



NEWSLETTER

January 2012

**This month's meeting Music and Poetry Tilley and Peter Yates
and Annual General Meeting Tuesday January 17th**

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

February 21st	Soliciting in the High St	John Tillotson
March 20th	Bell Ringing – An English Art	Andrew Young
April 17th	Clive's Big Quiz	

Last month's big celebration. -For those who missed it Patricia Harrison's poem below captures the spirit of our U3A – for more pictures of the festivities see pages 9 & 11

*Congratulations U3A
We celebrate our Special Day
Five years young, we toast success
To 27 groups, we now confess.*

*Frank Griffiths, father founder of us all
Guessed little, how would roll the ball.
We praise him for his sterling lead,
Bringing fruition to Kibworth's need*

*We thank the ones, who've served till now
On committees, groups, to them we bow
For refreshments, chairs, each lowly task
We give you thanks, and this we ask...*

*May many more be glad to serve
In future days; we will not swerve
From all that U3A aims to be
Enlightening, invigorating for you and me.*

The Singing Group
entertains....



From our Chairman

Belated New Year's greetings to you all and I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas. I'm pleased to say that the weather was much kinder to us this year than last and although many people (mostly the children, I suspect) were hoping for a white Christmas, the mild weather certainly made travelling to visit friends and family so much easier.

Wasn't our Christmas /5th Birthday celebration wonderful? I'd like to thank all those people who contributed in any way to the staging of the afternoon and it was very pleasing to see over a hundred members there to make everybody's efforts worthwhile. A special vote of thanks to our founder, Frank Griffiths, not only for being there to cut the cake but also for having the drive, zeal and initiative to get U3A up and running in Kibworth.

I'd like to clarify one point from the November newsletter. I said that in addition to the normal mini-quiz at the monthly meetings there will be two major quizzes lasting the whole afternoon. I'd like to point out that these two major quizzes are per annum and not per month.

This will be my last editorial to you as your Chairman, as I am standing down from the Committee. Although I have been Chairman for only one year, I have actually been on the Committee for over five years and I now feel that the time is right for me to move over and make way for some new faces. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairman and would like to tender a vote of thanks to all my fellow Committee members for hard work, help and support during my tenure of office. The new committee will be Anne Bailey, Barbara Pickering, Cliff Hollingsworth, Clive Huntley, David Porter, Gail Goldie, Ian Hearn, Keith Holyoake and Pam Moody .

Finally, I would like to thank you the members for embracing the U3A spirit with enthusiasm and for making Kibworth and District U3A an organisation of which we can all be proud.

Martin Crofts



K&D U3A Barn Dance

Please make a note in your diaries that we are holding our first Barn Dance on Saturday 17th March at Kibworth Grammar School Hall. See back page for full details.

Overdue subscriptions final reminder!

Our treasurer, Cliff (full contact details on page 9), tells me that time is running out for those with outstanding annual **subscriptions (£10 or £7.50 if you can provide proof that you are a paid up member of another U3A)** which were due by **31st October**. If you have not paid by 31 January 2012 you will not be covered by the U3A insurance and cannot attend any meetings or groups. He would like to receive your monies as soon as possible. Should you submit your subscriptions by post please enclose a SAE.

News from Interest Groups

New Groups

Spanish Conversation

K & D U3A is fortunate to have three successful language groups - French, German and Latin. The obvious omission is Spanish. Many people have holidays in Spain and more people now visit Latin America so I'm hoping there are others keen to practise and extend their conversational skills in what is a beautiful language. I know of one other person showing an interest but we need two or three more to come forward to make it viable to form a group. Looking forward in anticipation of there being enough interest. Please contact me

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Existing Groups

Book Club

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

No bridge at the Grammar School Hall on the 19th January because we are having our bridge lunch at the Market Harborough Golf Club.

Clive & Joyce Huntley

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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 2pm prompt. If you would like to come but do not have a partner please telephone me and I shall try to help.

John Ruddock

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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.

Bridge Tip of the Month

Pre-emptive overcall

You probably all know the pre-emptive opening call with 7 cards of the same suit and less than 10 points but you can also do a pre-emptive overcall with the same hand. However you must be careful to make it obvious by jumping 3 times, for example opposition bids 1H your pre-emptive overcall must be 3S e.g. jumping 1S, 2S, 3S. Another example would be 1H, 4C jumping 2C, 3C, 4C. If you only jump once or twice your partner may think you have more points than you have. Don't forget most pre-emptive bids including overcalls are designed to frustrate opposition and will probably fail.

Calligraphy

We exchanged a variety of Christmas cards written beautifully, and now turn to practising handwriting and learning associated techniques. Forthcoming meetings are on 24 January and 14 February

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Computer Club

Unfortunately due to ill health the **Improvers Course** has still not started. In November I had 'Man Flu' (my wife said it was just a cold) and then on almost my first trip out damaged a shoulder tendon which promptly developed into tendonitis - very painful! I am on holiday until 28th Jan so hopefully I will be fully recovered when I return and the Course can start. *Please be patient.*

Please note that due to the aforementioned holiday there will be no **Computer Club** this month. Next one is 23rd February

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Concert Band

New year, new music. This is the time to join the Concert Band as we trek into the wild musical unknown. Journey with us as we hack our way into the Mato Grosso of Folk Dance Music and dive into the Sargasso sea of Jazz. Your ears may never be the same again, so ring our heroic leader Barbara Hooley now before you decide to do something much more boring. People who have never blown into a Banjo or strummed a sousaphone will be very welcome at our next meeting on 23rd January!

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Craft Group

The Craft group met for the first time this year on 10th Jan at 2-4pm in the Methodist Church Rooms. We meet every other Tuesday. It costs £2 per session and we stop for a chat with tea and biscuits. We have room for one or two more people. We knit, sew, embroider and any other handicraft that you wish to perfect. For more details contact

Liz Greenhalgh 0116 240 2545
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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.

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Flower

Arranging

The group will have met on 16 January but the date for the next meeting has not yet been set. The members have produced some beautiful flower arrangements and 3 members now do arrangements for St Wilfrid's Church. Any queries to



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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

Welcome to the new gardening year. We meet on the last

Wednesday of the month, usually between 2.30-4.30pm, and hope

you can join us for our exciting programme of talks, visits and activities. Of course there are always an exceptions to the rule!

We have an all day coach trip to Springfields Festival Gardens & Outlet Shopping Centre in Lincolnshire on 25 April and double visits in peak summer months when gardens should be in full bloom on 13 and 27 June and 11 and 25 July.

Our first meeting for 2012 is on **25 January** at Kibworth Grammar School between 2.30-4.30pm, when Gill Hadland, will be regaling us with her experiences of becoming Runner Up in the **BBC's Gardener of the Year 2009 Award**. Admission is £3 including a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits and a chance to socialise with fellow gardening enthusiasts, exchanging ideas and picking up advice and tips for the coming season. You don't have to be an expert just love all things horticultural. We look forward to seeing you there.

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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

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Guitar Circle

The Guitar Circle currently meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons of the month and John Hooley leads the sessions. The group played a few numbers at the Christmas meeting. We currently have four members and would welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us, please give me a ring.

Trish Hunt

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Investment Club

Our main aim is to buy and sell stocks and shares with a social side to the experience.. We have now reached our maximum number so sadly we cannot take any new members at this time. Please contact me if you want to be placed on a waiting list.

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Latin for Beginners

After a prolonged break for Christmas members of the Latin Group are now looking forward to continuing their studies using the second book of the Cambridge Latin Course and are currently learning about life in England under the domination of the Romans some two thousand years ago..

Norman Hallett

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Line Dancing

Every Monday afternoon at 2pm in St Wilfrids Church Hall. Last Monday we welcomed 3 new members which does mean 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!

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Luncheon Club

In December twenty-seven members enjoyed a Christmas meal at the Golf Club in Market Harborough. In January 39 of us had lunch at our local pub The Old Swan in Kibworth. On February 8th we will be lunching at The Manor in Glen Parva.

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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 food and drink and moods, joy and a meeting where we played seasonal music not normally heard during the festive season. Future subjects will feature warfare and travelling. 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.

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Painting

The Art group met this year for the first time on 6th Jan in the Methodist Church Rooms 2-4pm. We meet every other Friday for tea and biscuits and a great deal of creativity. We have room for one or two more people. It costs £2 per session. Thanks to Roger who organises the room. For more details contact

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Play Reading

The Play Readers meet in the evening on the second Thursday in the month and are looking forward to experiencing a wide variety of plays in 2012. At the moment they are still marooned

in an isolated mansion with a blizzard raging outside and a killer stalking the corridors as they are only halfway through reading "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" by John Bishop.

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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. Our 2012 programme starts with the life and works of Cecil Day-Lewis, followed in February by Walt Whitman and Hilda Doolittle.

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Singing for Pleasure



The group had great fun singing at various venues over the Christmas period and now look forward to adding to our repertoire of songs in 2012. The object of the group is to have fun singing and being moulded together by our very talented leader Faye Stringer. Do join us if you are interested. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at St Wilfrid's Church Hall 10 - 11.30am

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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

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Swimming (with Great Glen U3A)

Wednesdays 2.15 - 3.15pm Cost £2

**Venue Leicester Grammar School
Swimming Pool**

New members are always welcome. It is a condition of the Grammar School that all swimmers are members of Great Glen U3A. To find out how to join please ring **David Brooke** on **0116 259 2520**. You do not need to be a serious swimmer to join us. We have a wide variety of abilities from those who rapidly swim many lengths each week to those who just enjoy a splash around and a chat. All appreciate the excellent facilities at the Grammar School. Please contact David Brooke before coming for the first time.

David Brooke

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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 2.30pm Fridays

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T'ai Chi

We return after the Christmas break on Tuesday 17th January 2012. 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 am - 1 pm. We are fortunate to have a very experienced teacher. More information from



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Walking Group

Since our last Newsletter, the Walking Group has enjoyed a short walk at **Tilton on the Hill** followed by a magnificent Christmas Lunch at the **Rose and Crown**, followed by walks on 30th December at **Burton Overy** and 6th January at **Twyford**, both led by Marion and Alan. The January walk was very well received by all present, especially because the weather was quite exceptional after storms earlier in the week, allowing some magnificent views. Upcoming walks are :-

20th January a shorter walk to be led by Su and Jean starting from **The Railway , Kibworth**. For further information contact Su (su.coward@btconnect.com - 0116 279 3185) or Jean (mail@jeanchapman.me.uk - 0116 279 1544).

3rd February a longer walk in **Abbey Park, Leicester** to be led by Pat and Christine. For this walk, be prepared to leave Kibworth about 10:00 on the omnibus to Leicester bus station where our walk starts. An excellent choice of venue for February as there are no stiles and no mud on the walkways. For further information please contact Pat (pakthomasuk@yahoo.co.uk - 0116 279 1524) or Chris(chrisataylor@talktalk.net - 0116 272 0590)

17th February a shorter walk to be led by Stephen and Barbara at Great Bowden. Please contact Stephen(stephenpoyzer@gmail.com - 077133 28028) or Barbara

(barbarapickering@gmail.com - 0116 279 3590)
for further information.

Please advise the walk leader two days before
the walk if you intend to come.

**New members always welcome - please
contact Mike if you wish to know more about**

**what we do - or the walk leader if you wish
to attend.**

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

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Next deadline –Tuesday 14 February

Group Leaders – please email your entries to Barbara Pickering,
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***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: Ros Holmes, 18 Main St, Kibworth, LE8 0NQ

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

www.kibworthu3a.org.uk/newsletterjan12

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 for on-line courses and further information

Gail Holland and that delicious cake



Three chairmen all at once!

OUTINGS

The response to the outing to **Bletchley Park** has been extremely good. Details as follows:- Booked for **Thursday 14th June 2012**.

Depart - Kibworth 9am and return from Bletchley approx 4.30pm. These times and meeting place for the coach will be confirmed at a later date.

On arrival - Tea / coffee and biscuits followed by a tour of approx 1 hour 15 mins.

Lunch - 12.30pm – 1.30pm Sandwich buffet with mixed leaf salad, with crisps and dips. Tea, coffee or soft drinks.

Afternoon tour at 1.30pm – 1 hour 30 mins, also included is the Colossus Rebuild and the Tunny Room. All members of the party are required to attend these 2 exhibits.

The afternoon ends with tea /coffee with chocolate brownies or chocolate muffins just before departure.

This is a package - all of the above are included in the price £22. The cost for the coach depends on the number in the party and SHOULD NOT exceed £34.

I would appreciate confirmation and a deposit of £10 per person by 30th January 2012

Theatre Visits

Calendar Girls - tickets available at the meeting. Please see Gill Newnham.

Little Theatre Gilbert & Sullivan March 5th £11 Bookings taken and payment please, by cheque, payable to K & D U3A Outings before 30th January.

Kilworth House - Me and My Girl Saturday Matinee June 23rd 2012 Tickets £22.

Trips

Anglesey Abbey Cambridgeshire and/or Cambridge City September

Hampton Court Palace. September

A list is available to add your name for any outing.

Cheques preferred for all bookings made payable K & D U 3A Outings.

Any queries please contact

Gill Newnham

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Cheques preferred for all bookings made payable to **K & D U3A OUTINGS**

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PTO for Outings reply slip

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 3A Outings

Name: _____ **Tel:** _____

Please print clearly

Address: _____

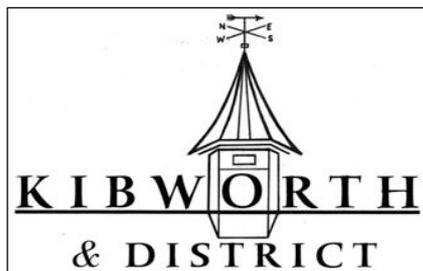
The Play Readers perform



The Concert Band entertain.....

The Poetry Group read





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
Saturday 17th 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 £5 each available from
Clive Huntley, 22 Fairway , Kibworth, LE8 0LB.
0116 279 2528**

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