

KEYWORTH & DISTRICT



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



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FIRE PROCEDURE Open Meetings

Keyworth Methodist Church

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- 5) Please do not seek to help less mobile members unless you have been asked to do so by one of the Stewards, since this could interrupt the process of people making a safe exit.
- 6) Please make your way to **the Assembly Point, in the Plough Inn Car Park**, which is 25 metres to the right of the Church and Hall.

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- 1) **Fire Extinguishers** are located in the Hall, Kitchen and Church.
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 - a) Directly out of the Hall via the west side door.
 - b) Via the small rear room 2 (The door has key and bolts).
 - c) Via the Vestry, when a key holder is present.

DIARY DATES - OPEN MEETINGS 2011

All Open Meetings are held at The Methodist Church, Selby Lane, Keyworth, from 2pm – 5pm.

Take the opportunity to read the notice boards regarding future U3A events and natter with friends.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available.

Please note that no food or drink is allowed in the Church itself, and care must be taken when moving furniture in Church.

Thank you.

27 th Sept	Readings from Shakespeare	John Cox
25 th Oct	BBC East Midlands Today	Carol Hinds
	closing date for Story Competition handwritten entries, see p26	
22 nd Nov	A Drop in the Ocean	Dr Stephanie Henson
	closing date for Story Competition entries by e.mail, see p26	
14 th DECEMBER:	12 noon	The Christmas Party!
20 th Dec	Christmas: True Victorian Style	Jo Carter

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

I have just come away from a meeting of our Group Leaders and am impressed by their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment which they put into the task of leading 35 disparate groups which we have in our U3A.

400 members and 35 interest groups in two and a half years make us victims of our own success, which has resulted in us closing the books for new members and already we have a waiting list of 19. If you know of any one who has left the area, for what ever reason please let us know. However there is light at the end of the tunnel in that we have agreed to extend the Audio Visual link from the Church to the Hall, which should enable us to open up the membership once more.

In this edition of the Newsletter you will find a questionnaire each, concerning the running of our group, which I strongly urge you all to complete and return, in order that we can assess if any improvements are required.

To encourage you to do so, all forms are numbered and one will be 'drawn from a hat' with the lucky winner receiving an M&S Voucher for £25!

Enjoy what's left of the summer and take the advice of our recent speaker Pam Wisher and 'Grow old disgracefully'.

Ken Doyle Chair

GROUP CO-ORDINATOR UPDATE

There are in excess of thirty groups with K&D U3A and from the smallest to the largest they are lead by enthusiastic Leaders who never fail to amaze me with their commitment and enthusiasm.

Since the last newsletter we have welcomed Vic Taylor and Heraldry and Roy Ainscough and Humour, Stan Miller is in the process of developing "Putting the World to Rights" and Kath Oakley has had a very enthusiastic response to her Good Food and Fine Wine venture. I need to pass on special thanks to Sheila and Keith for helping at the Drawing Group.

The Interest Groups are the life's blood of the organization, and the Committee was able to say a heartfelt thank you to the Group Leaders at a "Coffee and Cake" morning in August. Thank you to all the members who continue to support the Groups but a huge thank you to the Group Leaders.

Sue O'Donoghue Group Coordinator and K&D U3A Committee

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Please see Roy Turnbull at the Open Meeting



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What do you think of your U3A? Please complete & return the enclosed survey, and you might win a £25.00 M&S gift voucher!!



NEW HORIZONS NEW HORIZONS NEW HORIZONS

Most of you reading this will know that Barbara and John Wallace have moved away from Keyworth, indeed, away from the East Midlands. *New Horizons* was Barbara's idea and she was our founding chair and lead the group to its present success. John was also a member of the *New Horizons* committee. As a result of their departure there were vacancies on the committee and we have now welcomed Fran Turnbull and Pat O'Neil to the committee and both are already planning events. The way the committee works is that members come up with ideas for events, often suggested by the wider U3A membership, and a committee member then takes on the organisation of the event although, of course, they receive full backing and help from the committee as a whole. Recently *New Horizons'* status has changed so that it is now a sub-committee of the main U3A committee rather than a 'group' in the normal meaning of a group in U3A.

Sue O'Donoghue has become our new chair and until recently was our only qualified driver of the Community bus which we use for many of our outings. However, we have been pleased to welcome some new volunteers as drivers of the bus and we are grateful to David Highley, Sheila Kingdom, Maxine Kent and John O'Donoghue for their contributions.

We use the Community Bus to keep costs down but even this has seen a recent increase in cost from 80p to 1.25p per mile with a minimum charge of £20.00. Where car sharing has to be resorted to the drivers are reimbursed for the fuel used which sum is built into the cost of the event.

We understand concerns over the cost of some of our events, especially those where a coach has been used, and would like to explain our charging policy. Coach hire is expensive and even a full 53 seat coach costs us between £10.50 and £11.00 per seat depending on distance. If the coach is not full then the cost per seat rises in proportion to the number of vacant seats. We base the event charge on a minimum number rather than a full coach but if the number of places booked exceeds that minimum then participants are given a refund. For example, the outing to RHS Tatton saw a greater number of seats booked than the minimum and so everyone received a £1 refund. Not much, but every little helps! On top of the coach cost has to be added the entrance fee to the event and we will all be aware of just how much some events are increasing their entrance charges.

Wherever possible group rates for events are obtained and for those times when a free organiser's ticket is given, the saving is calculated into the

overall event cost and the organiser pays the same as everyone else, so that every attendee benefits in a small way from the free ticket.

It is hoped that this explanation will help U3A members understand the charges we have to make for our arranged events.

New Horizons' aims as set out from the very beginning by Barbara Wallace, are to provide U3A members with outings/events, which they might not have experienced by their own arrangements.

The committee hopes that it is achieving those aims and most participants' feedback suggests that we are. We would, however, like to emphasise that we run events at the lowest possible cost.

***New Horizons* UPDATE**

Since the last newsletter we have been busy. Many members will have enjoyed some if not all the events the NH has arranged. These included a Jazz Night at The Griffin in Plumtree; a wonderful day out at Tatton Park RH show; a cruise on the River Trent and a visit to the BBC studios in Nottingham.

September will find us visiting Barnsdale Gardens in Rutland; October will find us at the Galleries of Justice in the Lace Market; November we go to the Bell Foundry in Loughborough, and the Magistrates Courts in Nottingham, and December heralds Christmas with THE Christmas Party.

Please note that there will be a new format this year, as we will not be asking for contributions of food but we will be charging £7.50, we estimate that this will cover the cost of the event.

Plans for 2012 are well underway with our annual visit to the Greyhound racing, with dinner at Colwick in January. One of the highlights for 2012 will be a trip to the Olympic site in March and we wish to pass on our thanks to Derek Oakley for his invaluable support in planning this trip.

Please support us if you can and remember we are always looking for new ideas so please let us know what YOU would like us to arrange.

Team members: Sue O'Donoghue (Groups Co-ordinator); Lorraine Donovan; Jackie Fisher; Jackie Mullins; Kath Oakley; Pat O'Neil; Rosemary Stevens; Frances Turnbull

New volunteer Community Bus drivers: Sheila Kingdom; Maxine Kent; David Highley; John O'Donoghue.

Sue O'Donoghue on behalf of the *New Horizons* Team

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All vouchers will be sold on a 'first come first served' basis at Open Meetings.

OCTOBER Thursday 6th: Galleries of Justice, Nottingham.

Cost £7 and includes entry plus tour. Travel by public transport, to arrive at venue by 11.00am. Tour lasts approximately 1½hrs. Kath 0115 937 4296

NOVEMBER Thursday 17th: Taylor's Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

Depart Village Hall car park 12.45pm in order to arrive at the foundry by 1.30pm. Cost £9 includes entry, guided tour and a contribution to the cost of petrol: we will be travelling by car share. Fran 0115 937 3561

DECEMBER Wednesday 14th: The Christmas Party! £7.50.

Vouchers for this popular event will be available at the OCTOBER open meeting. Instead of group tables, there will tables of eight: With so many members attending more than one group we decided to mix everyone up... Should the plan fail we will return to the group tables in 2012! As the party will be starting at 12 midday it will be "lunch" rather than "afternoon tea": contributions of food will not be necessary, thanks, hence the increase in price. We have plenty to do and we have already recruited some volunteers, though offers of more help will be welcome. Contact Sue O'Donoghue 0115 937 2989

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NEW GROUPS NEWS

COMPUTER GROUPS

Having met with the Director of Business and Finance at South Wolds School, it has been agreed that U3A will have **free use of the computer suite from 3.45pm until 5.30pm every Wednesday**. The two groups (Beginners and Intermediates) will attend on alternate weeks starting in September. Peter Tomlinson has been invited to meet with the IT Manager at South Wolds School, for more information, at the beginning of the school year.

LANGUAGE GROUPS

U3A has been offered access to the language laboratories at South Wolds School, with full use of the interactive language programmes (currently available to students within the school), allowing the user to progress at their own speed. Updated Information will be on the K&D U3A web site. As with the computer groups the language area **will be available from 3.45pm until 5.30pm** at no cost to the members, by arrangement, through Sue O'Donoghue. Italian: First session/ 3rd October from 4 until 5.30pm

Sue O'Donoghue

GOOD FOOD & FINE WINES GROUP

Good Food & Fine Wine – one of life's joys. This group will run fortnightly, starting on Thursday 22nd September 2pm-4pm, in the newly refurbished Bar area of the Village Hall, and it does look really good – I've had a 'look see' and it is really comfortable and will suit us admirably.

The sessions will be along the lines of a tasting of one or two dishes and a tasting of a couple of wines (& I have a rather 'special' I picked up a week or so ago when visiting Buckingham Palace and if the Queen drinks it, its got to be good!). I'm really looking forward to welcoming the folk who have 'signed up' and if you are interested drop me a line on kathoak@uwclub.net and I'll put you on the waiting list

Kath Oakley

SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP

(Not to be confused with family or local history), to encourage people to think about how changes affected families and areas; e.g. how in recent times the demise of the coal industry has impacted on family life and how the areas in which it existed have changed. Watch this space.

HUMOUR GROUP

Join in the fun and find out what makes us laugh, the history of humour and how it varies between nations. First meeting was at 1pm, on Tuesday 12th July in the Methodist Church Hall.

Contact Roy Ainscough 937 3419; roy.ainscough@btinternet

HERALDRY GROUP

Earlier this year we had a brilliant taster from Vic at our open meeting so this new group will seek to clarify and demystify the origins of heraldry. The group will include trips to places of interest as well as the open debate sessions. First meeting 10am, 16th September in the Feignies Room.

Contact Vic Taylor 937 5459; chrisandvic@keyworth51.freemove.co.uk

LATIN GROUP

Commencing 2pm on Friday 30th September, in the Feignies Room

Contact Chris Lillee 937 4383; awbn60@dsl.pipex.com

PUTTING THE WORLD TO RIGHTS GROUP

This group was launched at the July Open Meeting; 5 members registered. With topics such as “Marriage – Necessary or Desirable?” and “The implications of the increase in life span”.... Stan Miller will make contact and operate from home initially. Were the group to grow, a larger venue will be required. The group will meet monthly.

Contact Stan Miller 915 7981; s.miller41@virginmedia

Ooooooooooops! Errata, apologies and corrections from the editor:

PHILOSOPHY GROUP:

Commencing 2pm 26th September in the Feignies Room. Monthly.

Contact Sue Brittain tel: 0115 937 4751; suebritten@hotmail.co.uk

“I have recently received my copy of the June Issue of the K&D U3A Newsletter which says (on p 19) that I will be restarting the Philosophy Group in the Autumn 2011. This is incorrect and misleading and I have already had one enquiry and other people have asked what will be happening. I won't be offering the Introductory course again and the continuing programme will need to be run by someone else”. Alan Morris.



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KEYWORTH & DISTRICT U3A GROUPS

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Drawing	Christine Taylor	937 5459	chrisandvic@keyworth51.freeserve.co.uk
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French Conversation	Tony Robinson	914 0775	tonyjackie1@ntlworld.com
German	Barbara Henson	937 2707	piper1077@aol.com
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Heraldry*	Vic Taylor	937 5459	chrisandvic@keyworth51.freeserve.co.uk
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Wine Tasting	Doug Miles	937 5219	doug.miles@ntlworld.com
Yoga	Jayne Cowper	937 7278	jayne.cowper@gmail.com

Information about activities is also on our website: www.keyworthu3a.org.uk
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GROUP MEETINGS CALENDAR

For groups that meet infrequently or in unspecified locations, contact the group leader;

BAR – Bar, Village Hall	MH – Members Homes
CL – Centenary Lounge	SW – South Wolds
FR – Feignies Room	VH – Village Hall
KMC – Methodist Church Hall	VHCP – Village Hall Car Park
LH – Leader’s Home	WH – Webster Hall

FLEXIBLE GROUPS	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
Cooperative Gardening	MH	Irregular monthly	Pat O’Neil	937 4543
Social Bridge	MH	Irregular	Pat Murfet	937 4607
Theatre visits		Irregular	Sue Manley Marlene Mackie	937 2366 937 7248
Wildlife		Irregular	Neil Pinder	914 4896
New Horizons	MH	Irregular	Sue O’Donoghue	937 2989

MONDAYS

TIME	GROUP	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
0930	Relaxercise	WH	Weekly	Penny Kimmins	846 9407
1000	History of WW1	KMC	1 st Mon	Chris Close	937 2032
1000	Crafts	KMC	4 th Mon	Jackie Fisher	937 2898
1100	German	LH	Weekly	Barbara Henson	937 2707
1400	Bobbin Lace	MH	Weekly	Margaret Morrison	937 2424
1400	Family History	KMC	3 rd Mon	Clare Franklin	937 3790
1600	Italian	SW		Sue O’Donoghue	937 2989

TUESDAYS

TIME	GROUP	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
1000	Play Reading	FR	1 st Tues	Angela Harris Jean Allton	914 3450 914 6865
1000	Ukulele	KMC	Alternate Tuesdays	Neil Marriott Barry Hull	846 5795 01949 81598
1000	Cycling		3 rd Tues	Roy Turnbull	937 3561
1000	Drawing	FR	2 nd and 4 th Tues	Christine Taylor	937 5459
1015	Walking 5-7 miles	VHCP	2 nd Tues	Roy Turnbull	937 3561

TUESDAYS continued

TIME	GROUP	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
1030	Walking 2-3 miles	VHCP	3 rd Tues	Gloria Wright	937 3633
1300	Humour	KMC	T.B.A	Roy Ainscough	937 3419
1400	Book Group	MH	Monthly	Sue Malpas	914 7761
1400	Scrabble	MH	2 nd Tues	Sue Brittain	937 4751

WEDNESDAYS

TIME	GROUP	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
1000	Needlecraft 1 & 2	LH	Alternate weeks	Rosalie Jones	937 4025
1000	French Conversation	FR	Weekly	Tony Robinson	914 0775
1400	Wine Tasting	CL	Fortnightly	Doug Miles	937 5219
1400	Singing for Fun	KMC	3 rd Wed	Jackie Mullins	937 6176
1415	Music Appreciation	CL	Fortnightly	Alan Spooner	937 2754

THURSDAYS

TIME	GROUP	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
1100	Computer Beginners	LH	Weekly	Peter Tomlinson	937 2707
1400	Architecture	FR	3 rd Thurs	Keith Barton	937 3068
1345	Water Colour Painting	KMC	Fortnightly	Megan Little	937 4418
1400	Good Food & Wine	BAR	Fortnightly	Kath Oakley	937 4296

FRIDAYS

TIME	GROUP	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
1000	Heraldry	FR	t.b.a.	Vic Taylor	937 5459
1000	Cycling		Last Friday	Roy Turnbull	937 3561
1000	Yoga Style	VH	Weekly	Jayne Cowper	937 7278
1400	Latin	FR	Weekly	Chris Lillee	937 4383
1400	Philosophy	FR	Monthly	Sue Brittain	937 4751



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CYCLING

Keyworth U3A Cycling Group has continued to enjoy twice monthly rides, usually meeting on the third Tuesday or last Friday. Five members successfully completed the 58mile event (although we all agreed it was nearer to 60 miles) in the 30th Anniversary of the Great Notts Bike Ride. With summer days, some rides have been a little longer and have included the Vale of Belvoir, an Erewash Canal circular, Rutland Water circular and Holme Pierrepont to Southall circular. The Group welcomes new member Chris Kemp to its ranks and Roy would like to thank all for introducing and organizing new rides.

The one exception to the above was the ride arranged for the 1st July to mark the occasion of the 40th birthday of Adriana's impressive bicycle *Fongers Majestic*, manufactured in the Netherlands in the province of Groningen, and which Adriana has owned from new and ridden for countless miles.



The Fongers company commenced the manufacture of bicycles in the 1880s and ceased production in the 1970s, so Adriana has one of the last bicycles the firm produced. *Fongers Majestic* is sturdy, with Sturmey Archer 3 speed gearing and protection of clothing not usually seen on bicycles produced today. The proposed route for the day was a ride to Dove Cottage in the Vale of Belvoir - a round trip of just over 28 miles.

To add to the occasion riders wore orange and started off with balloons trailing behind, which soon disappeared. All went well until the party reached the village of Long Clawson: on the big day *Fongers Majestic* let itself down, (and Adriana) by getting a flat tyre.

The puncture proved elusive to find and matters were beginning to get serious! The day was saved by a friendly local who appeared with a bowl of water: the puncture was found and repaired and we were soon on our way.



The weather for the day was perfect and we had a great ride.

On our return we were treated to a *Fongers Majestic* 40th birthday celebration which was most enjoyable made even more so by the Belvoir Brewery “The Blue Brew” Stilton Beer waiting for us after a long hot ride.

Ian Harvey



WALKING GROUPS Longer Walks:

It was necessary to reschedule our planned June circular walk from Colston Bassett (including a section of the Grantham Canal) due to overgrown footpaths and field paths which were completely obliterated by growing crops. The replacement started at the Cuckoo Bush in Gotham. The range of hills between East and West Leake and the Trent Valley provided magnificent views over the surrounding countryside.

In July we ventured out on an undulating walk from Oxton to Farnsfield returning to Oxton for a welcome lunch at Ye Olde Bridge Inn. This walk also provided good views over a landscape with which many of us were not familiar.

In August we remained local and started at the Plough at Normanton. After making our way over to Clipstone Forest we returned to the Plough for a light lunch. We were yet again, blessed with good weather for all our outings and the Leaders are to be congratulated for their organisation and planning.

Roy Turnbull



YOGA

Due to the large number of members registered and usually attending this group, it has been agreed the numbers will now be capped. There are a few members who appear to have lapsed and they will be contacted but from henceforward it will be a case of one out one in.



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THEATRE GROUP

“The Trial” at Nottingham Playhouse

April 29th was a date like any other when the Theatre Group was planning its programme of theatre visits earlier this year. So, after a splendid day of national celebration and pride, it was with some apprehension that the group gathered at the Playhouse for an evening of Kafka. We needn't have worried, the Playhouse Youth Theatre presentation was as excellent in its own way as the earlier celebrations had been in theirs.

Franz Kafka was not a dramatist but an early 20th century European writer of novels. In its original German, the Trial was an incomplete, dark and threatening story of an individual, Joseph K., accused of an unnamed crime by an unknown authority. Adapted for the stage by Steven Berkoff and further transformed by Sarah Stephenson, the director of the Playhouse's Youth Theatre, the incoherent, menacing weight on an individual entrapped by a powerful unseen authoritarian regime was well portrayed by excellent visual effects and ensemble work of a high standard. The set used a 'leaning fixed structure' to indicate the world 'caving in' and this was underlined by the clever use of mobile frames, and lighting to add to the sense of menace.

The standard of performance was impressive, in particular the ensemble work in which movement as well as speech engaged the audience in a plot almost as confusing as the accusation of guilt was to Joseph K., played by John Michael Fairless. Commanding a text of extreme length and conveying both a sense of bewilderment at his situation and determination to take charge of his own destiny, this young actor brought off a tour de force.

Kafka's work foreshadows among others the novels of Sartre and Camus, as well as the theatre of the absurd with for example Pinter and N.F. Simpson. Not an easy choice for the Youth Theatre but both for them and us in the audience a thought provoking experience. *Sue Manley*

NEW HORIZONS 21st July -Tatton Park:

For those of us able to go on this trip, we were not disappointed. The weather was in our favour and the RHS show was excellent. Lots of plants survived the return trip. *Lorraine Donovan*

ARCHITECTURE GROUP

In addition to the regular monthly meetings (where we are considering the contribution to the built environment made by specific architects), we explored the Lace Market on the afternoon of Sunday 31st July, guided by a member of Nottingham Civic Society.

On 23rd September and again on 7th October, two groups will be visiting the recently refurbished St Pancras Hotel, London, travelling independently so as to permit individual weekend arrangements.



This iconic building, erected when the Midland Railway built its London terminus at St Pancras, was designed by Sir Gilbert Scott, partially opened in 1873, fully opened in 1876. For many recent years it has been unoccupied until Marriott Renaissance Hotels acquired the building and following renovation it is to become one of their international flagship hotels. For a short time guided tours of the hotel are being offered. Most of us will be familiar with the exterior of the building but not the extraordinary interior. The tour has been timed to allow cheap rail tickets to be purchased. Many thanks to HF and JF for arranging this visit. We intend to visit the Museum of Buildings at Avoncroft before the end of the year.

Keith Barton

NEW HORIZONS August 15th - Lunch and River Cruise:

On Monday 15th August, 45 of us went for a leisurely lunch on the River Trent and had a really enjoyable time. Food and the odd tippie played a small part in making the event even more fun.

Many of us Nottinghamians had a meander down memory lane and reminisced how as children it was a real treat to visit the play area on the banks of the Trent by boat and like every day of our memories the sun shone!



Sue O'Donaghue, Photographs by Mike & Alison Heaton

NEW HORIZONS August 18th - BBC:

14 members enjoyed an evening at the BBC *Sue O'Donoghue*



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THIS IS U3A - A CELEBRATION

The National Conference and AGM will be reported on in a future issue...



WANTED:

Italian speaker to guide the Italian Group

if you can help, please contact Groups Co-ordinator

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WINE TASTING GROUP

June started with a tasting of supermarket wines from Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Waitrose, including two sherries – a Manzanilla and a dry Oloroso – a lively 2009 vintage cava and wines from Germany, Australia, Spain and Italy. Supermarkets account for a large slice of the retail wine market in the UK and can be a source of sound, good value wines; later in the month we concentrated on their Australian wines.

In **July** we looked at wines from Burgundy, an important but difficult to understand region because of the small size of many growers' vineyards arising from a mixture of tradition and the French inheritance laws. In the north, two bone dry première cru Chablis showed the strength and clarity of the marvellous 2005 vintage, as did one of Philippe Gerard's Savigny-lès-Beaune wines from the heart of the region. In the south, a young Brouilly from Henry Fessy suggested that 2009 would live up to its reputation in Beaujolais.

In **August** we travelled in our glass to Chile and Argentina – two countries blessed with bright sunshine and protected coastal climates ideal for viticulture. Add to this, low pest and disease pressure and centuries of immigration from European wine regions in Italy and Spain and it's not surprising that South American growers now challenge their antipodean rivals as suppliers of high quality wines from the New World.

Recently we took a detailed look at wines from Germany's most prestigious wine region: the Mittel Mosel. We concentrated on the low-alcohol, sweeter Spätlese and Auslese wines, which nevertheless have a lovely thread of fruity acidity running through their honeyed taste. Two of the wines came from the most famous – and most expensive – vineyard in Germany: the Doktorberg:

This small area of south-west facing land overlooking the town of Bernkastel sits on the nose of a hill formed where a small side valley cuts into the main Mosel valley. As a result it has almost perfect exposure to the sun throughout the day. It is said that the vines also benefit from heat reflected by the roofs of the town below!



The highlight of the last 3 months was our Summer Barbecue, held in Tony and Elaine's beautiful garden (see front cover) on July 20th. In an unseasonably rainy week, we were blessed with a dry, if not particularly sunny, afternoon.

It was a splendid team effort in the best traditions of the U3A. Some 18 members provided food and other resources and 27 of us enjoyed a delicious lunch: barbecued chicken, burgers, sausage and kebabs – cooked to perfection by our outback chefs 'Digger' and 'Bruce' – accompanied by several salads and followed by strawberries and cream. Washed down with appropriate wines, starting with a glass of pink Champagne, a truly enjoyable afternoon!



Our Masterchefs Ken (left) and Tony

Normally, our fortnightly meetings in the Centenary Lounge of the Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons consist of a tasting of six or seven wines linked in some way by region, grape variety or vintage.

Do visit our web page

(<http://www.keyworthu3a.org.uk/kdigwinetasting1.html>) for more information about our programme and the group generally.

If you'd like to learn about wine – how different grape varieties, different production methods and different years influence its taste – and drink modest amounts of it in friendly and convivial company, we're always delighted to welcome new members.

Doug Miles

Stop press:

Drop-in Coffee Morning.....

In addition to our monthly Open Meetings and Interest Groups, we are considering having a “drop in” coffee morning. Please let us know what you think by completing and returning the Survey enclosed.



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OLYMPIC WALKING

Message from Bob Fearn, (Chair, Worksop & District U3A), via Barry Hull:
We read in the Spring U3A News that some U3A's are organising walks to recognise 2012 Olympic Year.

Is anyone in the North Notts area interested in joining a walk during the Olympic Year, along the 33 miles of the Chesterfield Canal?

The initial idea is that a group will start from Kiveton and West Stockwith at the same time, walk maybe 4 to 5 miles, then a second group will take over and continue the next distance and so on until the relay ends when the groups meet somewhere midway. At this point either an organised picnic can take place with all the walkers present or a meal at some nearby pub.

I would be pleased to hear from those interested to arrange a meet.
Regards,

Bob Fearn, e-mail robertfearn15@btinternet.com or 019069 565944.



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Before all that national celebration, we have one of our own.....

You are invited to

**The Christmas Party Wednesday 14th December 2011
12 noon in the Centenary Lounge**

See page 8 for details

And don't forget to submit your story in good time.....



STORY COMPETITION: “My Favourite Decade”

All members are invited to write a short story, (for children, for adults or both), which will be judged by a volunteer panel of three U3A members and prizes of book tokens awarded to the first three members who, in the view of the judges, have submitted the most thought provoking, funny or entertaining story.

The winning stories will be published in the December newsletter; the winning author will be asked to read their submission at the Christmas Party (14th December 2011).

There are a few rules:

1. You may submit any number of entries, but they must be your own work.
2. Please submit entries to Sue O’Donoghue (j.odonoghue@ntlworld.com) by email.
3. The closing date for entries is **22nd November 2011**. Identification will then be removed and a pseudonym attached. The stories will then be sent to the judges.
4. (If you do not have access to a computer, you may submit hand written entries to Sheila Kingdom by **25th October 2011** (Open Meeting) and she will be pleased to type up your work and email it, anonymised, to the judges on your behalf.)
5. Stories should be no longer than 1000 words, or two sides of an A4 sheet printed in medium sized print. (A4 has to be reduced to A5 for our newsletter and smaller type would be difficult to read.)
6. Three prizes of book tokens, valued at £30, £20 and £10 will be awarded to those who, in the opinion of the judges submit the best stories.
7. The judges decision is final, irrevocable, definitive and never to be questioned!

Join in, folks, and let’s see your work in print.





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