



NEWSLETTER

January 2013



Barn Dance:
tickets
available
at this month's
meeting

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 January 15th

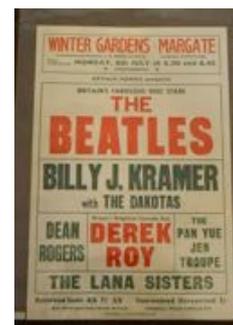
'Art and Serendipity'

Peter Welton

More dates for your diary

February 19th

"Swinging Sixties!" Social



March 19th ... 'How the brain controls our behaviour' ...Andrew Young
April 16th Spring Quiz

At last month's Christmas Meeting



A packed hall waiting for the entertainment to begin....(see more pics on pages 12 & 13)



Chairman's Musings

Well Christmas now seems a distant memory. I hope you all enjoyed yours and did not succumb to the temptations of over eating, unwise drinking and spending too much. If you did then I suppose you, like me, are now on a weight loss and fitness campaign and redoing the household budget spreadsheet to try and find some savings. If you are then good luck in your quests and if not I wish I had your self control (well, I don't really!). I just do the sinning and then make an extra effort to get back to normal. That's Christmas!

If you read the Computers section you will see that I now have an iPad. (Thanks Gill, Claire & Simon). As part of the set up process I started copying lots of our CD collection to the iPad via iTunes and suddenly rediscovered part of my past. As some of you may know I am not really into music preferring visual and practical things. My computer is usually in mute. But, oh, what joy! Simon and Garfunkel, Queen, Rod Stewart and Beethoven were re-introduced into my world. The computer is now out of mute and I am donning headphones whilst writing this. Gill hates Rod Stewart! Reminds me of my buying her a Rod Stewart album one Christmas. It rates as her worst ever present, but I enjoyed it.

Usually my exposure to music is from the TV and I had forgotten how good the stars of past years were. Even the ones that have survived are now a pale shadow of their former glory. It seems to me that there are too many "talent" shows where not very talented people bid to make their fortunes. I suppose that the new stars are either too expensive or their music does not appeal to the majority TV audience.

So I will now start to play recorded music again. I had forgotten how good it makes me feel.

U3A Matters

The new Committee will be in place after the AGM. Members will be the same as last year with the addition of Carol Townend who will be rejoining the Committee after a break of a few years. Welcome back Carol. The AGM is now scheduled to take place in February as I am not available until then.

If you are already a member of a group or thinking of joining one please 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. Remember that the Groups are the lifeblood of any U3A. We are very fortunate that we have a very enthusiastic set of Group Leaders to whom I say a big thank you. More are always welcome so if you have ideas for new groups please contact David Porter, the Group Coordinator.

To all of you, a very happy and prosperous 2013.

Keith

Outings

Gilbert & Sullivan's - *The Yeoman of the Guard* at the
Little Theatre, Dover St. Leicester on Monday 4th March at 7.30.pm
Tickets - £11. This will be a party booking, payment please by 30th January
Should any members wish to go on another evening I will be happy to book tickets
at £13 each, payment when booking, please

My Fair Lady on Saturday (matinee) 15th June 2013 at 2.30pm at Kilworth House -
Twenty seats have been reserved/booked for this date - Tickets £24
Payment for tickets is not required until 19th February

Please note tickets are still available for both of the above events.

Further trip ideas for this year - anyone interested?

Well Dressing in Derbyshire,
Chrich Tramway Village Matlock

Nov/Dec/Jan
The Military Tattoo at the NIA
Ballet/Musical/Pantomime
Day out similar to Chatsworth.

Theatre - Kilworth House – Anything Goes - Aug/Sept
For further information please contact

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KIBWORTH AND DISTRICT U3A – OUTINGS - REPLY SLIP

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: _____

**A FINAL reminder from our Treasurer:
payment of your 2012/2013 subs**

Cliff (full contact details on page 11) would like to remind members that K & D U3A annual subscriptions (£10 or £7.50 if you can provide proof that you are a paid up member of another U3A) were due on 31st October 2012 and are now very overdue. If you have not yet paid, he would like to receive your monies by 31st January 2013 at the latest! He will be available at this month's meeting should you wish to pay then. If you submit your subscriptions by post please enclose a SAE

Please note if you are not a paid up member you are not covered by the U3A insurance to take part in any of our activities – please make sure you have paid and are covered.

News from Interest Groups

Possible Groups – Update

Italian Conversation – We now have enough people interested to make a start. I will be contacting those who have shown an interest shortly, anyone else interested – please contact me as soon as possible.

David Porter

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“Safari” Supper Group

First I must thank all those people who have said they are interested in this fledgling group. It is envisaged that our first outing is to take place on Wednesday 30 January when twelve of us will venture off to a nearby hostelry/restaurant and during the course of the evening will indulge in a little table swapping!

If anyone is interested in an evening out with a difference - with good company, good food and good conversation - please let me know by email as soon as possible. We will be doing it all over again on Thursday 28 February but at the moment I am limiting it to the first twelve names that come forward each month .

Stephen Poyzer

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Computer Basics Course)

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iPad Course)

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For more details of these proposed courses see page 5



Existing Groups

Anglo-Zulu War Study Group

Our now well established group continues to enjoy aspects of the Anglo-Zulu War. At our last meeting we watched Parts 1 and 2 of a video of the History Channel programme "Zulu Wars" and, following a break for the seasonal festivities, at our next meeting we will be watching Part 3 and a BBC 2 "Timewatch" programme of the true story of the AZW. We meet on the last Tuesday afternoon in the month. One of our ranks has been transferred to The Devon and Dorsets and thus we have a vacancy on the battalion strength. If anyone is interested in joining us on the ramparts, please give me a ring and I'll put you on immediate active service duties.

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Book Club

For further information please contact

Lin Rowland 0116 279 2535
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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.

Clive & Joyce Huntley 0116 279 2528
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Computer Club

At an End ????

As the **Computer Club** is very short on members there will be no January session. If any of you want the club to continue or want a list of the topics we covered please contact me.

If there is enough interest the next session will be on Tuesday 26th Feb at the Kibworth Grammar School Hall starting 2pm finishing at 4pm. Cost will be £3 per session. Prompt sheets, laptops and help are available.

If you have any project suggestions or want to repeat a previous project please phone me.

Computer Basics Course (New!)

I will run a **Computer Basics Course** in February (probably just three sessions from my house if there are less than six members). Please contact me if you are interested. U3A laptops will be available. We will cover - the desktop, saving your work, cut copy and paste, USB memory sticks, basic internet & mail (if the group wants it) plus any special needs.

Apple iPad Course (New!)

I had an iPad for Christmas! Three people have asked for an iPad course so I will run one in February. If you have an iPad or are just interested to see what they do please give me a call. Venue and time will depend on numbers.

I cannot provide iPads!

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Concert Band

The concert band meets on Monday afternoons currently every two weeks at 3pm for 90 minutes. This is a 'for fun' group who meet to enjoy playing music together. The band welcomes new members of any standard playing woodwind, brass or stringed instruments. If you are interested in joining this group and require more information about the concert band please contact me.

Barbara Hooley 0116 279 6458
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Craft Group

The Craft Group meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2 -4 pm in the Methodist Church Rooms. It costs £2 and we knit, sew and share skills. We stop for tea and biscuits. How much nicer it would be to make your 2013 Christmas presents. Happy New Year. For details contact

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Digital Photography

We have now covered the basics of digital photography as well as exploring Picasa as a photo editing programme and now have 18 members. At the last session the members bought in some of their Christmas pictures and we discussed these in the group. The next session is on Monday 28th January at the Kibworth Grammar School from 10am to 12noon. Members are invited to bring in their 4 **favourite pictures** which will be discussed before we start on the more powerful **GIMP photo editor**. GIMP is similar to Photoshop but is FREE!

New members are very welcome. It's a good time to join us before we get deep into GIMP. Bring your camera and laptop if you have one.

Glen Tillyard sometimes comes along as a "helper" and offers some very useful advice on how to get the best results from our cameras - Glen runs courses professionally and is a freelance photographer.

If you are interested contact me. Cost will now be £2 per session.

Keith Holyoake 0116 279 2079
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Introduction to Family History

A new group is now up and running and we would welcome a few new people to the group. We meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday morning. This session will finish in a few weeks time and due to lack of interest I shall not be running another new group until the Autumn.

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Flower Arranging

The next meeting will be at Kibworth Grammar School (Studio room) on Tuesday 5th February from 2-4pm.

There will be a DVD showing various flower arrangements after which Christine Lea will demonstrate a spring arrangement. No need to bring any flowers or foliage on this occasion.

If you are interested please contact

Pam O'Sullivan 0116 2403541
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Gill Holyoake 0116 279 2079

French Conversation

You know those tedious people who insist on saying, "Use it or lose it"? Well one of the things that makes them so irritating is that they're quite right.

In this group most of us used to speak French a good deal better than we do now and it's simple lack of practice in recent years that's done the damage. It plays havoc with fluency and makes us sometimes forget common words which we used to know perfectly well and instantly recognize when we hear them again.

So we get together a couple of times a month and just talk French again. Since we're all in the same boat we tend to be extremely tolerant of each others' *faux pas*.

We meet on the first and third Thursday morning of each month. If you'd like to give us a try and if you know at least enough French to muddle through in a conversation, you'd be very welcome to join us. Just ring for details of the next meeting.

John Willcocks 0116 279 1085

Gardening

Our 2013 Calendar of events

30 January

Talk: *Market Harborough in Bloom*

27 February

Spring Social

27 March

Half Day Coach Trip to Long Whatton Hall
Gardens

24 April

Half Day Coach Trip to Burghley House
Gardens

29 May

Visit to Cottesbrooke Hall

12 June

Visit to NGS Garden The Old Stables,
Bruntingthorpe

26 June

All Day Coach Trip to Renishaw Hall &
Gardens

31 July

Half Day Coach Trip to Easton Walled Garden

28 August

Visit to NGS Garden Briarwood, Kettering

25 September

Visit to NGS Garden, Orchard House, Husbands
Bosworth

30 October

Visit to Barnsdale Gardens, Exton

27 November

Christmas Meeting

29 January 2014

Talk: *Is Organic Gardening Better For Wildlife?*

Wishing you all a great gardening year ahead
and look forward to seeing you on 30 January at
2.30pm in KGS for Chris Etherington's talk.

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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. 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.

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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John Thorpe 0116 2402236

Latin for Beginners

We have had a long break in the Latin class
but we started again on 7th January and, after
revising book one of the Cambridge Latin
Course, we are now going on to book two. We
have two additional members so the group
now consists of seven and we look forward to
having a bit more fun thanks to the Romans.

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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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Luncheon Club

On December 14th twenty seven members of
the Luncheon group enjoyed a Christmas
lunch at The Golden Shield in Fleckney. We
started the new year with a meal at the Swan
in Kibworth. On February 13th we will be

dining at The Black Horse in Houghton-on-the-Hill. If you would like to join us please contact Gill Newnham to choose your meal, before Friday February 8th.

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 discuss music of a chosen subject. Recently we have featured seasonal, but little heard music and, after a Christmas and New Year break, at our next meeting we will be playing musical oddities. If anyone is interested in joining us please give me a ring.

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Painting

The Art Group continues to meet in the Methodist Church Rooms on alternate Fridays at 2-4. Come along and have a try. We do not have a teacher but we learn from one another and stop for tea and biscuits. It costs £2 per session. Bring your own materials. Happy New Year. For details contact me

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Play Reading

The Group meet on the second Thursday evening in the month and is full to capacity at the moment. Our next read is Post Horn Gallop, a farce by Derek Benfield. (*See photos of us entertaining the crowds at the Christmas Party on page?*)

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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 a depleted group, due to various illnesses, read about the life of one of the War Poets, Robert Graves. During a very varied life he wrote poems with many different themes and styles. Next month we are looking at the work of D H Lawrence.

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A Sunset View

The dazzling rays of setting sun
Fan out across the sky,
A tapestry of brilliant hues,
Of canvas threads on high.
They cast in perfect silhouette
A bird on tree-top bough,
Whose calling note, the only sound
To break the silence now.
Then dusk enfolds within its realms,
The blended hues of setting sun,
Before the pattern fades away,
To let us know that day is done.

Elizabeth Gozney

Singing for Pleasure

The group are looking forward to 2013 with expectations of adding new songs to their repertoire which is already wide ranging. The focus is always to enjoy singing and have fun while at the same time producing a good sound.

If you would like to exercise your vocal chords come and join us.

We meet at St Wilfrids Church Hall at 10am on the second and fourth Thursday in the month.

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Sketch Club

In the Henry Moore Foundation in Leeds they'll kit you out with a pair of white cotton gloves and you can browse through a portfolio

of drawings by the sculptor Henri Gaudier-Brzeska who was killed in action in 1915 at the age of twenty-three. Among them is a tiny brown paper bag, roughly split open down the sides, with a delicate pencil sketch of a little girl on it. It must have taken him about fifteen seconds to do and it's exquisite. And just think - he could have drawn it a hundred years ago this very day.

And the moral of the story?

You can buy the best quality sketchbook on the market - and it'll be a joy to use - but you can manage perfectly well without it. You can seek out the dearest technical pens available - and they'll be a joy to use too - but then again, so

will a ball-point pen or a stub of old pencil.

All you really need is something to draw with and something to draw on. It doesn't much matter what, and you never know what the result will be or how long it'll survive. The Sketch Club meets on the second and fourth Friday morning of each month. If you think you might like to join



us at one of our meetings just ring for more details.

John Willcocks

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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.

Remember our Christmas lunch is on the 18th January at the Grange Farm Oadby.

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John Smith

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T'ai Chi

We have started our spring term, which will run until the end of March. 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

On Friday 21st December, eleven members met at the newly reopened Fox and Hounds, at Tugby. This was intended as a walk on dry land ! Following prolonged rain, we eliminated one wet footpath by walking on neighbouring roads. It seemed a wise precaution as the area was awash with flood water in some fields and generally sodden elsewhere. The weather was overcast with a few sunny patches and we were able to make good progress over most of the route although it was rather flooded on a bridle path situated on the highest ground. Lunch at the pub (www.foxandhoundstugby.co.uk) was an excellent experience and capped off another enjoyable morning.

On 4th January, which was a bright sunny day affording excellent visibility, Stephen Poyzer



led a road walk taking in the churches at

This Newsletter is now available online (and with colour pictures!) at
www.kibworthu3a.org.uk/newsletterjanuary13

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Next deadline – Tuesday 12th February

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* **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.

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Some of the performers at the Christmas meeting – thanks to them all, it was a great afternoon.







6th 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
Saturday 16th March 2013
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 £5 per person available from
Clive Huntley, 22 Fairway, Kibworth LE8 0LB. 0116 279 2528**

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