



NEWSLETTER

June 2012

This month's meeting - Tuesday June 19th

My life as a Tiller Girl

Margaret Hudson

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:

July

No Meeting

August 21st

Apothecary calls

Trevor Parr

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

September 18th

Martin's Quiz

Jubilee



Celebrations



*For more
Diamond Jubilee
photos see our
website*

www.kibworthu3a.org.uk

Chairman's Musings



Well the Jubilee celebrations, which I hope you enjoyed, will probably be a distant memory when you read this but I could not resist a making few comments.

My memories of the Coronation at once came to mind. It was the first time I had watched a TV. Most of the street packed ourselves into the house at the end of the street to watch the 9 inch black and white TV fronted by a water filled magnifier. We watched in wonder the live splendour of our Queen being crowned. It was the only TV in the street!

Cars were equally rare. I think only two families in our street had one. How things have changed in 60 years with our now everyday devices then only available to the likes of Dan Dare in the Eagle- a comic eagerly awaited each week. We did have a street party which I also hold firmly in my memory mainly for the party foods which were also a rarity. Oh yes it did rain. Some things don't change.

Back to the weekend I thought Kibworth did itself proud yet again. "HMS Coach and Horses" braved the storms and even appeared on national TV news. Of the events I attended the Flower Festival at St Wilfrids was spectacular and the event at the Cricket Club (in the sunshine) very enjoyable. Thanks to all the U3A members who put in so much effort into these and the other events. It was well worth it.

I watched a lot of the TV coverage (in colour this time and some recorded) and was impressed by most of it. I thought the BBC's coverage of the River Regatta was below par as the presenters seemed to have done very little research on the boats and used the easy option of interviewing spectators to fill the time. Oh dear! Moan moan. But otherwise what a gloriously British event it was. The lighting on the Palace during the concert was awesome though some of the performers were showing their age. There was even TV coverage of an Anti Royal demo. What other country would have shown this in the middle of such a Royal event? It made me very proud to be British.

The Queen seemed to enjoy the events but I think we ask too much of her. After all she is 86 so should we really expect her to stand in the rain on a river boat for several hours as a **starter** for five full days of formal engagements? The media say how well she serves us but should we be more caring of her? I think so. *Long Live the Queen*

Even longer ago was the **Spring Social** meeting. What a great success it was. Thanks to all those scone cooks and to all the helpers. Hilary's Jam and Chutney stall raised £68 for Rainbows, and the other stalls plus the cream teas raised £172.80 towards our local Relay for Life event. This makes a grand total for the afternoon of £240.80. I think it is certainly worth repeating next year

Now to the next event - the **OLYMPIC TORCH IN KIBWORTH**. If you are going to see the torch and want a U3A placard please contact a Committee Member - we have some available. See more details on page 9

See you at the Meeting on the 19th

Keith

News from Interest Groups

New Groups

Digital Photography

The Digital Photography Club will start on the first Monday in September. 12 members are keen to join so if anyone else is interested please ring me. I will phone those interested before the start.

If you can be a helper it would be much appreciated so please contact..

Keith Holyoake

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Possible new group - Carpet Bowls

One of our members has offered to run taster sessions of Carpet Bowls and maybe even some green bowling. Please register your interest with me initially, to see if there are sufficient numbers for these to be organised.

Clive Huntley

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Possible new group -Traditional Folk and Country Dancing

Names of those who may be interested are still being gathered before getting organized with the final details for this group to get started. Further information from

Paul St Clair

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Possible new group – Spanish Conversation

Sadly not enough interest was shown to proceed with this group.

Existing Groups

Anglo Zulu War study Group

Our new group continues to enjoy aspects of the Anglo-Zulu War, having added yet a further recruit to our ranks. At our last meeting we watched a High Definition, 5 speaker presentation of the film "Zulu". At our next meeting we will be studying the history of the Zulu people and their dealings with the early British and Boer settlers and will be watching a travelogue on South Africa. We meet on the last Tuesday afternoon in the month, and have room for one more new recruit, so if anyone is interested in joining us on the ramparts, just give me a ring!

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Book Club

For further information please contact

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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

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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 will continue to play throughout the Summer.

Clive & Joyce Huntley 0116 279 2528
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hand. Session project has yet to be decided so if you have any ideas ring me. The session will be 2 - 4pm at Kibworth Grammar School. Many other projects are available.

The **Improvers Course** has had the last of 6 sessions on **Tuesday June 12th**. If you are interested in another course please ring me.

In the meantime if you need any assistance with a computer issue please contact me. I may be able to help and it's FREE!

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Concert Band

We all had a very enjoyable day at the Jubilee Fete on the Monday and were pleased to be able to play a variety of tunes. We are a beginners band. If you would like to join us we will be starting on some new pieces of music before our summer break. Please come along and see what we do.

Barbara Hooley 0116 279 6458
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Craft Group

The Craft Group continues to meet every other Tuesday at the Methodist Church Rooms from 2-4pm. We stop for tea and biscuits and contribute £2 towards the cost of the room. We learn from one another. We have room for one or two more people. For details contact

Liz Greenhalgh 0116 240 2545
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Calligraphy

Our work on display at the fete



The Calligraphy group is now in abeyance for the summer, and will resume in the autumn.

Ros Holmes 0116 279 6010
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Computer Club

The **Computer Club** on the 22nd May managed to attract 7 members and I think we enjoyed our exploration of "Tables in Spreadsheets". **This is the last session until September.**

So on the **25th Sept** bring your laptop or use one of the U3A machines and join us at the Computer Club. All are welcome and help is on

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.

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Flower Arranging

I hope lots of you visited St Wilfrid's Church to see the Jubilee Flower arrangements which were really beautiful and innovative. The arrangements depicted many aspects of the reign and interests of the Queen. Several members of the U3A were involved along with the ladies from St Wilfrid's flower guild. Much planning, preparation, hard work and apprehension went into the event but we all enjoyed arranging such beautiful flowers. Congratulations to you all. We do not have another meeting arranged at the moment.

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French Conversation

This is a group for people who are fairly fluent in French and who practice and work on their conversation skills together. We normally meet on the first and third Thursday morning of each month but at present we are enjoying our summer break. We shall be starting up again at the beginning of September.

John Willcocks 0116 279 1085

Gardening



Picture taken in the garden of Stoke Albany House during our visit on 13th June

27 June

Visit to NGS gardens in Wigston. Please make your own way to the first garden for **2.30pm**. We will spend approximately 30 minutes at each location and 10 minutes travelling between venues. Admission £5 includes afternoon tea, payable on the day.

1. 28 Gladstone Street, LE18 1AE (off Victoria Street, which is off the Leicester Road, almost adjacent to Bishop and Bishop's Garage).

2. Wellhouse Close, LE18 2RQ (turn right from Victoria Street onto Leicester Road; cross over mini roundabout and continue to T junction, which forms a mini roundabout opposite All Saint's Church and go right. At the next mini roundabout take the first exit into Launceston Road. Travel over 4 sleeping policemen, and with Little Hill Primary School on the right, turn right into Laverstock Road. Take the 1st turn left and 1 Wellhouse Close is on the corner. Park in Laverstock Road.

3. Mill House, 118 Welford Road LE18 3SN (turn right from Laverstock Road into Launceston Road, which becomes Horsewell Lane by the shops on the left. At the T junction turn right onto Moat Street and get into the centre lane. Turn right at the traffic lights onto Welford Road. After the 3rd turning on the left, Mill House is almost immediately on the left. Afternoon Tea at approximately 4.20pm.

11 July

Half Day Coach Trip to Castle Ashby NN7 1LQ leaving Kibworth Grammar School at 12.30pm, returning at 5pm. 1½ hour guided tour with head gardener at 2.30pm. Coach Fare £7.50 payable now; Concession Admission on the door £4.50.

25 July

Visit to NGS Gardens Farmway, Church Farm, Willoughby Waterleys LE8 6UD and Coldor, 4 Arnesby Lane, Peatling Magna, LE8 5UN and nearby Nature Reserve. Please make your own way there for 2.30pm. Admission £3.50; refreshments available at extra cost

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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

Please note that the Guitar Circle has changed its usual meeting time to the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings (rather than afternoons) of the month. John Hooley still leads the sessions and we play a mixture of folk, rock, blues etc. We currently have four members and would welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us, please give me a ring.

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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.

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Latin for Beginners

The Latin Group is still enjoying the stories of the Romans as portrayed in the Cambridge Latin Course and having some fun at the same time.

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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. We were pleased to welcome several visitors to our charity afternoon over the Jubilee holiday where we raised money for MacMillan nurses. We meet on Monday afternoons from 2 – 4pm except on Bank Holidays

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Luncheon Club

This month we enjoyed a meal at **The Swan** at

Braybrook. We will not be meeting during July and August. On Wednesday



September 12th we will eat at **The Shires, Peatling Parva.** No need to order food but please reserve your place by

telephoning Gill 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 celebrated the Queen’s Jubilee with a selection of royal music and future subjects will feature law and order and holidays. If anyone is interested in joining us please give me a ring.

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Painting

The Art Group continues to meet every other Friday in the Methodist Church Rooms from 2-4pm. We stop for tea and biscuits and contribute £2 towards the cost of the room. Thank you to Roger who organises this location. We have room for one more person. We learn from one another and share our skills. For more details contact me

Liz Greenhalgh 0116 240 2545
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Play Reading

The Group are taking a Summer break and will resume reading the first of a varied selection of plays on the 2nd THURSDAY in SEPTEMBER, probably in the afternoon (time to be confirmed). We have room for “new voices” Interested? Please contact

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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 enjoyed reading some of Thomas Hardy's work. Next month we are all bringing along poems "that make us laugh". This is a friendly informal house group.

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Singing for Pleasure



The choir was delighted to open the Jubilee Festivities at Kibworth Cricket Club on Monday 4th June. We sang a mixture of traditional songs and songs from the shows.

As ever, we were enthusiastically inspired and led by Faye Stringer. Faye

sings with the Chanterelles who hold the title of Women's Choir of the World and last year won the female choir category at the Llangollen International Music Eisteddfod. We are fortunate to have her.

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

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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 ARE NOT PLAYING IN JULY OR MOST OF AUGUST. WE WILL START AGAIN FRIDAY 31st AUGUST

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John Smith

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T'ai Chi

We are not meeting over the summer. The new session will start 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. Our instructor is very experienced. If you like to know more please contact

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Walking Group

On 18th May we had 3 leaders Ros Holmes, Ron & Chris Spinks who took 23 of us on a walk from the **Neville Arms in Medbourne** to Neville Holt and back. Although a cloudy start the weather brightened up and soon saw us removing jackets and enjoying the scenery.



1st June found 14 of us at **Launde Abbey** where Alan & Marion led a walk through Launde Park woods, where the flowers were out and then through open countryside with fabulous views. Again, apart from a brief spell of light drizzle, the weather brightened and we returned to Launde Abbey for a welcome lunch.

By the time you read this bulletin Stephen Poyzer and Barbara Pickering will have led a Jubilee walk from the **Kings Head at Smeeton Westerby** on 15th June. This will be along field paths and tow path towards Debdale. Hopefully the weather will have become much drier than recent.

Future Walks:

29th June is a 'Fifth Friday' when we go further afield. Alan & Marion will be leading a walk in **Salcey Forest**, south of Northampton, where the highlight will be the Tree Top walk. This is a raised walkway into and eventually out above the trees. This should be spectacular if the weather stays fine.

6th July will be a shorter walk led by
Keith Holyoake **0116 279 2079.**

20th July will be a longer walk led by
Pat Thomas **0116 279 1542**
Christine Taylor **0116 259 0590**

3rd August will be a longer walk led by
John & Jean West. **01858 434914**

17th August will be a shorter walk led by **Carol Townend and Phill Egan** **0116 279 6002**

31st August will be another 'Fifth Friday' walk which will be further afield. This will be to **Barrowden & Wakerley Wood** and led by **Hugh and Elizabeth Hackett.** email: hugh_hackett@talktalk.net

This takes us into September which as I write this, in early June, seems along way away. Regular walkers will continue to receive walk details by email during the summer. New members are always welcome, so if any of the walks appeal to you then please join us. Further details will be available in due course, but if you do need more information then please contact the walk leader a couple of days in advance.

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

From our Secretary



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

- Available for delivery in July
- Price £2.00 including postage
- The diary has a **mid blue cover** and all of the usual features: notes page, a page marker and perforated page corners etc.

If you wish to order any, please see me at the June meeting, or contact by post, 12 Beaker Close, Smeeton Westerby LE8 0RT; by phone or email –see

*below **no later than 30th June. All monies must accompany orders.***

Christine Lea

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This Newsletter is now available online (and with colour pictures!) at

www.kibworthu3a.org.uk/newsletterjune12

NEWSLETTER

Next deadline –Tuesday 14th August

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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Committee member:	Clive Huntley	01162792528	clivejoyce@mypostoffice.co.uk

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

Olympic Torch Relay

This passes through Kibworth on Monday July 2nd between 5 and 5.15 pm. Come and join us to wave a U3A banner! We will gather at the top of Main St next to Mazza (formerly Raithas) at 4.30pm.

Hope to see lots of you there to wave a banner or just cheer.

Outings



Bletchley Park - Thursday 14th

Thirty eight members spent a most enjoyable and informative day at Bletchley Park - home of the codebreakers during World War II.

I would recommend a visit, especially if you were lucky enough to have such an excellent guide as we did. There is much to see and discover and (if you are of a certain age) much to jog your memory of things past. An excellent trip enhanced by the lovely weather!

Chatsworth House November 22nd

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

I have provisionally booked a 29 seater coach, and a timed visit for the House
This visit is 3.15pm, (about 1 hour.) and 1 of only 3 available on the day.

The Carriage House restaurant (self-service), the Cavendish rooms restaurant, and the 'Food to Go' outlets serve a wide range of meals and snacks to suit all budgets.

Cost of coach and entrance fee will be approx £21. Pre-booked coffee on arrival will be included.

A list will be available at the main meeting in June

Time for departure etc. will be available in August.

For further information please contact

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KIBWORTH AND DISTRICT U3A – OUTINGS - REPLY SLIP

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**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

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