



NEWSLETTER

March 2012



This month's meeting - Tuesday March 20th

Bell Ringing – An English Art **Andrew Young**

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

April 17th

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Clive's Big Quiz



May 15th

Spring Social

with cream teas, stalls, book swap and more

June 19th
My life as a Tiller Girl
Margret Hudson



Very Sad News

Anne Bailey



It is with great sadness that I have to announce the unexpected, tragic and sudden death of our lady chair.

Anne became an enthusiastic member of the U3A joining soon after her retirement, not only volunteering to serve on the committee, but attending several of the interest groups despite already having a very busy life. She was happy to take on the role of chair person earlier this year.

Outside the U3A she was very active in the local Methodist church taking on many and varying roles both there and at The Well. She was always cheerful, kind and considerate and thinking of what she could do for others.

Anne leaves a close knit extended family to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. She was a great friend to me and I, along with many others, will miss her greatly.

Anne's funeral will be held at St Wilfrid's church, Kibworth on Wednesday 28th March at 12 noon.

Mike Barber



Mike also sadly died suddenly last month and he too had been a keen member of the U3A committee until he resigned, sadly, because of his failing health. We miss his contribution greatly and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Mike was a member of the K & D U3A Investment Group and the Social Bridge Group. He will be missed by all those who had contact with him.

Barbara Pickering
Editor

News from Interest Groups

New Groups

AZW A NEW GROUP WITH A DIFFERENCE!!!!

We had a wonderful start to our new group. We watched the 1979 film "Zulu Dawn", which outlined the causes of the AZW and featured the Battle of Isandlwana. At our next meeting we will be studying the finer aspects of this battle in more detail and then will be turning our attentions to Rorke's Drift and the film "Zulu". We meet on the last Tuesday afternoon in the month and if anyone is interested in joining us on the ramparts, just give me a ring!

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Digital Photography

So far 4 people have expressed an interest in the group. Possible dates for meeting are 1st and 2nd Monday of each month AM-- 10 to 11.30. The group would start by exploring the **basics** of taking, transferring, storing, printing and editing photos using Picasa.

WE COULD THEN DO PHOTO PROJECTS or use the more powerful GIMP editor.

It would be better with a few more people so if you are interested please contact me.

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Existing Groups

Book Club

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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

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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

Bridge Tip of the Month

REPLY TO A NT BID

If you use Staymen and Transfers in reply to a NT bid, a useful rhyme to help you remember is :

"Staymen is used for four, Transfers for five or more"

The numbers refer to the number of cards you hold in a major suit.

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. We recently had a go at using paint brushes and watercolours to explore different ways of writing - brushes are much more fluid than steel nibs. Forthcoming meetings: 27 March, 24 April (no meeting in Easter week).
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Computer Club

The **Computer Improvers** Course began on Tuesday March 13th and will run for six sessions on the first and second Tuesdays of each month. The course attracted ten members and is now full. For those who want to improve their computer skills in a less formal setting the **Computer Club** runs on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Each month a "project" is undertaken with detailed prompt sheets. Last month we explored TWITTER. This month we will look at features in the new version of the free to download Picasa photo album and editor. You don't need to do the project as you can bring your problem to the Club and get help or do one of the many old projects. Just bring your laptop or use one of the U3A's! We meet at the Kibworth Grammar School and start at 2pm. Details from
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Clive Huntley 0116 279 2528
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Concert Band

The Concert Band have recently been polishing their stetsons and practising their yeehahs for the Barn dance. Generally we get together fortnightly at each others homes. We will be starting some new music after this performance so now is the time to join please contact
Barbara Hooley 0116 279 6458
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Craft Group

The Craft Group meets on a Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm in the Methodist Church rooms. The cost is £2 with tea and biscuits. We knit, sew and embroider. We share our skills and have a chat. Thanks to Roger who helps to organise this venue and the one for the Art Group. For more information 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. It's a fascinating subject and it's very easy to start building your family tree. We are hoping to visit the Wigston Record Office soon and a few of us are going to the Leicester and Rutland Family History Society Open Day.
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Flower Arranging

The workshop in February was a great success and we all picked up some very useful tips from Lynda Stamp. Our next venture is to join with the Church Flower Group to decorate St Wilfrid's church for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. If you would like to help with this please give me a ring.
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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 1085

Gardening

At the last meeting on Leap Year Day members were challenged to identify many examples of plant material, garden pests and diseases and even weeds in a quiz set by Tilly Yates and Elaine Turner. The quiz was used to illustrate and inform on the various disciplines they had had to undertake in order to gain their RHS Diplomas. The ladies now use that knowledge in giving talks, monitoring young people and attending plant fairs all in aid of cancer charities. A very entertaining and enjoyable afternoon.

28 March

Visit to **Copper Coin** and **Parkside**, two NGS Spring gardens in **Gaddeesby**. Meet at 2.30pm Cross Lane/Main St. corner. Admission £5 to include tea and cake.

25 April:

There are a few seats left for the trip to **Springfields Festival Gardens & Outlet Shopping Centre**. The coach will leave Kibworth Grammar School Car Park at 9.30am, and there should be time for coffee before the Head Gardener, Andy Boyton, takes us on an optional guided tour of the gardens. Hopefully the daffodils will be blooming, and tulips appearing amongst other spring planting. We return at 4pm leaving plenty of time to visit the Shopping Mall and various on site refreshment facilities for a little retail therapy and R and R. Coach Fare is £10.50, entry to the Gardens is free. Please make cheques payable to K & D U3A Gardening Group.

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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 second and fourth

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.

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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

Following a lengthy break early in the year we read about the Egyptian port of Alexandria as it was two thousand years ago and we formed the picture that life in the city could have been difficult with racial tensions being evident. We are now embarking on a period of retrenchment before completing our studies of book two of the Cambridge Latin course.

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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!

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Luncheon Club

On Wednesday April 11th we will be having lunch at **The Queens Head in Billesdon**. If you haven't already booked your meal please contact Gill before April 6th.

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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 monthly to play and discuss music of a chosen subject. Recent selections have included music about transport and reminiscences of youth. Future subjects will feature jobs, parts of the body and fun and laughter. 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
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Painting

The Art Group continues to meet every other Friday, 2-4pm in the Methodist Church Rooms. The cost is £2 with tea and biscuits. Last time we tried painting on glass. We all managed to produce some great pieces and we found that painting on 3D objects was not that easy. For more information contact

Liz Greenhalgh 0116 240 2545
chumbaz@hotmail.co.uk

Play Reading

The Play Readers meet in the evening on the second Thursday in the month. We are now thoroughly enjoying Noel Coward's witty

comedy "Blithe Spirit". Unsurprisingly, the group's interpretation of the wonderful Madame Arcati character (remember Margaret Rutherford?) was the highlight of the evening!

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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 are reading T S Eliot followed in April by looking at the "Dymock Poets". We are never short of subjects and after 5 years or so we still manage to find someone new and interesting.

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Singing for Pleasure

The Singing for Pleasure Group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 10 am to 11.30 am. at St Wilfrid's church meeting rooms. (We will be taking a break Easter week 12th April.) For further information contact

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Sketch Club



Some Sketch Club members enjoying a visit to The Guildhall in Leicester.

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)

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

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John Smith

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T'ai Chi

We continue until 27th 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 11.30am. to 1pm. We are fortunate to have a very experienced teacher. More information from :

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Walking Group

In February, Barbara and Stephen led us at **Great Bowden**. A good number of people took part in this walk on a pleasant dry February morning, some of whom had travelled to that village on the 44 bus service! This was a longer

walk along the canal towpath and fields which afforded us excellent views across the Welland Valley

We also enjoyed a pleasant walk through fields at **Hallaton** led by Derek and Edith Lenton and were able to admire some fetching views of the surrounding countryside and cap it with another excellent meal at The Fox.

Our upcoming walks include **30th March** when Stephen and Barbara (2793590 or barbarapickering@gmail.com) will take us on a fifth Friday walk from **Fineshades Wood** which is on the A43 and part of Rockingham Forest. This is a new venue for us and we are looking forward to it with interest.

6th April is Good Friday and we do not plan to have a group walk on that day, so our only walk in April will be on **20th** and will be led by Alan and Marion at **Rutland Water**. Please advise the walk leader a couple of days in advance if you intend to walk or require further information.

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

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*Walking across fields near Hallaton
.....playing follow my leader!*



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

From our Secretary



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Membership Database - important

If you have changed your name, address, telephone number or email address in recent times and not conveyed the details to K & D U3A, please get in touch with Christine Lea as soon as possible. Similarly, if you are about to set sail for pastures new in a different country, country or galaxy and finally if you can no longer come to our meetings and/or do not want to continue your membership, do please let me know.

Fifteen minutes of your time wanted

Members may be interested in the following email I received from Dr Joyce Humphries concerning a project in which you may wish to assist :

“I am a researcher at the University of Leicester (Psychology Department) and along with other Dr Heather Flowe, we are currently seeking volunteers to assist us with our present study which aims to investigate recognition abilities in younger and older adults. The study will take approximately 15 minutes and can be completed online. We would like participants of all ages, over the age of 18, to take part in this research. We have found that members of the U3A to be very helpful in previous research and believe that your members should also find this particular research interesting.

To find out further information and to participate in the study please click on the following link...”

<http://www.le.ac.uk/pc/cap/jeh42/investigate-recognition-ability.html>

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Next deadline –Tuesday 17th April

Group Leaders – please email your entries to Barbara Pickering,

barbarapickering@gmail.com

If you have any photos (preferably over 1MB not 99KB as the smaller file comes out all blurred when printed - see last month's Newsletter) or stories of your groups activities that could be published in a future edition please send them to the above email address.

Our Newsletter

Copies of this this Newsletter are 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 above - 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/newslettermar12

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.

OUTINGS

We have recently enjoyed outings to the theatre. **Calendar Girls** was most enjoyable, we were joined by 4 males from our U3A, although they were very much a minority of the audience.

H M S Pinafore had a very patriotic flavour with much Union Flag waving, and a final chorus of 'For he is an English Man'. And this, in the week of the Queen's Jubilee visit, seemed very appropriate. Thank you all for your support.

Bletchley Park - Thursday 14th June.

The balance of payment for Bletchley will be £22, which is the all-inclusive price, and is required by 31st March. We will be leaving from the Grammar School Hall car park, on School Road at 9.30am

Kilworth House Me & My Girl - Saturday Matinee June 23rd, tickets £22.

I hope to arrange lifts nearer the time. One spare ticket available

Hampton Court Palace. Wednesday September 5th 2012

The decision has now been made that the September visit will be to Hampton Court. This list had the most members. With a minimum number of 20 the cost will £36. There are still places available on the coach, so please check the list at the meeting to either **confirm** your place or add your name. If in doubt, contact Gill Newnham (see below). I will be asking for a deposit of £24 in May with the balance due in June, as this will be the last meeting before the outing. The balance of £12 could change depending on additional people filling the coach

All payments, PLEASE, to be made by cheque, payable to K & D U3A OUTINGS, together with the slip - see below.

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

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: _____

