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Market Deeping

Welcome

New members: Rosemary Bean, Deeping St James, Nadine Couborough, Market Deeping, Roger and Gloria Harris, Market Deeping

NEXT MEETING: 19 May

Unless otherwise stated, all monthly meetings are at Market Deeping the Methodist Church, Deeping St James. Doors open at 9.30am. Coffee is served until 10.20 and the meetings begin at 10.30.

PROGRAMME OF SPEAKERS FOR 2025:

19 May: The wildlife, scenery and history of Antarctica.

Dave Pinion will share his experience of a trip to Antarctica.

16 June: Masters of Mirth the Sequel

Having visited us in December 2017, Mike Storr will present his second talk looking at some more characters from the music hall.

21 July: Lincolnshire – A Naturalist's paradise

Stephen Lovell will give a talk about the amazingly diverse range of living creatures that Lincolnshire has within its boundaries at various times of the year.

MARGARET'S MUSINGS

Dear members

I hope, like me, you are enjoying the beautiful warmth and sunshine, though perhaps wishing for some rain (overnight, of course!) for the farms and gardens.

I have returned from a fascinating holiday in the farthest northerly reaches of the United Kingdom – Orkney and Shetland, with sunshine, warmth, chill, breeze, rain and finally a force 8 gale, none of which contrived to curtail or spoil my enjoyment; even the overnight ferries were comfortable.

There are a couple of points to highlight from your Committee's recent meeting.

Our policy documents are all available to view in the website, so that members can be aware of these.

The question of group photos was discussed as some members may have strong views regarding their inclusion; please do not hesitate to step aside if you prefer not to be included in a picture for the Newsletter or other publicity.

I look forward to meeting you at the monthly meeting.

Best wishes

Margaret

Chair, The Deepings u3a

SUNDAY LUNCH GROUP

The U3A Sunday Lunch has been booked at the Tulip Queen pub Spalding, 12 ,30 for 1pm.

Helen is going to be away from the 14th until the 22nd, so if you could let me know before then if you are coming or let Enid know after that date. Helen 01778 345674 or helen.perkins500@gmail.com

Enid 01778 342936.

Group leaders: Enid Withers, Helen Perkins

CHURCH MICE

April's visit for Church Mice was to All Saints Church at Pickworth in Rutland. 16 members enjoyed a talk by



Tea on the terrace

Charlie, the churchwarden. The present church was built in 1821 is near the site of the original church, of which just an arch remains. That church was probably partially destroyed during the battle of Losecoat Field in 1470.

The present church is a very simple building, consisting of a porch, nave chancel with a turret holding a bell.

Interestingly the church has no electricity, meaning candles need to be used for some winter services. Because of the lack of electricity, we all went to Charlie's house next door and sat chatting in the sun with our tea and cakes.



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May's visit has unfortunately been cancelled.

Report and Group Leader: Henry Roberts

NATURAL HISTORY GROUP



Our April meeting was at King's Dyke Nature Reserve, Whittlesey. From the 1920's, the site was a pit from which clay was extracted for brick making. You can see the chimneys of the brickworks in our photo. Then in 1995 the area was developed into an educational Nature Reserve.

We observed quite a range of birds from the hide, including warblers, wildfowl, raptors, swallows and goslings. Then we looked around the fossil hunting area and found some ammonites.

Report: Beverley Tagala

Group Leaders: Margaret Beardshaw and Jo Astle

PACERS WALKING



The group was sadly depleted for our April stroll for many reasons and a last-minute change of venue didn't help!

But seven of us enjoyed a sunny walk from Ufford to Barnack and back. A delicious lunch was provided at The White Hart, where they looked after us very well. A familiar but enjoyable walk.

Report by Marge Armstrong

Group Leaders: Geoff Whittle, Margaret Beardshaw

MONDAY WALKING GROUP

Fifteen of us set off from the Horse & Jockey pub in Manton, at the far end of Rutland Water, on a warm, clear, sunny day.



We walked across old ridge and furrow fields dotted with sheep and lambs, up the hill to the site of the old medieval village of Martinsthorpe which was deserted in 1589. All that remains is Martinsthorpe House which was originally a stable block which has recently been restored and is now lived in.

We continued along the ridge with open views to both sides and then proceeded down the road into Brooke, a small village with a church that was used in the 2005 film

adaptation of *Pride & Prejudice*. Its other claim to fame was that King James I visited Edward Noel, 2nd Viscount Campden there in 1612.

After crossing the bottom of the valley, we returned to the pub along a path part way up the other side of the valley past Gunthorpe Hall which is privately owned. After crossing the Uppingham to Oakham railway and the main road we continued across the western end of Rutland Water and up the hill into Manton. A good lunch was then had at the pub.

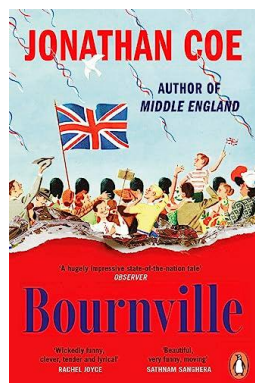
Next month's walk will be from Waterside Garden Centre.

Report by: David Perkins
Group Leader: Steve Hanson

BOOKWORMS

April report

Review: *Bournville* by Jonathan Coe



Coe's 14th novel is set in Bournville, four miles from Birmingham centre, a peaceful and desirable area for families – the first of England's Garden Cities.

For 11 years old Mary and her family in 1945, it is the centre of the world. Famous for its chocolate factory, it is the place where most of her friends and neighbours have always worked. But the novel opens in Austria and Germany, 2020, as the pandemic is beginning to menace Europe. Lorna [Mary's granddaughter] a struggling jazz musician, is taken to dinner by German Anglophile Ludwig, who cannot understand what has happened to English attitudes. 'Voting for Brexit and Boris Johnson? What is happening to them? What's going on?'

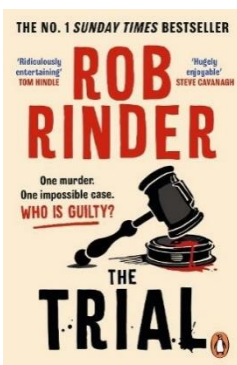
Coe tentatively explores Ludwig's question by tracing four generations of Mary's family, with a huge cast of relatives and friends, their attitudes examined through seven set pieces: VE Day celebrations [1945]; the Coronation [1953]; Football World Cup [1966]; Investiture of Charles as Prince of Wales; Royal Wedding [1981]; Death of Princess Diana; the pandemic-hit 75th VE celebrations [2020]. Combined, each set piece reveals the characters' subtle changes of attitude, on anti-European feelings, immigration, race, relationships, attitudes to authority and the Royal Family.

Some Bookworm members enjoyed the novel, but others found its epic sweep [four generations of the same family over seventy-five years] open, nostalgic memories – early TV programmes; the popularity of Diana; the horrors of the pandemic. So, a laudable novel, with much to enjoy and discuss. But one comment resonated with most of the group: 'I didn't exactly rush to pick the book up!'

Does Ludwig's question receive an answer? Read and find out!!

May report

'The Trial' by Rob Rinder.



Rob Rinder - TV presenter, newspaper columnist, whizz on all things legal – has found time to write his first thriller. The plot: trainee barrister Adam Green is thrust into a high-profile case – nationally popular hero DI Grant Clivedon is murdered before giving evidence at The Old Bailey. The accused, Jimmy Knight, has motive, opportunity, and is a convicted criminal. Adam, driven by a need to unmask the truth, discovers that Jimmy is not the only person who has a motive. The ensuing trial will push both Adam and the justice system itself to near breaking point.

Our jury of Bookworms enjoyed Rob Rinder's debut legal thriller. Everyone admired the strong and twisting plot which was peopled with a cast of memorable characters: ghastly Jonathan Taylor-Cameron, the womanising and money-grabbing KC, who is Adam's master at chambers; Adam's mother, who worries her son isn't yet married; Georgina, Adam's rival for the one permanent position at the Inns of Court chambers. But it is Adam Green who dominates. He is a remarkable creation for being unremarkable. Diligent, serious, hard-working, constantly under-estimating himself when he compares himself with others, Adam exhibits none of the showmanship of a Holmes or Poirot. But his dogged determination finally uncovers the truth of Clivedon's murder. Lots to enjoy, and an insight into the workings of the criminal justice system. All Bookworms agreed: avoid trial at The Old Bailey at any cost!

Reports and Group Leader: Tom Baldwin

STROLLERS GROUP

March stroll

A small group of eight Strollers met at the Woodman at Thorpe Wood for our Friday stroll. The weather was



pleasant and the sun picked up on the trees as we passed through Bluebell wood.

The mass of bluebells along the slopes were just beginning to show their colour. The bird song of several different birds was identified along the way and the woodpecker was particularly noisy!

We dropped down the steps onto the very sturdy boardwalk and made our way towards Milton Ferry bridge passing the sheep-wash and its impressive wooden sculpture, (see accompanying photo), and then the osiers area where the willows had been cropped leaving the coppiced base to form the new growth.

We crossed over the Nene at Milton Ferry. This bridge was built by the Fitzwilliams in 1716 to replace the ferry

service that existed at that time and this is from where Ferry Meadows takes its name.

Walking alongside the lake we made our way back to the Woodman, passing over the metal bridge and climbing up the slope with the golf course on our right.

.Julie and Geoff were the walk leaders on this three-mile route, which concluded with a very enjoyable meal at the pub.

April stroll

Our walk in March saw seven of us set off from the Wishing Well at Dyke, led by Bob.

We headed along the village street before taking a field track which led north towards Morton. With Morton church in the distance to guide us, we eventually arrived at a road, east of that village. Wending our way into the village we stopped for a while near the village green and church.

Given the choice of routes back to Dyke, we could either follow the main road or cross fields. We chose the latter, but this entailed us skirting two ploughed fields.

Finally, after 3.5 miles we arrived back at the Wishing Well.

May stroll

Our walk this month will take place on Friday 23 May, when Anne and John will lead us from the Ruddy Duck at Peakirk. Meet at 10:15

Reports by: March walk - Geoff and Julie Fitzjohn

April walk - Bob Deller

Photo by Julie Fitzjohn

Group Leader: Bob Deller

POETS AND THEIR POETRY

We met on a quiet chilly afternoon but soon warmed to our theme of "Old" poets. Our first and second poems by Robert Herrick were *To the Virgins*, *To make Much of time*, the first line of *Gather ye rosebuds while ye may*, is well known. Then *Delight in Disorder*. Next two poems by Anne Brontë, *Lines composed on a windy day*, and *Home*. Two lovely poems by someone who is better known for her novels than her poetry. *Down on the Shore*, a very descriptive poem by William Allingham was our next offering. Followed by *Loves Farewell* by Michael Drayton. A firm favourite by Walter de la Mare, *Silver*.

A complete change, a very funny poem by Thomas Hardy called *In Church*. Next our old friend William Wordsworth with *Perfect Woman*. Our afternoon finished with *Say Not the Struggle Nought Availleth*, by Arthur Hugh Clough.

Another enjoyable afternoon refreshments by Susanne.

See You Later by Brian Bilston.

Auntie Val,
an art curator,
got herself
an alligator,
in the hope he'd become
her pal. He ate her.

Report and Group Leader: Susanne Hoadley

HISTORY GROUP

Botany Bay



The speaker for this month was Alan Brooke who kindly came out to Deeping on two consecutive days having spoken to the Art Appreciation group the previous day.

He told us so many facts about the punishment system of the day. It seems barbaric now.

The map shows the main route taken to Australia from Britain. A stop of about three weeks was made in Rio de Janeiro to restock supplies. Water was often in short supply and food was minimal. Punishments were harsh. A brief resume of Alan's talk is below the map.

From 1654 some convicts were sent to the British colonies in America to work instead of being executed. This punishment became more common after the Transportation Act 1717. Convicts were sent to America until the outbreak of the wars of independence.

Transportation to Australia began in 1787, 17 years after Captain Cook's discovery of Australia. The first 11 ships left in May 1787 from Portsmouth with 736 convicts on board. 40 people died during the eight-month journey to Botany Bay.

Around 162,000 convicts were sent to Australia between 1787 and 1868.

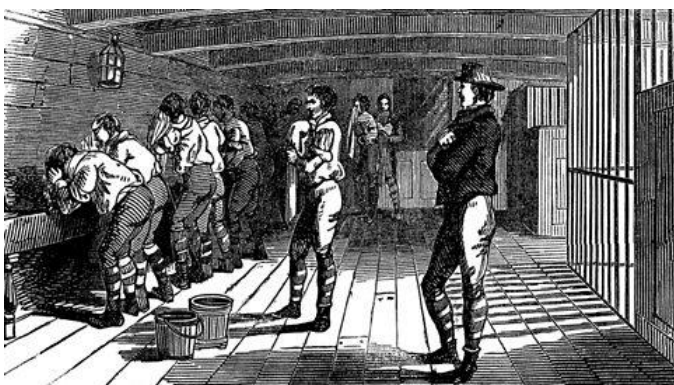
Transportation was often a punishment given to people found guilty of theft – 80 per cent of transported convicts were guilty of theft. Most were repeat offenders.

Transportation was also a punishment given to protesters. Some of the **Luddites**, **Rebecca Rioters** and the **Tolpuddle Martyrs** were transported.

Only 15 per cent of transported convicts were women. Many judges used transportation as an alternative to the death penalty at the time of the Bloody Code. Sentences were for seven years, 14 years, or life.

A question was asked about Welsh transportations!

Only 1.2 per cent of transported convicts were Welsh. Around 69 per cent were English, 25 per cent were Irish and 5 per cent were Scottish.



On board a prison hulk, 1848

Convicts awaiting transportation were held in prison, known at the time as gaol, or on a *hulk*. They would then be transferred to a ship and the journey to Australia could take several months. The first ship took over eight months to reach Australia. Conditions on the journey were often cramped and some convicts died on the way. Convicts were often chained up by leg irons on board convict ships.

Once in Australia, some convicts were made to work building roads or breaking rocks. Many convicts were assigned to a free settler to work. For the well-behaved convicts, this life may not have been too bad.

Punishments were harsh and convicts were whipped if they disobeyed rules. Those who refused to follow the rules were sent to the more remote settlements to work in chain gangs.

It was a fascinating presentation and we look forward to seeing Alan again in October.

Next month, Stuart Orme will be presenting a talk about Old Scarlett. Thank you to everyone who helped out today.

Report by Sandra Jones
Group Leader: Sandra Jones

LISTENING TO MUSIC GROUP

For our April meeting, ten of us met at Frank Mills' house. Frank's programme was entitled Enjoy Music in the Morning with Opera. The morning started with Rossini's *Overture to Semiramide* followed by Verdi's *Overture to La Traviata*.

Three arias from his operas *Madam Butterfly*, *Gianni Schicchi* and *Turandot* provided an input from Puccini.

French opera was represented by arias from Bizet, Delibes and Gounod

The stunningly beautiful, but short, trio *soave il vento* (gentle be the breeze) from Act 1 of Mozart's opera *Così fan Tutti* provided a moment of calm.

Also included was Gluck's well-known aria *What is Life to Me without Thee* from *Orfeo ed Euridice*.

The morning ended with a dazzling performance of Rule Britannia from the Englishman Thomas Arne's opera Alfred.

Throughout the morning, Frank provided an informative background to each of the arias or choruses heard, heightening our listening experience.

Thank you, Frank for hosting such an interesting and varied morning. Our next meeting will be at 10am on 14th May at Chris's house.

Report and Group Leader: Terry Noble

THURSDAY WALKING GROUP

April report

Our walk for April began from the Black Horse, Baston. A dry but chilly morning saw 17 walkers head down Main Street to meet the A15. Main Street has a charming variety of very pretty homes built over many



periods, each one having different unique characteristics.

Crossing the A15, we headed west along Greatford Road, crossing King Street, then following paths to emerge onto Baston Road. Following the roadway south west and dodging all manner of transport, in both directions, we came to the outskirts of Greatford. Here, David Scott kindly gave us a brief, very brief, history of the village.

Turning now south, we walked a short distance along Greatford Road, then turned eastwards, diagonally along the tractor tracks of a newly ploughed field – the tractor driver gave us permission to follow that route. Now, following arrowed marker posts we crossed a

timber bridge back onto King Street.

A straight pathway, now heading east, led us to the A15 besides Langtoft. Here, after crossing the A15 we entered a field between a low stone wall. It is said that the wall is of Roman origin and has very ornate capping stones besides the opening. At the far end of the field, evidence has been found to suggest a Roman villa once stood there.

We now headed north-west back to Baston to emerge besides the church of Saint John. A short hop now back to the pub for a very pleasant lunch.

Many thanks to Godfrey Parkes and David Scott for organising, leading and back-stopping – a very pleasant six-mile walk.

May report

This month's walk can be found in the Lincolnshire Walks, Long Sutton, free booklet. The booklet shows three walks of varying distances. For this walk, however, we combined all three walks for a distance of 6.14 miles. Thirteen walkers set out with fine weather forecast, if slightly cool and overcast.



Our walk (walk1) started from the church of Saint Mary's. This very large church was built in 1170 on the site of an earlier Anglo Saxon wooden church. It boasts a 13th Century lead clad spire onto a timber framework, like the spire of Chesterfield's famous Crooked Spire. Saint Mary's has the tallest wooden spire in Europe at 165 feet.

We headed west, beside fields, along Woad Lane reputedly a quiet minor road, (or should have been) until we reached Hospital Drove, which took us due

north. After 800m we turned sharp left along a farm track through fields of rape seed taking us down to Gedney Road.

After heading back into town, we now began walks 2 and 3 heading now south along Seagate Road. After a while we turned west, between fields and alongside the field dykes. After 800m we turned north and walked between more fields towards the church spire and emerging onto West Street. Then, just around the corner, into Market Place was our venue for lunch.

We were provided with a lovely lunch at the Palmers Arms.

The inn was originally called the Turpin Arms due to the fact that the infamous highwayman Dick Turpin lived in a room there, in the 1700's. Trying to avoid capture, he took the name John Palmer, hence the re-naming of the inn.

Many thanks to Brian and Helen and the rest of the Magnificent 7 for organising a very pleasant six mile walk.

Report by Richard Coulson – Walk Leader

SCIENCE GROUP

At April's meeting we had a talk about DNA. This covered how the theories about how characteristics are passed on, developed and how DNA was discovered and who actually worked out the structure of it – a double helix.

Rosalind Franklin's contribution is quite often overlooked. The next meeting will be on 20th May when the topic will be Artificial Intelligence.

**Report by Gill Godden
Group Leader Garth Perry**

ART APPRECIATION GROUP



This month, we had a very interesting and informative talk about Peter Bruegel (The Elder) and some of his paintings, given by Alan Brooke.

Pieter Bruegel the Elder is the most significant artist of the Northern Renaissance. He is also the greatest member of a large southern Netherlandish family of artists, active for four generations in the 16th and 17th centuries. He was an astoundingly inventive painter and his impact was widespread and long-lasting.

His place of birth and date are unclear; it is supposed he was born around 1525-1530, in Breda or modern-day Bruegel.

Bruegel studied in Antwerp with painter Pieter Coecke van Aelst between 1545-1550. In 1551 he became a free master in the Guild of Saint Luke of Antwerp.

Not long after, he left for Italy where he travelled from Rome to Sicily, working with different artists.

Upon his return, he published a series of *Large Landscape* prints. He married his master's daughter in 1563, and not long after the couple moved to Brussels where he continued his work. Bruegel died quite young, in 1569. Since there are no paintings from that year, it is presumed he was ill. Unfortunately, he was not able to train his sons, because Pieter Bruegel was five and Jan Bruegel was just one at the time of his death.

Alan concentrated on a few paintings that illustrated Bruegel's genius. He pointed out hidden aspects from within each painting and the reference to snubs that were being made towards the Catholic Church. Some of these were very amusing. In the painting above the children were playing games that today's children play, such as hop scotch. One painting was full of sayings and we had some amusement finding them. Crying over spilled milk, Banging your head against a brick wall were just two of them. Thank you Alan. We look forward to seeing you later in the year.

Next month our speaker is Vally Miller and her talk is entitled Way to the West.

New members welcome. We start at 10.30 and coffee is served before-hand. Venue is Deeping Sports and Social Club on Outgang Road.

Thank you to everyone who helped today.

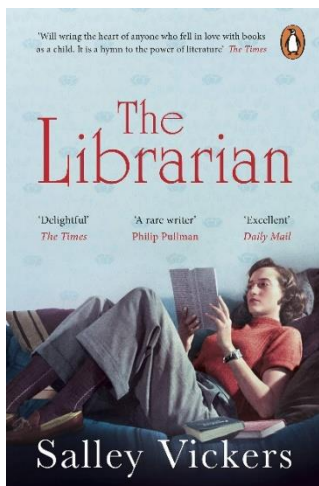


Children's games

Report and Group Leader: Sandra Jones

MONDAY READERS

April report

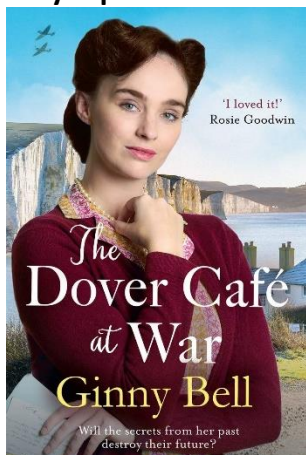


Our book this month was perhaps as notable for the memories it evoked as it was for the content!

It was *The Librarian* by Sally Vickers and the group's views on it varied from an enjoyable read to not hugely impressed. Set in the 1950s (hence the memories!) the main character is a young, idealistic children's librarian, Sylvia, who gets a new job in a small-town library and is determined to get more children to come to the library. Sylvia was generally seen to be quite irritating in her naivety throughout the book! The children were better drawn and more liked, especially the boy, Sam, and Lizzie, whom Sylvia coaches through her eleven plus, despite her being in 'the C stream'. Otherwise, several of us thought the plot was just too busy, perhaps in an attempt to bring in as many different issues as possible, from the running of libraries, to child molestation, to the education system and its flaws, and all stops in between.

However, whether we enjoyed it or not, we did enjoy discussing our memories of the libraries we went to as children, the books we read, the eleven plus, and the 50s in general!

May report



Our book this month was *The Dover Cafe at War* by Ginny Bell and proved to be unpopular with the majority of the group. It seemed to feature two-dimensional, stereotypical characters with a highly predictable plot.

Many group members reported being underwhelmed by the narrative, either skipping ahead to see how the story ended or failing to finish it at all!

We did find some positives in the story, with well researched historical detail, but everyone agreed they wouldn't be rushing to read the next books in the series...

Report Linda Hill

Group leader Liz Waterland

FAMILY HISTORY REPORT

On 14th April, our subject was Birth, Marriage and Death certificates – a primary source for information. There were two prizes on offer for those who had the oldest original examples. Liz and Jean produced marriage versions dating back to 1867 and 1893.

England and Wales registration began in 1837 and 1855 for Scotland. It is important to realise the two distinct types of civil registration: Indices are the lists for Birth, Marriage and Deaths drawn up by the General Register Office for each Quarter while certificates refer to the original documents that records the information.

We also had a look at secondary documents such as Baptisms, Marriage Banns and Burials etc. There is always valuable information to be had such as the names of Godparents and witnesses and possibly a birth date may be written in the margin of a Baptism record, vital if pre-1837.

There was much to discuss as various changes were made after 1837, for example up to 1926 boys could marry at 14 and 12 for girls, the minimum age was then raised to 16 for both.

The meeting drew to a close with a few interesting questions and it should be mentioned Liz Noble received a gift and our sincere thanks for her efforts within the group.

Report: David Larkin
Group Leader: Peg Torrance

GOOD FOOD GROUP

On 9th April the Food Group met to sample an array of very enjoyable Spanish Tapas dishes.



Menu:

- Bang Bang Cauliflower
- Spanish Chicken
- Pea Crostini
- Cranberry and Brie Puffs
- Potatas Bravas
- Beef Skewers in Orange and Garlic
- Citrus and Fennel Pork Bites
- Tarta de Santiago.

The theme for our next meeting will be Red.

Report by: David Gaskell

May report

We had our May lunch on 5th and our theme was red food. We relaxed in our hosts' sunny conservatory with pink fizz and smoked salmon and cream cheese canapés.

We went to the table for our starter of beetroot soup and then tomato bruschetta. Our main course was Red Dragon Pie, made with Aduki beans and topped with mashed potatoes, accompanied by stuffed red peppers, which had a filling of Mexican spiced beef.

For dessert we had Summer Pudding and meringues topped with raspberries.

Our next lunch will have a garden party theme and we hope the weather allows us to sit out.

New members welcome - we try to meet on the first Monday of each month, but sometimes choose another date to fit in with holidays and appointments!

Group Leaders: Hilary Akam and Sheila McGurk

CYCLING GROUP

April ride



April 11th proved to be ideal cycling weather – glorious sunshine but not too hot and virtually no wind. These conditions were only marred by a proliferation of potholes, which made cycling rather bumpy at times.

Starting at the bridge in Market Deeping the route took us to West Deeping before heading south along King Street and turning off to pass through Helpston. On through Glington and Peakirk before heading back to Deeping St. James. Then along by the river to Casey's Corner and on to Frognall before proceeding up Meadow Hall Road, finishing up at The Eventus cafe. A total distance of 17 miles.

Our next outing will be on Friday 9th May, meeting at MD bridge at 10:30am.

Report by Terry Noble

May report

On a lovely morning on 9th May, a depleted set of group members (3) set out from the Bridge in Market Deeping for our May ride.



The Three Musketeers (where is D'Artagnan?)

We initially went along Lincoln Road from Market Deeping and turned into Mill Road to reach the by-pass. Here we crossed over and continued on Mill Road through the back of Maxey to High Street cross roads where we crossed onto Maxey Road towards Helpston.

The road was signposted as closed but we took the risk as you can normally get through these closures either on foot or with a bike. What a mistake to make as the road was in fact fully closed off so we had to retrace our way back to High Street and back through Maxey and turned onto the Etton Road.

Once through Etton, we crossed onto Woodcroft Road and after a rather long wait at the level crossing and a chat with the Gate Keeper (there was a speed restriction on the main line), we continued along

Woodcroft Road to Marholm. Here we turned right, continued along Stamford Road, turned onto Heath Road and via Woodgate into Helpston.

After going through Helpston we went along the Glington Road and turned once again onto Main Road into Etton. Through Etton we took the footpath to the tunnels under the A15 emerging onto Lincoln Road and into the Packhorse at Northborough for a very nice lunch.

Many thanks to Mike for organising the route which was just over 15 miles and despite the depleted numbers a very enjoyable ride in some very good weather. Our next ride will be on Friday 13th June, so anyone who isn't superstitious are welcome to join us.

Report and Group Leader: Jim Torrance

THURSDAY GARDENING GROUP



Eleven members met at the Springfields centre, Spalding, on the warmest UK May Day ever recorded.

We enjoyed our usual 3 'Cs' – coffee, cake and conversation in a relaxed, convivial atmosphere.

We were then able to stroll in the Festival Gardens where there was plenty of opportunity to sit in the shade and admire blossom, wisteria and lots of tulips in rainbow hues.

Our June meeting is keenly anticipated as it is one of the highlights of our group calendar; the annual Summer Lunch.

Our thanks to Liz and Terry Noble for offering to host. Here's hoping for another sunny day.

Report: Ann Pettitt

Group Leaders: Kay Parker and Ann Pettitt

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