



Our monthly meetings take place in Kibworth Grammar School Hall,
on the third Tuesday of the month, 1.45 - 3.45 p.m.

This month's meeting - Tuesday 16th April Clive's Spring Quiz????

Forthcoming dates for your diary include

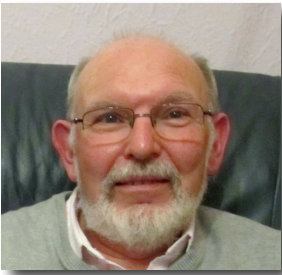
May 21 st	Curve - Paul Kerryson
June 18 th	Our Summer social



**Lots of
Doh-si-Dohing
at the
Barn Dance !!**



Chairman's Musings



Well it happened at last! My trusty old radio control transmitter finally malfunctioned causing my newly acquired model plane to crash with quite considerable damage but fortunately no personal injury. I had used the transmitter for over ten years so it had done quite well.

Since I bought it the technology has improved greatly all aimed at increasing the security of the control of the model and hence the safety of bystanders. It's a good thing as model weights and speeds have increased dramatically over the same period. It is now quite usual for an average club

flyer to use a model weighing 6 kgs and capable of flying at 150mph.

So I decided to buy the latest system and in order to fund the purchase resorted to eBay to sell some of my redundant gear. How easy it was. The eBay Selling Template was easy to use and used photos taken with my iPad.

I published the auction items and then had the fun of a daily check to see if there were any bids. As I expected as a regular eBay buyer the bid price more than doubled in the last minute of the auction.

Very exciting. I put seven items on auction five of which sold (for prices much better than I imagined). With the money safely in my Paypal account I bought my new controller from an eBay shop and the receivers (the bits that fit into the planes) from an online supplier. The new system is now fitted and working. Just need some decent weather to get flying again.

The whole buying/selling process was completed without entering a shop and with the only out of house trip being to Kibworth Post Office. Most of the research on what to buy was done on Google which included videos and user feedback. It was a joy. Just shows what a struggle shops like Comet, Currys and many other smaller shops must have. The online process is now so well catered for. Did learn however that posting the same item can cost £5 if you wrap it in lots of bubble wrap or 90p if you use a padded bag! You live and learn.

The downside of course is that it is now difficult to actually see and touch many items before you buy. A friend of mine wanted to see a breadmaker of his choice before purchase and could not locate one to view. I wonder how long before manufacturers realise that the "feel" of a product is no longer important and that all that matters to sell it is its picture. With the price pressures that everyone feels I expect that the "quality" feel that we all love will be a casualty in the online invasion. We have lost our bank in the village to the same logic. Every silver lining has its black cloud.

U3A Matters

The Barn dance held on March 16th was a great success. Clive had to stop selling tickets near the date as he was worried that the hall would be overcrowded. A big thank you to Clive Huntley and his team for a great night.

We are all looking forward to Clive's Big Quiz on the 16th (Yes the same Clive)

Pam Moody continues towards recovery and is still very active on the Committee despite her immobility.

Keith

Barn Dance

Thank you all for supporting me by coming to the Barn Dance. I really enjoyed it and judging by the participation in the dancing and the many smiles and laughing going on I think most people enjoyed it as well. For the second time Roy Garrington gave us a very enjoyable evening

This is an extract from an email from Roy after the event *“I really enjoyed calling for the dance on Saturday & thought it went well. It's nice when so many people are willing to give it a go & are enjoying themselves !”*

My special thanks go to the team that helped set up and clear away at the end of the evening. Well done concert Band and guitar circle for performing at the start and at the interval.

We made £ 232 profit and are donating this money to Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.



Clive Huntley

News from Interest Groups

Possible Groups /New Groups– Update

Italian Conversation – We are still in the process of getting this course “off the ground”, anyone else interested – please contact me as soon as possible.

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Do you remember Spangles?

I haven't had very much interest in this fledgling group so am giving it another go! The idea here is that we meet in people's homes and over a cuppa we discuss and re-remember our former lives. I would also like to record these evenings as an Oral History project. If you are interested please contact me- a quarter of sweets awaits the first person with a threepenny bit!

Stephen Poyzer

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iPad course

The course is now complete. 18 Members attended the course over four sessions. We explored operating gestures, how to arrange the Home page, Keyboard features, Settings, Picture Frame, Safari, Facetime, Photos, Maps, manipulating text, printing from the iPad, synchronising with iTunes on your PC and useful Apps including Office programs, weather, Dropbox etc.

My iPad is connected to a digital projector so all the steps are easy to see.

If you are interested in a repeat of the course please call me.

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Concert Band

Now is an excellent time to join the band as we are beginning some new pieces. We try to keep our music as varied as possible and will be playing Havah Nagilah, the Wallace and Gromit theme and Rock around the Clock. So get that Flugelhorn out of the closet, give me a ring and come blow away your winter blues

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Craft Group

The Craft Group continues to create wonderful items from thread and other such materials. We knit, sew and embroider but it is up to you whatever you wish to produce.

How lovely it would be to create your own Christmas presents for 2013. Last year we produced many useful garments and embroidered pictures. We share our skills and report on Craft events.

Do come along and join this group. We meet from 2-4 at the Methodist Church rooms on every second and fourth Tuesday (the third



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Tuesday being the General U3A meeting day). We stop for tea and biscuits and we learn and help one another. We give £2 towards the cost

of the room. We have room for two more people and the Calligraphy folk are also welcome.

For more details contact me

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Digital Photography

We are continuing to explore GIMP photo editor and have now done sessions on loading, Selection and Layers. At the last session we viewed members photographs of "Spring". There were some excellent pics and the improvement is very noticeable.

The Club will meet on Monday 22nd and May 6th and 20th at the Kibworth Grammar School Hall at 10 am till 12.

If you want to come and show us your pictures you are very welcome just put them on a memory stick and join us.

Participation in GIMP is **NOT compulsory!** Just join us for the first hour when we are looking at photographs. We plan to do some trips out (local venues) on photo assignments in the future so if you are interested give me a call.

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Flower Arranging

16 members attended the meeting on April 2nd. 12 members arranged their interpretation of Sue Colledge's spring triangle demonstration whilst the other four very kindly helped members who asked for a little guidance. The resulting arrangements were truly spectacular and gave us a real feeling of spring.

We then had a second opportunity to watch the Flower Arranging DVD and picked up some useful tips.

Our **next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th May** when Ann Holden from the Kibworth Church Flower Group will do two demonstrations for us followed by tea and cake. There is no need to bring any flowers to this meeting.

Unfortunately we are unable to take new members because of the room size. We will however start a waiting list so if you are interested please phone

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Gill Holyoake 0116 279 2079

French Conversation

To begin with what we're not, we're not a class for learning French. To get any pleasure or benefit from our meetings you would need to be able to speak the language well enough to hold your own in an ordinary conversation – even if you did sometimes get into a total muddle or find yourself unable to finish what you were trying to say.

On the other hand, if you're extremely fluent and rapid, you might find the whole thing a bit slow and laborious. We simply hope that by practising our French together a couple of times a month we might stop too much of it slipping away before we are next in the company of native speakers.

We meet on the first and third Thursday morning of each month. If you'd like to give us a try you'd be very welcome to join us. Just ring for details of the next meeting.

John Willcocks 0116 279 1085

Gardening

New Dates

Wintry weather led to the postponement of our **half day coach trip to Long Whatton Hall Gardens**, now **re-scheduled for 29th May**; and the imminent birth of the Head Gardener's new baby means our **guided tour of Cottesbrooke Hall Gardens** been deferred to next year.

Back On Track

Let's hope the sun shines for our **Half Day Coach Trip to Burghley House Gardens, Stamford 24th April** guided tours of the rarely open Private South Gardens by the head gardener, and of the State Rooms, plus access



to the Gardens of Surprise, Brewhouse Exhibition Centre, gift and garden shops, restaurant and cafe. **The coach will leave KGS Car Park promptly at 11.30 am** and return from

Burghley at 5pm. There are a few seats still available, cost £20, please contact Gail.

It would be helpful to us if, in future, money/cheques could be put in an envelope with your name, amount and for which visit written on it.

Message from Mary

May I remind everyone of the **all day coach trip to Renishaw Hall Gardens 26th June**. The £20 cost is due to either Gail or myself by 6th May.

Our last coach trip this year is a **half day visit to Easton Walled Garden 31st July**. Booking and the £14 cost, as above, by 7th June please. I will not be on the Burghley trip, but should you wish to pay on that day for one or both of the above visits, in order that Gail can enjoy her afternoon, please kindly defer payment until the return journey.

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German Conversation

We meet in members' houses on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the month. We don't do translation or exercises in grammar. All we do is chat informally on things that interest and entertain us. The group is full at present.

Elizabeth Willcocks **0116 279 1085**

Guitar Circle

The Guitar Circle now usually meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 am. Our first meeting after Easter will take place on Wednesday 17th April. John Hooley leads the sessions in which we play a mixture of folk, rock, blues etc. New members would be most welcome so, if you are interested in joining us, please give me a ring.

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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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John Thorpe **0116 240 2236**

Latin for Beginners

We are now fully back on stream with our studies of the Cambridge Latin Course and we are well into the second book of this series which provides us with much to study between our fortnightly meetings. We are also aware of the availability of an Oxford series for Latin studies and we are taking a view of that for possible future use.

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Line Dancing

We meet in the Scout Hut on Mondays at 2pm. At the moment we are unable to fit any new members in the hall.

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Absolute Beginners Line Dancing

We have now started with a few enthusiastic new dancers. My aim is to get them up to speed so that they can join the Monday class in the summer. It's not too late to join!

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Luncheon Club

This month we enjoyed a meal at The Old Barn in Glooston. On Wednesday 8th May we plan to dine at The Shires in Peatling Parva. Here you can enjoy an excellent carvery or choose from the menu. No need to choose your food in advance, but please let Gill know if you are going so that a table can be reserved.

Gill Newnham **0116 279 2928**
Pam Moody **0116 279 2817**

Music Appreciation

We are a friendly little house group, who all share an interest in varying types of music. We meet on the first Thursday afternoon in the month to play and briefly discuss music of a chosen subject. Recently we have featured music on the subject of "friendship". At our next meeting we will be playing all sorts of foreign music. If anyone is interested in joining us please give me a ring.

Martin Crofts **0116 279 2218**
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Painting

The Art Group meets in the same place as the Craft group on alternate Fridays 2-4. We are a small group of creative people. We do not have a teacher but we learn from one another. We stop for tea and biscuits and offer £2 towards the cost of the room. Do not worry if

you think that you are not artistic, everyone benefits from this form of self-expression. Bring your own materials and have a go. You will be made to feel very welcome. We have room for two more people.

For more details contact me

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Play Reading

The Group meet on the second Thursday evening in the month. Our next read is Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*.

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Poetry

We meet on the first Wednesday morning of the month to look at the life and work of poets chosen by the members. This month we looked at the work of Charles Causley. I have recently compiled a list of all the poets we have looked at since the group started and we have covered over 60 different poets plus many themed sessions including favourites, seasons, comic and female poets.

Poem for the month:

Pippa's Song by Robert Browning

The year's at the spring;
The day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hill-side's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven –
All's right with the world!

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“Safari” Supper Group

I can do no better than to reiterate the letter I sent to our hosts at The Bell, East Langton which read

*Hi Nick, Shirley, Henry and team,
Thank you for making our Safari Supper evening a great evening out. The food was delicious and everyone who has written to me this morning has confirmed they very much enjoyed the evening - the food, the warmth, the good company, the conversations and of course the excellent hosts and the service provided.
I am sure we'll be back in the early autumn for another Safari Supper.*

We have booked to go to Ascoughs in Market Harborough later this month (**25th April**) and to Boboli's on **29th May**. If you would like to join us for these very sociable suppers please contact me asap. Please note places are strictly limited.

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Singing for Pleasure

We are a group of enthusiasts who enjoy singing together, trying new songs, revisiting old favourites and having fun with our voices and music. We are led by Faye Stringer, an experienced and knowledgeable musician and singer.

New members are always welcome. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at St Wilfrid's Hall from 10 am to 11.30 am. If you want to know more, please ring

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Sketch Club



At least two of us keep visual diaries where we make a point of doing a drawing a day. It's usually done very quickly and it can be about anything – a detail of that

particular day or something with no immediate relevance at all. The example here was based on part of a photograph of a sports event in a newspaper and was finished in a couple of minutes.

We do sometimes show items from our diaries to other people (we are after all a Sketch Club) but essentially these particular drawings are just for ourselves. They are more like piano practice than concert performances and, like piano practice, part of their purpose is simply to find the discipline and make the time to take our enthusiasm for sketching seriously.

Of course we don't all do this. Some of us would rather just act when the spirit moves us. One of the nicest things about sketching is that there isn't a correct way to set about it.

We meet on the second and fourth Friday morning of each month and if you think you might like to join us at one of our meetings just ring for more details. We'd be delighted to see you.

John Willcocks **0116 279 1085**

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 players to people who have never played before or who have not played since school and who 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

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along and give it a try. Just turn up at the scout hut at 2.30 pm Fridays..

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John Smith **0116 279 2129**

T'ai Chi

We are continuing for a further 10 weeks from the 9th April. We meet in the Village Hall between 11.30a.m. and 1p.m. T'ai Chi is a very gentle form of exercise with many benefits. All you need is comfortable clothing and shoes. Our instructor is very experienced. If you would like to know more please contact :-

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Walking

The walking group continues to thrive with 20+ members regularly turning out in all weathers. However, it is now getting warmer and drier and we are finding the going improving. Only the gateways now requiring boats.



Here we are negotiating stiles....

On 15th March we organised two walks, an easy 3.5 miles and a harder 6 miles, from the Yews in Great Glen. This was very successful and has encouraged us to plan more in the future.

Our walk on 5th April was led by Colin New from Lubenham. A bright & beautiful day with a cold wind. We were able to get out into the

countryside and experience some lovely views. Colin was a fount of information and we learnt about the buildings, the English Civil War and the history of the 'Judith' stone. As you will gather the walking group take the University of



... and water swamped gateways with inventive solutions

the Third Age very seriously !!!

Future Walks:

Please contact the Walk Leader if you need further information about the walks.

On **19th April** Stephen and Barbara will be leading us on a longer walk from **The Old Barn Inn, Glooston**. The Old Barn Inn used to be called The Bluebell! Further details to be announced. stephenpoyzer@gmail.com

On **3rd May** Alan & Marlene Thompson will be leading us from **The Golden Shield at Fleckney**, this walk will be about 4.5 miles long. Contact Alan & Marlene on: macts@talktalk.net

On **17th May** Diana Baxter will be leading a walk through ancient Bluebell woodland just north of Oundle, visiting Southwick wood, Short wood and Claphorn Cow Pastures nature reserve. The walk is about six miles. We shall meet at the **Shuckburg Arms in Southwick** at the usual time.

Contact Diana on: kibhardi@hotmail.co.uk

As mentioned last month, because our group has grown in size we are having to allow more time than before for the people to cross stiles. Do not be surprised if the leader moves ahead before all have traversed a stile in order to keep to correct timings – just be sure to keep the leader in sight. We are also concerned about overloading the pubs we use and it is increasingly important for members to inform the walk leader two days before the event if they intend to walk and lunch. Car sharing can be arranged if needed. If you want to know more about what we do, please contact Mike, Alan or Keith.

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Summer Strollers

Our first summer stroll was around East Carlton Country Park. A full report will be included in the next U3A News Letter. The May walk starting in Market Harborough will include a leisurely stroll along the canal. This will take place on Sunday 12th. Anyone requiring more information contact please

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If you would like to join any of our groups please contact the relevant leader.

This Newsletter is now available online (and with colour pictures!) at
www.kibworthu3a.org.uk/newslettersapril13

NEWSLETTER

Next deadline –Tuesday 14th May

Group Leaders – please email your entries to our new email address:

newsletter@kibworthu3a.org.uk

If you have any photos (preferably over 1MB) or stories of your group's activities that could be published in a future edition please send them to the above email address. Thank you.

How to obtain a copy of this Newsletter

Copies of this Newsletter are available :

1. at the monthly meeting.
2. from either Kibworth or Fleckney libraries, shortly after the meeting.
3. by email I now send a copy of the Newsletter to every email address which we hold on our records.

If you can't get one by any of the above methods, the Secretary is willing to send out a copy by post on receipt of a large s.a.e. Please send your envelope to: Christine Lea, 12 Beaker Close, Smeeton Westerby, LE8 0RT

How to join K&DU3A

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 and telephone number.

Subscriptions: cheques payable to K&DU3A. Alternatively ring our *new mobile telephone number 074076 10888* and leave your name and telephone number and someone will call you back as soon as possible

The national U3A magazine is sent out three times a year; to find out about what's going on in between times, see the website: www.u3a.org.uk for on-line courses and further information.

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Outings

My Fair Lady

Saturday (matinee) 15th June 2013 at 2.30pm Kilworth House

Tickets will be available at the meeting on April 16th

TISSINGTON WELL DRESSING - Wednesday May 8th 2013

Wells can be viewed in the making from 10am- 5pm, followed by a visit to Tissington Hall and Gardens set in the middle of the Village, at 2.30pm.

Payment is now due - £21 for coach and hall. Cheques please- details are below.

Donations appreciated for the Well Dressings.

There are still places available.

CRICH TRAMWAY VILLAGE, MATLOCK

Thursday July 4th 2013

Cost - The coach (29 seater) with a minimum of 20 persons £13.50, entrance 39

The coach has been booked but so far this is not a viable outing.

THEATRE – ***Anything Goes*** - KILWORTH HOUSE AUG/SEPT

THE MILITARY TATTOO AT THE NIA

Saturday November 30th 2013

Leaving Kibworth @ 10am to visit Birmingham and the Tattoo commencing at 6pm.

There is usually a Christmas Market.

Maximum cost with a full coach £28 and availability of tickets £34 Cost for minimum of 20 - £38

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KIBWORTH AND DISTRICT U3A – OUTINGS - REPLY SLIP

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I wish to book _____ place(s) on the outing to

and enclose the sum of £ _____

Cheques should be made payable to: K&D U3A Outings

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Please print clearly

Address: _____