

ROYSTON u3a news

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OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

Memories of a WW2 evacuee



Following our recent milestone celebrating 10 years of Royston u3a we continue to grow each month. From small beginnings we are well on the way to achieving another milestone, reaching 500 members.

Thanks must go to our committee and group leaders past and present. Their volunteering is the core to our success in providing much pleasure and enjoyment. Royston u3a is the perfect way to make new friends and get involved with like-minded members.

In the summer, Royston Rotary Club presented me as Royston u3a Chair with a Service Recognition Award to honour ten years of service. I dedicate this award to the entire committee, interest group leaders and all our members.

Once again, I urge members to consider starting new interest groups and share their hobbies with others. u3a is where members teach and learn from each other.

Finally, on behalf of the committee we wish you early Christmas greetings and best wishes for a healthy 2026.

Jackie Gellert, Chair



BRYAN THURLLOW

Once the threat of war became imminent, a policy of evacuation of children was introduced in an attempt to save them from future bombings.

The evacuation of city children to the countryside is one of the most emotional stories of the Second World War.

It had an enormous impact on the children involved and our November speaker Bryan Thurlow enacted the story of Billy Jackson, a pearly king from Bethnal Green.

At the age of ten, Billy's happy homelife was upended when his milkman father went off to join the Army and his mum got a job in an ammunition factory. Billy and his sister Doris were evacuated to farming relatives in Suffolk.

It seemed like fun at the time. "Mum and Dad took us to Liverpool Street station. My sister and I were off on an adventure on our own," he said.

They were the lucky ones - warmly welcomed and well cared for. After a few months as there seemed to be little danger he and Doris went back to London. Soon after air raids started and he witnessed the horrors of the blitz.

Bethnal Green underground station became a haven for the community. "You could get food and drink, and we had singsongs as we tucked ourselves under the utility blankets. You felt safe down there."

That feeling was shattered when they emerged after one raid to find there had been a direct hit on the area, wrecking their house.

Billy and Doris were sent back to Suffolk where they were told the terrible news that their father was missing in action, presumed dead.

Bryan's performance as Billy gave us a deep insight into the poignant stories of what it was like for families struggling to cope during wartime.

Getting sick to death of Spam, being told by ARP wardens to put a saucepan on your head as protection during air raids, going shopping for blackout material. And above all, the community spirit, gave us a unique flavour of the lives of families like Billy's.

Luckily Billy's story had a happy ending.

"After the war we were allocated a prefab and it was so bright and modern. I stayed in London all my life and was a milkman just like my dear father."

Pam Dajda

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

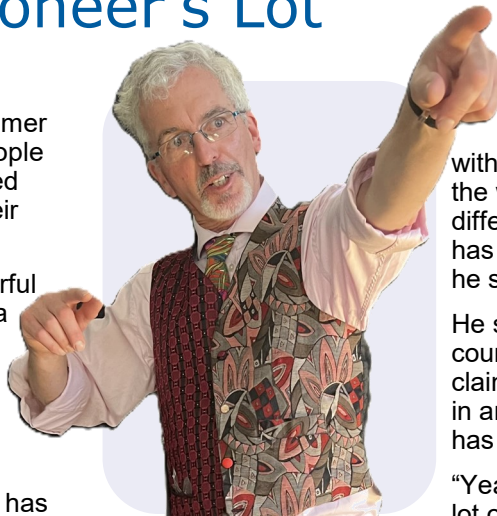
An Auctioneer's Lot

Auctioneer David Palmer is well aware that people need to be entertained when parting with their money.

Famous for his colourful waistcoats, David is a familiar face wielding the gavel on TV shows like *Bargain Hunt*, *Cash in the Attic* and *Flog It!*

For over 30 years he has travelled the country conducting sales in auction rooms and locations ranging from fields and market squares to schools and cathedrals.

Although he calls himself 'the bloke who turns up, stands on the rostrum and shouts numbers out,' we realised that the art of entertaining is key to his success.



DAVID PALMER

In a light-hearted talk to a packed September meeting, David described his life as an auctioneer, thinking on his feet and engaging with the audience to keep the interest going.

Communication skills are paramount, and the Covid pandemic brought great changes to the auction world with far more online sales.

"You have to deal with people from all over the world bidding on different platforms. Covid has changed everything," he said.

He sells up and down the country and although he claimed not to be an expert in anything in particular he has had some luck himself.

"Years ago I bought a job lot of pictures for £15 and there was one I really liked. I hung it on a wall at home and later took it to an art specialist who valued it at £21,000."

An in-depth understanding of the market and the items being auctioned is also a necessary skill, but in typical style as David put it: "For me it's all a bit of a game and a bit of fun to do."

Pam Dajda

BOOK GROUP 1

Open a new chapter - join a book group

Autumn is the time to curl up with a good book – and the ideal time to join a book group!

The good news is that Book Group 1 run by Deirdre Smith currently has space for new members.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm and are a great way to enjoy a chat over a cup of tea and try something new to read.

The group is currently reading *The Figurine* by Victoria Hislop which is transporting us to a world of Greek sunshine and delicious food as well as tackling the subject of the theft of ancient art and antiquities.

Other recent reads have included *Yellowface* by R F Kuang, in which a struggling writer sees her opportunity after her successful author friend

dies in front of her, and *The Curfew* by T M Logan, a gripping family thriller.

There's a great choice of reads and books are chosen as a group so there's the chance to try something different.

Get in touch with Deirdre if you would like to join this friendly and informal group.

JULY MONTHLY MEETING

Too young to get old

Forget the crimplene and carpet slippers – we should be winding up not down as we grow older.

That was the message from Christine Webber who is on a mission to promote positive ageing and living life to the full.

The former Anglia TV presenter has packed a lot into her life, as agony aunt, psychotherapist, novelist and author of self-help books.

And at our July meeting she gave us a kick start on how we can continue to have as good a time as possible

“As I approached 60, I thought that surely we, the lucky baby boomer generation, would do ageing better than our parents had,” she said.

She went to look for a self-help book, couldn't find one, so started researching the best ways of keeping as fit and happy as we possibly can.

Luckily for us, joining a group like u3a is one of her top priorities!

“I love talking to u3a groups because it's very noticeable how proactive and enthusiastic people are. u3a is a terrific association and I highly recommend it.”



Looking good at 78 former Anglia TV presenter CHRISTINE WEBBER

Research shows that loneliness and isolation are seriously bad for mental and physical health and belonging to a group can protect us against cognitive decline.

“It's that sense of belonging for so many of us. It's an effort sometimes to go out and meet people but it's so worth it.”

She pointed out that by 2030 22 per cent of the population will be over 65.

“We really have to step up and keep ourselves fit and help the NHS which is straining under the weight of us all.”

Christine gave us tips on improving posture, exercising, eating more protein to maintain muscle tone - and being optimistic.

“Keep having projects and keep having dreams. When you look forward you don't grow old in the way you do when all you do is look back.”

Pam Dajda

New language group leaders needed

Calling all French enthusiasts - have you got what it takes to start a new group?

French Conversation led by Barbara Fielden is so popular that there's a waiting list of potential new members.

A second group could be the solution and the search is on to find a member to lead it.

Barbara is happy to offer advice to anyone interested and says an academic background isn't essential.

“What's important is that you need to have good conversational skills and a lot of patience.”

Meetings can be monthly although Barbara prefers shorter, more frequent sessions. “We do little and often with an hour a fortnight.

“I love it. You need to be resourceful and up to speed with current developments in French. With so many French films being available

on Netflix, members have really appreciated understanding new vocabulary.”

Above all, a sense of humour is needed. “We laugh a lot and whoever runs a group needs to be able to laugh at themselves,” she said.

If you're interested in helping to set up a new French group or starting other language groups - possibly Spanish, German or Italian – contact Groups Co-ordinator Joan Westcott.

HISTORY GROUP - SEPTEMBER

The life and crimes of Agatha Christie

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STEVE DIMMER

Agatha Christie is acclaimed as the best-selling fiction writer of all time and the indisputable Queen of Crime.

Her most famous creations, Hercule Poirot, the self-styled 'greatest detective in the world' and the unassuming Miss Marple, solved countless murders through the pages of 66 detective novels.

But looking back at her impressive career, Steve Dimmer revealed that Agatha Christie made international headlines when she herself disappeared in a real-life mystery story.

In a fascinating talk to the History group Steve described how Christie grew up as a painfully shy child with an overprotective mother, to be swept off her feet and marrying Archie Christie, a dashing career soldier.

During the First World War she worked as a dispensary pharmacist, building up her extensive knowledge of the poisons that would prove useful in her writing career.

In her spare time, she was dared by her sister Madge to write a detective novel, which led to the publication of *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* in 1920.

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd followed, establishing her reputation as one of the top writers of detective fiction.

But following the breakdown of her marriage and the death of her mother in 1926, her car was found abandoned near a Sussex lake, sparking a 10-day search by thousands of volunteers.

She was discovered in a Harrogate hotel, possibly suffering from amnesia, and never spoke about her disappearance or mentioned it in her autobiography.

"I think it was a rather extreme nervous breakdown, but we'll never really know," said Steve. "One of the most intriguing of all of Christie's mysteries remains unsolved!"

Following a slow recovery Christie travelled to the Middle East, married archaeologist Max Mallowan and resumed her career, becoming not only the most successful crime author but also one of the most successful film writers of all time.

Pam Dajda

Dame **Agatha Christie** earned her place in *The Guinness Book of World Records* as the best-selling novelist in the world with sales of over four billion books. She is also the third most widely translated author, beaten only by William Shakespeare and the Bible.



HISTORY GROUP - OCTOBER

King James and his Royston Palace



SOPHIE RICHES

A record audience of over 50 listened to an interesting and informative talk by Sophie Riches, Curator at Royston Museum, on King James I and his association with Royston.

Although only a small part of the 'Palace' now survives, Sophie showed an old map of the extensive complex of buildings fronting Kneesworth and Melbourn Street that formed his estate.

James first visited Royston in April 1603 while on his way to London for his coronation as the King of England. As a keen hunter from childhood, he was impressed with the potential for hunting in the area. He initially rented two inns in

Kneesworth Street and gradually extended to form his royal estate. As well as the king's lodgings, there were kitchens, gardens, stables and kennels, a bowling green, a cock fighting ring and guard-houses.

Royston in the early 1600s was a thriving market town with a population of about 1000. The king's arrival was not popular with the locals; the building work was disruptive, a 14-mile hunting ban was imposed and regulations on ploughing and hedge height were put in place to make the king's riding easier.

In December 1604, the king's favourite hunting dog, Jowler, was taken and returned with a note requesting the king return to London. James wrote this off as a jest and continued with his building work.

He visited Royston between September and February, during the hare and game hunting season, usually with a small group of friends and advisors, as he didn't enjoy the formality and ceremony of court.

Ministers often had to travel from London to discuss business and several significant decisions were made in the town, including the marriage negotiations of the king's children, Prince Charles and Princess Elizabeth, and signing Sir Walter Raleigh's execution warrant.

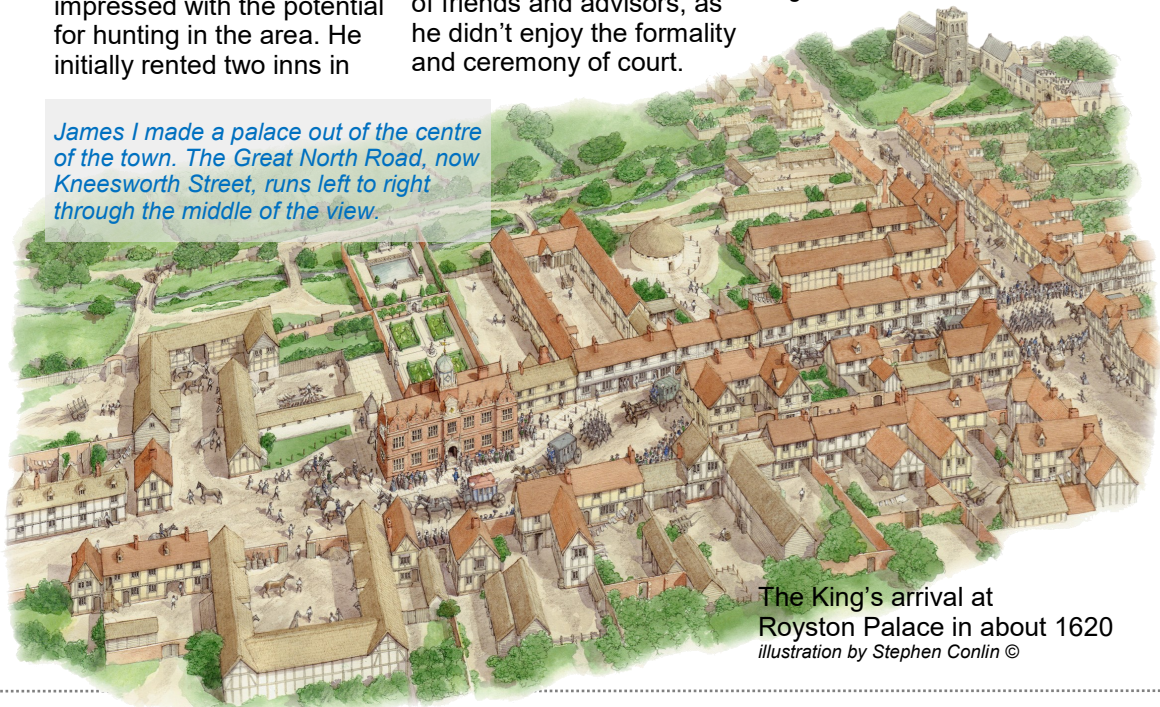
James' last visit to Royston was in February 1625, before his death a month later. Charles I occasionally still hunted in the area but visited much less than his father.

Royston was used as a strategic base by the Royalist Army during the Civil War and King Charles passed through the town. His last visit was in June 1647 as a prisoner of Cromwell's Army who camped around the town.

After the Civil War, the lodge was rented out to various tenants until 1866, when it was sold into private hands. The king's main residence remains a private house, while businesses along Kneesworth Street inhabit various parts of the king's estate.

Reg Hounsell

James I made a palace out of the centre of the town. The Great North Road, now Kneesworth Street, runs left to right through the middle of the view.



NEW GROUP

Stitching for Fun



Judging by the success of its first meeting, Stitching for Fun has got it all sewn up!

Aimed at members who would like to learn more about sewing by machine, share techniques and tips, the new group also welcomes newcomers who have never done any sewing before.

“Our first session was great,” said group leader Doreen Howe. “It’s been really instructive and we’re learning a lot from each other as we’ve all got different skills and experiences of needlework.

“One member had a go at a technique that allows you to draw with a sewing machine by manually controlling the material’s movement under the needle.

“Other members brought various items to share. One had bags made out of scraps of material and explained how she made them. Another brought her book to show us all the different stitches and explained how to adjust a pattern for a shoulder.

“Another member is working on a hanging wall patch work for her grandson and explained how to do it. All her own designs and all hand sewn. The image below shows one that she has recently completed.”

As its first joint project members made felt poppy brooches. Future meetings will look at upcycling materials, decorative work using sewing machines, hand stitching, and patchwork.

The group meets monthly on Friday mornings at a member’s house. Five members attended the first session and there is probably room for one more due to limited space. Anyone interested should contact Doreen Howe.

A beautiful hanging wall patchwork designed and recently completed by a group member for her grandson.



Explaining how to adjust a pattern for a shoulder.



WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

An Aegean themed afternoon



For the past 5 years the Wine Appreciation group has held an outdoor wine and food pairing summer event. Taking no notice of the age-old discord between Turkey and Greece, a Turkish food and Greek wine themed lunch took place in our garden in August, but it almost didn't happen.



At 10pm on the night preceding the lunch, when all the arrangements were in place and we were sorting out final details for the following day's event, we accidentally locked ourselves out of our house. To add insult to injury a spare key holding neighbour was on holiday in Crete.

After several minutes of panic our luck changed when we noticed in the darkness that an upstairs window had been left very slightly open for ventilation following a hot sunny day.

For the greater good of the Wine Appreciation group, Ralph heroically climbed up a ladder in the darkness and was able to clamber in. Phew, problem solved.

The next day with disaster averted and with everything in place, 24 wine group members arrived ready to be indulged with Greek wines specially selected by group member and wine judge Alan Derr.

Kadir and Stacey of 'The Greatest Doughman' formerly of No 41 Kneesworth Street, cooked delicious Turkish food for us on our driveway in their mobile catering van.

Wine Appreciation group members Steve and Pam Ogilvie kindly made their gazebo available again this year just in case of pouring rain or strong sunshine.

One and all had a very relaxing convivial afternoon with tasty food, good wine and good company. We are happy to have done our bit for Greek-Turkish relations.

Jackie & Ralph Gellert



Delicious Turkish food prepared by Kadir and Stacey in 'The Greatest Doughman' mobile catering van.

CURRENT AFFAIRS GROUP

Current Affairs round-up

Current Affairs meetings are always lively, covering a wide variety of topics - with new members joining in with a will! Sarah Hillman reports.

In **October** we discussed 'should we ban the burka, like some other EU countries?' Some agreed, but would families who require it to be worn stop their women going out at all? How is this ban working, elsewhere? Perhaps the next generation of women in such families will reject these patriarchal rules, making integration easier.

Online IDs: How do those with no mobile get one? If it's lost or stolen, how quickly can you replace it? (Slowly, from US experience!) It increases risks of fraud/hacking, but won't deter illegal immigrants - they operate in the black economy. Perhaps produce IDs based on our NHS numbers? One member added: "They'll be micro-chipping us next!"

Prince Andrew: Fewer Royals would benefit them and us, especially their children who need more privacy and freedom.

Tourism benefits us, but perhaps William's reign could re-set the relationship?

Our **September** meeting was vigorous with strong views - assisted by a wind-up merchant revving things up when it became too predictable!

Asylum hotels protests and the appropriation of the St George's Cross flag were a worry. Was it partly a protest by disadvantaged people feeling that they are treated as an "underclass?" Speeding up asylum-processing could help on several fronts.

China's meeting with an Eastern bloc aims to make China No.1 in the world long-term and increases the chance of conflict with the West. Keir Starmer's ability to keep Trump onside might be crucial for the long-term future of democracy.

HMRC using AI to view taxpayers' social media and detect tax evasion was unwelcome, but the possible loss of jobs to AI is a greater concern. It will affect the least-qualified employees. More training in technical jobs might give them a productive alternative.

Next meeting:
Monday 17th November.
3.15pm Banyers House.



Giving new members a warm welcome

Royston u3a is a success story with new members joining all the time.

We currently have 459 members and our monthly meetings at the Town Hall routinely attract newcomers interested in finding out more.

To ensure they are given a warm reception we have set up a welcoming table with

Mike Cock, our new members contact.

He will be on hand to greet them, provide information about the wide variety of interest groups and activities on offer and how to join them.

Royston u3a chair Jackie Gellert said: "We always do our best to give a warm welcome to new members

and visitors interested in joining us.

"u3a isn't just about learning, just as importantly it's about connection and the chance to make new friends.

"When newcomers show up we want to make them feel at home and become part of our welcoming community."

THEATRE GROUP - RECENT OUTINGS

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Members of the group have been taking their seats and enjoying performances in London and Milton Keynes, as Deirdre Smith reports.

Our summer trip to the Ambassadors theatre in London to see *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* was a real treat!

It had been adapted to be set in a Cornish fishing village. The music and

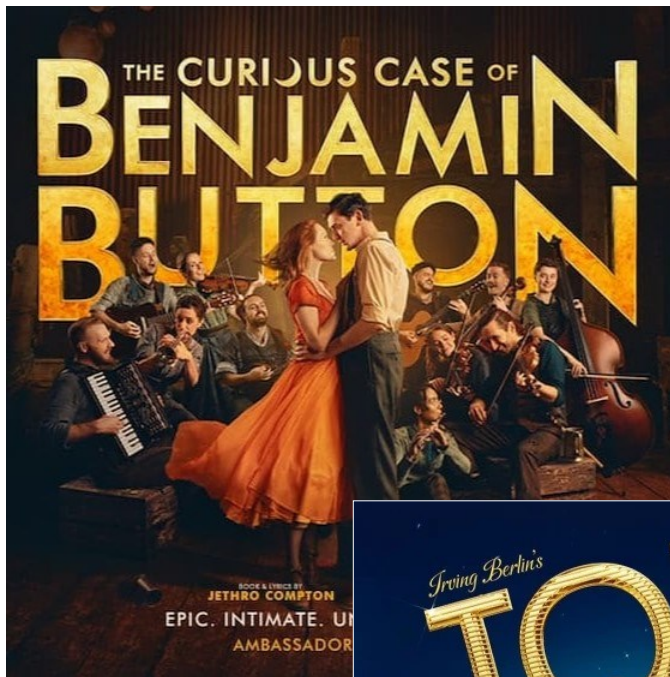
choreography were lively and the story held you from start to finish.

Benjamin, being born an old man, led an "interesting" life with much comedy too. How can you end up being younger than your son and never getting wrinkles!?

Of course, there had to be sadness at the end but it certainly lived up to its title of being "an unordinary musical" Go to see it if you can.

As an added extra our coach driver gave us a lovely trip along the Embankment which was glorious in the sunshine.

A super day out.



Irving Berlin's Top Hat

In September the group enjoyed an afternoon in the Milton Keynes theatre watching a performance of Irving Berlin's *Top Hat*.

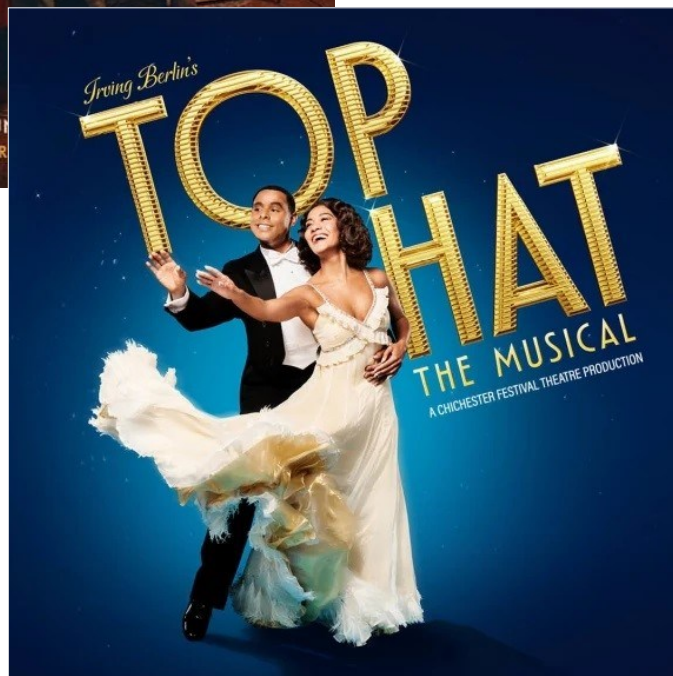
It was quite a spectacle!

As we all knew the music we hummed along to the songs. The costumes were quite amazing, the dancing, especially the tap, had many of us tapping our own

feet and the stage and the colours were fabulous. Many of us were very envious of the energy put into the performance!

Thank you to everyone who came along and see you all again soon.

Deirdre Smith



STROLLERS GROUP

Leisurely walks with the Strollers



The Strollers have been out and about enjoying walks around Royston and the surrounding villages.

Walks are usually around three miles long with a selection of circular routes, including the RSPB site at Fowlmere which attracted 12 members on a sunny summer's day.

Group leader Chris Cawdell said: "It was a lovely morning and really pleasant in the shady parts of the walk along by the river and in the site.

"However, it did get a bit warm in the open areas on the return journey and we were more than ready to get a refreshing drink at the Green Man on our return to the cars."

The group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10am. Walks are taken at a gentle pace and avoiding roads, steep hills and muddy paths as far as possible.

There is always parking and most have refreshments available nearby. Dogs are welcome on most walks apart from Fowlmere RSPB where they are not allowed entry.

"We start promptly at 10.15am and aim to finish by 11.30am so that we have time to enjoy refreshments afterwards," said Chris.

Contact Chris Cawdell for further details.

Rotary Club applauds Royston u3a

Unexpectedly Jackie and I received an invitation from Royston Rotary Club to a dinner in August. No explanation was given for the invitation. Being curious we gratefully accepted.

During dinner at Royston Golf Club, Royston Rotary Club President Jean Green presented Jackie with a Service Recognition Award

and a beautiful bouquet of flowers to acknowledge her energy and enthusiasm during her decade as Chair of Royston u3a. The award also recognised what Royston u3a has achieved in its 10 years under her chairmanship.

Unprepared, Jackie made a brief impromptu speech thanking the Rotary Club

for the award and its hospitality and took the opportunity to express her disappointment at the town's officials for never having recognised what Royston u3a has achieved for the Royston community over the past 10 years.

Ralph Gellert

FIVE MILE WALKS GROUP

Stepping out with Five Mile Walkers

Five Mile Walkers have been exploring countryside around Nuthampstead, Wendons Ambo and Buntingford.

The September route started at The Mixing Shed Cafe at Clanver End, Wendons Ambo, writes Eric Heaton.

The walk took us to Littlebury Green where we visited the Tin Tabernacle which has been the village church since 1885. This type of church was sold as a flat pack by Harrods and they were shipped throughout the Empire and there are now just eight still in use in the UK.

The church was open when we were there. It is pine lined with horsehair insulation. A church and a social space for the village. Worth a visit.

We continued to Catmere End and then back to The Mixing Shed Cafe for lunch. I think that many of us were surprised how busy the cafe was. I'm sure that we will return.

Our thanks to Peter Andrew for another enjoyable walk.



Left: The Tin Tabernacle at Littlebury Green



In July, 14 of us met on a perfect day for a walk in lovely countryside. Setting out from the Peppermill Bar and Kitchen in Buntingford High Street, we walked along the Causeway to the 14th century St Bartholomew's church which was the original parish church for Buntingford.

By the 20th century it had become redundant and was no more than a ruin and replaced by a newer church in the centre of Buntingford.

The old church was rescued by a couple who have renovated the building at substantial cost as their home.

We continued to Wyddial where photographs of our walkers were taken by Peter Andrew at St Giles Parish Church.

As usual on our walks we were accompanied by red kites gracefully swooping overhead. We returned to Buntingford for lunch in the garden at Peppermill Bar and Kitchen.

Another good walk in good company followed by a good lunch. Thanks again to Peter Andrew for planning the route.

Why don't you join us on one of our future walks? We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, walks last about two and a half hours and it's a chance for a pub lunch and a social chat!

Contact Eric Heaton for further details.

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER 2025

Tuesday 25, 2pm at Royston Town Hall and via Zoom

MY LIFE AS A BLUEBELL GIRL

Guest Speaker: JANE HOGGAR

Cabaret artiste, Can-Can dancer, singer, magician’s assistant, Mum, dinner-lady, you name it, Jane has had a go! Throughout her life she has managed to carve a career in entertainment. Her proudest moment has to be performing at the world famous Lido de Paris on the Champs-Élysées.

Join Jane to hear her story with a few songs and poems thrown in too!

DECEMBER 2025 - no monthly meeting

JANUARY 2026

Tuesday 27, 2pm at Royston Town Hall and via Zoom

THE WOMEN OF BLETCHLEY PARK

Guest Speaker: MIKE BARBAKOFF

There are countless soldiers, pilots, and sailors who were saved by the codebreaking performed at Bletchley Park during World War 2.

At the height of the codebreaking activities, there were around 10,000 people working there. What has only become evident in more recent years is that seventy-five percent of the workers were women sworn to secrecy about their vital work.

FEBRUARY 2026

Tuesday 24, 2pm at Royston Town Hall and via Zoom

“INN & OUT AT THE TOP”

Guest Speaker: NEIL HANSON

Neil’s talk is a laugh-a-minute tour of the quirks and foibles, highs and lows of running Britain’s highest inn - so isolated that its next-door neighbour was 4 miles away and so high above sea level that it had its own climate, with winds that could tear car-doors off their hinges, and winter snows that cut-off the inn for weeks on end.

A hugely engaging storyteller, Neil will talk about his time at the inn, grappling with tight-fisted farmers, eccentric characters, bizarre local customs, naturist weekends, “lates and lock-ins”, police raids, rats in the attic, close encounters with magistrates and planners, and the shooting of a double glazing commercial.

MARCH 2026

Tuesday 31, 2pm at Royston Town Hall and via Zoom

MY ADVENTURES IN HELICOPTERS

Guest Speaker: DUNCAN BICKLEY

Duncan is a retired Commercial Helicopter Pilot, Instructor, Examiner and Trainer with over 20 years and 7,500 hours of onshore helicopter flying experience.

During his life as a commercial helicopter pilot, Duncan managed to fly in some interesting places, generally leading trips for his customers. This included flying over London, Paris, the French Alps, Mallorca and all around the coastline of the UK. There are also stories about some of the famous faces he flew with.

Easy Guide to Interest Groups

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		Golf Croquet	Fitness	Book Club 3	Walkers: Strollers	Book Club 2
			Seated Exercise	Singing for Fun		Stitching for Fun
			Tai Chi 1	Walkers: Five Mile		
PM	Solo Sundays	Ancient Greeks & Romans	MONTHLY MEETING last Tuesday of month	Book Club 1	Canasta	Petanque/Boules
		Art	History	Clay Shooting	Golf	
		Current Affairs	Ukulele	Wine Appreciation	Tai Chi 2	
		French Conversation	Yarn & Chat		Quiz	
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For frequency and contact details about all interest groups please see the chart on the final page or check our website for more information. Announcements about future Events & Outings and Theatre Trips will be posted on our website when details become available.

Interest Groups

GROUP	DAY	TIME	FREQUENCY	GROUP LEADER
Ancient Greeks & Romans	Mon	3:00pm	Monthly 1st Mon	Joan Westcott
Art	Mon	2:30pm	Monthly last Mon	Sylvia Jordan
Birding	Wed	8:30am	Suspended	Carol McGeoch
Book Club 1	Wed	2:00pm	Monthly 1st Wed	Deirdre Smith
Book Club 2	Fri	11:00am	Monthly variable	Janet Burton
Book Club 3	Wed	10:30am	Monthly last Wed	Elizabeth (Lee) Towers
Canasta	Thurs	2:00pm	1st and 3rd Thurs of month	Sue Clark
Clay Shooting	Wed	2:00pm	Monthly variable	Frank Martin
Current Affairs	Mon	3:15pm	Monthly 3rd Mon	Sarah Hillman
Events & Outings (open to all)	Variable	Variable	Occasional	
Film	Wed	2:00pm	Suspended	
Fitness	Tues	9:30am	Weekly	Kathy Hounsell
French Conversation	Mon	2:00pm	1st and 3rd Mon of month	Barbara Fielden
Gardening	Thurs	2:30pm	Suspended	
Golf	Thurs	1:00pm	Weekly	Peter Walden
Golf Croquet	Mon	10:15am	Weekly	Sue Barnes Bishop
History	Tues	2:00pm	Monthly 2nd Tues	Reg Hounsell
Jazz Appreciation	Wed	7:30pm	Suspended	
Life Stories	Wed	11:00am	Suspended	
Petanque / Boules	Fri	2:00pm	Weekly	Jane Dottridge
Quiz	Thurs	1:45pm	Monthly 3rd Thurs	Colin Wiggins
Seated Exercise	Tues	10:45am	Weekly	Kathy Hounsell
Singing for Fun	Wed	11:00am	1st and 3rd Wed of month	Jackie Gellert
Solo Sundays	Sun	12:00pm	Monthly 2nd Sun	Brenda Brown
Stitching for Fun	Fri	10:00am	Monthly 2nd Fri	Doreen Howe
Tai Chi 1 (experienced only)	Tues	12:00pm	Weekly	Joan Westcott
Tai Chi 2 (beginners only)	Thurs	1:00pm	Weekly	Joan Westcott
Theatre Trips	Variable	Variable	Variable	Deirdre Smith
Ukulele	Tues	12:00pm	Weekly	John Bishop
Walkers: Five Mile	Wed	9:45am	Monthly 2nd Wed	Eric Heaton
Walkers: Strollers	Thurs	10:15am	2nd and 4th Thurs of month	Christine Cawdell
Wine Appreciation	Wed	2:00pm	Monthly variable	Jackie Gellert
Yarn & Chat	Tues	2:00pm	1st and 3rd Tues of month	Reg Wells

Contacts

Please use the Royston U3A website contacts page to email us with any queries.

For general information about Royston U3A please contact the Chair.

For information about interest groups please select the option Interest Groups Co-ordinator stating the group in which you are interested.

For information about membership please select the option Membership Secretary.

For queries about our website or if you wish to send updates please select the option Website and Updates.

Royston u3a Committee

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