



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

**Please note: Doors will not be opened until 1.30 pm**

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**This month's meeting: Clive's Spring Quiz**

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*Forthcoming dates for your diary include*

Tuesday 19th May	<b>Hallaton and its historical Bottle Kicking by Peter Daiseley</b>
Tuesday 16th June	<b>Summer Social !</b>
Tuesday August 18th	<b>Members in the Spotlight!</b>

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**Members of the Craft and Painting Groups displaying some of their work**



## Chairman's Chunters

Hi There,

Having survived our fiftieth wedding anniversary bash, I find that any momentous event involving years gone by invariably leads one into thinking back to the early years of said venture and the many milestones passed along the way.

Whilst musing on the first early days of our married life I chanced to gaze out of my study window, initially lost in thought.

This was not to last, however, as I caught a flash of bright blue & yellow feathers within my peripheral vision which interrupted my thoughts. What was that blue tit doing? Well, within my range of vision were three bird boxes, two of which I had erected on my workshop wall some years back. The third box had been there for more than the ten years we had occupied the bungalow and from it's 'scruffy' condition, obviously quite some time before that. All three boxes had been studiously ignored by a steadily increasing bird population over the years we've lived here. (We do get through quite a lot of sunflower seeds each year to that end)

Anyway, Mr Bluetit was obviously a fully trained surveyor judging by the way the boxes were 'checked out' not just the small hole in the front, but roof, front, sides and fixings in each case. He wasn't finished there either, he hung upside down beneath each box, obviously checking out the footings and foundations with a practiced eye! The pair have now taken up residence in the scruffy box having reject our posh new ones and we're excitedly awaiting the pattering of tiny feet for the first time for years, in a couple of months time.

Back to thinking about our early life and I recalled accompanying the building society surveyor when he looked over our first intended house. I reckon building society surveyors are only really interested in seeing if the sale of your prospective purchase will cover their losses, should you default on the loan.

I'll tell you something, Build. Soc. Man wasn't any where near as thorough as our Mr Bluetit and he cost me a hell of a lot more money back in 1965 than a year's supply of sunflower seeds do now! C'est la vie!



Best regards, *Roness*

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## U3A Matters

### Barn Dance

I have booked the Grammar School Hall and Caller for a Barn Dance on **10<sup>th</sup> October**, so please put this on your calendar so that you don't miss it. We have had 2 very good barn dances and we are having the same caller, so it should be another enjoyable event.

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***News From Your Interest Groups***  
**Possible New Groups**  
**Curry Club**



This proposed new group will initially visit different local Indian Restaurants on a monthly basis. If there is sufficient interest we will arrange an inaugural meeting at my house to arrange the most convenient time each month. Anyone interested please reply to:

**Chris Graves**  
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The proposed new **Investment Group** is *still* seeking members.  
Anyone interested please call:

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**News from Existing Groups**

**Anglo-Zulu War Study Group**

Our friendly, yet knowledgeable group continues to enjoy aspects of the Anglo-Zulu War. Recently we have been watching the video of our leader's trip to the AZW battlefields and this should last us several months. We meet on the last Tuesday afternoon in the month. We now have a vacancy in our ranks, so if anyone is interested in joining us on the ramparts, please give me a ring and I'll take you on Battalion strength with immediate effect!

**Martin Crofts** **0116 279 2218**  
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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 - 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.

**Note NO BRIDGE ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> MAY due to the Election**

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## Concert Band

The last two meetings for this season will be held on the 27th April and the 11th May. We will all be taking a summer break and will begin again on September the 14th. New players will be welcome to join us for our new course. For details contact:

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## Craft Group

This group meets in the Methodist Church Rooms at 2-4 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.

**Liz Greenhalgh** 0116 240 2545  
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## Digital Photography

I now have sufficient members to start the Photo Club and the GIMP (Photoshop) Courses but health issues have intervened and I could not start the Groups.

I hope the latest problem will be resolved in early May so that the courses can start. In the meantime if anyone else would like to start the courses I would be glad to help.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE EITHER EMAIL OR PHONE ME.**

**Keith Holyoake** 0116 279 2079  
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## Film Appreciation Group

The March offering, 'Still Life', was a quiet, thoughtful and thought provoking study of solitude and death. It was certainly not a piece of escapist cinema but life isn't.

We were particularly impressed by the performance of Eddy Marsan in the lead role and were shocked at the manner of his exit from it.

The April choice, on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am is 'Dark Horse: The Incredible Story of Dream Alliance', a documentary charting the story of a former mining village's attempts to breed a winning racehorse.



Such a project might be worth the consideration of Kibworth U3A – it offers an investment opportunity for the Investment Group, horse riding, trips out to race meetings and, of course, manure for the Gardening Group.

See <http://www.phoenix.org.uk/film/dark-horse-the-incredible-story-of-dream-alliance/>

**Dave Birch** 0116 279 2756  
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## Flower Arranging

Eleven members attended our April Meeting. Pam was away with a heavy cold so Gill stepped in to take the meeting. Gill's husband Keith came along to show the group DVD's on various Flower Arranging Designs. So a Big "Thank You" to Keith for taking the time out to help us. A lively fun afternoon was had by all followed by tea and biscuits.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 5th and will be held in the Hall as the Lounge was double booked for this date. Members were invited to do an arrangement of their choice from the album, containing past photographs of the groups work, that Christine Lea updates each month for us.

Anyone wishing to join our friendly group please contact:-

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## Folk Group

The formation of the new Folk Group has proved to be successful as we have attracted several new members recently and, as a result, we have started to meet in Smeeton Westerby Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday mornings of each month. We play mostly Irish and English Folk music. Players of all folk instruments are welcome so give me a ring if you are interested in joining this friendly group.

**John Hooley** 0116 279 6458

## Gardening Group

Fingers crossed the sun shines for our first outing of the year - an **All Day Coach Trip to Ragley Hall and Gardens, Worcestershire on Wednesday 29 April**. Opening specially for us, the Palladian house is the family home of the Marquess of Hertford, set in a Capability Brown designed parkland. The trip is fully booked with a reserve list. **Itinerary:**

**9am** - Coach leaves Kibworth Grammar School (KGS) Car Park

**10.30/10.45am** - Arrive at Ragley Hall

**11am** – Split into 3 groups for an exclusive 1 hour Guided Tour of the State Rooms

**12 noon** - Free time to explore the 19<sup>th</sup> century Gardens where the tulips and daffodils should be in full bloom. The cafe will be open to purchase food and drink if you wish.

**4pm** – Coach leaves Ragley for the return journey to KGS Car Park

*To claim the following seats on the next two coach trips, please contact Mary:-*

**27 May - Half Day Coach Trip to Titchmarsh House, Northamptonshire**

We will have an Introductory Talk and Guided Tour of this 4½ acre NGS garden featuring cherries, magnolias, unusual shrubs, irises, roses and ornamental vegetables. The coach will leave KGS Car Park at 12pm and return from Titchmarsh at 4.30pm. The Cost is £10, plus £3 for tea/coffee and cake. **One Space is available.**

**June 24 - All Day Coach Trip to Winterbourne House & Botanic Garden, Birmingham**

We will have a Guided Tour of the walled garden, colour themed borders, glasshouses, rock garden,

stream-side planting and stunning botanic garden displaying over 6,000 plants from around the world; before leisure time to explore two floors of period rooms in this beautifully restored Edwardian Arts and Crafts Suburban Villa; also visit the Tea Room, Gift & Plant Shop and Victorian Printing Press Exhibition. The coach will leave KGS Car Park at 9am and return from Birmingham at 4.30pm. The cost is £8 coach fare; plus £8 admission (£4 for HHA members), totalling £16 or £12 for HHA members. **6 Spaces are available.**

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## German Conversation

We are a friendly little house group who meet mostly on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the month. We don't do translations or exercises in grammar but chat away informally in German, at various levels of competence, on any subjects that crop up. We now have room for another person, so if anyone is interested please ring me and I'll be pleased to help.

**Martin Crofts** 0116 279 2218

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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.

**Clive Huntley** 0116 279 2528

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**John Thorpe** 0116 240 2236

## iPad Courses

Unfortunately the course did not run as expected due to my health issues. I hope the latest problem will be resolved in early May so that the course can start.

**Keith Holyoake** 0116 279 2079  
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## Line Dancing

We meet in the Scout Hut on Mondays at 2pm. It is amazing to think that when we started the group in the very early days of Kibworth U3A, we struggled with dances classed as “absolute beginners”! We progressed slowly to “Beginner” level and then after a few years we were tackling “Improver” level dances. Recently we have been learning “Intermediate” dances which are really testing our brains and feet! Nowadays I am not alone at the front of the class as one of the group, Pat Thatcher, decided she would like to try her hand at teaching which means we can learn even more new dances. If anyone wants to come along and see what we have achieved you will always be welcome (tea and cakes at 3pm!) If enough interest arose I could always start a new beginner class.

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## Lunch Club



*One of the three tables occupied by the Lunch Club at Taste Restaurant last month*

On Wednesday April 8th the group returned to The Shires Inn at Peatling Parva to enjoy the excellent carvery and a delicious pudding. Good value at £8.95.

Next month our two course lunch, priced at a bargain £5.50 per head, will be taken at the Fox and Gun, Kilby on Wednesday May 13th. If you want to come along please contact Gill to book a place and discuss your menu choices.

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## 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 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 every one is made welcome.

**Liz Greenhalgh** 0116 240 2545  
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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 read a selection of poems by William Blake. As usually happens we found the poetry proved to be even more enjoyable and thought provoking when shared among the group. The theme for May will be "The Seasons".

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## Safari" Supper Group

Last month's trip to our local pub, The Swan, was nearly called off as our special fixed price menu was very late in arriving (by email) leaving only a small amount of time to order and reply. Several people from the original list had made alternative arrangements and therefore were unable to attend by the time the menu did arrive. The Safari Supper party was reduced from 18 to 13! Fortunately we don't sit around one large table for the superstitious amongst you. Suffice to say the food was acceptable and reasonably priced.

This month's outing will be on Thursday 30th April when we are go to the new seafood restaurant, RockSalt on the High Street in Market Harborough. Currently we have 24 people attending - which is our largest group ever! I am happy to put your name down on a reserve list for this and any future outings should the current list be full.

If you want to go on the May outing please let me know as soon as possible as the list fills up very quickly. Please note the June outing is going to be a week later on **Thursday 2 July**.

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## Singing for Pleasure

Our next session this month will be our final rehearsal for performing at the Sports and Fun Day at Kibworth Cricket Club on Monday 4 May. After that we shall be concentrating on our performance at a concert on Saturday 6 June at Thorpe Langton Church in aid of a cancer

charity. A busy time but new members are welcome to come and join us.

Our ethos is singing for pleasure, so there are no auditions; why not come along to a session? Singing lifts your spirits and is fun. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday in the month at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Kibworth from 10 - 11.30am. We hope to see you soon!

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## Sketch Club

Many adults believe they can't draw. Some claim they can't even draw a straight line. Yet most young children will cheerfully draw on anything they can lay their hands on. Perhaps it has never



occurred to them that anyone might think their work is feeble. Maybe as they get older and more self-conscious they draw less and less because they'd rather avoid the risk of people thinking

they are just not very good at it.

It's obviously true that some people are specially gifted at drawing but everyone can draw (even a straight line if they use a ruler) and just as with football, dancing or making an apple crumble, everyone can expect to get better at it if they are willing to give it their best shot and simply do a fair amount of practice.

We meet on the second and fourth Friday morning of each month and always welcome visitors and new members. If you are interested just ring for more details or have a word with anyone you know in the Sketch Club.

**John Willcocks** 0116 279 1085





## Winter Wanderers

March's Winter Wandering outing fell very fortunately on Sunday 22 March - the very day the remains of Richard III were brought from Bosworth fields into the city of Leicester. The group took the opportunity to meet later than normal on the Sunday afternoon (at 3pm) and to travel into the city (by bus, clutching our bus passes, from Oadby town centre) so we could witness the procession at close quarters, enjoy the

unique atmosphere and spectacle. A memorable occasion for Kibworth U3A Winter Wanderers and the city of Leicester!

Now the clocks have gone back the Winter Wandering is now taking a break until October. Have a good Summer.

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## Outings

***ALL TRIPS BEFORE SEPTEMBER HAVE NOW BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF NUMBERS***

### ***10<sup>th</sup> September BLETCHLEY PARK***

Balance Due: Full price £35.00 less deposit paid £10 = £25.00 due by JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>  
There are a few tickets left!

### **NEW**

### ***18<sup>th</sup> September LITTLE THEATRE, LEICESTER***

Friday The first play of the new season is on that night (Tickets will be for sale for the play later) A behind the scenes tour of the Little Theatre. The tour is approximately 2 hours and will be in 3 groups of ten. 14 people have put their names down already. We are limited to 30 people A £5.00 per person Donation will be required and this should be Gift Aided where possible. A Buffet is being arranged by the theatre and a charge will be made. This will be announced nearer the date.

### **MARY POPPINS**

***SOLD OUT!!***

To contact and to book outings:

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***Deposits or Payments in envelope with:***

***Your name, your membership number and the trip name.***

***(NB Cash only please until new bank account open in March/April 2015)***

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Next issue's deadline – Tuesday 12th May 2015 Group Leaders – please email your entries to our email address:

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*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.*

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2. from either Kibworth or Fleckney libraries, shortly after the meeting.
3. by email. A copy of the Newsletter is sent to every email address which we hold.

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: **Ros Holmes, The Old Bakehouse, Main Street, Kibworth Harcourt, LE8 0NG**

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

To find out about what is going nationally see [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) for on-line courses and further information.

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