is the American actor whose films included Vertigo and Rear Window and It's a Wonderful Life? | James Stewart |
| 7 Who presented Channel Fours 'The Big Breakfast 'together with Denise Van Outen, from 1997 to 2001? | Johnny Vaughan |
| 8 Widely known as ' the waltz king', his works include The Blue Danube Waltz and the Vienna Waltz? | Johann Strauss II |
| 9 Who is the singer and actress whose films include 'Conan the Destroyer' and 'A View to a Kill' and songs include 'Pull up to the Bumper'? | Grace Jones |
| 10 What is the connection? | England cricket captains; Len HUTTON, Ted DEXTER, Tony LEWIS, Keith FLETCHER, David GOWER, Alec STEWERT, Michael VAUGHAN, Andrew STRAUSS, W.G. GRACE. |

The Strollers'
Walk at Thorpeness
earlier this year.



Annual General Meeting and Groups Day, 2014

Although there is a change of venue, following the success of the last two years, the Committee has decided to repeat the same format for this year.

Venue – The AGM will be held at the Cedars Hotel, Needham Road, Stowmarket, IP14 2AJ. Ample parking spaces available.

Format – The AGM notice alongside (and as published on the board at the July meeting) gives the timetable.

When the formal AGM business is concluded there will be the option to stay on for a special priced light finger buffet before socialising during the afternoon.

Group leaders and members of the groups will be on hand to talk about their activities and perhaps inspire you to try an activity you might not otherwise have considered.

The AGM, lunch and 'Groups' afternoon are open to U3A members and guests, so if you have any friends who have not yet joined but may be interested in what we do, please bring them along.

The room bar and the public bar will be open for the duration for the purchase of tea, coffee and other drinks as required.

(Please *do not* bring your own food for consumption on the premises.)

Notice of: Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17 September 2014

Cedars Hotel, Needham Road, Stowmarket. IP14 2AJ

12:30pm – 1:15pm	AGM
1:15pm – 2:00pm	Optional Light Finger Buffet, £5.00
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Group activities, displays & information

The Agenda will be distributed on the day and, if required, some copies of the 2013 AGM minutes will be available.

Finger buffet tickets available for pre purchase at the July meeting, otherwise on the day. Please call Dee Payne, 711 683, Jean Roche 675 984 or Peter Dakeyne 781 562 *before the end of August* to reserve.

Please note, the 2014/2015 annual subscription (unchanged at £10.00 pp) becomes due at this meeting.

Please see the July Notice board re nominations for the Executive Committee.

Deep Thought at the 2014 Scrabblethon



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