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Welcome to the November **BUMPER edition** (No. 47) of the HWu3a magazine. Yes, **TWENTY** pages including the details of all the groups in the printed version! We are also delighted to feature some of our groups' reports. More details are always available on the HWu3a website. <https://hwu3a.org.uk/activity-groups/>
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News from the Committee

November 2025

Impact of Community Events: HWu3a has had a substantial increase in membership over the past month or two. This is almost certainly as a result of recent events, including Strictly Ukuleles Busking and all the national u3a week activities which were all well publicised in the local area. In addition, a new HWu3a urban walking group has been set up, as well as an extra Petanque session. Great result!

Speaker Coordinator Opportunity: This role remains vacant and monthly speaker meetings will not be possible if no-one comes forward. (Please see the advert on page 3)

Working with Group Coordinators: The Committee continues to support Group Coordinators by liaising with them regularly and holding an informal Workshop where many aspects of their role will be covered.

December 8th Christmas Meeting: Plans are under way for this special meeting when there will be a cornucopia of entertainment from some of our musical groups, a quiz and Christmas goodies! There will be no charge for this meeting.

Other News: The magazine will be increased to 16 pages, with a group listing included every month.

Beacon Administrators are Ian Webb beacon@hwu3a.org.uk, Stephen Joy and Helen Salisbury. Beacon is the database we use for our membership, finance and group management. As the main administrator, Ian has agreed to be a non-Trustee member of the Committee and will report at least once a year.

I have been nominated as the designated **Data Protection Officer** for HWu3a.

HWu3a publicity flyers will be delivered to both Medical Centres in town

Following the October talk on Fair Trade, the **Committee agreed to use Fair Trade tea and coffee** for refreshments at monthly meetings to support Market Harborough as a Fair Trade town. fairtrademarketharborough.org.uk

The current membership stands at 1238

Louise Elsome, Chair, Harborough Welland u3a.chair@hwu3a.org.uk

By the members, for the members

HWu3a Speaker Coordinator Opportunity

Do you enjoy meeting people and hearing about their lives, experiences and adventures? Are you a natural organiser with a flair for communication? Would you relish the opportunity to shape a vibrant programme of talks which inform, entertain and connect our community?

If this sounds like you, HWu3a would love to welcome you as our next **Speaker Coordinator!**

Our current coordinator, Tessa Thompson, is reluctantly stepping down due to other commitments and describes her time in this role as “*rewarding and absorbing*”. Thanks to her dedication, HWu3a has enjoyed a rich and varied schedule of monthly speaker meetings throughout 2025, with exciting plans for 2026 well under way. You’ll be taking on a well-established programme with a treasure trove of speaker contacts and enthusiastic member support.

What does the role involve?:

- **Curating monthly speaker events:** Choosing topics ranging from historic buildings and bee-keeping to belly dancing and beyond!
- **Booking and liaising with speakers:** Ensuring they are welcomed and supported.
- **Collaborating with our Committee and support team:** Promoting talks, keeping members informed and ensuring technical needs are met.
- **Exploring new ideas:** Drawing inspiration from member suggestions and your own curiosity.

This is a **non-Trustee role**, ideal for someone who enjoys variety, connection and creativity. This could easily be a shared role for two people with diverse interests. To ensure a smooth handover, Tessa will support you initially and further help will be at hand where necessary. If this opportunity has caught your imagination and you’d like to find out more, please contact:

Louise Elsome chair@hwu3a.org.uk 07740 572956



Let the good times roll!

You could help to make this happen.

National u3a week success, Fairtrade talk.

"We've had 26 new members join in the past month, double the norm for this time of year," reports Louise Elsome, Chair, HWu3a. "I'm sure there's a direct link to all the events HWu3a has taken part in, including the Busking, which is a separate thing. A great result for publicity!"

As a result, two new activity groups have been created: a third Petanque group and, at the request of walkers during u3a week, a brand new one called Urban Thursday Walks. Particular thanks go to Kevin Millard, and Gina & Graham Hansley for making these happen. If you are interested in joining Petanque, contact Kevin Millard on 07526 657199 or email: kevinamillard@gmail.com and for Urban Thursday Walks, Gina and Graham Handsley, email: urban.walks@hwu3a.org.uk



Alternatively, for more information on each group check out website: <https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/petanque/>

and

<https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/urban-thursday-walks/>

< Left, Helen Salisbury and Kate Helm, enjoying the lovely weather that we all enjoyed during the U3A Celebration week.

Zoe Plummer, Head of Marketing and two local members of the Market Harborough Fairtrade Group displaying some of the products that the group are keen to market. More info, click below. fairtrademarketharborough.org.uk



The Hwu3a committee have decided to use Fairtrade tea and coffee in future for our meetings at the Methodist Church. Win-Win. Dave M



HWu3a Group Reports

In this edition we want to showcase our Activity Groups, under the title 'HWu3a - Your u3a'. We are very grateful to the Group Coordinators who sent us these contributions or had posted some recent reports on the HWu3a/activities website. Usually these would appear on the online version as we feature a different theme, but now they are centre stage and deservedly so! D.M



Petanque – October '25



The HWu3a open afternoon was a great success and another 12 players are joining the group on our regular 1st & 3rd Monday Mornings

We've juggled the numbers on our booking spreadsheet and hopefully we are fitting in everyone that wants to play. There looks to be enough interest to

extend the sessions through 1pm to 2pm, so if you fancy joining us, please email Graham or myself, Kev, or come along on a Monday morning for a chat, we certainly don't want to turn anyone away.

<https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroupnews/petanque-oct-2025/>

Kev Millard



Alistair Willis



Phil Aldridge

Photography Tuesday

The theme for the October meeting was a story project – where members created a series of photos to illustrate their idea. Themes included walks, Railway history, National Memorial Arboretum and a Holiday of a Lifetime in Canada. *Jack Horton*

More photos and ideas on page 7, online version.

<https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/photography-tuesday/>
photography.tuesday@hwu3a.org.uk

Wednesday Birding Group's visit to Summer Leys

"Rare visitor to Northamptonshire spotted"

We set off on a bright Autumn morning around Summer Leys Nature Reserve, hoping to catch a glimpse of a rare visitor to the area: a Glossy Ibis. 25 years ago, this bird was considered to be a very rare visitor to anywhere in the UK.

The walk around the reserve is about 3 miles and there are several hides to sit in and look out across the lake. We were in luck! - the **Glossy Ibis** flew in and landed right in front of us.



These great photos were taken by group member Don West.

It stayed for a while, using its long, curved bill to find aquatic invertebrates before flying off.

Close up, the Ibis' plumage is a mix of bronze, purple, green and brown

The Glossy Ibis is usually to be found across Spain and France.

There have been increasing numbers visiting the UK and 2025 is likely to be a record-breaking year. *Linda Lawton* <https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/birding/>

This group is a great success and example of making the HWu3a more accessible. Linda found that the original group was full, only so many people can go birding successfully, so with the help of Bruce White, she set up a second group.

Creative Writing group

Eight members of the group met for a very enjoyable meeting in the Library on the afternoon of Friday, 10th October. Individual responses to our shared title, '**The Silence Project**', were diverse and imaginative and inspired a lively discussion.

Our title for next month is, 'The Gathering Storm', and our next meeting will be in the Library on the afternoon of 14th November.

Examples of our work can now be found on the Creative Writing page of the Harborough Welland u3a website.

<https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/creative-writing-for-fun/>



Nita West.

HWu3a Group Reports

The photos are photography Tuesday story projects, and the image on the right is of the set homework.



Jack Horton



Stuart Irons—Homework Image



Eileen
Robinson

Half Day Walk - Tuesday

The walk began in the charming village of Pitsford, nestled in the Northamptonshire countryside. From the village the route led us down towards the edge of Pitsford Reservoir, A large number of geese were gathered on the surface and with a sudden flurry of wings they lifted off from the reservoir, skimming the water's surface before soaring into the sky. After following the reservoir path, the walk turned inland, crossing open fields that offered views of the surrounding countryside. We stopped to admire one particularly striking field which was full of sunflowers and was bursting with colour. The walk concluded back in Pitsford village. The combination of water, wildlife, and open landscapes made for a lovely walk. Lunch was enjoyed at the George Inn in Brixworth village.

Diana Baxter

<https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/walking-half-day-tuesday/>



Birding Thursday - Wandering through the woods at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust's Brandon Marsh reserve was pretty quiet, just Blue, Great, Long-tailed Tit and Robin seen, Nuthatch heard but didn't show! Moving around to the main East Marsh Pool there was plenty to see there but nothing of note – lots of Greylag and Canada Goose, Lapwing, a Grey Heron and a Pied Wagtail on the island with plenty of Mallard, Gadwall, Teal, Shoveler and a couple of



Tufted duck in the water. Things really hotted up on our way back through the other woods and heathland when in fairly quick succession we had brilliant views of a Kingfisher on Goose Pool then Green Woodpecker and Jay (pictured left), finishing off with a flock of Siskin and Goldfinch near the Centre. A good morning rounded off nicely with a cuppa and snack in the café. *Bruce White*

[Birding Thursday – Harborough Welland U3A](#)

Exploring Music

Kate chose all the music for this session, exploring pieces from charity shop purchases, searching through all the CDs in the house for music or composers she knew little about or selecting a piece just because she likes it.

The first piece was chosen because Kate had not been able to attend the September meeting and wanted to add her 'place' to the others. This was 'Barcelona', composed by Freddie Mercury and sung by him and Montserrat Caballe. This was followed by 'Impromptu No 4 in A flat', composed by Franz Schubert and played on the piano by Dirk Joeres. The Betteshanger Brass Band performed the next piece, 'Concerto de Aranjuez' by Joaquin Rodrigo, and more wind and brass instruments took the lead in the following piece. This was 'Allegro con spirito' from 'Concerto in D major for oboe, trumpet, bassoon and strings', composed by Francesco Biscogli, a composer none of us had heard of and about whom little is known except for this treble concerto from about 1740. Two tracks from the same artist was next for us to listen to. Nina Simone was a very talented musician, both as a singer and a pianist; we heard her sing 'My baby just cares for me' and play 'You'll never walk alone'. A very different piece of music was next, Palestrina's 'Stabat Mater' sung by the Tallis Scholars. The second part of the meeting opened with some more brass band music, this time from the Black Dyke Mills Band, playing 'Largo al factotem' from Rossini's 'Barber of Seville'. Kate had chosen this for the wonderful euphonium solo parts. We were back to more piano music as we listened to two short pieces composed by Ignacy Jan Paderewski and played by the pianist, Adam Wodnicki. The first was 'Caprice-valse' from 'Scenes romantique pour piano' and the second, 'Intermezzo No 1' – 'In the night of lightning', both pieces challenging for the pianist but beautifully played. The last music of the meeting was one Kate found on a CD called 'The only Jazz Album you'll ever need' – 'La Mer' played by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. A smooth way to finish. *Kate Helm*

<https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/18192/>

Health and Wellbeing – October 2025

The speaker at our October meeting was Mr. Chris Stankiewicz. Chris founded The Injury Clinic in Market Harborough in 2014 and is their clinical director. Since then, it has gone from strength to strength. The Injury Clinic employs several sports therapists and a physiotherapist. They treat all manner of injuries, and ‘aches and pains. They offer massage therapy, shock wave therapy and exercise programmes. Chris explained also how to treat and injury or pain.



During the meeting attendees were invited to try out several exercises designed to retain fitness in later life. Some 40 plus members attended the meeting. This link will take you directly to the Health and Wellbeing web page:

[Health and Wellbeing – Harborough Welland U3A](#) Jack Horton on behalf of the Group.

Crafting for Charities 2

Tiny things for tiny people

My original thinking behind seeing if there was sufficient interest from members in setting up a Crafting for Charities group, came from at last having time in my life ‘to give back’: 46 years ago my daughter arrived unexpectedly 8 weeks early. When she did come home from hospital, family and friends had hurriedly crafted tiny items of clothing for her (no internet then, and almost impossible to locate tiny or dolls’ clothes). One of our members now collects

items for Kettering Hospital’s Neo Natal unit. Here’s what I’ve been knitting recently while

watching TV. Even better, the yarn used for these items was kindly donated by members of walking groups to which I belong. Helen Salisbury

<https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/crafting-for-charities-2/>



Harborough Welland u3a - Group Activities

MONDAY

ART HISTORY	Angela Deane	01858 431111	Congregation Ch	1 st Monday	10.00 am
BOOK TALK	Andrew & Nita West	00001858 461517	Lounge Room, Meth Church	1 st Monday	2 pm
BACKGAMMON	Peter Saunders	07341 528450		1st and 3rd Monday	11 am 1pm
CRAFTING FOR CHARITIES	Helen Salisbury	07837 410575	Louisa's Place	3 rd Monday	2.30 pm
CRAFTING FOR CHARITIES 2	Judith Sampson	07724 807482	Louisa's Place	4 th Monday	2-4 pm
FRENCH REFRESHERS	Rosemary Holden	001858 682623	Please call	Weekly	11.00 am
FRENCH IMPROVERS	Julie Jarosz	01536 712119	Please call	Weekly	pm
HANDBELLS	Helen Green	07840 543379	Various	Weekly	2-3 pm
OPEN BOOK	Judy Rowley		Baptist Church, Coventry Rd.	2 nd Monday	2 - 3.30pm
PETANQUE	Kevin Millard	01858 468015	Fairfield Road C.C	1 st & 3 rd Mon	10 am to 1 pm
QUILTY PLEASURES	Diane Miles	01858 468357	Gt Bowden Village Hall	1 st & 3 rd Mon	2-4 pm
SEW 'N' SEW	Helen Salisbury	07837 410575	Louisa's Place	1st Monday	2-3.30 pm
SONGS OF LEONARD COHEN	Jonathan Chappell	0116 279 2915	Community Church	4 th Monday	2 pm
TABLE TENNIS 1	Keith Keeble	07795 434076	Please call	Weekly	Morning
UKULELES BEGINNERS	David Evans	01858 463045	Community Church	1 st & 3 rd Mon	
UKULELES	David Evans	01858 463045	Community Church	Alternate Mondays	2-4 pm
WALKING FOOTBALL	Peter Prickett	07751 362857	Leisure Centre	Mondays	Afternoon
WINE EXPLORERS	Louise Elsome	07740 572956	Please call	2 nd Monday	7.30 pm
TUESDAY					
ARCHITECTURE	Colin Cohen	07973 348817	Methodist Ch	4 th Tuesday	Afternoon
ART APPRECIATION	Hilary Bufton		Congregational Ch	4 th Tuesday	2.30 - 4.30pm
GERMAN CONVERSATION	Liam Lomasley	07772 325594	Ashley Room Louisa's Place	Every Tuesday	2-3.30 pm
BOOKWORMS	Louise Elsome	07740 572956	Baptist Church	2 nd Tuesday	2.30 pm
BRIDGE - SOCIAL	Don Collins	01858 462409	Bowls Club, Little Bowden	Weekly	2 pm
COUNTRY DANCING	Sharon Webb	01858 440851	Congregation Ch	4 th Tuesday	2-4 pm
FRENCH - LES BAVARDS	Sheridan New	07795 872496	Enigma Cafe	Weekly	10.30 am
Jamming Workshop	Bob Morris	07939 988595	Various	Fortnightly	10.30 to 12.30
LISTENING TO JAZZ	Mike Goldsmith	01536 770122	Please call	Last Tuesday	2.15-4.15 pm
MUSIC, EXPLORING	Kate Helm	07817 735784	Community Church	1 st Tuesday	10 am
PHOTOGRAPHY - TUESDAY	Jack Horton	07511 749462	Community Church	3 rd Tuesday	2.30 pm
CHOIR - LADIES CHOIR	Liz Brett	07907 631529	Cong Church	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday	10.30 am
THE READERS	Susan Trevorrow	07999 082657	Various	1 st Tuesday	2.30-4.30 pm
Tuesday Chat & Craft	Yvonne Starkey		Louisa's Café	Every Other Tuesday	10-11.30 am
WALKING HALF DAY 2	Diana Baxter	01162 792947	Outside	1 st Tuesday	Various
WEDNESDAY					
BADMINTON	Carole Winfield	01858 432540	Meadowdale School	Weekly	5.45-7 pm

BELLEPLATES	Pru Normand	belleplates@hwu3a.org.uk	Community Ch	Weekly	2-4 pm
BIRDING WEDNESDAY	Linda Lawton	birding.wednesday@hwu3a.org.uk		2 nd Wed	am
CANASTA	David Parsons	07796 816650	Little Bowden Bowls Club	Wednesday	2-4 pm
NEW AGE KURLING	Ian Webb	beacon@hwu3a.org.uk	Congregation Ch	1 st Wed	2 pm
NEW AGE KURLING 2	Pat Middleton	07703 399432	Congregation Ch	3 RD WED	2-3 PM
MOVIE GROUP	Julia Granger	07909 330715			
QUILTING	Jack Horton	jkhorton@btinternet.com	Community Ch	1 st Wed	10 am
RAILWAY EXPLORATION	Heather Watts	01858 434272	Community Ch	3rd Wed	10 am
SCRABBLE FOR FUN	Dudley Brown	07775 900243	Bowls Club, Little Bowden	3 rd Wed	10 am
TABLE TENNIS 3	Toni Parsons	01858 431944	Community Ch	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10 am – 12 pm
TRANSPORT GROUP	Jenny Acaster	07530999850	MH Leisure Centre	Weekly	9 am
WALKING HALF DAY 1	Michael Milsom	01858 419874	Bowls Club, Little Bowden	1 st Wed	10 am
WALKING WED STROLLERS	Bruce White	07919 935496	Outside	2 nd Wed	Morning
WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB	walking1.wednesday@hwu3a.org.uk				
Wednesday Chat & Craft	Linda Reed	07986 460319	Various	2 nd Wed	10.15 am
THURSDAY BIRDING THURSDAY	Les Dodd	01858 462244	Members homes on a rota basis	2 nd Wed	1.30-3pm
Cribbage	Jacqui Crowe	wednesday.book@hwu3a.org.uk	Louisa's Café	Every other Wednesday	10-11.30am
DRAWING & PAINTING	Adriana White	newgroups@hwu3a.org.uk			
FAMILY HISTORY	Bruce White	07919 935496	Outside	3 rd Thursday	Morning
FRENCH CONVERSATION GARDEN GROUP	Colin Smith and Anne Wilson	cribbage@hwu3a.org.uk	Little Bowden Bowls Club	Every Thursday	10am – 12noon
HISTORY, ASPECTS OF	Elaine Scarlett	01858 432 029	Oxendon Village Hall	1 st and 3 rd Thursday	pm
INTERMEDIATE GERMAN MAH JONG	Maryan Richardson	01858 462573	Community Ch	3 rd Thursday	10 am – 12 pm
PLAY READING 1	Hilary Pollak	07854 120605	Please call	Weekly	2.30 pm
PLAY READING 2	Stella Freeman	01536 760124	Meth Church (winter)	3 rd Thurs	2 pm
SPANISH BEGINNERS	Ernie Parsons	01536 760141	Desborough FC	4 th Thurs	Pm
SPANISH IMPROVERS	Frances Parsons	07910 029273	E-mail for venue	2 nd and 4 th	10-11.30 am
TABLE TENNIS 2	Pamela Costall	07803 204464	Baptist Church	2 nd and 4 th Thurs	9.45 am
TENNIS	Carole Winfield	07966 442583	Methodist Ch	2nd Thursday	10 - 12
Urban Thursday Walks	Alan Gurr	07967 566970	Community Ch	2nd Thursday	2-4
WALKING ALL DAY	Alan Gurr	07967 566970	Community Ch	Weekly	2 pm
WALKING HALF DAY 4	Don Collins	01858 462409	Community Ch	Weekly	10 am
	Don Collins	01858 462409	Community Ch	Weekly	10 am
	Sheridan New	sheridan.new1@gmail.com	MH Leisure Centre	Weekly	Midday
	Neil & Mags	01858 431 665	Gt Bowden Tennis Courts	Weekly	10 am
	Gina and Graham	urban.walks@hwu3a.org.uk	MH	1st Thursday	11 am
	Handsley				
	Edith/Eddie Dixon	01858 468758	Outside, various	Last Thursday	10 am
	Alan and Linda Reed	walking4.thursday@hwu3a.org.uk	Outside, various	4 th Thursday	

WILDLIFE	Diana Baxter	0116 279 2947	Outside, various	2 nd Thursday	
WINE TASTING	Jonathan/Naomi Shaw	01858 682133	Please call	3 rd Thursday	Various
FRIDAY					
CREATIVE WRITING	Ann Eato/Nita West	01858 461517	MH Library	2 nd Friday	2.15 pm
CYCLING	Kevin Millard	01858 468015	Outside	1 st & 3 rd Fri-days	10.30 am
HEALTH & WELLBEING	Rob & Kathy Davison	07983 948392 07881 816909	Methodist Church	2 nd Friday	10.30am
PHOTOGRAPHY FRIDAY	Phil Aldridge	07734903737	Welland Place	3 RD FRIDAY	pm
PAPERCRAFT & MORE	Jan Collins	01858 462409	Please call	1 st & 3 rd Friday	am
PAPERCRAFT – BEGINNERS	Jan Collins	01858 462409	Please call	2 nd & 4 th Fri-days	
DISCOVERING POETRY	Jill Hart	01858 469663	Meth Church, Upper Room	1 st Friday	10 am
SEQUENCE DANCE	Christine Morris and Julie Holmes sequence.dance@hwu3a.org.uk		Little Bowden Bowls Club	1 st & 3 rd Fri-days	2pm – 4pm
SINGING FOR FUN	George Cashell	01858 467616	Methodist Church	2 nd and 4 th Fridays	Pm
SOCIETY TODAY	Anne Pridmore	07872038370	Methodist Church, Youth Wing	3 RD FRIDAY	2-4 PM
WALKING, FRI STROLLERS SUNDAY	Carol Harvey Michael Parsons	07855 738706 07940185429	Outside	2 nd Friday	10.15 am
SINGLES SUNDAY LUNCH	Vivienne Murphy	01536 771410	Various	1 st , 3 rd & 4 th Sundays	Various
MUSIC – 60S/70S	Rose & Tony Gale	01536 506434	Oathill Pub, MH	3 rd Sunday	7 pm
OTHER					
DO IT AGAIN GROUP	doitagaingroup@hwu3a.org.uk		Various	Various	Various
DRONES & PHOTOGRAPHY	Terry Eato	07943 732841	Outside	Various	Various
Holiday Group	Maryan Richardson trips1@hwu3a.org.uk		Advertised to group	Normally 5 days	various
NEW EXPERIENCES	Kevin Millard	01858 468015	Various	Various	Various
WALKING – EVENING	David Martin	01858 440530	Outside, summer	Various	Various

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Book Readers Group 5 August 2025, *Persuasion*, Jane Austen, 1818

September review, page 23 in online version.

Jane Austen is everywhere this year, the 250th anniversary of her birth, and not wishing to miss out we chose her last completed novel, *Persuasion*, for our high summer read. It is regarded by many as her best novel, although it is not her most well-known or popular; that accolade falls to *Pride and Prejudice*. *Persuasion* has a slight narrative structure and in Anne Elliot, an ever present heroine. Anne, having been persuaded to break off her engagement to Captain Frederick Wentworth eight years earlier, finds him thrown back into her path and the novel recounts what happens when they meet again. It is a moving, intimate and delicate story of lost and regained love in which we observe and understand much from Anne's point of view; we are invited to inhabit her mind throughout.

But unusually with Austen, we are also invited to observe and understand through Wentworth's eyes especially at the denouement of the novel – and the effect is extremely powerful. Notwithstanding its slight structure, Austen weaves depth and complexity through the narrative as she explores the notion of power as captured in the concept of persuasion. Persuasion (power) is exercised with good intent, generating cruel outcomes; it is exercised for self-aggrandisement; it is an exercise in self-delusion; and it is exercised with gentle intent, generating unexpected outcomes. And the whole is of course laced with Austen's acerbic wit: 'the Musgroves had the ill fortune of a very troublesome, hopeless son; and the good fortune to lose him before he reached his twentieth year'.

Perhaps predictably (?), those who were already Austen readers enjoyed reading or re-reading *Persuasion* but those who were new to her work were not quite so easily taken up. However, our discussion of the various aspects of the novel did suggest new or different insights into the narrative – which must be one of the best outcomes to hope for from a book group.

Cycling Group – Report Oct 2025

I was just about ready to cancel due to the rain, but four hardy cyclists were waiting for me, so off we went and glad we did. The very, very gentle drizzle was quite refreshing and the views and the lovely stop at Cottingham village shop and cafe made up for it, certainly a route to repeat on a sunny day. (*More photos on page 24, online version.*)



A Decade and More of Architecture

When Trish and I became members of South Leicestershire u3a nearly 12 years ago, the first group we joined was Architecture. We checked beforehand to make sure that we wouldn't appear foolish in the company of experienced, qualified architects but we needn't have worried. Group members were friendly, welcoming and all amateur enthusiasts just like us. Monthly meetings were held in a very small room in the Congregational Church and by the time the projector and folding screen had been set up it was a tight squeeze. Numbers were often in single figures but the meetings were interesting, varied and fun.

As membership numbers grew we realised that we needed to find new accommodation and fortunately there was a room along the corridor which could comfortably hold around 25 of us. We moved there in 2015, the group was flourishing.... and then along came Covid. Members kept in touch by email and before long resumed face to face contact via Zoom. We discovered that other u3a members stuck at home appeared to like our meetings - architecture wasn't so dull as they might have imagined! Once Covid restrictions had been lifted and people felt more comfortable meeting in person we suspected that we might again need a bigger room.

We settled on the main hall of the Methodist Church and having morphed into a Harborough Welland u3a group in 2022, we haven't looked back. Guided walks round local villages looking at interesting buildings have provided an added attraction. Our membership currently exceeds 170 and we continue to welcome newcomers. Members have a wide variety of interests in buildings and the people who design and create them. They also enjoy sharing their interests and enthusiasms with others. We're fortunate too in having a band of volunteers behind the scenes to take care of essential organisational and administrative tasks. I'm still not sure that we have a qualified architect among us and if we do, they're keeping pretty quiet about it.

I'm by no means the longest-serving member of the group and with others, am aware that as time passes, we may need to turn to perhaps more able minds and bodies to keep things going. But we hope that like some of the buildings that inspire us, we've put down solid foundations and developed something worth preserving. *Geoff Woods*

<https://hwu3a.org.uk/agroup/architecture/>

Not your cup of tea? Nearly everyone who comes to the HWu3a Talks or Get togethers partakes of a tea or coffee provided by Anne Wilson and her wonderful team of Stars. Unfortunately we can only provide the basic drinks. However, if you have a penchant for Green tea, Earl Grey etc, why not bring your own tea bag and the team will be happy to do the rest.



Please Note, CASH ONLY!

If you fancy helping with Meet and Greet or Refreshments, you can find Anne's details at the bottom of page 20. D.M



The Do It Again Group has recently celebrated it's 2nd birthday



and we have revisited many of the 70+ activities enjoyed by the New Experiences group over the last 7 years, We can have a go at anything and everything ranging from a high ropes course to a sausage making workshop. New members are very welcome to join the group and you will

be kept up to date on forthcoming activities, we aim to offer one activity a month, and there is no obligation to attend every event, places will always be allocated on first come, first served.

Existing members of the New Experience group are also very welcome to join and the two groups will run independently.

Where and when- The days and times for activities will vary depending on the availability of the venue offering the experience.

Other information- Appropriate clothing and footwear depending on the activity.

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New Experiences – Oct 2025

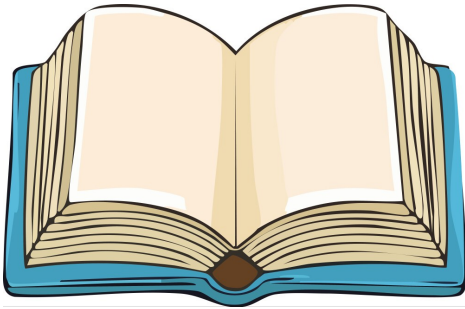
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Kelmarsh Remembrance tribute.

Scene captured by Jim Tyson

Book Talk (formerly Bookends)



The world of books is our oyster. Our basic principles are that: we read all genres; we agree to read every book; everyone has space to speak; we respect all opinions; and we aim to consider some

more literary elements such as plot, characters, style, format and language.

We meet in the Coffee Lounge at the front of the Methodist Church on the first Monday of each month from 14.00 until 15.30. Our discussions are always lively, with a good dose of laughter and there's never been a book we've all agreed on! We held a workshop recently on 'reading a book to critique it' and are now looking to put what we learnt into practice.

The last book we considered was *The Mercies* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave which was inspired by the real events of the Vardo (easternmost part of Norway) storm and the 1621 witch trials.

The book choice for November is *Guilty By Definition* by Susie Dent who is well known from her many years on the Channel 4 word game, *Countdown*. This is a 'whodunnit' set in Oxford with, as you might expect given the author, a rich vein of word play running through it.

We do have room for one or two new members and so if you are interested please contact Andrew and Anita West, the group coordinators, on 07732 511572.

Art History

A couple of times a year we have a meeting where artworks are selected on an agreed theme. This is one of the activities that brings the group together by providing variety and many talking points of interest.



In May the theme was '**Bridges**' and the chosen paintings ranged from *Landscape with Stone Bridge* (shown left) by Rembrandt (1637); *A Footbridge* by L S Lowry (1938) to the more recent *North Queensferry* by Hamish B Lawson (2006).



In November the subject will be '**Symbols**' – everyday objects used to convey some type of deeper meaning. Some examples are mirrors; candles, musical instruments; skulls; fruits; animals and flowers. *Angela Deane* (Extended report on page 23, online version.)

The Ambassadors by Hans Holbein the Younger (1533)?

Garden group Report October 25, Gardening and cookery

The garden group enjoyed their first indoor meeting of the winter programme, on Thursday 16th. It was good to get back together and welcome some new members.

Our October speaker was an old friend Bridget Blair who lives locally and did not have too far to travel. Bridget has now retired from her career as a BBC journalist, broadcaster and writer on gardening and cookery.

So, her talk to us was very much concentrating on the spoken word and we were treated to stories of her favourite gardens and her experiences travelling with fellow journalists as part of the garden speaker guild.



Bridget illustrated her talk by just holding up an odd picture or two, no photos on the screen which was pleasant change and kept everybody's attention.

A lovely start to the season, I certainly picked up a few ideas for future trips.

Next month we will be welcoming Simon White who before taking retirement was head gardener at Peter Beales roses *Come along and join us we are still taking new members.*

<< Stockton Bury Gardens in Herefordshire which were the subject of Bridget's talk.

Stella Freeman.

And now a slightly quirky view of the HWu3a, from one of our favourite contributors, Steven Kim ...

Get-Together: Where Chaos Meets Community (And Somehow, It Works)

By A Grateful Member, Steven Kim

When I first stumbled into a Get-together meeting at HWu3a, I'll admit I had my doubts. The name itself seemed suspiciously vague, like calling a committee "The Group" or naming your cat "Cat." But as someone who'd spent far too many afternoons talking to my houseplants, I thought I'd give it a go.

Little did I know I was about to discover the most brilliantly disorganized, wonderfully unpredictable, and utterly indispensable gathering in Market Harborough.

The Great Unplan

What makes Get-together special, you ask? Well, for starters, it's one of the few places where having *no plan* is actually *the plan*. While other groups focus on watercolours or Mah-jong or deciphering the mysteries of their smartphones, we at Get-together have mastered the art of magnificent aimlessness. We're not learning a skill. We're not pursuing a hobby. We're simply... getting together. Revolutionary, isn't it?

(There's lots more—go to page 22online.)

Groups Noticeboard

Last month, I mentioned the possibility of a Local History group. This is still under consideration with a further meeting shortly to see how this can be set up.

At the last get-together, eleven groups were represented looking for new members. If you are interested to join any of the following, then make contact with the Coordinators. Email addresses are on the website.

Exploring Music, Sequence Dance, Cribbage, Handbells, Singing for Fun, Walking Football, Song of Leonard Cohen, Photography Friday, Mah Jong, Playreading, Drones and Photography.

A few members have asked us whether we can set up some kind of support group for those who have difficulty in getting to grips with using mobile phones, tablets, Ipads etc.

Is there anyone out there who is proficient in all these and would be able to assist others? An idea could be for someone to run a session once a month when members would let you know they want to attend with any problems or issues they have. In fact, there is a room at the Methodist Church we could use whilst the coffee morning get-together is happening.

Get in touch with me **if you are that person.** groups@hwu3a.org.uk

Peter Saunders, Groups Facilitator.

Christmas Extravaganza—Mon. Dec 8th



This year's 'showtime' will be Monday 8th December 10-12.30 at the Methodist Church, Market Harborough.

Partaking this year will be the tuneful Ukelele group, the joyful u3a Choir, the fun-engaging Singing for Fun group, some wonderful poetry and some ringing, melodic Handbells. Add to that some tasty Christmas fare and a quiz to keep your brain on the move! (bring a pen with you). *Peter Saunders*



Meet The Committee – Linda Reed, Membership Secretary

How did you come to join the u3a?

My husband and I moved to Market Harborough in 2020 to be closer to our 2 sons who each live an hour and 20 minutes from here but in opposite directions! Locating ourselves in the middle seemed a sensible solution and Market Harborough is a lovely town. Having moved in the middle of a pandemic getting to know people was a little difficult, so having heard of the u3a we went along to a get together meeting to see what it was all about.

What made you decide to join the Committee?

Shortly after joining Hwu3a the Chair sent a letter asking for volunteers to go on the committee. A quick read of roles involved led me to believe that Membership Secretary was probably within my skill set. I had also read a Facebook post stating that “we now have 200 members”. I can cope with that, I thought! I was later to discover that the 200-member post only referred to those following the Facebook page, Hwu3a actually had around 1,000 members at that time! But I’m no quitter and here we are 5 years later with 1248 members and counting.

What are the immediate challenges for HWu3a?

With an ever-increasing membership, it is imperative that we encourage people to come forward and share their interests/skills by running new groups. It is really not as scary as it sounds and there is lots of support available.

Aside from u3a, what are your other interests?

I am a member of the Harborough 2012 Lions; we primarily provide service or raise funds for Charities within our community. I am also a keen walker (I run 2 of the Hwu3a walking groups), and love spending time with our family and friends. Becoming a Grandparent for the first time in 2023 is one of the best jobs in the world, and now there are two of them!

What achievement are you most proud of?

Completing the 52-mile BHF London to Brighton Charity bike ride 3 years running, including having to negotiate the South Downs via Ditchling Beacon. It made most other hills seem like a mere speed bump. I must confess to having pushed my bike up it rather than cycling at that point. But that was over 25 years ago, my most recent achievement has to be corralling 1200 or so members to renew their Hwu3a subscriptions each year and balancing the membership ledger afterwards.

Don't forget you no longer have to renew your membership for 1st January the new renewal date is 1st June 2026.



Coming up

UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

Nov 10th Alan Jones of Travelsphere*.

Nov 24th Get Together.

Dec 8th *** Christmas Event: music and poetry*** See page 18

Dec 22nd **NO MEETING**

*Travelsphere is a local travel agents who specialise in trips catering for people with worldwide destinations in mind and also holidays for singles,



Theme for December edition : QUIZZES.

Members have often asked for more quizzes and we are happy to oblige, if we receive any. They must be original. They could be about any subject that interests you but not too specialised please! It could be a group effort from the members of one of our groups.

Please send your contributions to newsletter@hwu3a.org.uk, **not** marketing as this only goes to Jack Horton and he then has to forward them to me. *Dave M*

You can read many more articles and see more photos in the online edition. Go to hwu3a.org.uk then click on 'What's on' and 'Newsletters'. We would welcome your comments and your contributions for this online version. *Jack Horton & David Martin.*

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Welcome to the online version of the November Magazine. In this section you will find more group reports and photos.

Our theme for December is Quizzes—so we look forward to receiving your contributions on a range of topics. Here is one question to stimulate your creativity:

General Knowledge Quiz

1. **Which country has the most official languages recognized in its constitution?**

- A) India

- B) South Africa

- C) Switzerland

- D) Bolivia

I will leave you to look up the answer.

We would also welcome your photos of your Halloween and your bonfire night celebrations.

Please send all contributions to newsletter@hwu3a.org.uk

We hope you enjoy the magazine - Dave Martin and Jack Horton.

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Remembrance Poppies at Marston Trussell,
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Jack Horton

Get-Together: Where Chaos Meets Community (And Somehow, It Works). **Continued from page 17.**

Sometime ago, our "agenda" (and I use that term loosely) somehow meandered from discussing the scandal of the new Co-op self-checkout machines to debating whether hedgehogs are actually declining or just getting better at hiding. Patricia brought homemade flap-jacks. Gerald brought his opinions on everything. Both were equally consumed.

The Democracy of Disruption

What truly makes Get-together special is its beautiful egalitarianism. Anyone can derail the conversation at any moment, and everyone does.

"Speaking of the weather, " someone will begin.

"That reminds me of my cousin in Kettering who once, " another interrupts.

"Kettering? I used to work near there! Terrible traffic, " a third chimes in.

And before you know it, we've collectively forgotten what the weather was speaking of in the first place. It's conversational jazz, really. Miles Davis would be proud, though possibly confused.

The Social Safety Net (With Tea)

But here's the thing, beneath all the cheerful chaos and the biscuit negotiations ("No, YOU take the last custard cream"), the Get-together is actually rather profound. It's where Betty learned she wasn't the only one who found retirement surprisingly lonely at first. It's where Tom discovered three other people who shared his obsession with local history (or was it hysteria, the acoustics can be challenging). It's where newcomers are welcomed with the same enthusiasm usually reserved for lottery winners.

We've laughed together, moaned about our grown-up children together, and collectively failed to understand cryptocurrency together. Some members have become proper friends. Others remain "Get-together friends", the kind you're delighted to see every month but probably won't go on holiday with.

The Point, If There Must Be One

So yes, other groups might produce stunning artwork, speak fluent Spanish, or finally understand what "blockchain" means. We at Get-together will be in the corner, discussing whether the vicar's new hairstyle is "bold" or "regrettable" while demolishing a plate of Hobnobs. And you know what? That's exactly what makes it special to me.

Because sometimes the best activity is simply showing up, sitting down, and remembering that you're not alone in this peculiar business of being human.

Even if Gerald won't stop talking about his shed.

The Get-together group meets monthly. Bring yourself, bring biscuits, bring opinions about hedgehogs. New members always welcome, no experience in anything required.

Steven Kim

Art History Continued

I look forward to a varied selection for this fascinating subject and I wonder if anyone will select this painting – *The Ambassadors* by Hans Holbein the Younger (1533). The double portrait depicts two distinguished diplomats. On the left is Jean de Dinteville, the French ambassador in London and on the right his companion George de Selve, Bishop of Lavaur.

There are many objects on the table, the meaning of which is the cause of much debate. There are scientific and mathematical instruments, two globes and a lute with a broken string next to a hymn composed by Martin Luther.

The painting shows one of the best-known examples of anamorphosis. If viewed from a particular angle the elongated shape between the men's feet becomes a skull. Less easily spotted is a carving of Jesus on a crucifix, half hidden behind a curtain at the top left.

I am looking forward to viewing this painting (especially the skull!) on my next visit to the National Gallery, London. Full details of the work can be found on the website <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/hans-holbein-the-younger-the-ambassadors>

Angela Deane

Book Readers Group

2 September 2025, *The Salt Path*, Raynor Winn

We chose this as our September book just a few weeks after the Observer had reported at some length on the inconsistencies between Winn's account in *The Salt Path* of walking the south coast path with her husband, Moth and their (the Observer's) investigation into the circumstances of the same. Most notably, it was the author's embezzlement of substantial funds from her employer which led to their 'homelessness', (it also revealed that they had a house in France), and not as recounted in the book, a bad debt secured on their home. The Observer's reporting posed questions from medical experts about the nature of her husband's terminal medical condition and his apparent remission as a result of their walk and it queried the accuracy of the re-telling of some events in Winn's account which differed significantly from the recollections of those who had also been present. This book, hailed by reviewers on publication as, 'a tale of triumph', a 'lyrical tale of homelessness, human strength and endurance' and 'the most inspirational book', was thus suddenly controversial. Accordingly, we disagreed in our assessments! For some, this narrative of redemptive walking and wild camping retained its power to impress, both in the account of the natural world of the south coast path and in the account of the immense challenges faced and overcome by Winn and her husband – there is no doubt that they walked the path. For others, the factual inconsistencies revealed by the Observer's investigation meant the veracity of the whole account was fundamentally undermined and the reading experience was thereby greatly diminished. For yet others it was the second time of reading a book which had not on the first encounter been judged satisfying; for them, the author had not generated empathy and her account had never landed as entirely genuine. As with all our reading, there was as much thought and debate in disagreement as there was in agreement.

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Book Worms Report

The Bookworms group has been running since 2017 and continues to thrive. We enjoy reading all sorts of literature, mainly fiction, and are open to trying out both contemporary and classic authors from all over the world. This year we've read books from American, Scottish, Irish, English, Australian and Japanese authors. Sometimes we have very mixed views, occasionally we all love the book and at other times the theme is so dark and disturbing that it's hard to glean any enjoyment from it.

Our October book choice comes under the latter category, but despite that, it generated one of the most protracted discussions we've ever had. 'Never Let Me Go' by Kazuo Ishiguro begins in late 1990s England in a country boarding house which, at first, seems idyllic, but gradually the reader is drawn into a sinister world where the future of the young students has been pre-destined and over which they have no control. They are indeed clones, designed to end their short lives as organ donors - but for whom? Despite this, the three main characters, Kathy, Tommy and Ruth, display human emotions and crave security, parental figures and the love of one another; this makes the acceptance of their fate all the more tragic.

We couldn't decide whether this is a dystopian tale or a work of science fiction. Much is left unexplained, leaving the characters to speculate about various aspects of their existence. It is neither an easy nor comfortable read and, although Ishiguro's writing flowed, the storyline threw up so many unanswered questions which challenged us as readers. We also learned about his background growing up in a Japanese family in the UK where he saw things from a different perspective from that of his English peers. Ishiguro's diverse interests included singing, writing music and even grouse beating at Balmoral, before finally settling for studying English and Philosophy which then led to a creative writing course. No doubt these eclectic life experiences influenced his creativity.

A tale of menace and despair, of people caught in a fateful trap - not a book to 'enjoy' but it certainly made us think - what if?

Louise Elsome

Bookworms Group Coordinator



Cycling Group

Much nicer for our third Friday ride with a brilliant turnout of 17 riders. Many thanks to Pete White for leading the ride from Lubenham/Sibbertoft and to Gilmorton Post office for fitting us all in for the coffee stop.



Do It Again group

Eighteen Do It Again group members all enjoyed a lovely afternoon together learning how to make a beautiful Silk Painting Card. It was amazing how everyone's efforts were so different from each others but turned out so beautiful.

Sharon Webb was our inspiration for the afternoon and our thanks go to her for a fun but very relaxing afternoon.

Yvonne Starkey



Kelmarsh Memorial tribute



Photos by Jim Tyson

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Kevin Milliard



Wildlife

The wildlife group met at Pitsford nature reserve where the water levels were very low revealing large areas of mud. We spotted teal, great white egrets, heron and coots and were delighted to see two green sandpipers feeding in the mud. A striking cluster of burgundy drop bonnet fungi were seen growing on a decaying log. A woodpecker and jay were spotted flying and a buzzard and kite were heard overhead while large numbers of lapwing congregated along the causeway wall. As we were walking, we startled a muntjac deer from the undergrowth it's white tail flashing as it bounded away. While eating lunch in the bird hide, we watched a group of cormorants skilfully fishing in the shallow water while a territorial display broke out between two egrets.

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Diana Baxter

Wednesday Strollers report

Many thanks to Doreen and Andrew for arranging the stroll through Billesdon itself and its surroundings. Andrew was most informative telling us the history of the area and introducing us to one of its historic relics: the POW /WW2 camp; now a green space with small woodland, pond and the original posts still standing!! It was quite nostalgic when told of the village pre bypass; as a student at Leicester in the 1960's I had visited Uppingham on Midland Reds travelling the route through the village which we walked, showing my AGE!! Having "escaped" from the old camp we eventually reached the Queens Head for a delightful meal. We were fortunate that the recent rains held off and also the brewery delivery lorry that had blocked our arrival had left the car park approach on our return!

The November Meeting will be from the Bulls Head at Clipston.

Les Dodd



Friday Strollers report

There will be no Friday stroll on 12th December, we will instead meet for our Christmas lunch. This year we will go to The Bulls's Head, Clipston. LE16 9RT. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us. The Menu is available online.

If you would like to join us, please give names and menu choices to:

Carol 07855738706, carol.harvey1@hotmail.co.uk

Mike 01858 431944, agfparsons@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Carol Harvey

Remembrance Marshalling

We have received a thank you from Sarah Hamilton at Harborough District Council for the wonderful response from our Members to their request for help with the Remembrance Day road closure marshalling.

Thanks

Linda Reed

Rotary Club

Press report from the Rotary Club of Market Harborough.

Event: Rotary Club of Market Harborough participation in the worldwide Rotary "End Polio Now" campaign

Date: World Polio Day Friday October 24th 2025

A huge teddy bear and a ukulele band brought excitement to the information stand run by Rotarians telling the folk in Market Harborough about World Polio Day on Friday October 24th under the Old Grammar School in Market Harborough.

The display stand and rotarians were supported by lovely, lively music from the u3a ukulele band who stayed bright and focused while braving the cold and wind. Will the teddy bear kept everyone amused while the process for identifying children who had been immunised, by painting a pinky with purple ink, was demonstrated.

In the UK, polio has been got rid of. Every child gets vaccinated against polio and so this horrible disease has successfully been eradicated. However, there were at least three visitors to the stand who had contracted polio as a child and now still suffer the awful consequences. This is known as

Rotary Club continued

post-polio syndrome. One famous person who had this is Dury as seen in the film Sex Drugs and Rock n Roll.

Donations totalling over £120 were given to the Rotarians, and this will be tripled to £360 by a promise from Bill Gates to triple any funds raised by rotary for the worldwide campaign to End Polio Now.

Rotary International has been funding immunisation against polio since 1985, when the challenge was accepted to eradicate polio from the world by immunising every child in the world. This programme of immunisation has eradicated polio in most countries in the world but it is still present in parts of Africa and Asia. These days the vaccine is delivered by drops onto the tongue.

Background.

What is polio?

Polio (poliomyelitis) is a disease which can paralyse victims and can lead to permanent disablement or death. It is caused by a virus and is a highly infectious disease, spread mainly through close contact with an infected person. Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability. The treatment in this country commonly used to involve devices like iron lungs or callipers. Perhaps there are people reading this who have been affected. Children in this country have been immunised against polio since 1958, so we do not see any cases here now. The last case of polio in the UK occurred in 1993.

Pictures of the stand, the teddy bear, u3a ukulele band and Rotarians.





Can any Piano Players Help?

Are there any U3A members who are proficient pianists and have their own piano? I am practising a recorder piece and would love to be able to hear how it sounds with the piano accompaniment. If anyone feels able to meet up for a one-off session just so I can hear how the piece sounds with the piano accompaniment, please could you contact me: pl.gl@btinternet.com

Many thanks
Pauline Galea

Drone Group

Has he gone mad I hear some saying? Aldi at night !

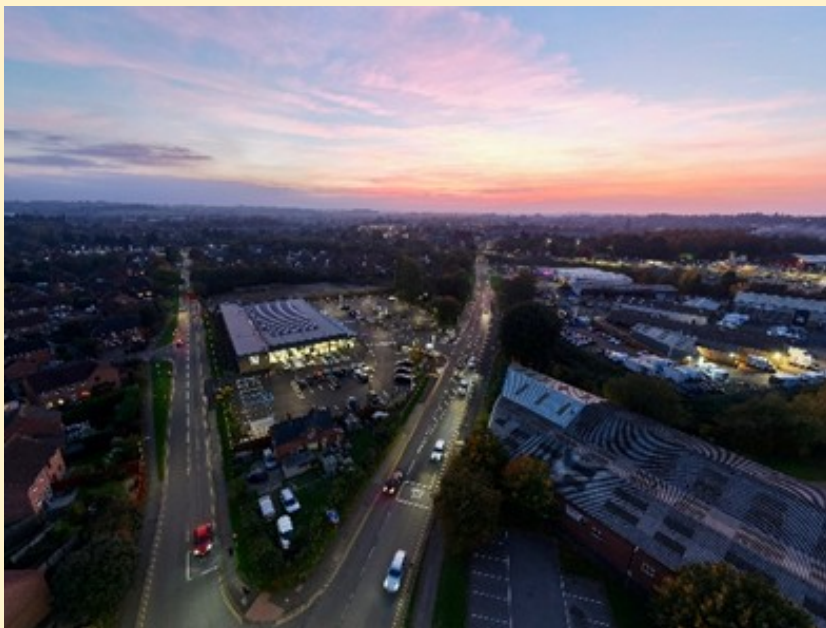
I must admit when I was choosing a safe take off location at the end of Riverside the thought did cross my mind of the madness of my latest aeronautical adventure, but that wasn't to deter me.

Once the drone was positioned pointing at the V created by the junction of Gorse Lane and St Mary's Road all my doubts dissolved as the image I was looking at on the drone's high brightness screen was to say the least very different!

The way the store lights illuminate the car parking areas as well as the street and car headlights adds to the scene of an early night shopping trip for some of our town's residents.

I was lucky to have benefited from a lovely sunset and you can just see the spires of our town's two biggest churches if you look closely.

Terry Eato



Marston Trussell Remembrance Poppies

Some photographs and Drone shots of the launch of the Remembrance Poppies on Saturday 1st of November.



Marston Trussell Remembrance Poppies



Drone Photos by Terry Eato

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HWu3a YouTube Channel	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOXhUBhNy3f-HxiRhrRqZuOg	Various HWu3a videos including several by the Drones group.
HWU3A Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/202921518684959	The Facebook group allows Harborough Welland U3A members to keep in touch with each other
National U3A Keeping in Touch Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/groups/U3AKeepingInTouch	This Facebook group is for all u3a members who wish to stay in contact with each other and share ideas.
National U3A Instagram Page	https://www.instagram.com/u3auk/	Make the most of life once you're no longer in work. Explore new ideas, skills and interests.
Sustainable Harborough Community	https://www.sustainableharboroughcommunity.co.uk/	Supports and promotes individuals, groups and businesses to embrace green concepts. Works alongside local and national leaders to help the right green decisions.

To see HWu3a Policies and documents on our website use this link: [Policies and other Documents – Harborough Welland U3A](#)

For Group Coordinators you can view the Group Coordinators Handbook using this link:

[Group-Coordiators-Handbook-Nov25.pdf](#)

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The u3a report, Learn to Live is well worth reading on the news page.



Jack Horton