



# NEWSLETTER

## February 2012

**This month's meeting - Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Soliciting in the High Street** **John Tillotson**

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

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*Forthcoming meetings for your diaries include*

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**      **Bell Ringing – An English Art**      **Andrew Young**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**      **Clive's Big Quiz**

### **Do you want to improve your Computer skills?**

- then come and join us either at a formal 6 session teach in or on the *4th Tuesday* of each month at the less formal Computer Club. The next Club project on February 28th will be the new and very useful features of the latest **Internet Explorer**. Don't worry if you do not have a Laptop PC -you can use a Club PC.



**Interested in Digital Photography?** - I may start a group soon if there is enough interest



Phone me **Keith Holyoake** on **0116 279 2079**

## From our Lady Chair

Why am I here? What have I done?! These are questions I have been asking myself over the last month.

I joined the U3A when I retired in March 2008 and have served on the committee for one year. Having spent most of my working life in Adult Education I am passionate about life-long learning and since the decline in Evening Classes the U3A has filled a big void. As Martin said in his last editorial, Kibworth and District U3A have an organisation we can be proud of. I hope that I can carry on the wonderful work started by Frank, Clive and Martin. Thank you to the committee for having confidence in me to do the job.

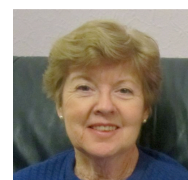
We have four new members on the committee, David Porter, Ian Hearn, Keith Holyoake and Christine Lea. Thank you to them for volunteering. Together with the six experienced members I am sure we will be able to successfully lead our U3A into its sixth year.

As you will be aware the village is planning to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and I hope that we as an organisation will be able to contribute to this exciting event. Please let us know if you have any ideas.

Finally, I look forward to serving you in the coming year when we have a very interesting programme. Don't forget to tell your friends about us.

**Anne Bailey**

## Our New Committee



Christine Lea (Secretary)



Keith Holyoake

Back L- R Cliff Hollingsworth (Treasurer ), David Porter (vice Chair), Ian Hearn (Minute secretary).  
Front L- R Gail Goldie (Publicity), Barbara Pickering (Newsletter editor), Pam Moody (Speaker co-ordinator), Clive Huntley, Anne Bailey (Lady Chair). For contact details see page 10.

## Reminder.....

**Come to our very first Barn Dance - Get your tickets at the monthly meeting for our first Barn Dance on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at Kibworth Grammar School Hall. See back page for full details.**



## News from Interest Groups

### *New Groups*

#### **AZW** A NEW GROUP WITH A DIFFERENCE!!!!

Do you love the film "Zulu"? If so, this is for you. A fledgling group has just started, devoted to the Anglo-Zulu War. We've got videos, DVDs, books, models and memorabilia-in fact everything to keep the Zulus from the barricades! We're going to meet monthly and wallow unashamedly in 1879 nostalgia on the last Tuesday afternoon in the month. If you'd like to join us behind the ramparts send a heliographic message or give me a ring.

**Martin Crofts 0116 279 2218**

**[martin.crofts05@virgin.net](mailto:martin.crofts05@virgin.net)**

#### **Spanish Conversation**

Sadly, there has not been sufficient interest shown for a group to be started in this subject.

#### **Digital Photography**

Possible new group - you may need to update your computer skills first to get the best from this - see front page for more details.

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### *Existing Groups*

#### **Book Club**

For further information please contact

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**[lvrowland@hotmail.com](mailto:lvrowland@hotmail.com)**



#### **(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**

**[valruddock007@btinternet.com](mailto:valruddock007@btinternet.com)**

## (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 pleased to report that we had a very successful Bridge Lunch at Market Harborough Golf Club. This group is getting close to being at its maximum for space and tables, so join now before we have to limit membership.

**Clive & Joyce Huntley** 0116 279 2528  
[clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk)

### *Bridge Tip of the Month*

#### **The Dustbin Bid**

**We have no idea where the term dustbin bid comes from but it is a name that might be remembered. Firstly, one of the basic rules of bridge is that at the 1 level you should always try and make a response with 6 or more HCPs. This is easy when the bidding goes up in order. For example if partner opens 1 Club and you have 6 points and 4 diamonds or 4 Hearts or 4 Spades, you can bid at the one level. However, if partner opens 1 Spade for example and you only have a response in clubs, diamonds or hearts you would have to go to the 2 level for which you do not have enough points. The answer is to call the dustbin bid of 1NT. This means that you cannot show a new suit, but you do have 6 to 9 points and your partner should understand this and decide the best answer. The dustbin bid does not say a balanced hand.**

## *Calligraphy*

A group of Beginners and Improvers meets twice a month to practise and learn new hands. Currently we are studying Italics and Gothic Black Letter.

Forthcoming meetings are on 28 February and 13 March.

**Ros Holmes** 0116 279 6010  
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## **Computer Club**

The **Improvers Course** was due to start last Tuesday after many delays due to illness, injury and finally holidays but unfortunately it had to be postponed AGAIN ---this time due to INSUFFICIENT COURSE MEMBERS! So if you are interested in improving your computer skills PLEASE phone me ASAP. The course will run on the 1st and 2nd Tuesday of each month between 2 and 4pm at the Kibworth Grammar School. If you are already on the list I will phone you about future plans. As usual laptop PCs are available to course members.

The **Computer Club** will restart after the Christmas break on Tues Feb 28<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 4pm at Kibworth Grammar School Hall. To present members please come along. If you are interested just come to the meeting (with your laptop), if you don't have a laptop U3A laptops are available.

**Keith Holyoake** 0116 279 2079  
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**Clive Huntley** 0116 279 2528  
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## **Concert Band**



Sadly the Concert band is to lose its Saxophone player due to a house move. We welcome new players and at the moment are

practising hard for our next performance. Next meeting will be Monday 5th March. Please contact.

**Barbara Hooley** 0116 279 6458  
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### **Craft Group**

We continue to meet on a Tuesday afternoon at 2 until 4pm at the Methodist Church Rooms. We try our hand at every kind of craft from knitting to embroidery. We learn from one another and enjoy a chat over tea and biscuits. It costs £2 per session. We are now full but watch this space if you are interested in joining our craft group later. The dates are as follows:-28th Feb, 13th March, 27th March. Thank you to Roger who organises the room for us. For more information contact

**Liz Greenhalgh** 0116 240 2545  
[chumbaz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chumbaz@hotmail.co.uk) .

### **Introduction to Family History**

We have now had our first few meetings and will arrange future meetings to suit the members. This is a small house group which is full at the moment but I would be happy to start another small group if anyone is interested. It's a fascinating subject and very easy to start building your family tree.

**Val Crofts** 0116 279 2218  
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### **Flower Arranging**

The next meeting will be a Flower Arranging Workshop in conjunction with the Church Flower Guild. Lynda Stamp will be demonstrating and then helping with members' arrangements. The meeting is at St Wilfrid's Church Hall on 20 February from 6.45 – 9.15pm. Tickets are £2.50. If you are interested please contact me.

**Joyce Huntley** 0116 279 2528  
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### **French Conversation**

This is a group for people who know enough French to take part in ordinary conversations and would like the opportunity to do so more

often. We meet on the first and third Thursday morning of each month between ten-thirty and midday. For details of the next meeting please ring.

**John Willcocks** 0116 279 108

### **Gardening**



It was great to welcome so many members to our first meeting of 2012 to hear Gill Hadland's fascinating account of becoming runner up in the BBC's Gardener of the Year 2009 Competition and see slides of her delightful garden in Great Glen now open under the NGS.

#### **Coming Next**

**29 February:** We meet at Kibworth Grammar School 2.30 - 4.30pm for a talk by Tilly Yates and Elaine Turner about their experiences whilst gaining RHS Diplomas in Horticulture, their charitable endeavours and a garden related quiz. Admission is £3 including tea/coffee and a biscuit.

#### **Looking ahead**

**28 March:** We are visiting NGS gardens Copper Coin and Parkside in **Gaddesby** between 2.30-4.30pm to see the Spring bulbs and time to enjoy homemade tea, admission £5.

**25 April:** All Day Coach Trip (Open to all members of K & D U3A) to **Springfields Festival Gardens & Outlet Shopping Centre** in Lincolnshire will leave Kibworth Grammar School Car Park at 9.30am. On arrival there will be time for a coffee before head gardener Andy Boyton gives us a brief history of Springfields Horticultural Society and a guided tour of the gardens at 11.30am. The daffodils should be in bloom and the tulips appearing. Then we'll be free to explore further, visit the shopping mall and on-site refreshment facilities, returning from Spalding

at 4pm. The Coach Fare is £10.50 and entry to the Gardens is free. Please notify Mary if you wish to come along. Payment is due by 20 March. Please make cheques payable to K & D U3A Gardening.

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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 now full.

**Elizabeth Willcocks** 0116 279 1085

### **Guitar Circle**



The Guitar Circle currently meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday afternoons of the month and John Hooley leads the sessions. We play a mixture of folk, rock, blues etc and are currently practising Streets of London, The Dark Eyed Sailor, Lyin' Eyes, The Devil's Right Hand and Proud Mary. We currently have four members and would welcome new members. 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 a waiting list.

**Clive Huntley** 0116 279 2528

[clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk)

### **Latin for Beginners**

After steady progress with book two of the Cambridge Latin Course we are having a temporary break due to illness but we expect to resume our fun with Latin soon when the book takes us into Roman activities in Egypt.

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### **Line Dancing**

Every Monday afternoon at 2pm in St Wilfrids Church Hall. The hall is now full to bursting, so for safety reasons, I will have to say that we can't take any more new dancers for the time being. I have lots of beginner material if anyone feels like starting a new group!

**Val Crofts** 0116 279 2218

[martin.croft05@virgin.net](mailto:martin.croft05@virgin.net)

### **Luncheon Club**

Our next meeting will be at **The Dog and Gun** in **Kilby** on Wednesday March 14th. We assemble at 12 ready to eat at 12.30pm. If anyone has not booked their meal please contact Gill before March 9th.

**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 twice monthly to play and discuss music of a chosen subject. Recent selections have included music about warfare and dance. Future subjects will feature travelling, reminiscences of youth and occupations. Unfortunately, this group is full at present but if you are interested please contact me. If there

are enough people who show an interest, there may be scope for a second group.

**Martin Crofts** 0116 279 2218  
[martin.crofts05@virgin.net](mailto:martin.crofts05@virgin.net)

### Painting

What a splendid Art session we had recently as Shirley taught us how to paint on silk. We all produced some excellent pieces. We will continue to share our skills as the next share what we know session is painting on glass. We meet every other Friday in the Methodist Church room from 2 until 4 with tea and biscuits thrown in for £2. We have room for one more person. Thank you to Roger who helps to organise the room. The dates for our next sessions are as follows:- 2nd March, 16th March, 30th March, future dates to be posted later. For more information contact

**Liz Greenhalgh** 0116 240 2545  
[chumbaz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chumbaz@hotmail.co.uk)

### Play Reading

The Play Readers meet in the evening on the second Thursday in the month. We should have been tackling Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* but February's meet up was cancelled due to snow. Not quite as dramatic a scenario as our last read which involved being "marooned in an isolated mansion with a blizzard raging outside and a killer stalking the corridors" but there again we do live in Kibworth.

**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. This month we looked at the work of two American poets of very differing styles, Walt Whitman and Hilda Doolittle. In March we will be more traditional with the poems of T S Eliot

**Val Crofts** 0116 279 2218  
[martin.crofts05@virgin.net](mailto:martin.crofts05@virgin.net)

### Singing for Pleasure

The Group is in good voice singing a wide range of songs for 2012. The object is to have good fun singing as a group and perhaps face



the odd challenge along the way. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at St Wilfrids Hall from 10 - 11.30 am Come and join us. If you feel like a good sing and would like more information contact

**Carol Baker** 0116 2792956  
[cbaker100@talktalk.net](mailto:cbaker100@talktalk.net)

### Sketch Club

A group where people who enjoy sketching can share their interest and gain support and encouragement from fellow enthusiasts. Meetings are on the second and fourth Friday morning of each month between ten-thirty and midday. Just ring if you would like details of the next meeting.

**John Willcocks** 0116 279 1085

### Swimming (with Great Glen U3A)

Numbers have been good so far this year. New members have been regular attenders so we are not looking for any new members at the moment. You are reminded that there will be no swimming on 21st March.

(Courtesy of Great Glen U3A Newsletter)

### Table Tennis

We meet every Friday 2.30 - 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 along and give it a try. Just turn up at the scout hut at 2.30 pm Fridays

**Clive Huntley** 0116 279 2528

[clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk)

**John Smith** 0116 279 2129

### T'ai Chi

We return after the Half Term break on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 and continue until 27<sup>th</sup>

March. T'ai Chi is a gentle form of exercise, which yields benefits from the early stages. All you need are comfortable shoes and clothing.

We meet at Kibworth Village Hall from 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. We are fortunate to have a very experienced teacher. More information from :

**Val Ruddock** 0116 279 2331

[valruddock007@btinternet.com](mailto:valruddock007@btinternet.com)

### Walking Group

The walk from **The Railway** at Kibworth on January 20<sup>th</sup> led by Su and Jean was a nice local amble with eight stiles. This one took place in damp wintry conditions but even so, was enjoyed by many.

On Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> ten members took the bus to Leicester, and had a very pleasant walk in **Abbey Park**. We had a coffee stop in the Pavilion Cafe, enjoyed the cold winter beauty of the park, and ended up at Mrs Bridges' Tearoom in Loseby Lane. There were no stiles, and we appreciated having no muddy boots to clean afterwards! Thanks go to Pat Thomas and Chris Taylor for leading the walk.

As always, many thanks to our leaders for their

efforts to keep us active and interested.

Upcoming walks are:

**2nd March**, Derek and Edith (2478319 or [edith@south-view.co.uk](mailto:edith@south-view.co.uk)) will lead us on a longer walk;

**16th March** Nicola and David (2793150 or [nicolaporter@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:nicolaporter@mypostoffice.co.uk)) will lead a shorter walk; and

**30<sup>th</sup> March** Stephen and Barbara (2793590 or [barbarapickering@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapickering@gmail.com)) will take us on a fifth Friday walk, from **Fineshades Wood** which is on the A43 and part of Rockingham Forest, more details later.

Please advise the walk leader a couple of days in advance if you intend to walk or require further information.

The planned map reading exercise by new leaders was postponed and will now take place on Friday **23<sup>rd</sup> March**.

New members always welcome. If you would like to know more about what we do or want to join us, please contact

**Mike Bullows**

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*The walking group in Abbey Park*

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



## **NEWSLETTER**

**Next deadline –Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Group Leaders – please email your entries to Barbara Pickering,  
[barbarapickering@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapickering@gmail.com)

*If you have any pictures or tales of YOUR group that could be published in a future edition please send them to the above email address.*

## **Our Newsletter**

Copies of this this Newsletter will be available :

1. at the monthly meeting.
2. from either Kibworth or Fleckney libraries, shortly after the meeting.
3. by email if you have requested one (contact the secretary – details on page 10 - if you would like an emailed copy and don't forget to notify her of any change of email address)
4. 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

This Newsletter will also be available  
on line (and in colour!) at

[www.kibworthu3a.org.uk/newsletterfeb12](http://www.kibworthu3a.org.uk/newsletterfeb12)

Take a look!

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**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.

**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](http://www.u3a.org.uk) for on-line courses and further information

# OUTINGS

**Bletchley Park** - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

There is **1 spare** seat on the coach for this outing, if anyone is interested please contact me. The balance of payment for Bletchley will be £22, which is the all-inclusive price, and required by 31st March.

## Theatre Visits

**Calender Girls - Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm** Tickets have been distributed and lifts notified.

**Little Theatre Gilbert and Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance - Mar 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Tickets will be available at the meeting on Tuesdays 21<sup>st</sup> February. 1 ticket has been returned would anyone like to take it?

**Kilworth House Me and My Girl - Saturday Matinee June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Tickets £22.  
20 tickets have been booked, 15 reserved. Should anyone like a ticket please contact me before 27<sup>th</sup> February, when payment is required.

## Possible Trips

Anglesey Abbey Cambridgeshire and/or Cambridge City	September
Hampton Court Palace.	September

Only one of the above visits will take place if there is sufficient numbers for a coach.

**All payments, PLEASE, to be made by cheque, payable to K & D U3A OUTINGS, together with the slip, which is included in the Newsletter.**

Two outings may be included on one slip, but separate cheques please.

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Jean Chapman - 0166 279 1544 or e-mail – [mail@jeanchapman.me.uk](mailto:mail@jeanchapman.me.uk)

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## KIBWORTH AND DISTRICT U3A – OUTINGS - REPLY SLIP

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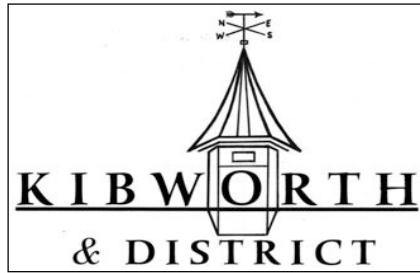
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**Cheques should be made payable to: K&D U3A Outings**

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# **5th Anniversary BARN DANCE**

**You do not have to be a member of our U3A or any other U3A so you can bring your friends or family (minimum age 10 years please)**

**Kibworth Grammar School Hall  
February Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
7.30 - 11 pm**

**It is a bring your own drink and glasses evening with a few nibbles on the tables**

**Dancing to Roy Garrington**

**Roy is a caller and describes all the dances so you do not need to have any knowledge of barn dancing. The more chaos the more fun.**

**Tickets are £5 each and available from  
Clive Huntley, 22 Fairway , Kibworth, LE8 0LB.  
0116 2792528**

**Cheques to Kibworth and District U3A.  
Please send a SAE if you want tickets posted back to you**