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MONTHLY NOTICES

October 2026

Wednesday, 14th October **Annual General Meeting followed by Nigel Denchfield** **Digging up Dad's Spitfire**	**Wednesday, 11th November** **David Edwards – Archivist for March Museum** **War Memorials of Cambridgeshire**

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Lucy Allen certainly entertained us with her lively presentation on her father's time as producer and director of the first two series of 'On the Buses'.

December Meeting - 2nd December, please note this will be a Ticket only Event.

The Christmas party will take place at our December meeting on Wednesday, 2nd December – please note this is a week earlier than normal due to a private function at the Braza Club on our usual date. Tickets are £10.00 per person, and will be available to purchase from Wendy Gardner at the October and November meetings. The price includes entry to the event, a free drink at the bar (not spirits), entry to a special prize draw, food, entertainment provided by Westwood School choir, music and a Christmas Quiz.

If you cannot attend either monthly meeting then you can pay by bank transfer to March u3a, Sort Code 53-81-42, Account Number 86632337. Please ensure you use your name and membership number as reference. We must have payment by the 20th November, so that we know how many to cater for.

Monthly Meeting - 14th October – doors open 1.00pm, meeting starts promptly at 1.30pm

This month's meeting starts with our Annual General Meeting which follows the usual format and includes election of the committee to carry forward the business of our u3a for another year.

It is intended that we conclude the business in good time so that we can enjoy the presentation from Nigel Denchfield.

Nigel's father, Sgt. H D Denchfield, was a Spitfire pilot in World War II and Nigel will tell of his father's Spitfire N3249, how it was lost, of its pilot and how he was reunited with it 50 years later.

Nigel's father had written a full account of his experiences during WWII from training at the beginning of the war and his eventual crash.



Our Quilting Group will be holding a raffle for the quilt featured in the Annual Report and on the website *Quilting - March - Cambridgeshire*. Tickets are £1 per strip either from Beryl West or at the meeting and proceeds will enable them to buy equipment and materials required by their members.

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As our meeting takes place on the 11th day of the 11th month it is appropriate that we have David Edwards, archivist for March Museum, coming to give us a presentation on the war memorials in Cambridgeshire.
So widespread was the nation's grief that it is not known how many First World War monuments there are - Historic England have listed more than 2,500. They are a poignant reminder of the communities that suffered losses during the 1914-18 conflict.
David will tell us of some of these in Cambridgeshire.

Groups News

The Geography Group are in the process of changing group leader and members will be contacted by Dorothy Hughes in due course.

Lynda Andrew's Craft Group would welcome new members, please see the March u3a website for more information and/or to contact Lynda.

It has been suggested that we have a Guitar Group but at present we do not have a tutor. If anyone can help, please contact me or any member of the committee.

Sharon Smith, Groups Coordinator

Fenland Music Centre Association (Charity No. 1065879) Christmas Quiz

We have had an enquiry from the charity Fenland Music Centre who have designed a 'Birds of Britain Charity Quiz' to raise money and they have contacted us to see if any of our members would be interested in taking part. Copies of the quiz can be obtained from St Peter's Church Christmas Fair, or bought at Greetings, at White September or at the Arthur Rank Hospice shop in March town centre. The quiz consists of 100 straight and cryptic questions at a cost of £2.00 per entry.

Fenland Music Centre are based at St Peter's Church and meet during tern times on Friday Evenings.

RNLI Fun Fashion Show – Friday, 30th October at the Braza Club, doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7 pm. Tickets - £6.00 each or 3 for £15.00, to be purchased in advance. There will be a raffle with many fantastic prizes.

Tickets and more information contact katie.hunt60@btinternet.com or visit RNLI Fashion Show.

And finally, if you would like some quinces please contact me, Janet – details below. We have so many that there is no charge – you simply have to collect them. They make a superb quince jelly with very little effort, making a perfect accompaniment for cheese.

The deadline for submission to Janet Hoskyn for contributions for the next issue of Monthly Notices is Friday, 06/11/2026.

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