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GROUP NEWS

Walking Football

Gill Baker has worked hard to set up a Walking Football group for Dereham U3A. They play on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, 10am until 11am at Lyng Multi Sport playing field behind the Village Hall. The cost is £3pp. Then enjoy a cuppa after the game at the village store cafe. The group are currently supported by Carl Watling from Dereham Dribblers. This is the 1st Walking Football group set up by Norfolk U3A which is very exciting. If you would like to know more about the group or would like to give it a go then contact Gill through the U3A groups website link.



Mahjong Group

The Mahjong group meet every Friday afternoon between 3pm & 5pm at Toftwood Social Club, membership at the Social Club is £15 that's all required. Good parking is available. This ancient Chinese tile game is great for sharpening your learning skills and socialising with a cuppa. The group would really like new members, any level of player welcomed for information or if you want to give it a go contact Gill through the U3A website. I would like to mention that we do play the Traditional Mahjong game and not the Mahjong game you see online that you pair up the tiles?

WHINBURGH FESTIVAL – Sharon Serpell

The wind tried its best to ruin the Whinburgh Dog and Tractor Show on Saturday 19th September but was no match for our enthusiastic U3a Ukelele Players. With their gazebo, which did attempt to take off, at one point; amplifiers, music stands and sheet music pegged down they played two 30-minute sessions to the public. Tunes included covers from the Beatles, Elvis, The Kinks, Lonnie Donegan and more. Starting their first half with 'How much is that doggie in the window' – well it was a dog Show! The audience, including U3a supporters and Whinburgh Committee were over the moon with the variety of songs and instruments played by our amateur players. At the show there were a couple of Steam Engines, vintage tractors, side stalls and of course, hundreds of dogs entering over a dozen different classes. Congratulations guys, you did us proud.



Pete's Puzzle's 4

What are these DANCES?

1. Is it for an eel?
2. Fast pace
3. Dotty
4. From Warsaw perhaps
5. First done by Neil Armstrong
6. Clean the teeth
7. Edward, Emilia or Mulder proceed briskly
8. Twice able
9. Mexican tomato dip
10. Sphere and extra terrestrial
11. MAD OSTEOPATH
12. Throw on the mountain
13. Short collarless open jacket
14. Secretly listen to a telephone conversation
15. Tobacco holder from a cow's head
16. Denude the Salix
17. Scotsman with place for sporting events
18. Sit in the coal dust and get this
19. Rotate, like a piece of lemon
20. Stroll in southwest London



NEXT MONTHLY MTG – MEMORIAL HALL

OCTOBER 8TH - Neil Hanson - A Raconteur and Author.

'Inn & Out at the Top'. A laugh a minute tour of the quirks and foibles, highs and lows of his time running Britains highest inn back in 1970's and 1980's. Grappling with tight fisted farmers, eccentric characters, bizarre local customs, naturist weekends, lates and lock ins and more.

🎄 U3A Dereham Christmas Party 🎄

Our Christmas Party has proved to be a **huge success already - the event is now fully booked with a waiting list in place!**

It's wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for our festive afternoon, with **music, dancing, delicious sandwiches and mince pies**, plus a pay bar for those wanting a festive tipple.

If you have booked but are now unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer your place to someone on the waiting list.

It promises to be a fantastic afternoon of **festive fun, friendship and dancing!** 🎵🎄

ANSWERS TO PETE'S PUZZLES

20. LAMBETH WALK
19. TWIST
18. BLACK BOTTOM
17. MACARENA
16. SGTRIP THE WILLOW
15. HORNPIPE
14. TAP
13. BOLERO
12. HIGHLAND FLING
11. MASHED POTATO
10. BALLET
9. SALSA
8. CAN CAN
7. FOX TROT
6. FLOSS
5. MOONWALK
4. POLE DANCE
3. POLKA
2. QUICKSTEP
1. CONGA

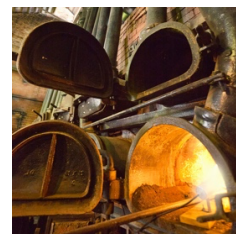
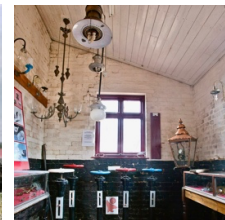
TOWN GASWORKS IN ENGLAND & WALES - SHARON SERPELL

The other day my husband, David and I found a local gem in Fakenham – the only surviving Town Gasworks in England and Wales. Boring I hear you say – definitely not!

On arrival you're greeted by the friendly volunteers who explain a little about the works. Watching the video at the start does give you a good insight into how coal was turned into town gas and what the by-products were used for. Nothing was wasted. As you wander around the excellent displays, you become immersed in the lives of the employees that worked in this industry from the early 1800's to 1970. Your final stop is the gas showroom with its variety of cookers, fridges etc. You will be surprised at the equipment that was run by town gas especially in the kitchen and I could hear us saying, 'Oh my mum had one of them'.

Unfortunately, it isn't open all year, or 7 days a week. It's open on a Thursday and Friday from 10am to 1pm from April to the end of October. If you're too late for this year pop it on your calendar for next. Free admission but a donation would help.

The Fakenham Town Gas Works Museum, Hempton Road, Fakenham, NR21 7LA. Tel 07716 862555.



🛍️ NOVEMBER 12TH MARKET STREET 🛍️

We're delighted to announce that we now have **12 stalls** taking part in our Market Street event on **November 12th!**

The doors will open at **1pm**, giving you a whole hour to browse, shop and discover some wonderful handmade and unique items before our monthly speaker. There will also be another opportunity to browse **after the speaker has finished.**

With Christmas not too far away, there are sure to be some **great gift ideas** on offer – and perhaps a little something special for yourself too!

👛 **Please remember to bring plenty of CASH**, as our stallholders may not all be able to accept cards.

Come along, have a browse, support our talented members and enjoy a little shopping before and after the talk. We look forward to seeing you there!