

This month's meeting: Tuesday 21st March
Easter Egg making and decorating - Tom Phillips

Forthcoming dates for your diary include

Tuesday 18th April	Martin's Quiz
Tuesday 16th May	<i>Kicks and Frills, the story of the French Can Can</i> David Price



**Some of our
Craft Groups
latest projects**



Important Notice

In place of the usual Chairman's Chunters this month we are printing below a copy of a letter. The committee called an Extraordinary meeting two weeks ago to discuss an issue that had arisen which had significant implications for our groups. The guidance from U3A Head Office made it clear that it does not support the use of paid teachers who are not U3A members. To do so could result in committee members being financially liable should an injury or accident occur. Reluctantly but unanimously, committee members decided it had to advise three groups of this issue. The following is our letter sent to the three Group Leaders concerned.

“ Dear Group Leader

As you may be aware your Kibworth and District U3A Committee convened an Extraordinary Committee meeting last Tuesday evening to discuss and agree our approach to the use of non-member paid tutors. Unfortunately your committee found itself in a rather difficult position having been informed from U3A HQ that we could be financially liable if anyone chose to sue. Also that we tried to consider other possible options before regretfully coming to the unanimous conclusion that we now had to step aside from this practice of employing expert teachers. We have not been confronted by this issue previously and that past guidance we have received was probably less clear.

As you may already be aware the ethos of U3A is that it is a mutual aid organisation in which its third age members' interests, skills and experiences are shared for reciprocal benefit. The self-help learning principle is: by the members for the members.

Your three groups all use paid tutors, which is therefore, not within the ethos of the U3A, and bearing in mind the above, your committee does not wish to enter in to 'employing' paid tutors. We have taken the decision that your groups, as they were created within our U3A may continue to advertise your meetings etc in our Newsletter but will from now onwards operate outside the auspices of the U3A. We are saddened by the decision we have had to make but do not wish to fall foul of the employment and tax legislation.

We realise this decision will be very disappointing for you and your group members. No doubt you will be considering whether or not you can continue under these changed circumstances but if you do decide to proceed, please be assured that the committee will encourage and support you in any way it can within the rules that we are obliged to observe.

However, your committee does hope the groups that you are responsible for are able to continue even though they will be outside our U3A.”

Possible New Group

Do you have a thirst for knowledge? Would you be interested in joining a new wine appreciation group? If so please contact John Freeland.

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Last month

Andy Smith a professional musician from Lincolnshire, entertained us in words and song at last month's meeting. A very enjoyable and humorous afternoon. Andy played a number of different instruments including a folk mandolin, ukulele and several guitars (American ovation, tenor and semi-acoustic) as he told us his life story inter mixed with appropriate songs including some self penned ditties. His rendition of the Don Mclean song, *Vincent*, was particularly poignant. We are looking to have Andy back in another year.

News from Our Interest Groups

Anglo-Zulu War Study Group

The U3A Kibworth Carbineers (dismounted) are now in strict training for their next campaign in the Dark Continent. At our last parade we undertook a part recce into the background of the Zulu nation and its impis in order to be better prepared to cope with the enemy when we are placed "under orders". We will be continuing this at our next meeting, including the Battle of Blood River, where the Boers defeated the Zulus and from which we may be able to learn some useful tactics.

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Art Appreciation

The Art Appreciation Group are looking forward to visiting Nottingham Contemporary for a view of the 1980s in a special exhibition there on 22 March. We shall be making our own way there - by car, by bus or train! Meet at the art gallery about 11am.

For those of you who visited the Tower of London in 2014 to see the spectacular 888,246 poppies installation called Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red have a chance to revisit some of the poppies in the summer nearby. Derby Silk Museum will be staging Wave and Weeping Window by Paul Cummins (Artist) and Tom Piper (Designer) for the period 9th June - 23rd

July. Make a note in your diaries. I'm sure it will be worth a visit.

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(Duplicate) Bridge

We would like more players to come to our *easy going* Duplicate Bridge sessions, which take place every Wednesday in St Wilfrid's Church Hall. Start time 2 pm prompt. If you would like to come but do not have a partner please telephone me and I shall try to help.

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(Social) Bridge Group

This is a social group mainly playing rubber bridge with occasional learning sessions.

We play Chicago with prizes about once a month. We meet in the Lounge at the Grammar School Hall every Thursday, room open 2.00 to 4.30 pm with play starting by 2.10 pm

I am afraid we are at maximum capacity for the room and tables and therefore cannot take any new members for the near future.

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Craft Group

This group meets in the Methodist Church Rooms at 2-4pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. We knit and sew and contribute £2 towards the cost of the room. We stop for tea and biscuits. You will be made very welcome if you join this friendly gathering. You will need your own materials.

(See pictures on front page of our latest projects)

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Curry Club



The Curry Club enjoying a Sunday evening treat at Babe Blooz. Two course for £9.95 - fantastic value for money!

We had a very well attended outing in February to Babe Blooz in Market Harborough.

Our next Indian Restaurant visit will be to Leeja Palace, 13, The Parade, Oadby, LE2 5BB on Sunday April 9th, meeting at 7.00 pm. New members are very welcome. Please contact me if you would like to come.

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Film Appreciation Group

The February visit to Phoenix gave us '20th Century Women' a good story with an admirable performance from Annette Bening in the lead role. I just wasn't sure that it delivered on the period setting. The story was set in the 1970s but it could have been today from the look of the film. That is just my opinion – I think we are so used to good period stuff in this country but perhaps they weren't quite so satin and flared trousers in 70s USA!

Our next scheduled film is 'Denial' on Wednesday, 29th March. This stars Rachel Weisz and Tom Wilkinson in a British made courtroom

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drama telling the true story of American professor Deborah Lipstadt's legal battle with infamous Holocaust denier David Irving. Irving filed a libel suit against Lipstadt in the UK where burden of proof is on the accused. Lipstadt had to prove categorically that the Holocaust did occur.

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Flower Arranging

At our meeting on March 7th the group created many individual stemmed designs using various containers.



After tea and biscuits Sue College demonstrated a beautiful spring arrangement using anemones, iris and tulips.

Sue's arrangement was used as a raffle prize and the lucky winner was Maureen Millar.

Next month the meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th April and the group are invited to create their own interpretation of Sue's design. We will also discuss what you will need for the workshop meeting in May.

For details of this friendly group please contact :-

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Beaker Folk

(rebranded from the Folk Group)

Bolstered by the experience at the U3A gig in December, we are gearing up to doing some live performances and a few of us did a recce at the Foxton Locks Inn with a view to playing there. Also there is a chance to do some stuff at the Shoulder of Mutton, Great Bowden.

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Gardening Group



Despite the rain, and narrowly missing Storm Doris by one day, our visit to Cambridge University Botanic Garden last month provided a feast of sensory delights. The colours, textures and fragrance of the plants in the Winter Garden were wonderful to behold. Elsewhere in the grounds were delightful drifts of snowdrops, hellebores and early Spring bulbs. The heated Glasshouses not only provided warm and dry respite from the weather, but also stunning displays of exotic

blooms from South Africa, Indian and other parts of the world.

We are back inside in Kibworth Grammar School (KGS) for our meeting between **2.30-4.30pm** on **29 March**. Guest speakers, Stephen Barker and Sue Blaxland, from the Leicestershire and Rutland Garden Trust will talk about restored walled gardens in these counties. Mary will also be showing a fascinating DVD, which she has compiled of our past visits during 2015/16.

All seats are currently taken for our **Half Day Coach Trip to Grimsthorpe Castle, Park & Gardens**, leaving KGS at 12 noon on **26 April** for a private guided tour of this magnificent Tudor castle and free time to explore the gardens. If you would like to go on the reserve list please contact Mary.

The list is filling up fast for our **All Day Coach Trip to Hidcote Manor Garden** on **31 May 2017**. We leave KGS at 9am. This is one of England's great Arts & Crafts gardens, famous for its rare trees, shrubs, herbaceous borders and unusual plants from all over the world. After a short Introductory Talk on the garden's history, planting style and restoration, you are free to explore the grounds and visit the gift shop, cafes and plant sales centre. We start back at 4pm. The cost is £22 for non-NT members; or £11 coach fare only for NT members. Please advise Mary if you wish to go and note payment is due to her by 31 March.

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German Conversation

We cater for members wanting to keep up, improve, or even resurrect their conversational German. The format is relaxed and spontaneous chit-chat. We are not a study group, the only instructional element being dictionary look-up, if all else fails! We usually meet twice monthly on Wednesday morning and our meetings are hosted by members in rotation.

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Investment Club

Our main aim is to buy and sell stocks and shares with a social side to the experience. We have now reached our maximum number so sadly we cannot take any new members at this time. Please contact me if you want to be placed on a waiting list.

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Line Dancing

We meet in the Scout Hut at 2pm on Monday afternoons. Having taken in 4 new members I'm afraid this class is full but I would be happy to start a beginner class if enough people were to express an interest. Linedancing is a great way to exercise the feet and the brain plus a very pleasant way to spend a few hours with friends.

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Lunch Club

This month we enjoyed lunch at Goodwins. On Wednesday 12th April we will be eating at Market Harborough Golf Club at 12.30pm. Please order your food by Wednesday April 5th via Pam. If you would like more information please contact me.

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Music Appreciation

We are a sociable little house group, who all share an interest in varying types of music. We meet on the first Thursday afternoon of the month to play and briefly discuss music of a chosen subject. For the next block of meetings we will be working our way through the alphabet to discover composers, artists and music. This should take several months. Unfortunately, our group is full at the moment but if anyone is interested in joining us please give me a ring and I will try to accommodate you in the future.

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Painting

This Group meets in the Methodist Church Rooms at two o'clock until four on every other Friday. We contribute £2 towards the cost of the room. We stop for tea and biscuits. You will need to bring your own materials. We do not have a teacher but we learn from one another.

We have room for one more person. Do not worry if your painting skills are rusty, we are not at all judgemental and everyone is made welcome. We have one or two new members. Thank you.

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Poetry

(see next page for report)

Barton in the Beans

by Joanne Limburg

For comfort on bad nights,
open out a map of Middle England

and sing yourself to sleep
with a lullaby of English names:

Shouldham Thorpe, in gentle sunshine,
Swadlincote, in a Laura Ashley frock,

Little Cubley, veins running with weak tea,
Kibworth Beauchamp, praying on protestant knees,

Ashby-de-la-Zouch, saying 'Morning',
Wigston Parva smiling – but not too widely,

Ramsey Mereside, raising an eyebrow,
Eye Kettleby, where they'd rather not talk about it,

Market Overton, echoing with the slamming doors
of Cold Overton, where teenagers flee every night to
their rooms,

screaming that from Appleby Magna to Stubbers Green
they never met a soul who understood.

They never met a soul.
At Barton in the Beans, the rain says Sssshhhh...

Photography

Whilst continuing to explore the technical aspects of photography we are continuing our project around Kibworth and Market Harborough and surrounding areas enabling us to explore areas of individual interest. We will also put more detail into the agenda for 2017 especially as the weather is getting better.

We have new members joining so please come along -any level of expertise, any apparatus as long as it takes a photograph. The next meeting is on 21st March at 10.30 in the Kibworth Scout and Guide Hut.

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Poetry

Our friendly little house group continues to enjoy a selection of poets and poems. We spent a lovely morning this month sharing poems we had found on the theme of Spring.

Next month we are looking at the life and works of an American poet called Billy Collins.

One of our members read the poem in the box on the previous page to us which is set locally in Leicestershire.

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Safari Supper

For our February outing I asked Kate and Tim Hubbard who own The Bakers Arms in Thorpe Langton (picture above) to provide us with a 'winter warmer' evening. The last time we visited this establishment was in August last year when we had canapes in the garden overlooking a beautiful sunset over the Caudle. I try to arrange for 18 people to go on these evenings but The Bakers Arms is a very popular venue and why should I turn folk away when they can have such a lovely evening. So it was that 25 of us - one cancellation on the due to ill health - sat down for a evening of delicious and sumptuous food with interesting and at times helpful conversations. We were last to leave (again) and were all replete and generally

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well satisfied with our evening. This month we are off to the Fox and Hounds at Tugby. I'm afraid my list is full however if you wish to come on a future Safari Supper please let me know as soon as possible.

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Singles Sunday Lunch Club

The Singles Sunday Lunch group had another very enjoyable lunch on March 5th. The venue this time was the King's Head at Smeeton Westerby (see picture above). Ten people attended and we had a very good meal, lively conversation and good company .

The next date lunch will be on April 2nd. venue yet to be arranged.



As always all are very welcome.

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Singing for Pleasure **

Our ethos is singing for pleasure so there are no auditions. Singing lifts the spirits and is fun. Do come and join us, you would be very welcome. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays in the month at St Wilfrid's Church Hall from 10 - 11.30am.

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Sketch Club



The sketching visit to IKEA went well and those that could resist the retail therapy opportunity were rewarded with some interesting sketching challenges!

At our second session of the month Sue demonstrated two different Pen and Wash techniques which she had practiced on a recent course. We all went away determined to match the skill that she had demonstrated after our brief practice sketch. Very interesting and enjoyable. The programme for the next three months of 2017 will be decided at the next meeting which will start with a sketching safari around the Kibworth village before meeting at the Well for tea or coffee. The programme will include several outdoor sketching trips to local villages and attractions as well as sessions exploring different sketching techniques. After founding the group when our U3A started John Wilcocks has decided to retire as Group Leader but will remain an active member to enjoy the Group and give his invaluable guidance to the rest of us. A big thank you John for your efforts over the years. You have given a lot of pleasure and improved the sketching ability of all of us that have attended the group.

We are a small group with different ability levels so if you want to take up or resume sketching for fun come and join us. Plenty of help is available and you will be made very welcome. Our main aim is to enjoy our meeting. We meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month between 10.30 and 12.00 either at an agreed location or at one of our houses. Give me a call if you are interested.

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Table Tennis

We meet every Friday 2.30 to 4.30 pm at the Kibworth Scout Hut. We welcome all levels of players from good to people who have never played before, or who have not played since school, want to get some exercise, socialise and learn to play or improve table tennis. We have a break half way through for tea and biscuits and put the world to rights. We have some spare bats so why not come along and give it a try. Just turn up at the scout hut at 2.30 pm Fridays I am afraid we are at maximum capacity for the room and tables and therefore cannot take any new members for the near future.

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T'ai Chi **

There is no report for this group for this month.

Vintage British Sitcoms

Our now established group is up and running on the second Monday afternoon in the month and at our last meeting we enjoyed some more fun and laughter. As a tribute to the late Ronnie Corbett, at our next meeting we will be laughing at his antics in "Sorry" and watching a more slightly more modern comedy "Drop the Dead Donkey". Our third item will feature another much missed person who made us laugh, namely Andrew Sachs in "Fawlty Towers" (the one with the dead body). Unfortunately, the group is now full, but if you are interested please give me a ring and I'll try to find you a place in the future.

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Walking Group

It was a bright sunny morning on 17 February when 18 walkers set off from the Wharf Inn at Welford, led by Alan and Marion Brown. We headed north across the fields towards South Kilworth, crossed the canal and then followed the towpath for a while. Taking the disused railway line, we headed towards North Kilworth before making our way back to Welford and a welcome lunch at the Wharf. Just 5.3 miles, three styles and no steep hills, but with plenty of wide views across the undulating countryside.

A second, smaller group also walked from The Wharf at Welford on the same day. Led by Ros Holmes, seven of us ambled through Welford, across the allotments and past a field containing medieval fishponds. We walked along the towpath of the Welford Arm to its junction with the Leicester line of the Grand Union Canal, and then returned to meet the other group at lunch.

An impressive 24 stalwart walkers turned up at

the Royal George Public House in Cottingham on Friday 3 March to brave the torrential rain (see photo below). As the planned walk, led by David Porter, started over fields that were now very waterlogged we decided on a detour along the tracks overlooking the pretty villages of Cottingham and Middleton. On a decent day the views are beautiful and worth spending time admiring them but sadly, in the rain, we had to pass too quickly to appreciate them. Keeping as much as possible to pathways we did a tour of East Carlton Park where the snowdrops were still in abundance. To escape the rain and dry off a little we called in at the Visitor's Centre for coffee. We then made our way back to the Royal George through the villages for lunch.

Future walks

As there are five Fridays in March, there will be a further-afield trip on 31 March when Malcolm and Celia Lever-Jones will be leading us on an outing to Coventry. On 7 April, Ron and Christine Spinks are planning a shorter walk from Mountsorrel. Details of these walks will be sent



to members in due course. As usual, please inform the walk leader no later than two days before the event if you are planning to walk and whether or not you intend to stay for lunch (please also provide your telephone number). Our usual schedule is to walk on the first Friday morning of the month (a shorter walk), the 3rd Friday (longer) and the 5th if applicable (further afield or an opportunity for something different), all usually followed by a leisurely pub lunch. An up-to-date walking schedule can be found on the Walking Group webpage of the K&D U3A website.

If you need further information about any of the walks, please contact the walk leader or, if you want to know more about what we do, please contact:-

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Yoga **

We have had to divorce ourselves from the U3A because it has transpired that having a paid teacher conflicts with the ethos of the U3A. Also there are liability and legal issues that makes such an arrangement difficult. No doubt the U3A will explain more about this, but the good news is that the group will continue independently with, at least the blessing of Kibworth U3A for which we are very grateful.

Its just a great shame for the U3A because we all believe that fitness activities of this kind are very beneficial to U3A people..

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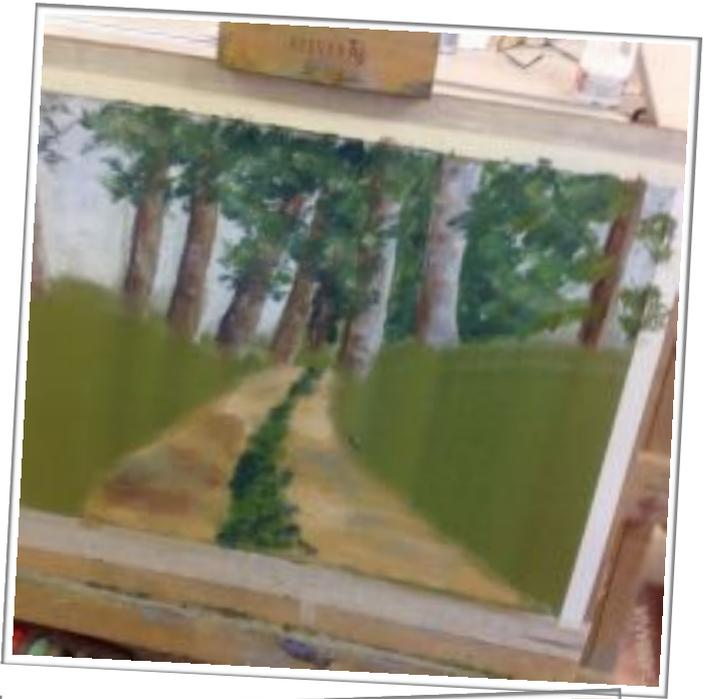


Umbrellas were the order of the day during a recent U3A walk as shown above and Gardening Club outing to Cambridge shown below



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We are very pleased with the number of photographs submitted for this month's issue. The added colour makes all the difference. Thank you to all our Group Leaders.



Examples of work from various ongoing Art Group Projects



Please note: The symbol ** denotes a group which is not now operating under U3A auspices.

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How to join K&D U3A

Joining could not be easier, provided that you are over 50 and no longer in full-time employment. Please contact our membership secretary **Cliff Hollingsworth, 20 Springfield Crescent, Kibworth, LE8 0LH. Tel: 0116 279 2025** giving name, address, email address (if you have one) and telephone number. Subscriptions: cheques should be made payable to K&DU3A. Please send SAE for your membership card to be returned to you.

To find out about what is going nationally see www.u3a.org.uk for on-line courses and further information.

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