



Newsletter May 2023

Interest Groups Timetable for May 2023

Please note that this timetable could be subject to change at any time.

Group	Date	Time	Venue
Monthly Meeting	Tue 23 rd	2 pm	Congregational Church, Ashby. Fran Sandham "Dr Livingstone, I presume"
Arts and Crafts	Thu 4 th	10 am	No meeting this month as the hall is being used as a polling station
Bridge	Mon 8 th Mon 22 nd	7-9 pm 7-9 pm	Ivanhoe Social Club. Dates to be confirmed
Calligraphy	Tue 9 th	10 am	At Sue's. 'Coronation' using gothic
Calligraphy 2	Wed 3 rd	10 am	At 148 Woodside, Ashby.
Computer	Wed 3 rd Mon 15 th	2 pm 2 pm	16 Winchester Way
Croquet	Fri 26 th	10am	No meeting this month because of the Bank Holiday
Digital Photography	Thu 4 th	10 am	Meet at 16 Winchester Way to drive to Quorn Station, LE12 8AG
Drawing and painting	Wed 17 th	10 am	Visit to Derby to 'Hogarth' Exhibition. Car sharing and timing TBA
Family History	Wed 10 th	2 pm	2 Marlborough Way
French	Mon 15 th Mon 29 th	11 am 11 am	Ivanhoe Club, Wilfred Place, Ashby
Gardening	Thu 18 th	2 pm	Self-drive to Barracca, Ivy Dean Close, Earl Shilton LE9 7NR. A 1 acre private garden. £8 inc refreshments or £4 without.
History	Thu 25 th	8.30 am	Coach trip to York
Industrial Heritage	Wed 24 th	TBA	Crich Tramway Museum, Nr Matlock, Derby DE4 5DP
Literature	Tue 9 th	1:30 pm	At Sandra's house
Lunch	Thu 11 th	12 for 12.30 pm	The Holly Bush Inn, 1 Melbourne Lane, Breedon On The Hill, Derby DE73 8AT

Group	Date	Time	Venue
Medium Walks	Mon 1 st	9.45 for 10am start	NOTE change of date. Meet at Bulls Head pub car park, Thringstone LE67 8LR
Music Appreciation	Wed 3 rd	10 am	Mike's at 91 Woodside, LE65 2NU
Reading	Wed 17 th	2 pm	79 Nottingham Rd
Recorder	Thu 4 th	10 am	St Matthew's Community Hall, Overseal
	Thu 18 th	10 am	
Science & Technology	Tue 9 th	2 pm	Packington Village Hall. Yogi Godwin "Tudor Food & Nutrition"
Scrabble	Mon 8 th	10.30 am	The Bulls Head, Ashby
Short Walks	Fri 19 th	10 am	Meet at the car park near St Peters church, Stapenhill
Supper Club	Thu 27 th	7 for 7.30 pm	The Belper Arms, Newton Burgoland LE67 2SE
Walking	Tue 2 nd	9.45 for 10am start	Queens Head, Heather LE67 2QP.
	Tues 16 th	9.15 for 9.30 am start	The George and Dragon, Main St, Alrewas DE13 7AE
Wine Appreciation	Wed 17 th	7:00 pm	Annie's house

Interest Groups Timetable for early June 2023

Group	Date	Time	Venue
Arts and Crafts	Thu 1 st	10 am	Packington Village Hall
Digital Photography	Thu 1 st	10 am	Meet at 16 Winchester Way to drive to Elford Hall, Church Rd, Elford, Tamworth B79 9DA
Recorder	Thu 1 st	10 am	St Matthew's Community Hall, Overseal
Scrabble	Mon 5 th	10.30 am	The Bull's Head, Ashby
Bridge	Mon 5 th	7-9 pm	Ivanhoe Social Club
Walking	Tue 6 th	9.45 for 10 am start	TBA
Calligraphy 2	Wed 7 th	10 am	At 148 Woodside, Ashby
Music Appreciation	Wed 7 th	10 am	TBA
Computer	Wed 7 th	2 pm	16 Winchester Way

REMEMBER WE HAVE A NEW BANK ACCOUNT

The new account is now active and so any payments to Ashby u3a, whether for membership fees, trips or social events like the Christmas Lunch, can now be made by bank transfers to:

Co-operative Bank. Sort code 08-92-99 Acc. no. 67259878.

Cheques will still be accepted. Make any cheques payable to "Ashby u3a" as before. Cash can be accepted but please try to use bank transfers or cheques if at all possible.

Please remember to add some indication to the bank transfer or the back of the cheque as to what the payment is for.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A reminder that your membership renewals are now due as of April 1st

The fees this year have unfortunately had to rise due to increased costs such as venue hire. The fees for 2023-24 are:

£22 for a single member and

£18 for a second member at the same address as another Ashby member, or anyone who is a fully paid up member of another u3a.

Membership forms can be downloaded from the Ashby u3a website www.ashbyu3a.co.uk ; click on the Membership Forms tab. Or they can be obtained from the Membership Sec at the monthly meetings. Payments please by bank transfer if possible, or by cheque. Our bank details are on the form.

Please return signed forms to the address on the bottom of the form. We need your signed forms for Data Protection compliance.

If you have already renewed, thank you.

HELP & WELFARE

Welfare

Sharon Woodland, our Welfare person, can be contacted at welfare@ashbyu3a.co.uk or 01530 413867

If you know of any member who is unwell or isolating or has a family member who is unwell, please contact Sharon or any other committee member and we can see if there is anything we can do to help, whether it is collecting shopping or prescriptions, having a chat or just sending a card.

Covid

We remind you that we cannot guarantee that all members or other participants at u3a meetings or gatherings will have been vaccinated nor that they are virus-free and that it is up to individuals to decide whether or not they are comfortable with the risks of mixing in groups when the virus is still very much at large. Especially as the new variant seems to be much more transmissible.

APRIL'S MONTHLY MEETING

25th April. Geoff Purglove on "The history of the Ashby canal"

As Chairman of the Ashby Canal Trust and a previous member of Leicester County Council with responsibility for canals, Geoff Purglove was ideally placed to tell us about the past, present and future of the Ashby Canal.

There was a growing need to get coal away from the Leicestershire collieries and various ideas were investigated. Eventually plans were drawn up to build a canal from the coal fields to the Coventry canal. The canal gained parliamentary approval in 1794 and work started that year. It was planned to mostly follow the 303 ft contour from the Coventry canal as far as Ashby Wolds where it would climb over the hill and descend to the collieries and lime quarries at Ticknall, Coleorton, Cloud Hill and Staunton Harold. However it was soon realised that the cost of getting over the hill would be exorbitant and the canal would finish at Ashby Wolds with the remaining distance being covered by horse-drawn tramways. The canal opened in 1804.

Note that we now know that it stopped at Moira, but Moira didn't exist in the late 18th Century. It wasn't until mining commenced in the area and the mine was named for the Irish Earldom of Moira, one of the titles of the Hastings family that the name Moira was used for the area. So the Ashby canal never did come to Ashby!

The main source of traffic became the new mines at Moira but the coalmines were to be the downfall, literally, of the canal as mining subsidence caused the canal to sink and breaches in 1918 caused it to lose water. It was uneconomic to repair but the Moira coal was needed for the war effort and so it was repaired. A further breach in WWII was also repaired for the same reason, but in 1944 the section from Moira to Donisthorpe was abandoned. Another 5 miles were lost in 1957 and finally the Measham to Snarestone section was closed in 1966.

The closure in 1966 led to the formation of the Ashby Canal Association to prevent further closures and to work towards reopening the northern section back to Moira. Between 1999 and 2005 the top end was reinstated at what is now Conkers. To connect that section to the main part of the canal there are several problems. One being that the A42 now crosses the route of the canal and also at Measham a housing estate has been built on the site of the canal. However Leicester Council bought most of the land along the route with plans to restore the whole canal and to regenerate the Measham area. The canal is slowly being extended north from Snarestone and a route around the housing estate has been planned which uses part of the old railway line. The canal will pass to the west of Measham before curling back into the original basin where a marina and visitor centre will be built.

Much of this was due to be funded by developers of a 450 house estate in Measham but the proposed route of HS2 has interrupted plans as the route passes through the planned estate. This means that the housing plans are cancelled and hence so is the canal reinstatement. In the longer term HS2 project should pay for the building of bridges for the canal to pass under both railway and a realigned A42. Once that is complete, connection could then be made to the Conkers section of the canal. This will not be soon however.

Thank you to Geoff for a fascinating talk about the canal's history and potential future.

GROUP REPORTS

Arts and Crafts

6th April

The Craft Group met in Packington Village Hall on 6 April 2023. The numbers were down as several of the ladies had already gone away for Easter.

We were still working on our Easter Wreath project. We had made the flowers; formed our own wreath; made leaves and this was the day to put it all together. We had a lot of laughs, and the atmosphere was relaxed and happy. The wreaths, however, did not quite get completed, so I gave them all the necessary equipment and instructions to go home and complete the job. Several have since shown me photographs of their finished wreaths.

We will NOT be meeting in May as there are three bank holidays and an election day in the month. This means that our next meeting will be on 1 June 2023. By popular request, we will be starting a large Crystal Art project.

Calligraphy

11th April

There were 6 of us at the meeting this month. We were at Gill's where we were kept hydrated with lots of coffee and biscuits! The word for our focus had been 'names' and I think most of us agreed that it hadn't inspired us.

However it did give us the opportunity to practise the 'uncial' font that we haven't used for a while. We'd forgotten how attractive it can look when done properly!

Next month (May 11th) we are at Sue's. With all the celebrations coming up we decided on the word 'Coronation' for this month, using the 'black gothic' font - another one we need to practise. Should be interesting to see what everyone produces.

Calligraphy 2

6th April

We had a good session as Gill James came and helped us. We also had a new attendee who picked up our details at the Open Day last year and came along for a try-out. We hope she becomes a member.

Croquet

28th April

The second meeting of the croquet group attracted a small group of enthusiastic players who enjoyed the chance to practice and improve their skills on the lawns. We are currently playing "golf croquet", a shorter and more sociable version of the traditional game. This enables us to play at least two games of doubles in a session, playing with a different partner in each game.

It's never too late to join in and the good news is that our next session will be in warmer weather in June, but we will not play in May because of the Bank Holiday.

Computers

5th April

We had 4 people today with problems for us to look at. Two were quite easily solved. Sue had nearly 2000 photos on her Android phone that needed to be moved off onto an external hard drive for her computer but her laptop was quite slow. So by using one of our quicker computers and linking both the phone and external drive to it we were able to get all the photos transferred in one session. Renee had an email on her phone which she couldn't delete. despite trying everything we knew, neither could we! whilst attempting that, we showed her how to use all the extra symbols and emojis that are available to be used in texts and emails.

Bik's laptop fan was very noisy and gets worse when hot, so we discussed how to take off the bottom of the laptop to access the fan and maybe clean it up. Fans tend to get covered in greasy dust which upsets the balance of the fan and makes a noise. We also discussed the cost of subscribing to Microsoft 365 which has Word, Excel and Outlook for handling mail, calendar, to do lists and contact list amongst other apps. It can also be used with a Gmail account. Lastly Peter wanted to understand the differences between cloud storage apps like iCloud and OneDrive and what are the benefits and drawbacks of any cloud storage system.

Digital Photography Group

6th April

We spent the morning discussing what projects we are going to do this year with the intent to get out more and take some photos. A fairly radical idea!

The plan is to visit the Great Central Railway at Quorn in May, Elford Hall near Tamworth in June, Fradley Canal Junction in July and Donington Race Circuit in August. Details on our webpage. All subject to decent weather of course. In the meantime we will try to get some pictures of Spring which we can show at John's when the weather is not so good.

Drawing and Painting

April 19th

During April the exhibit for the 2023 Ashby Art Festival was designed and painted and will be displayed during May at the Ashby Giant outdoor Gallery,

Also, at the monthly session, having applied the Varnish on the exhibit, we did some sketching using some of the photos taken during last month's visit to Hough Mill.

The May 17th meeting is a visit to Derby to see the "Hogarth" exhibition. Details of timing and car share to be notified.

Gardening

20th April

We had a fantastic trip today to Birmingham Botanical Gardens. The sun shone the whole day, after the rainy weather lately, and the gardens were the perfect place for a stroll around, to eat and relax in the sun. There are many different areas, with different planting; spring blossom, bonsai, an alpine area, and tropical and arid areas. There was a lovely view of the lawned area and bandstand from the terrace and eating area.

The Family History Group

12th April

Today we were reduced to four at the table but had a very good session.

John D reported that his contacts with the Wakefield Family History society have now extended to a Zoom meeting with the society, at which the presence of Irish immigrants to the area was discussed. He will be pursuing these clues further in finding out why his mother's family went there, and how she came to meet his father.

Ana was concentrating on separating out two possible ancestors with the same name, one born in 1908 the other in 1918.

Eileen is well into the 16th century and the Parish Records. We had a fun time deciphering the records but with a combined attack we managed to identify someone correctly, despite the difficulties of reading the ancient handwriting.

Jane Chilvers is pursuing her husband's great great grandparents. The surname is frustratingly common. But she is digging down and getting results.

John D also reported on the Memorial Service in Swadlincote for Sylvia Dearing that he and Keith Dexter attended, and the Order of Service was available for the members to read.

There was also a beautiful photo of Sylvia and Michael, provided by the family. We shall remember her.

Our next meeting will be on the 10th May.

French

April

We are still meeting at 11am Mondays every other week and practising various conversations using different scenarios. Meetings are at Ivanhoe club Wilfred Place.

History

27th April. "A look at the 60's" by Alan Hiley

Today's talk was given at short notice by Alan Hiley when the intended speaker realised they were supposed to be on holiday!

Called 'A Look at the 60s', an enthralling and nostalgic review of a time many consider the best of their lives. It was very well attended by 45 members.

Alan took us through a cavalcade of photos on different topics including famous people, furniture, foods, cinema, theatre, TV and radio, music, fashion, holidays, sport and literature. There were far too many to detail, but we all enjoyed reminiscing over the Beatles, Lawrence of Arabia, The Italian Job, and those singularly English 'Saucy Post cards. Old TV programmes like the original Likely Lads, Steptoe and Son, and Radio programmes like Hancock's Half-Hour, Round the Horne and The Navy Lark brought back real memories of a time before CGI and overwhelming bad news on all channels.

He reminded us of what home life was like at the time, including breakfast, dinner and tea, although some of us remember the furniture we had slightly differently! Alan added detail by showing us photos of Ashby, Swadlincote and Church Gresley from this era, which provoked many memories.

A time to remember, when the world was young, and we were younger.

He has more shows in train, and we may see more of his wonderfully relaxed and entertaining style. Many thanks, Alan!

Industrial Heritage

27th April – Gladstone Pottery Museum

The Industrial Heritage Group visited Gladstone Pottery Museum in Stoke on Trent for their April trip. 26 members of the group assembled at the museum for a self-guided tour around the various buildings and exhibits. Large way-markers took you round the site in a particular order so that you could understand the whole pottery making process from start to finish.

We first entered the slip house where the raw materials were mixed together with water to form a slip. Slip was stored in settling tanks and stirred to prevent it from hardening. Magnets were used to remove iron and it was sieved to remove lumps. The liquid was then pressed between cloths to remove the excess water and then taken to the pugging house where it was slammed and knocked about to remove air pockets and to make it suitable for working.

The clay products were either made by turning the clay on a potter's wheel or sometimes by the use of moulds which were made and stored in the mould making room. Gladstone has 4 Bottle Oven kilns and each piece of pottery went through a process of 3 firings in these kilns. Before the first firing each item had to be left to dry in the drying room and then the items to be fired were placed in saggars or large clay pots which were stacked up in the bottle kilns. During firing the kilns would reach a temperature of 1250 degrees Celsius and a firing would take several days.

The fired pottery was now ready to be sent for glazing in the glaze shop before being fired again to harden the glaze. Decorating or painting the products was the final part of the whole process and the work was mainly done by women using different metal oxides to produce the colours. The pottery was hand painted but in later times the use of transfers became more common. A final firing turned the metal oxides into the desired colours.

For decades the sight of these bottle kilns dominated the landscape of Stoke on Trent but today most of them have been demolished as firing is done in gas or electric ovens. Not that there are many working potteries left in Stoke. The group were enthralled with the experience of seeing this whole industrial process and saddened by the poor working conditions that the men women and children had to endure.

After the tour we went for lunch at the Toby Carvery in Trentham before returning home.

Science & Technology

The group didn't meet in April as it clashed with Easter weekend. The next meeting will be on 9th May when Yogi Goodwin will talk about Tudor food and nutrition.

Recorder

April 6th and 20th

We met as usual on the first and third Thursdays of the month at Overseal Community Centre from 10 to 12. On both of these occasions this month Joan, our leader, was unable to be with us. Joan normally plays her bass recorder, so we can play four-part pieces, so we had to look out different music, some of which has not put in an appearance for some time in varying three-part arrangements. On the 6th, there were 6 of us present, rather too many descants for a good balance, but after I got out the Great Bass, it was rather better.

On the 20th there would have been 6 of us again, though not necessarily the same ones as before, but were unexpectedly joined by a lady from Denver, Colorado, over here for a family funeral and missing her recorder group. It is good to know that we are accessible! We had some different music for the second session, so a lot of it was sight-reading and consequently we gave most pieces a second go.

Reading

19th April

5 Members, with one Member having sent her apologies, attended the meeting at Annie Scotney's house where we discussed the book "A Town called Malice" by Mary Lawson. The novel introduced the main characters and a number of other people who were peripheral to the story.

We all enjoyed reading it and were able to express our different views as to the characters involved. The discussion was very lively.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 2.00 pm at Annie's house when the book to be discussed is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles.

Are there any other reader Members who would like to join us?

Music Appreciation

5th April

10 of us met round at Nev's and after the usual chatter and serving of teas and coffees we got down to some listening with Margaret kicking off with the overture to "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss II. An overture being a natural way to start things off!

This was followed by three female singers. Brenda chose the Carpenters "Yesterday once more", Janet chose Cher with "Love hurts" whilst Yogi offered Celine Dion singing in her native (Canadian) French with "Les cloches du Hameau". Three great voices.

Heather had chosen Glenn Miller and the classic, swinging "American Patrol". Sid played one of his daughter's favourites, Elbow singing "The birds" whilst Neil opted for Paul Simon singing "The late, great Johnny Ace"

Nev played us the first of 4 YouTube videos today, this being the Avalon Jazz Band playing a charming version of "Que reste-t-il de nos amours" originally written by Charles Trenet in 1942 and better known as "I wish you love"

Mike followed with another video, the very different "Russians" by Sting. The song was written in 1982 about the Cold War, but is just as relevant today. This version was a live performance in Moscow 12 years ago. By chance, Sallie had chosen a tune with similar sentiment, the beautiful "Benedictus" from "The armed man: a mass for peace" by Karl Jenkins

Margaret's second choice was "Calon Lân" a Welsh piece by the Black Mountain Male Chorus which Margaret remembered from her school days.

Brenda chose "Set 'em up Joe", not by Frank Sinatra but unusually by Ella Fitzgerald. Then Yogi cheered us all up with Abba's lovely "Thank you for the music"

So far we'd had French, German, Latin and Welsh music, so now Heather gave us some Cajun music in the form of the Balfa Brother's lively "Acadian two-step"

Janet offered the lovely "I'll never fall in love again" by Dionne Warwick, whilst Sid gave us Mike Oldfield with Maggie Reilly and "To France" apparently about Mary Queen of Scots' desire to be allowed to go to France.

Neil often likes to play music by well-known artists but which doesn't get heard on the radio, so he played "Goodbye yellow brick road" by Elton John. It is definitely an overlooked song.

Finally we had two more YouTube videos, Nev played "Bring me sunshine" by the Jive Aces in tribute to Morecambe and Wise whilst Mike chose Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young and "Our house" written by Graham Nash when he was living with Joni Mitchell.

Another typically varied and enjoyable selection of music.

Lunch

13th April – The Unicorn Inn at Orton on the Hill

We were without our leaders, Colin and Sharon, again this month, this time due to a funeral engagement so Mike stepped in to co-ordinate our visit to the Unicorn.

The Unicorn has a very large dining area and we had a long table on one side. Some 20 members turned up. We were the first party in the pub and had it all to ourselves to start with but it filled up later.

We placed our orders individually at the bar and food started to arrive quite soon afterwards. The pub is well-known for its generous portions and it lived up to that reputation! Even the light-bites were large. Nonetheless all the food was very nicely presented and delicious. Some even found room for pudding!

Next month we shall be at the Hollybush Inn in Breedon.

Supper Club

27th April - The Bull's Head, Wilson

A large number of members, 26, wished to come along this month and so we had to pre-order our food from a set menu. However this didn't stop the pub from providing some excellent food.

They had allocated us one whole side of the pub, near the kitchen, for us spread over 3 tables. It took a little while for the first course to arrive but they provided us with some delicious nibbles to keep us busy.

After that the next courses came up at a steady pace. The food, whilst sounding fairly ordinary on the menu, turned out to be very nicely presented and tasted wonderful.

The one complaint I heard at the end from one member was that his trouser waist band was too tight!

Wine Appreciation

19th April

This month it was Mike's turn to provide the wines and he chose a selection of 6 classic wines from Northern Italy. All were from Tesco's Finest range bar one, and were bought when the 25% off for 6 offer was available.

We started with a couple of whites. The first, a Pinot Grigio, proved surprisingly good. Pinot Grigio has a reputation as a cheap white wine, a bit sweet, and easy drinking but not particularly great. This was much better than that. Clean, off-dry and with absolutely no acidity, it drank very well. It goes to show that paying a little extra, £8 reduced to £6, can make a huge improvement. Even those who are not keen on white wines were impressed.

The second was a Gavi (£9). This is supposed to be a classier wine but proved disappointing. There was nothing wrong with it except that it had almost no flavour! At the end of the evening it was the lowest scoring wine.

Next came the reds starting with a Montepulciano D'Abruzzo (£7). Many of us had had this before, and I thought it wasn't as good as I remembered. I think it needed food with it.

Next was a Chianti Classico Riserva. This was lighter and fruitier and very nice at £8.50 pre-discount.

Then came the only non-Finest and strictly non-Northern wine. Piccini Memoro (£8) is a blend of 4 grape varieties from around Italy. Rich and fruity with a dark colour and smooth taste, it was yummy (that's a technical term!). It was our top scoring wine averaging just over 8/10

Lastly was a Valpolicella Ripassa (£11) from the Veneto region. This was a very dark red wine, much richer and smoother and more complex. Most thought this to be another delicious wine but it was too heavy for some.

This was an interesting exercise, in particular the fact that the non-Finest wine came out on top. Mind you, it had won a gold medal at the International Wine Challenge so it should be good.

Short Walking

21st April. From the car park next to St Peters church, Stapenhill, for a walk around Burton Washlands.

The day was wet with a forecast of more rain so I was not surprised that nobody came. While standing there a local guide stooped to talk to me. He leads history walks around Burton and he explained that the River Trent was the border with Danelaw to the north and the Saxon area to the South. In the absence of walkers I went shopping in Burton and went home.

Medium Walking

3rd April. Mount St Bernard Abbey, led by Alison

The walk this month was brought forward by a week due to our normal scheduled date clashing with Easter Monday, but it was in fact the second attempt at this walk following last month's abandonment due to appalling weather.

6 of us met at Mount St Bernard Abbey on a beautiful day - with no rain!!!! We started off downhill to the 'tail' of Blackbrook Reservoir and then onto Charley Road where the windmill was looking very picturesque. We turned west along Sandhole Lane, eventually meeting up with Swannymote Road at Poachers Corner. We followed this up the hill, across Oaks Road, alongside Whitwick Quarry and back to our starting point. In total, 5.6 miles and 2.5 hrs.

Longer Walking

18th April. Around Cossington, led by Kevin

Despite the forecast we were greeted with a fine day as 15 of us gathered at Cossington for our Tuesday walk. Soon after leaving the pub car park we joined part of the Leicestershire Round foot path to pass the new Leicester City training ground and then to the small community of Seagrave. On leaving Seagrave we crossed several fields before walking a very well defined path through the middle of Sibleby coming out opposite the Parish Church. We continued out of town along the river Soar and Grand Union canal back to pub for lunch.

4th April. From Carlton, led by Tony

The walking group met at the Gate Hangs Well pub in Carlton for the first walk in April. The pub opens at 9am so we were able to pre order lunch before setting off. The path across the first few fields was drier than expected but one farmer had rough ploughed his field without reference to the public right of way so a detour around the edge of the field was required. We skirted around the edge of Osbaston village and then on to Market Bosworth where we stopped for tea/coffee. There was even an ice cream van and toilets. After the break we crossed through the market square in Bosworth and then back to Carlton for lunch. Luckily it stayed dry despite a poor weather forecast.