



“In the Season of School Balls returning, one young lady has the thrill of the Stig taking her in a Jaguar P7 to her special event in Market Harborough.”

(see Photography Group's **“Unusual Transportation”** challenge - page 23)

## Table of Contents

<a href="#"><u>NOTICES</u></a> .....	3
<a href="#"><u>MISTERTON HALL</u></a> .....	4
<a href="#"><u>LIVELY DISCUSSION</u></a> .....	5
<a href="#"><u>GENTLE CYCLING GROUP</u></a> .....	10
<a href="#"><u>FOURTH WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP</u></a> .....	11
<a href="#"><u>FOURTH WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP</u></a> .....	13
<a href="#"><u>U3A WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUPS</u></a> .....	14
<a href="#"><u>GEORGE'S 'LONG WALK'</u></a> .....	14
<a href="#"><u>HISTORY GROUP</u></a> .....	16
<a href="#"><u>FRENCH CONVERSATION</u></a> .....	20
<a href="#"><u>PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP</u></a> .....	21
<a href="#"><u>SNAIL'S PACE WALKING GROUP</u></a> .....	25
<a href="#"><u>ESTG JUNE EVENT</u></a> .....	29
<a href="#"><u>ESTG FUTURE EVENTS</u></a> .....	32
<a href="#"><u>1st WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP</u></a> .....	33
<a href="#"><u>Committee Members</u></a> .....	35

## NOTICES

### Bulletin Reports

Articles, reports, news items etc. for inclusion in the next bulletin should be sent to the editor:

**[trudyhaddon.rylands@gmail.com](mailto:trudyhaddon.rylands@gmail.com)**

Deadline for inclusion in the next bulletin: on the last day of the month.

\* \* \* \* \*

### **Please bring along your used stamps to the next meeting**

As you know, Liz White of Lutterworth U3A is collecting used stamps on behalf of **Medical Detection Dogs**. They can be any used stamps (even just 1st or 2nd Class) but please could you ensure they have approximately a 1cm (roughly a finger's width) surround.

Please bring them along and give them to Sue Creeden at the monthly meeting. Alternatively, you can pop them through her door – 25 Holly Drive, Lutterworth. Sue will then pass them on to Liz.



Many thanks.

Sue



## MISTERTON HALL



*We sat in companionable groups, 53 participants in all. Some chose to explore the lake area and garden after eating. Thanks to all who chatted ,laughed and brought umbrellas, which, despite the threatened rain, were not really needed. How lovely to catch up with everyone's news!*

*Chris*



## LIVELY DISCUSSION

Co-ordinator: Dot

13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### **Is this another imminent conflict crisis? - our water in all its aspects**

Our planet's water sources can best be seen from space, from where seas and rivers can be plainly viewed. Groundwater cannot be easily seen but the millions of wells in use in the present and the past confirm its existence. Settlements were founded near water sources. Today with the benefit of piped water in many countries communities have become more widespread. However in less developed countries women and children spend large amounts of time collecting water which is often contaminated. 771 million people don't have water close to home.

We covered the many ways in which water is wasted, particularly in developed countries, and also the vast amounts of water used in agriculture and industry. It was pointed out that often this water is reused, particularly in industry. We are concerned that a water supply crisis could be with us by 2025. The average UK household uses 350 – 400 litres per day. In Cape Town in 2018 after a severe drought each person was limited to 50 litres.

We covered the rain and global cycles of water and how the pH of the oceans is gradually changing. In the past 200 years ocean water has become 30% more acidic, which is faster than any known change in the previous 500 million years. The main cause is the burning of fossil fuels and this is one of the links with climate change.

**Virtual Water** is a new aspect of which none of us were aware, even the person telling us about it before he had done the research!

Virtual water is the water embodied in the production of food and fibre and non-food commodities, including energy.

The concept of virtual, or embedded, water was first espoused by Professor Tony Allan of Kings College London in 1993 and laid the foundation of the **water footprint** concept.

The virtual water concept was developed as a way of understanding the true extent of water usage at a global level. In particular, how trade between countries 'moves' water between those countries as well as the goods that are traded.

The idea stems from the notion that when goods and services are exchanged, so is the virtual water that has been used to create them.

Thus, the global trade in goods has allowed countries with limited water resources to rely on the water resources in other countries to meet the needs of their inhabitants.

Crops such as wheat or rice have been major carriers of virtual water in countries where water resources are scarce. Therefore, cereal imports can play a crucial role in compensating for local water deficit.

For example, when a country imports one tonne of wheat instead of producing it domestically, it is saving about 1,300 cubic meters of real indigenous water. If this country is water-scarce, the water that is 'saved' can be used towards other ends. If the exporting country is water-scarce, however, it has exported 1,300 cubic meters of virtual water since the real water used to grow the wheat will no longer be available for other purposes.

The concept of the **water footprint** was first developed by the Dutch academic Arjen Hoekstra in 2002 as a way of measuring the extent of fresh water usage in relation to its consumption by individuals, communities and businesses and is a measure of humanity's usage of fresh water in volumes of water consumed.

As everything we use, wear, buy, sell and eat takes water to produce, a water footprint can be calculated for a single process (such as growing rice) or for any product or service

A Water footprint can be categorized into four components

1. A blue water footprint – which is the volume of surface and ground water consumed

2. A green water footprint – which is the volume of rainwater consumed
3. A grey water footprint – which is the amount of water required to adjust pollutants and maintain water quality.
4. Additionally we also use water that we do not see. This is called the virtual water footprint.

Examples of **potential water conflicts** are seen in the actions of governments in **China, Saudi Arabia** and **Russia**.

**China** and **Saudi Arabia** are buying up agricultural land in Africa and Arizona respectively. Here they are producing food to be shipped back to their own countries using local land and water. For governments responsible for feeding their populations this is understandable, however at the moment this simply prevents the availability of water and land to the local residents. But as water becomes scarcer, there is the potential for wars to develop.

The **China/India** water conflict has lasted for 40 years so far, with China threatening to stop the pipelines if they don't get what they want from India.

**Russia** is already causing problems in Ukraine and reports confirm that in Mariupol lack of water and sanitation will result in cholera and other diseases. The Dnipro River is the largest in Ukraine and almost divides the country in two. If the Russians were to reach and control it they could cause further havoc and suffering to Ukrainians probably resulting in Ukraine being returned to Russian control.

All this shows how water is weaponised. We should be worried here in the UK as many of our water companies are owned by the French. We also know that 20% of our water is lost through leaks and that successive governments have failed to hold the companies to account.

We are heartened by organisations and countries which are striving to improve the situation. However each and every one of us also needs to be more economical with water. There are many water- based charities such as WaterAid, HydrateLIFE, Charity Water and branches of the UN, Christian Aid

and others. WaterAid states that water, sanitation and hygiene are completely entwined.

Universities such as Loughborough, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre in Delft in the Netherlands have dedicated departments working on this topic and have done so for at least 50 years. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has funded research in this area, along with medical research.

Water desalination plants are common throughout the Middle East and in other hot countries. They can be powered using solar and are very economical to run.

Israel is one of the most water-scarce countries in the world yet has water security. Although the State was only founded in 1947 successive governments have planned and executed the supply and management of water through nine key innovations namely:

1. putting in place a national water conveyance system to connect all water infrastructure
2. reuse of treated wastewater for irrigation
3. large-scale desalination PPP for potable water independence
4. using aquifers as reservoirs
5. interception of surface water run-off
6. promoting crop selectivity and importation of virtual water
7. efficient irrigation technologies
8. demand management and public communication
9. creating a supporting environment for innovation.

The Israeli experience holds nine important lessons, which are of major importance for other countries' control of water allocations:

1. building public awareness of the value of water
2. control of water allocations



3. access to quality data for integrated management
4. national conveyance water system
5. massive infrastructure investment must be done in parallel with institutional reforms
6. low price for desalinated water depends on well-designed PPP schemes
7. wastewater reuse is beneficial but requires subsidies
8. corporatization of water utilities requires sound regulation and heavy-handed supervision,
9. even in a country with large resources and strong capacity, this has been a long process and mistakes have been made.

Thinking of the water footprint in water-scarce countries like Israel - they discourage the export of oranges (relatively water intensive crops) precisely to prevent large quantities of their water from being exported to different parts of the world.

Two thirds of the world's population live with water scarcity. It is clear that ALL governments, including the UK, need to act now to prevent problems in their own countries. It will be bad enough if the possible conflicts escalate.

---

Visitors welcome, please contact Dot Barnard [dot.barnard@uwclub.net](mailto:dot.barnard@uwclub.net)

01455 208190

We meet on the second Monday morning of each month at 10.30am.

## 2022 TOPICS

- July – Is there a time to review the exam system?
- August – Is the NHS fit for purpose now?

## GENTLE CYCLING GROUP

Co-ordinator: Sue Creeden  
01455 557888

As not many members could make the ride in May, we repeated the same route in June. This time we were a pack of seven which included a very welcome new member.

We started at Gilmorton Village Shop and headed off down to Kimcote. We took the back road to Walton and then turned left to Upper Bruntingthorpe. Another left took us downhill (always enjoyable!) through Bruntingthorpe and then we turned right up (not so pleasant!) towards Arnesby. However, before reaching the village we turned left and took advantage of the traffic-free gated lane to Peatling Magna. We pedalled on through Peatling Parva and back up to Gilmorton. Coffee was enjoyed on the garden terrace at Moretons. A lovely bright morning and a very enjoyable ride.

Our next ride will be on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July starting from Ashby Magna Village Hall at 10.00 .m. If you fancy joining us, we will be very pleased to see you. Electric bikes welcome. Just email me - [sueandpeter.creeden@taltalk.net](mailto:sueandpeter.creeden@taltalk.net) or call me on the above number.

## FOURTH WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP

### June 2022 Walk Report

The weather forecast predicted a highish temperature for the day, and it wasn't wrong. But it did not deter 16 walkers from meeting on a very warm morning at the Bull's Head in Brinklow. There was a planned delayed start of 15 minutes later than usual because the pub would not open up until 10:00am to allow the walkers to use the toilets and pre-order meals. At 10:00am there was no one with the key around. I was beginning to sweat, and I hadn't even started the walk!! Fortunately, they swooped into the car park a few minutes later. However, this was not the end of my stress. They announced that there would be a restricted menu despite me phoning them the day before to check that everything was OK. They gave the reason that the chef was on holiday and there would only be a junior chef on duty who could only do sandwiches, rolls, paninis, etc and chips. Hopefully he will move on to Page 2 of the training manual soon.

After all that excitement we moved off crossing the sports field to the very narrow Barr Lane where some walkers encountered problems with the traffic and a bin lorry. Mmmm, I thought, is it going to be one of those days?

Things settled down after that as we crossed Main Street and then entered the grounds of the motte and bailey castle. We then made our way down to the canal and along the towpath until we joined Cathiron Lane for a short while. We crossed several crop fields with the Rugby cement works in view in the far distance. We then encountered a field where the naughty farmer had failed to create a definite footpath. I decided to make a small diversion which was a little longer but much easier walking. Returning to the planned route we entered a field with a small herd of bullocks who decided that we were a bit of sport and started running across and even confronting us but I think they were as scared of us as we were of them. Safely across we eventually reached Kings Newnham, with the temperature already up to 24C, where we stopped for a break in the shade beside some tranquil fishing lakes. Well I say 'tranquil', as it has been on previous occasions when I have been there, but no, it was just one of those days, and shortly after our arrival a motor driven 'thing' started up across the road shattering the peace. Yes, it was just one of those days.

Moving off we passed the old church tower and headed off across more fields to our next piece of 'excitement'. Another naughty farmer had planted

potatoes with deep furrows between the rows and crossing the path and had not left a defined path across the field. We had to go round the field walking in the furrows. We then had to walk down the side of a second potato field where he had left inadequate space for a footpath and which was overgrown with tall grass. On reaching the corner of the field I pointed out a seat set deep in the undergrowth where somebody once walked out to from Brinklow to sit and cogitate. The final few fields we crossed were also overgrown with long grass and not particularly defined footpaths. I have done this walk loads of times over the years and it has never been as bad as this. People do not appear to be walking these footpaths anymore, not even the dog walkers.

Despite all the trials and tribulation this was a delightful walk, very rural, with lovely scenery and also free from droning traffic noises,

Peter Creeden

## **FOURTH WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

**Co-ordinators:-** Sue and Peter Creeden (Please use your U3A website if you need to contact us)

### **Wednesday 27 JULY 2022**

**Walk Organisers:-** Mary Rolleston & Angela Frost & Spouses

**Meeting Point and Time (for car sharing):-** Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.25am to leave at 09.30am

**Start Point and Time:-** The Chequers Country Inn, Ullesthorpe (LE17 5BT).  
Toilets will be available. Start of walk 10:00am.

**Directions to start:-** Take the road to Bitteswell and continue to Ullesthorpe. The Chequers Country Inn is on the right as you go through the village.

**Route and Distance:-** The route will take us up Manor Road, turning right along a surfaced track, over a cattle grid and then across fields eventually ending up at St. Peter's church, Claybrooke Parva where we will have a coffee break. We then cross the road and follow a footpath to the Scout Camp follow the road for a few yards towards Frolesworth and then cross over a field exiting onto a lane towards Ashby Parva. Turning right after a short distance, we follow the disused railway track back to Ullesthorpe. Distance approx. 5.5miles - 2 stiles. If it is a hot day this walk can be shortened

**Lunch Arrangements:-** Meals can be ordered in advance - good selection of food.



## U3A WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUPS

### GEORGE'S 'LONG WALK'

**Co-ordinators:** Sue and Peter Creeden (Please use your U3A website if you need to contact us)

**Wednesday 10th AUGUST 2022**

**Walk Organiser:-** George Robertson

Following the success of including a pub lunch in last year's walk, the plan is to offer the same this year. We will be walking through the Oxfordshire countryside south west of Banbury. The distance to the start point is about 35 miles (1hr journey time). Use OX16 9UL as a post code, this is for Saltway Farm shop. Drive past the farm shop entrance on your left and then look out for the small car park on your right about 0.25 mile further on just after the back of the Banbury town sign. The entrance is not signposted.

My sat-nav threw a bit of a wobbly on route to Banbury as two new roundabouts have been created as part of HS2 construction, just follow the signs to Banbury.

The walking route is approximately 10 miles with 5 stiles all in the first half. Mostly good paths and a bit uppy downy. We will pass a castle, a watermill, through pretty villages and have some spectacular views at times. Coffee break will be near Broughton Castle where "Shakespeare In Love" was partly filmed. Then on for lunch at the Red Lion in Bloxham <https://www.the-red-lion-at-bloxham.co.uk/> which is about half way round. We had their fish and chips which were excellent. I did notice a sandwich order being delivered to a nearby table and that also looked very good. A further opportunity to have a refreshment stop in a pub presents itself in Bodicote, about 2 miles before the end of the walk.

The Red Lion have indicated that they would like about 3 days notice of menu choices if we have a group of 10 or more to ensure that they can fulfill the order and meet all dietary needs. They also regularly change the menu so suggest that you make your choice in early August using the link above. Let me know your choice and I will send a group order.

The car park for the start of the walk is quite small and that combined with the travel distance, it makes sense to car share. I can offer two places. It would be helpful to me if you could express an interest at this stage and whether you can offer or would like a lift. We will meet at the Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park to sort out transport and leave at 8.45am. I expect to set off on our return home at around 4.30pm. Responses to [george9high@hotmail.com](mailto:george9high@hotmail.com). Or ring me on 01455 559725.

## HISTORY GROUP

Co-ordinator: Viv

*Report for the History Group. June 2022*

### Simon de Montfort. Another 'local' Hero?



There are many references to Simon de Montfort in Leicestershire. He is one of the four 'benefactors' selected to be commemorated on the Clock Tower in Leicester in 1868, alongside William Wyggeston, Alderman Gabriel Newton and Sir Thomas White. Over a century later in 1992, Leicester Polytechnic chose his name when it became a new university. Viv's presentation looked at Simon's life and times to discover why this medieval man is still held in such high regard.

Simon was a French nobleman with royal connections. Being a younger son, he could not inherit his father's French lands, so he pursued his maternal (Beaumont) claim to the Earldom of Leicester in England in 1229. It wasn't easy to persuade King Henry III to allow the claim and he had to wait until 1239 to be given the title and extensive lands that came with it. Simon seems to have a lot of charm and charisma and he quickly became a Royal Favourite, even allowed to marry the King's sister Eleanor. Despite his title, Simon did not live in Leicester Castle which was in a ruined

state at that time. Instead, he renovated and strengthened Kenilworth Castle as his main power base. He also used Odiham Castle in Hampshire as his other base in the south. It's not clear whether Simon ever personally visited Leicester but if he did, it was not for long. One of the few direct links with the city was a decree of 1231 banishing Jews from living in the city. By our standards, that is anything but the action of a 'hero' but it reflects the cruel but routine anti-Semitism of the period. Simon was admired as a man of great piety and honour in his day.

He seems to have been a man of extraordinary abilities and he attracted the admiration of everyone, wherever he went. He went on Crusade and impressed the people of the Kingdom of Jerusalem so much that they asked him to become their Viceroy. On another occasion, the French asked him to become their Regent while their monarch, Louis IX was away on Crusade. Such honours were usually only offered to royalty. He was a skilled diplomat and an outstanding military leader but also, usually for the time, a man who was a deep thinker. He was friends with leading scholars of the day and very interested in abstract philosophical ideas.

Unfortunately, his relationship with the difficult and arrogant King Henry III was very mixed and the two men clashed several times. Simon was forced to spend a lot of time abroad. Like his father, King John, Henry III had great trouble with his overmighty Barons who wished to maintain Magna Carta and keep their wayward king under control. He was very suspicious of men like Simon. King Henry III lurched from crisis to crisis and various attempts were made to curb his over taxation and attempts to increase Royal power. Soon, Simon de Montfort became a leader of a powerful group challenging the duplicitous, self-interested king. By 1258 he had concluded that Henry was unfit to rule! It was a turning point.

Simon then called the first 'parliament' which met at Oxford. From this historic meeting, came a document called the 'Provisions of Oxford' which was effectively the first constitution in England. It contained extensive and far-reaching reforms which would put the King, Taxation and Justice under the control of a Parliament. It was an amazing, revolutionary event.

The King was desperate for money to fund his failing foreign policy and so was forced to accept these demands though he had no intention of sticking to them. As soon as the meeting dispersed, he began to try to divide and undermine the rebels. With the aid of the Pope, Henry clawed back his power up to a point and the Provisions were abandoned but discontent grew again and, by 1263, armed rebellion broke out. Simon and his supporters led a successful military campaign against the King. Simon then took full control of the Kingdom when Henry and his son, Prince Edward, were captured at the battle of Lewes and imprisoned the King and his son. Meanwhile, he set up an interim government and in 1265 a new parliament met. To gain wider support from the middling ranks, he invited representatives from the Shires and the towns; the 'Commons'. This was the basis of our 'House of Commons' today.

For some Barons, however, deposing a King was a step too far and Simon's opponents were able to snatch Prince Edward from captivity in Hereford. Although only young, Edward had great military ability and he commanded respect so more barons changed sides to support him as he took over the campaign. It was the beginning of the end as Simon de Montfort and the rebel group became increasingly weakened. By August, Simon and a small force found themselves cut off west of the River Severn and they were unable to get any supplies and reinforcements as Edward blocked them. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, Simon and his small army were trapped at Evesham. They were heavily outnumbered and stood no chance, but they fought bravely. Simon was killed and his body was hacked into pieces. His last words are said to be '*Our bodies are theirs; our Souls are God's!*' Later, the monks at Evesham Abbey collected the bits and he was buried before the altar in the abbey church. This resounding defeat signalled the end of the possibility for constitutional government in England for many years. How different our country could have been if de Montfort had succeeded!

As the most outstanding English personality of his day, Simon had a huge impact on contemporary events, both here and abroad but it is his far-seeing and unprecedented concept of a government in which the English monarch must consult with the people that ensures his place in History. Although he did not seem to have much impact on Leicester at the time, the city is rightly proud of its links with him.





### **Future meetings**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** Our visit to Kelmarsh Hall with the Garden Group. Meet at Kelmarsh at 1.15

**July 5<sup>th</sup>** We are back at the Rugby Club. 2 til 4.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** Visit to Sezincote Manor. NOTE. THIS IS A THURSDAY

## **FRENCH CONVERSATION**

Co-ordinator: Sue

23 June 2022

After discussing our holiday plans, we looked at the meanings of some French sayings. We read an interesting article in French about mysterious evening jabs at different events. The next meeting will be on 28 July.

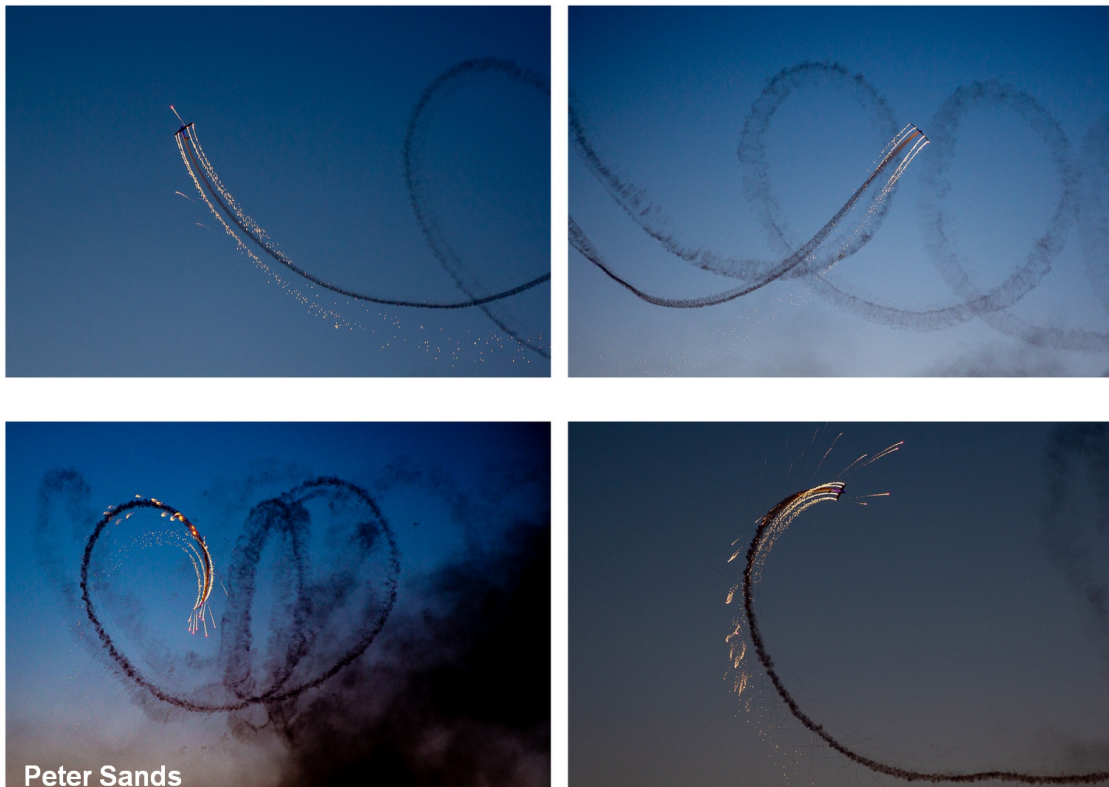
Sue

## PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Co-ordinator: Michael

Our June meeting was held at the Lutterworth Rugby Club, and we looked at our June topic pictures, “The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations”, followed by a short presentation on “Fine Art Photography”, a genre of photography that is defined by the style of the photographer rather than a specific subject.

The June topic, “The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations” was very specific with the intention of illustrating the events local to our members. We had many pictures of street parties in local villages and further afield, Ilfracombe and Weymouth from a couple of our members. There were also a lot of pictures of effigies (a polite term for scarecrow representations) of the Queen dressed in various clothing styles. Bitteswell and Dunton Bassett shared the honours for these figures. For Lutterworth residents’ the beacon lighting events on the recreation ground was popular and we had several pictures of the pyrotechnic aerobatics from the aeroplane that was part of the beacon lighting ceremony.









Sally Wood



Val Ridley



Our July project is “**Unusual Transportation**”. We are leaving it up to our members to define the topic, but it can be mechanical or organic and while we like “new pictures” delving into our photographic archives will be accepted on this occasion.

Our presentation this month was a change from looking at a single photographers work as we looked at images from collections regarded as “Fine Art Photography”. It is very difficult to define this genre of work and we started by considering the following description

*“Fine art photography is about the artist and their vision, how they capture what they see and present it as a digital or physical print. It overlaps with landscape and portraiture, but it's characterised by the approach an artist uses to create photos in a distinct way”.*

From the pictures viewed, most of them were portraits with a lot of post-production (Photoshop) processing to achieve special effects and colour palette toning. There were a very wide range of styles, but the topic did stimulate a lot of discussion with lots of “likes and dislikes” which is all part of creating an environment to get us to develop our own photography.

Unfortunately, we are losing the use of the Lutterworth Rugby Club as our venue, and we are currently looking at several different locations for future meetings. Our next meeting will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 10.00 am, the venue to be advised.

As usual, our meetings are open to all U3A members as regulars or as a guest. If you would like more information e-mail us at the address below.

[wlu3acamera@outlook.com](mailto:wlu3acamera@outlook.com).

Michael Bates

## SNAIL'S PACE WALKING GROUP

Co-ordinator: Mandy

### June Walk: Bosworth Battlefield



On a very warm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, a select number of us walked from the wharf at Sutton Cheney. We passed through the newly planted area in Ambion Woods before reaching the gate leading to the Bosworth Heritage Centre and on to the Richard III Sundial, which has been replanted with lavender. The views on such a beautiful day were, of course, glorious.

After taking a left turn at Shenton Station, we returned to the wharf via the east bank of the canal. An enjoyable lunch and good company – including old friends well met - made for a very pleasant outing. Thanks to Valerie for organizing.

## July Walk: On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July in Braunston, Northamptonshire

Anne and Mandy will be leading this walk.



The walk on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July will be in Braunston, Northamptonshire, starting from **The Boat House**, London Road, Braunston, Daventry NN11 7HB. **The Boat House** is situated west of Braunston on the A45 London Road next to the canal.

### Car Parking

There is a wide-open car park with extensive parking spaces.

Please meet here at 10.45 am to order food and start the walk at 11 am.

### Walk Details



**Braunston** lies at the junction of the Grand Union Canal and the Oxford Canal in a truly rural setting.

All Saints' Church dominates the countryside for miles around. Built in 1849, it is the third church on the site and the Norman font

still survives from the first. A visit is well worthwhile – the church is usually open.

We can walk through the village, along the canal towpath and a footpath across a couple of fields.

### Possible Continuation – probably after lunch depending on the time.

For those who want to, we can visit the nearby St Peter's Church, in the lost village of Wolfhamcote. This walk is 1.4 miles return; it is a 15 minute walk to the church one way.



No stiles. There is a clear track across the very large field in which **there may well be cattle – there are possible safety risks, so you will decide whether you want to join this part of the walk.**

This remote medieval church is the sole survivor of the lost village of Wolfhamcote.

Close to the church are two abandoned railways and a flourishing canal.

**I have been told that I can have the key to the church provided it has not been booked by a champing party.**

### Lunch

We will have lunch at The Boat House, Braunston. Phone: 01788 891734.

For the weekday lunch menu (soups, sandwiches, mains), the website address:

[https://www.boathousepub.co.uk/menus/41509/weekday\\_lunch\\_menu/](https://www.boathousepub.co.uk/menus/41509/weekday_lunch_menu/)

Meet by 10.45 am to order lunch.

**If you would like to come along**, please let Anne know by **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. Please let Anne know whether you will be having lunch.

You can email Anne at [geoff\\_anned@hotmail.com](mailto:geoff_anned@hotmail.com)

Or you can phone Anne on **01455 202327**.

**Directions from Lutterworth to The Boathouse, London Road, Braunston, Daventry NN11 7HB. (20-25 minutes)**

- Follow Rugby Rd/A426 and A5 to A361 in Kilsby.\*
- 13 min (9.2 mi)

- On the A361 you will go over the M45 and
- after c.800 yards, turn right taking The Ridgeway and Longdown Ln to London Rd/A45 in Warwickshire
- 6 min (3.6 mi)
- Turn left onto London Rd/A45
- Destination will be on the right after c.1.5miles (+ large car park).

#### ALTERNATIVE ROUTE 1 (30 minutes)

- Follow A426 South to Rugby.
- Through Rugby on A426 to Dunchurch
- Pick up A45 to Braunston turning left at Dunchurch crossroads.
- Boat House @ Braunston is on right 4.5 miles out of Dunchurch.

#### ALTERNATIVE ROUTE 2

- M1 South @ Lutterworth to Junction 18 (Crick)
- Take slip road to roundabout and follow signs for A5 West
- Go under the M1
- Turn left after 200 yards at first mini roundabout following A428
- Go over next mini rtb and then take the next left to follow the A5 South to Kilsby.
- Continue route to Braunston as indicated above\*.



## ESTG JUNE EVENT

### Two Talk by David Hanger on '**Funicular Railways and Piers**'

Our June Event was a couple of talks by Dave Hanger who has given us several great presentations in the recent past for the Engineering Group. The first talk in this event was about the history and cable engineering design of Funicular railways, the sort of terrain they traverse and the systems operating the balancing technique used by most example shown in the meeting.

Early systems were required because of a problem hauling freight up inclines on normal railways tracks, but later examples were designed to carry passengers sometimes long distances and over hilly or high level areas. Common and well know ones are San Francisco's hills where the cable cars still run and are a great tourist attraction, others are Cliff lifts which are still operating in quite a few Sea Side Towns around the UK

Although examples still operate today, many have been superseded by better systems or roads or just simply left to deteriorate in a state of disrepair. There are help groups formed dedicated to trying to reviving the old systems but most are beyond repair and renovation sadly.

David's second talk after a short break was one that he did for the group during lockdown that being UK Piers.

Most Piers were constructed in order to give access for shipping to load and unloading when the tide retreated leaving a great expanse of beach, however the length of the pier depended much on how far the tide went out and in some case this could be over 1 mile as happens at Southend.

This also meant that some form of transport would be needed to get loads hauled to the shipping point.

On some Piers Horses where used but later railways took over this task, with the pedestrian walkway sometimes running along side.

It is only later that this also became a popular attraction with commercial stalls and in a lot of cases a Theatre which traditionally put on "End of pier Shows" , this still exists today with shows at Cromer, Brighton.

**Our thanks go to David for this really interesting and most informative talk.**









## **ESTG FUTURE EVENTS**

*Due to the Rugby Club not being available from end August, we have been reviewing the viability of venues for holding the ESTG events going forwards. I have to thank members for their suggestions and have taken steps to see what can be offered.*

*Meeting all requirements of distance, parking, cost, equipment included and availability has been difficult but we may have found somewhere which could fit reasonable well, however it will mean a change of mornings....*

*I will be emailing ESTG members to discuss this in the next few days.....*

**July's Event Tuesday 21st \*-** is our Energy Forum where we will have 3 forms of alternative forms of energy supply outlined by members and the audience are asked to give their thoughts on the viability, Practicability and long term outlook.

**\*Note: this will take place at Lutterworth Rugby Club and is likely to be our last event there..**

**Aug - Subject TBA and may be at a new Venue**

**September - Tuesday 20th** Visit to the Motor Museum at Gaydon arranged by Tony Allen

**October - Tuesday 18th** Visit to the Museum of time near Newark

**November - TBA**

**December - TBA**

## **1st WEDNESDAY WALKING GROUP**

**Joint Co-ordinators :- Peter Moore & Kay Bliss    Mob:-07711882510**

**Date of Walk :- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. email.- [peter79moore@gmail.com](mailto:peter79moore@gmail.com)**

**Driving distance:- 8 Miles each way.**

**Walk leaders :- Peter Moore & Kay Bliss. email.- [peter79moore@gmail.com](mailto:peter79moore@gmail.com) Tel.- 07711882510**

**Meeting Point and Time : Lutterworth Recreation Ground car park at 9.15am to leave at 9.20am.**

**Start Point : Red Lion, Crick, Northant's. NN6 7TX. Leave 10.00am.**

**Toilets available.**

**Directions to Start :- Take M1 south, exit at junction 18, left onto A428 to West Haddon and Northampton, at 1<sup>st</sup> island turn right signed Crick, left at 1<sup>st</sup> island, follow road into village, pub on right after passing Co-op store on the right.**

### **Route and Distance**

Exit the car park , turn right , after 400 meters turn right into The Marsh, keep bearing left into Laud's Road, left onto footpath, cross field to corner, follow footpath to pass the \*Deer Herd\* continue to join footpath, go right follow path down hill under railway bridge, exit right towards canal & turn right, exit canal at tunnel entrance left up slope to join pavement and return to Crick to Red Lion for lunch.

**Only 3 stiles 5.5 Miles**

**A pleasant walk through farmland and Canal. Look out for the deer herd**

**Good and varied choice of Food , extensive Lunch time menu. Gluten Free Food available.**

**Order before Walk.**

**Summary:**

**Varied Walk , mostly field paths and some quiet safe road walking , Fairly flat walk.**

**Next Walk. NOTE DATE CHANGE. WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022. Pig in Muck, Claybrooke Magna Walk visiting Frolesworth, Fosse Meadows and return for Lunch at the Pig in Muck. 5 miles.**

**No Stiles.**

**Peter Moore and Kay Bliss**



## Committee Members

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>
Chairperson .....	Chris Brady
Vice Chairman .....	Colin Beadle
Treasurer.....	Ruth Bones
Secretary .....	Nigel Burt
Membership Secretary.....	Ann Hetherington
Minutes Secretary.....	Anne Dean
Speaker Finder.....	Andrea Nichol
Interest Group Co-ordinator.....	Colin Beadle
Membership Records.....	Andy Hetherington
Committee Member.....	Nigel Bones
Committee Member.....	Peter Ross
Committee Member.....	Sue Poulter
Committee Member .....	Hamish Paterson

**Note:** Any committee member can be contacted via our email address:

[thewycliffelutterworthu3a@gmail.com](mailto:thewycliffelutterworthu3a@gmail.com)

[Return to Contents](#)