

Newsletter

Autumn 2025

New Year Changes

“Since our July newsletter we have appointed a new Publicity and Speaker Co-Ordinator, Dave Thompson, who has joined our committee as a Trustee. Some of you would have already met him at our monthly meetings. Thanks for taking this role on Dave.

Thank also go to Graham Quincey, for getting us ahead in booking speakers for the next 24 months.

Unfortunately, we have needed to change the venue for our Christmas Party. Which will now be at Church on the Way. This will still be held on Thursday 11th December.

The committee are busy arranging final details to make for an enjoyable afternoon. As last year we will have to set a maximum of 120 members. The book will open to book your seat at Octobers monthly meeting at The Carnegie.

As most of you are aware our monthly meetings have been held at The Carnegie since the Thetford U3A was formed in 2014. We have enjoyed the venue for many years. Unfortunately for various reasons they are no longer able to provide what we need for future meetings.

After a lot of thought and discussion with the Committee we have decided it is time to move on to allow us to give members what is needed.

Therefore from January 2026 our monthly meeting will move to Church on the Way, Churchill Road where there's parking on site and a bus stop opposite for convenience.

We realise this will be a big move for us all and further details will be sent out to you all.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Anne and Julian

Garden Group

U3A Garden Group meet on the 1st Monday of the month at The Church On The Way from 10-12am. Entrance fee £2.00 (including tea/coffee)

We are a sociable friendly group who get joy and fun from gardening. Our members are of mixed ability and we help each other with ideas and suggestions.

Throughout the year at our monthly meetings we have various speakers on different topics associated with gardening.

On the third Monday of the month we have visits to members gardens or larger gardens and garden centres.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us whether you are a novice or more seasoned gardener.

Happy Gardening

Lorraine Thompson (Group Leader) 07502 395704

u3a Trust Website

As you know you get 5 magazines a year from the u3a Trust, but in addition to that you have access to a range of extra possibilities on the u3a website, u3a.org.uk. Some are free and others have a small fee. If you go to the Learn tab and click on Learning Activities there are projects on there that you can join in, currently a Short Story Competition and a Photography Project among others.

In addition under the same Learn tab there are Interest Groups Online (IGO). It costs £12 to join for the year which runs from 1 April, after 1 October it is £6 and that will last until 31 March 2026. A lot of these are online groups through Zoom or similar. There are also opportunities for some groups you attend in person.

These are just a couple of suggestions, you will need to create an account to have access to the members area.

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