



NEWSLETTER

August 2012

This month's meeting - Tuesday August 21st

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Apothecary calls

Trevor Parr

An entertaining afternoon coupled with a chance to find remedies for your ailments

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

Forthcoming meetings for your diaries include:

September 18th

Big Quiz

Martin Crofts

October 16th

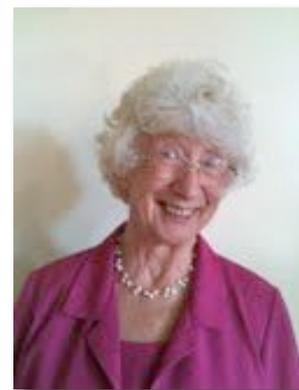
Open Day or Autumn Social (to be confirmed)

U3A Walkers – larking about and enjoying the wet conditions!



Saucy Tales from a former Tiller Girl

About 80 members attended the monthly meeting in June when Margaret Hudson (pictured right) entertained us all when relating her many antics as a Tiller Girl in London and around the world in the 1950s and 1960s. At the end of her exciting and glittering career she was happy to return to Leicester and settle down to married life.



Chairman's Musings



Well Summer is nearly over, and what a Summer it has been! Way back in June we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee, which was a tremendous success for Kibworth and then onto the Olympics torch procession. For avid sports fans The Tour de France was next with overwhelming success from the British based Sky team. Well done Bradley. And then the Olympics. Unfortunately I did not get to any of the events but I have watched hours of TV coverage and even to the end was still being amazed by the sheer skill of the athletes. So many performances stand out but for me but the team cycling events were the most amazing. Such precision and attention to detail even surpasses Formula One. One dreads to think how many hours of torturous training have been done by all of the Team GB Olympians and those less fortunate ones that did not even get the opportunity to compete. Their success was a just reward. SO THAT WAS THE GOOD BIT.

The BAD BIT is and was the awful weather! How farmers have coped I do not know. My allotment which has a clay soil has remained water logged since May. Very little planted after mid May has thrived, seeds failed to germinate, bean plants and potatoes rotted and even the cut flowers failed to survive. Definitely my worst year ever. But as the saying goes "try try and try again"- maybe we will have a summer next year. OR I could plant rice! I hope you had more success.

We even had to cancel or rearrange some U3A walks because of the dangerous wet and muddy footpaths but not very often! (See photos of wet conditions on the front page).

So what will we do after the Olympics? Well we still have the Paralympics and the football season is about to start (Ahhhhhhh!).

Fortunately for many of us the U3A activities postponed for the summer are due to restart in September so please read the Group reports carefully for details. There are many established groups and some new ones. It's time for us to wean ourselves off the TV (particularly those addicts like me) and if you are already a member of a group or thinking of joining one to make the effort to attend. The more members that participate the more groups can thrive. If you have an interest that you would like to share with others then start a new group - there is plenty of help available.

See you at the Meeting on the 21st

Keith

News from Interest Groups

New Groups

Digital Photography

The inaugural session of this club will be on Monday 10th September at the Kibworth Grammar School at 10am finishing at 12. Cost will be £2.50 per session if the 11 people that have expressed an interest in the group still want to attend.

Please bring your camera to this session at which we will decide what the next sessions will cover and how often the group meets. If you have already contacted me I will phone you to confirm the details. We are extremely lucky to have Glen Tillyard as a "helper" on an occasional basis - Glen runs courses and is a freelance photographer. If you are interested contact

Keith Holyoake

0116 279 2079

kbholyoake@aol.com

Possible three/four new groups

★ **Carpet Bowls**

One of our members has offered to run taster sessions for carpet bowls and even some green bowling. Please register your interest with

Ron Williams

0116 279 2752

mertoncottage@btinternet.com

Also the Bowls club is running an Open Morning at 11am on 26th August at their Club with complimentary snacks and drinks.

★ **Traditional Folk and Country Dancing**

Following the interest in the above we have got to the position of having sufficient interest to start a group, which we were hoping to start in September.

I would like to thank everyone who expressed an interest in the group but unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, I cannot now do this until the end of November at the earliest.

Paul St Clair

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★ **Alternative Walking Groups**

- 1) A strollers group to meet once a month to do short walks of around 1 to 1 1/2 miles.
- 2) A social walk with their dogs, also of around 1 to 1 1/2 miles.

Both types of walk would need volunteers to lead them. If you are interested in taking part or leading either walk can you please contact me so I can then ascertain how much support there would be.

David Porter

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From our Secretary



Would you like to buy a **U3A Calendar 2013?**

Price £3.50

*If you wish to order any, please can I have your order by **no later than 15 September. All monies must accompany orders.***

Christine Lea

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News from Interest Groups continued

Existing Groups

Anglo Zulu War study Group

Our new group continues to enjoy aspects of the Anglo-Zulu War, having added further recruits to our ranks. At our last meeting we watched a video of our Group Leader's 1999 trip round the AZW battlefields, which will be continued at our next meeting. We meet on the last Tuesday afternoon in the month, but now are fully up to battalion strength. However, if anyone is interested in joining us on the ramparts, please give me a ring and I'll put you on the Reserve List

Martin Crofts 0116 279 2218
martin.crofts05@virgin.net

Book Club

For further information please contact

Lin Rowland
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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.

John Ruddock 0116 279 2331
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(Social) Bridge Group



This is a social bridge group where we try to learn something most weeks but our main aim is just to socialise

and play rubber bridge. We welcome players of all levels and will help players from many years ago to update to ACOL bridge and help learners to improve.

We play Chicago about once a month.

We play in the Lounge at the Grammar School Hall every Thursday 2.30 to 4.30 pm Plenty of car parking.

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

We have played throughout the Summer.

Clive & Joyce Huntley 0116 279 2528
clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk

Calligraphy



After nearly six years, this group has now closed. It has been a pleasure to teach the intricacies of nib widths and x-heights, lettering styles, applications for cards and little books, bookmarks

and poetry, to such a nice group of people

Ros Holmes 0116 279 6010
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Computer Club

The **Computer Club** will restart on Tuesday 26th September at the Kibworth Grammar School 2 - 4pm. Cost will be £3 per session. Bring your laptop or use a U3A machine. We will undertake a project from a prompt sheet AND / OR attempt to help you with your PC issues. If you have any project suggestions please phone me.

If you are interested contact

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Clive Huntley 0116 279 2528
clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk

Concert Band

The band has continued to meet over the early 'summer' period following their successful appearance at the Jubilee fete in early June. The band has recently started on some new musical pieces and following a final afternoon in July enjoying tea and cakes, courtesy of the Hooleys, the band are taking a break until September. The band is designed for 'beginners' who wish to play music together but is happy to accept players of any standard. Currently there are 8-10 regular members playing a range of instruments (strings, brass, woodwind). The band currently meets on alternate Monday afternoons at 15.30pm for 90 minutes. New members will be made most welcome and if you require more information about the concert band please contact

Barbara Hooley 0116 279 6458
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Craft Group

For details of meetings and dates please contact
Liz Greenhalgh 0116 240 2545
chumbaz@hotmail.co.uk

Introduction to Family History

I am now taking names for anyone wishing to learn how to get started with their family history. I expect to start again in September, probably on a Wednesday morning. Please ring if you are interested.

Val Crofts 0116 279 2218
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Flower Arranging

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd September at St Wilfrid's Church hall at 7pm. We will also be inviting the ladies from the church flower guild. We have not finally decided

what is to be included in the meeting but I will email everyone if you need to bring anything.
Joyce Huntley 0116 279 2528
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French Conversation

This is a group for people who are fairly fluent in French and who meet to practice and work on their conversation skills together. We normally meet on the first and third Thursday morning of each month and the next meeting will be on 6th September.

Just ring if you would like more details.

John Willcocks 0116 279 1085

Gardening



Come deluge or heatwave, we've seen some amazing gardens this summer and there's more to come:

29 August

Visit to NGS Garden at Avon House, 4 Rugby Road, Catthorpe, Lutterworth LE17

6DA: Please make your own way there for 2.30pm. Owner David King will show us around his delightful country cottage garden including large vegetable plot, mixed borders of late season interest, fruit trees and ponds. NB - Park at the Farm Shop about 400 yards away, which also has refreshment facilities. Admission is £3.50.

Gail Goldie 0116 279 6882
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German Conversation

We meet in members' houses on the second and fourth Wednesday in the month for informal chat on whatever subject occurs at the time. This group is full at present.

Elizabeth Willcocks 0116 279 1085

Guitar Circle

The Guitar Circle will resume their meetings on Wednesday 22 August 2012 at 10 am after a summer break. John Hooley will continue to lead the sessions in which we play a mixture of folk, rock, blues etc. If you are interested in joining us, please give me a ring.

Trish Hunt 0116 279 2136
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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 our waiting list.

Clive Huntley 0116 279 2528
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Latin for Beginners

The Latin Group is continuing to meet whenever convenient during the summer months and is currently spending some time in refreshing the memory of the earlier chapters in the Cambridge Latin Course where life in Britain and elsewhere under Roman jurisdiction is vividly described.

Norman Hallett 0116 279 2659
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Line Dancing

We are now back "home" in the Scout Hut where we started over 5 years ago. The décor may not be too grand but the sprung floor is a joy to dance on. We can now take any new members and I will be happy to help beginners learn the basics. We have 4 men in the group and you don't need a partner so why not give it a try? It's great fun and good for the body and the mind. Our new members are settling in well and have all mastered most of the basic steps. Five of

us went away for a long weekend of dancing in Swineshead where we had lots of fun and learnt several new dances

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Luncheon Club



Our next meeting is on Wednesday September 12th, when we will have lunch at The Shires in Peatling Parva. Meet at 12 ready to eat at 12.30pm.

There is no need to order food in advance, but please ring Gill to reserve a place by Friday September 7th.

Gill Newnham 0116 279 2928
Beryl Tory 0116 279 2184
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 discuss music of a chosen subject. Recently we have featured Law and Order and Holidays and future subjects will include Songs from the Shows and Names in Titles. If anyone is interested in joining us please give me a ring.

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Painting

For details of meetings and dates please contact

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Play Reading

The Group will re-gather after the Summer break on THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER, in the afternoon (time to be confirmed) to start reading the first of a varied selection of plays We have room for "new voices".....

Interested? Please contact

Rosanne Lane 0116 279 2727
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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. On a miserable morning in June we all brought along poems that make us laugh and forgot all about the rain. We didn't meet in July so Hilaire Belloc will be our subject for August. This is a friendly informal house group.

Val Crofts 0116 279 2218
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Singing for Pleasure

We are a friendly, non-auditioned choir. We welcome new members so if you want to give us a try please get in touch with

Carol Baker 0116 279 2956
cbaker100@talktalk.net

Meriel Godfrey 0116 259 8589
merielgodfrey1@gmail.com

Sketch Club

If you love drawing in principle but don't very often do any, this group may be just the thing to get you started again. Meetings are on the second and fourth Friday morning of each month. Just ring if you would like details of the next meeting

John Willcocks 0116 279 1085

Table Tennis

We meet every Friday at the Kibworth Scout Hut, 2.30 - 4.30 pm. 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 along and give it a try. Just turn up at the Scout Hut at 2.30 pm Fridays

WE WILL START AGAIN FRIDAY 31st AUGUST Please come and have a try you will be most welcome

Clive Huntley 0116 279 2528
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John Smith 0116 279 2129

T'ai Chi

We start the autumn session on Tuesday, 25th September at 11.30a.m. in the Village Hall. 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 Group



After many Fridays of fine weather this year we had become used to the freedom of walking without wet weather gear. But then things changed a lot! Even so, we have been walking more or less as planned, but the very wet land has

caused some extra efforts and worry for our leaders to ensure the walks would be viable.

Given the weather, conditions underfoot, absences on holidays, grandparent duties and other family matters, our leaders have done a super job for us. Thank you to all our leaders for enabling large numbers of us to enjoy ourselves walking, sometimes in the dry and sometimes in the wet.

15th June saw our intrepid members wending their way through the puddles at **Smeeton Westerby** led by Barbara and Stephen.

Barbara reported that after worrying most of the week that they might need a boat, the weather turned out to be fine, although it was a little wet under foot understandably. Thirteen members (including a new one) set out from the Kings Head at Smeeton and walked up Mill Lane before turning off into fields towards Saddington and tackling a few stiles. After jumping a few puddles and Ron vaulting a gate they arrived at the canal where a small dog from the nearby farm decided to join in and would not be persuaded to return home! It was warm and sheltered along the canal to

Debdale Wharf. The last bit down the track was fairly easy apart from a group of cows massing in front of one of the gates who had to be persuaded to move so the group could pick its way through the large muddy bit. Phill heroically took the dog back to the farm then all enjoyed a lovely lunch at the pub.

On the **last Friday of June**, a 'Fifth Friday', Alan and Marion took a small group to **Salcey Forest**, south of Northampton where one highlight was the Tree Top walk, a raised walkway into and eventually out above the trees. Alan reported that they had a super walk in brilliant weather, despite the gloomy forecasts beforehand. The group included another new member.

On **6th July** we expected to have our chairman lead us at **Welford** but, our hopes were dashed when the met office issued a strong weather warning the day before and we cancelled on safety grounds. Never mind Keith, we can do that one when the canal is drier. Pat and Christine were luckier with the weather on 20th July although the ground underfoot was very wet and flooded in places. Nevertheless a very enjoyable walk over the golf course (no golfers that day so not too much evasive action) to ancient parts of Evington and then through the arboretum.

Wet ground caused another switch for our first walk in August which was rearranged at the last minute by John and Jean West to avoid some really muddy fields. Eventually leaving The Swan in **Braybrooke** in fine weather to enjoy a relatively dry walk, particularly considering the previous weeks rain, and a superb lunch.

On Friday **17th August**, Carol and Phill led from Ullesthorpe Court Hotel, **Ullesthorpe**, on a walk of 4.5 miles with no stiles, taking in a brick built windmill dated 1800, plus 13th Century fish ponds and a 300 year old water mill still in commercial use.

On Friday **31st August**, Hugh and Kathleen

Hacket (hugh_hacket@talktalk.net) will lead a walk "Further Afield". This will start at 10:30 from the car park of the Exeter Arms in **Barrowden** (a village east of Uppingham). Hugh writes "It is 5 miles long and there are 4 stiles, but we have to negotiate two of those twice, so 6 in total. On the walk we will have a chance to see something of the lovely village of Barrowden, then cross-country to do a circuit in Wakerley Wood. Please meet at the Exeter Arms in time to meet our guest leaders and order lunch before setting off at 10:30.

Friday **7th September** Mike will lead a longish walk from either **Hungarton or Tilton** on the Hill depending on the state of ground underfoot and on Friday **21st September**, Derek and Edith (0116 2478 319) will lead our walk from The Chandlers Arms at **Shearsby**. They aim to walk from Shearsby through Arnesby to Peatling Magna. Details of this walk will be settled in due course when footpaths have been checked again. There are some stiles and several new gates.

Boots or walking shoes are strongly recommended. New members are always welcome. Car sharing can be arranged if needed.

If you intend to join any of our walks or need further information about them please contact the walk leader or, if you want to know more about what we do, please contact Mike or Alan.

Photos taken during our walks can be seen on the Kibworth and District U3A website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/kibworthdistrictu3a/photos/2012>.

New members welcome. Car sharing can be arranged if needed.

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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/newslettersaugust12

NEWSLETTER

Next deadline – Tuesday 11 September

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 groups 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* **074 076 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.

Useful contacts:

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Our new mobile number **074 076 10888** for any U3A queries.
Leave your name and number and someone will call you back

Outings

Chatsworth House - Thursday, November 22nd

A **Christmas Market** (with 100 stalls) and a tour of the House decorated with the Theme **VILLAINS AND DAMES**.

The arrangements for the day are as follows. :-

Meet at the Grammar School Car Park for 9.15am departure. Arrive Chatsworth @ 11.30am. Unfortunately, I have been unable to book coffee on arrival, due to the number of visitors expected for the Market. Departure for home will be at 5pm

'Food to Go' outlets serve a wide range of meals and snacks to suit all budgets.

The Carriage House restaurant (self-service) and the Cavendish Rooms Restaurant also available to serve the inner man.

Cost of coach and entrance fee combined will be £17.50. There are still a few places available.

Payment please, by cheque payable to K & D U3A OUTINGS by September 18th.

Please check that your name is on the list. The cost has been worked out with this list, and should the number drop, there may be an increase in cost to cover the coach.

If you need to post your cheque, please include the slip in the Newsletter, this helps me with contact details.

Hello Dolly Curve Theatre Leicester **Wednesday January 9th 2013 2.30pm Cost £21**

I have provisionally booked 20 seats for this performance. To confirm this booking tickets must be paid for by 8th September.

Anyone interested please let me know, and payment will be as above.

For further information please contact

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Jean Chapman	0116 279 1544	mail@jeanchapman.me.uk

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To: Gill Newnham, 6 Birdie Close, Kibworth, LE8 0PW

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: _____