

KEYWORTH & DISTRICT



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



SEASON'S GREETINGS
&
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

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For your own safety and that of others, please note the following safety guidance, which is also displayed at Open Meetings. Thank you



FIRE PROCEDURE Open Meetings

Keyworth Methodist Church

Nominated Stewards:

In the event of a fire evacuation, nominated Stewards who are Committee Members will assist in evacuation of the premises in order to ensure safe exit of all members from the Church and Hall.

Fire Evacuation Procedure:

- 1) If you hear a whistle and a call, please leave the building quickly and safely.
- 2) Please follow any instructions given by the Stewards, who will direct you to the nearest exit.
- 3) Please keep moving, and do not stop in the aisles, foyer, on the steps or on the pavement.
- 4) Please do not go back for personal belongings, because this could impede evacuation, and put yourself or other people at risk.
- 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.

Fire Precautions:

- 1) **Fire Extinguishers** are located in the Hall, Kitchen and Church.
- 2) **Fire Exits** – In addition to the main Church Entrance, there are three other highlighted exits from the building:
 - 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 2012

Open Meetings at The Methodist Church, Selby Lane 2pm – 5pm.

Take the opportunity to read the notice boards regarding future U3A events, sign up for groups, “For Sale or Wanted”
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.

24 th Jan	Theatre Life in Nottingham	Bob Wildgust
28 th Feb	Work of the Air Ambulance	T. Marriott
27 th Mar	Winston Churchill	Prof Chris Wrigley
24 th April	Amusing Tales of a Tour Guide	Jo Carter
22 nd May	Lord Byron in Venice	Val Henstock
26 th June	Life Under the Hammer	Trevor V. Smith
24 th July	Genetics and Heredity	Dr Kinsey Dart
28 th Aug	Messing about on the River	Pam Wisher
25 th Sept	From Nottingham to Nepal	Ali Greenway
23 rd Oct	A Life Sentence in the Law	Christine Doughty
27 th Nov	Tales for 40 years in Local Media	Brian Tansley
18 th Dec	The History of Pantomime	Margaret Harrison

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

In the September issue of our Newsletter I expressed our regret at having to close the membership due to accommodation problems at Open Meetings. I am delighted to say that the AV link between the Church and Hall has been completed, and with the aid of an additional projector we have had two Open Meetings with an overflow in the Hall. This has proved very successful, with many participants declaring a preference for the latter. There are a few minor glitches to be cleared but these should be sorted by the January meeting.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to say that, as a result we have opened up the membership again and currently have around 440 members. To these new members we extend a warm welcome and hope that they find it as rewarding as we have over the last two and a half years.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find results of the Short Story writing competition, which was well supported, with 11 entries. Also reported are the findings of the survey which were very positive, but leave your committee with no room for complacency. The Village quiz is upon us once more in the New Year and I am pleased to say we have team (male dominated), comprised mainly of members of members of the World War One History group. However it would be good if we could enter a second team and with over 400 'undergraduates' to choose from that should be more than possible – names to me please!

I hope that many of you will support illustrated talks by Les Robson in the New Year on the History of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. No need to enrol just turn up. Details elsewhere in this issue and of course on our excellent website www.keyorthu3a.org.uk

By the time you read this the Christmas Party will be over and I hope you will have enjoyed the celebrations arranged by the hard working New Horizons group and Press Gang, under the direction of Sue O'Donoghue – many, many thanks to all of you for all your hard work. It only remains for me, on behalf of your committee, to wish you all a Very Happy

Christmas and a Peaceful, Active and Healthy New Year - Cheers!

Ken Doyle Chair

We do not often get a message from our speakers after the event, but after an email to thank her for her interesting talk at the October Open Meeting, Jackie received the following message:

From: [Carol Hinds](#) **Subject:** RE: Keyworth & District U3A

Hi Jackie, You are very welcome! The lemon drizzle cake was much appreciated as is your donation to the Nottinghamshire Hospice.

Your group was probably the largest I've addressed, but it felt like I was among friends, so thanks for putting me at ease. Carol

Carol Hinds | Broadcast Journalist



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SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for letting us know what you think of your U3A
A total of 93 survey responses were received, with very positive feedback – glad you like it!

44 have been members from the start, 25 for about 2 years, and 12 for less; 51 **Gift Aid** your subscription, 4 are unsure, 1 would like to and 36 do not; 67 regularly attend **Open Meetings**, 20 attend some, and 2 are unable to (speaker topics, other commitments and grand-parenting duties were cited).

82 feel **welcome** at the Meetings; one comment said “it is better now that you have a greeter”. **Comments on possible improvements** were added to item 10, see below; Only one person noted that Item 9 was missing! Well spotted!

Interest Group membership: Unspecified (2); no (10); one (23); more (54). “There are groups I should like to join but there are only so many days in a week!” **Comments about the venue of your group(s)** expressed broad satisfaction: excellent (24), good (30); No comment (31), though 12 were not in groups. There were some explicit remarks, noted. **Suggestions for new interest groups** included Geology; World Religions; Upholstery; Cooking; Calligraphy; Antiques; Digital Photography; Wildlife; Psychology; Sociology; Pilates, DIY, though no one offered to set one up. 22 specific **comments about the newsletter** were very positive, thanks! 33 people look at it on the website, 54 don’t, a few did occasionally; overwhelmingly 84 said they preferred a paper copy, though 1 disagreed as “you can print it out”. Welcoming **offers of assistance**, we now potentially have another 17 Greeters, 14 offers of help with Refreshments, 2 to help with AV presentations, 3 occasional mini-bus drivers and 6 occasional car sharers. 2 people offered their services as future committee members.

20 remarks specific to item 10. **What would improve our U3A/any comments?** Mostly very positive, thanks to everyone for helping to make our U3A so alive.... THANK YOU! Your comments and suggestions will be considered in the future planning of our U3A.



PRIZE DRAW!

*The winner of the M&S gift voucher is **Derek Hattersley***



STORY COMPETITION: "My Favourite Decade"

There were 7 entries from 5 members i.e. two entrants wrote two stories. In 2nd place was Jean L. Brown with eighteen points, title: "Albert's favourite decade." (in the 1930's), in 3rd place was also Jean L. Brown with thirteen points: Title: "After the favourite decade - A parting shot." The remaining entries in point order are: equal with 11.5points each: Pat Murfet with "Those were the days my Friend" and Barry Hull "Likely Lads." 7 points: Mike Payne - "Imagine."; 4 points: George Murfet - "The exhilarating 1960's." We are grateful to all the entrants and equally grateful to the judges! Susan Hull, Tony Robinson and Jackie Mullins.

The winner was Mike Payne with nineteen points:

"Strawberries at Wimbledon" by Mike Payne

There were, of course, many highlights during my favourite decade, but it is only possible here to give you a flavour of some. Unquestionably, for many people, the major achievement was England winning the World Cup at Wembley Stadium. This was particularly poignant because it was almost sixty years to the day since our last triumph in 1966. Also, there were a select, but rapidly dwindling, number of people who could remember the earlier victory over our arch-rivals, Germany.

Sir David Beckham had been a popular choice as the manager of England; less popular, however, was his controversial team selection. His team comprised entirely of Beckhams, eleven of the manager's male offspring were chosen to represent their country. For those unaware of the background, let me explain. Victoria Beckham had been almost continuously pregnant for the previous twenty years, and had, at David's behest, given birth to eleven sons. As some of you older readers may recall, Victoria had previously been known as 'Posh Spice,' but due to the extreme ravages of constant childbirth a cruel tabloid press had given her the new sobriquet 'Wrinkly Spice'.

Victoria, however, who was not one to miss a commercial opportunity, had become the chief model for 'Actagel' the well known anti-aging cream. Contrary to the critics' scepticism, the profusion of Beckhams proved a most successful ploy. It confused the opposition so much that England easily made the final, where they met the World Champions, Argentina. In order to retain the coveted Jules Rimet trophy, the Argentinians summoned their old soccer hero Maradona to be their manager. Unfortunately, Maradona proved totally ineffectual, able only to shout one instruction to his team, "mark Beckham", which resulted in his players chasing aimlessly about the pitch in a state of demented confusion. Near the end of the match, with the game goalless, Sir David deployed a masterful tactic; he substituted a very tired Brooklyn Beckham for himself. On being awarded a free kick some forty yards from the Argentinian goal, Sir David simply 'bent it like Beckham' into the top corner of the net. Game over: World Cup victory in 2026.

The Queen, now, 101 years old, had watched the match from the royal Box. The press later reported that she had been 'visibly moved' at the victory, but that was somewhat of an exaggeration because now, at only four foot six inches tall, she was barely visible at all. Indeed, scientists predicted at her present rate of diminution she would soon be able to ride around Buckingham Palace on one of her favourite corgis.

Prince Phillip was now Britain's oldest man, but had lost none of his feistiness and still performed to type. Throughout the game he grasped his walking frame, as if on some white knuckled, roller-coaster ride, shouting at the top of his voice; "Come on England stick it up the Argie bastards."

Whilst the country was still riding high on a wave of euphoria created by this great sporting victory, there followed an event of immense national pride; the Coronation of King William.

The Queen having established herself as the longest ever reigning monarch, had decided to abdicate in favour of her grandson. Sadly, her eldest son Charles had been deemed unfit to take the throne, and was confined to an expensive care home for the mentally unstable. True his habit of talking to trees had become obsessional, but there were other factors that had contributed to his mental demise. On several occasions the police had caught him defacing some new buildings in London. He was warned that it was not a Royal prerogative to write the words "*MONSTROUS CARBUNCLE*" in vivid red paint on these constructions. There were, however, those royal insiders who argued that the rumours of

Camilla's alleged affair with the BBC's royal correspondent, Nicholas Witchell, was the final straw in causing Charles's breakdown. However, the Coronation proved to be a most jubilant occasion, with the British public eagerly anticipating the reign of young King William and his very popular wife, Queen Kate.

The decade of the twenties brought a complete change in the face of British Politics; long gone was the superiority of the old, two party system. There existed a huge question mark over the Labour Party and its leader David Milliband. Milliband was still the chief suspect in an ongoing investigation into the mysterious disappearance of his brother Edward. Equally, the Tory Party, too, was mired in controversy. Boris Johnson had seized the leadership of the party in a most unusual manner. According to some arcane, Old Etonian ritual, he claimed the right to challenge the previous incumbent, David Cameron, to a 'pistols-at-dawn' dual on Hampstead Heath. Although conducted in secrecy, rumours were rife that Boris had shot Cameron in the foot using an AK 47 machine gun and then had hastily retreated on his bicycle.

All this chaos caused a political vacuum, which made it possible for the election of Simon Cowell and his X-Factor Party. He and his pneumatic deputy, Katie Price, AKA 'Jordon' hit on a winning slogan: "Vote for us and get teeth whitener and breast implants free with the N.H.S." So popular were Cowell and Price that they are about to contest a third term in office.

Early in the decade the strawberries at Wimbledon had never tasted so succulent. This was due to the fact that Britain had at last won a Wimbledon title. The Mixed Doubles trophy came our way because of the unlikely pairing of Sue Barker and Sir Cliff Richard. It was true that at eighty three years of age, Sir Cliff was not too nimble around the court, but tactically they were outstanding. Whenever they looked in trouble, Barker would prod Richard in the back with her racquet, whereupon he would burst into a croaky rendition of 'Summer Holiday'; at which point the opposition would run screaming from the court.

Yes, it was truly an amazing decade.

Mike Payne 2029



NEW HORIZONS NEW HORIZONS NEW HORIZONS

January: Grey Hound Races.

We're off the dog races for the third year running on Monday 23rd January. Although this is a sell out as far as the community bus availability is concerned, we are happy for members to join us at the venue for the meal and the fun for £17 per person. Please ring Rosemary 0115 9893636.

February: Council House visit.

Thursday 16th February. Cost £1.50. Independent travel (public or private transport) and meeting at the venue at 10.15 am. Tour starts 10.30am. Vouchers on sale at December Open Meeting.

March: Olympic Site visit.

Wednesday March 14th. This trip is sold out and availability depends on cancellations. Cost £30. Contact Sue 0115 9372989

March: Ratcliffe On Soar Power Station.

Thursday 22nd March. Travel by Community bus. Depart Village Hall 9.30 am. Maximum 16. Cost has yet to be calculated. Vouchers available at the Open meeting in January. Contact Jackie M. 0115 9376176

April: Holme Pierrpont Hall and Tulips.

Thursday April 12th. Travel by car share from Village Hall car park at 9.30am. Cost £8.00. Maximum 30. Vouchers on sale at the Open Meeting in February. Contact is Pat 0115 9374543

All the latest information is on the web site and the rolling screen at the Open Meetings. The New Horizons team are happy to help with any queries.

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. 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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The Magistrates Courts, Nottingham have a fascination for us as we see lives as lived very differently to our own. We not only see the machinations and the process of law but the people who may have committed an offence.



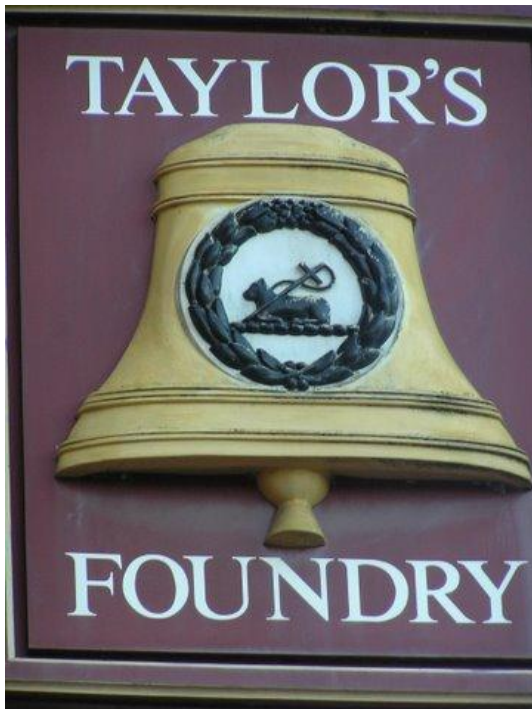
Taylor's Bell Foundry, Loughborough

On a sunny afternoon in November 35 members set off to visit Taylor's Bell Foundry, Loughborough.

John Taylor's Bell Foundry is the largest bell foundry in the world and one of only two in Britain. For over 200 years the firm has cast bells including Great Paul which is in St Paul's Cathedral which, at over 16 tonnes is the largest bell in the British Isles.

We were shown around the museum then the machine room and the tuning shed which were all very interesting. Then came the highlight of the tour, we were to see a bell being cast! We all gathered on the small viewing

gallery, which looked down on the foundry floor. The bell mould had already been buried in a 4 metre deep sand pit and all that was visible was the pouring box. The bell metal, a mix of Copper 73% and Tin 27% is heated in the furnace to 1200°C. The furnace is then tipped and the metal poured into a bucket shaped ladle. The molten metal is then stirred with a willow stick to remove pockets of gas and any impurities are skimmed off. The bell metal is then poured into the mould and stirred for 5-10 minutes. The mould is left for 4-7 days to cool before being dug out and the cast bell removed from the mould for machining and tuning.



This bell was for All Saints Church in the village of Roos which is in East Yorkshire. There were several members of the church present to see the casting process. The Church had requested the bell to be cast in November 2011 to celebrate 100 years since the last bell for All Saints had been cast at Taylor's.

I think we were very privileged to be part of that moment. Thank you to Keith and Malcolm for the photographs.

Frances Turnbull



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



NEW GROUPS NEWS

ILLUSTRATED TALKS BY LES ROBSON ON THE HISTORY OF NOTTINGHAM AND THE COUNTY:

The first presentation will be on Thursday 19th January 2012, at the Methodist Hall from 2 - 4pm with a break for tea and biscuit, and subsequently the 1st and 3rd Thursday: 19/1; 2/2; 16/2; 1/3; 15/3. There is no need to register in advance, simply turn up on the day. A small charge of £2 will cover the cost of a cup of coffee/tea and the hire of the church.

LUNCH CLUB(S):

Starting in February, there will be 2 groups, due to popular demand! The groups' first "get together" will meet at the Salutation on Thursday 19th February at 12 midday for 12.30pm and will meet monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month with venues (basically pubs with food at lunchtime) agreed at the previous venue.

Jackie Fisher tel: 0115 9372898; *Jackie Mullins* tel: 0115 9376176

LANGUAGE GROUPS:

"The System" does not suit the group and they will no longer be using these facilities. We continue to appeal for an Italian speaker to guide the group, updated Information will be on the K&D U3A web site.

Sue O'Donoghue

PHILOSOPHY:

To be held every 2nd and 4th Monday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the home of Sue Brittain, 6, Sedgley Road, Tollerton. Previous knowledge is not essential and all are welcome. Sue is keen to stress that this is a genuine group initiative where all members work together.

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

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EXPLORING HERALDRY GROUP: Thrumpton Hall, 20th October



Figure 1 : Mrs Seymour summarising House History

Our first group “away-day” surpassed all expectations. Introducing the delightful 17th C mansion to us, the Hon. Rosemary Seymour, charming 89-year-old joint-chatelaine of the Hall with author daughter Miranda, briefly gave us the meandering ownership of the property, from the local Stuart Pigott family through the Emertons & Wescombs from around 1700; this account followed on Wescomb history, from West Country to Notts., found in a vellum roll pedigree tracing marriages back to before 1300. The names “Emerton” and “Wescomb” varied in combination as Thrumpton owners till 1838, because the males did not leave direct heirs.

John Emerton Wescomb, in his refurbishment of the loggia by that year, constructed the array of shields around E/S/W walls as a representation of family history, using a book we viewed from the house Library, Edmondson’s “Heraldry” (1780), combined with names of *armigers* from the vellum roll who married Wescombs. This array (post-1700 or so) on the South (“Library”) Wall is broken early on by an enigmatic “Halsey”, arguably a financier for how first John Emerton and then Wescombs became Thrumpton owners. Thus Emerton-Wescombs became the major “dynasty” to own Thrumpton Hall & Village. This heraldic collection shows how marriages and association with “**Families of Consideration**” (“people to know”) reflect a key feature of 18th C society in particular.

The remaining (North) wall owes its shields to later owners - Byrons (same family as our Newstead Abbey poet); and Seymours (related to Henry VIII's beloved Jane's family, via Fitzroys, Dukes of Grafton, the latter descended from one of Charles II's "official" bastard offspring).

At this point in our viewing, Mrs Seymour and her helper Joan conjured up superb morning coffee-and-cakes in the beautiful Dining Room (**Fig. 2**).



Fig. 2

We then looked at North Wall *escutcheons*, including a lovely rose-backed quatrefoil window arguably containing marriage-arms of Jane Wescomb & Philip Douglas. This latter-named Rector links Thrumpton with Langford Grove, another Wescomb estate in Essex, where other shield-owners are found from within the Bucks/Herts/Hunts/Cambs/Essex area (& into greater East Anglia) that Wescombs and their associates inhabited, including Mr Halsey and the prestigious Marshalls, to add to Thrumpton lands along the Trent and their earlier West Country "spread": a family of arguably humble origins, developing especially via brewing, had spread its wealth and possessions up through England.

Some of the relationships and associations are a puzzle, as are some of the coats of arms – eg, by virtue of witty design (a Fair**fax** family has **fox**-heads in its coat, "*canting*" arms containing pictorial puns or sound-play). The mega-puzzling "Emerton" has arms (**Figure 3**) not shown in either Burke's "General Armory" or Papworth's "Ordinary of Arms" (standard works to find shields or owners) - his arms appear to be invented, based on "Emer**Son**" coats. Another puzzle, the Wiseman coat (**Fig. 4**): one of our group had posed an intriguingly plausible explanation for how the "paper-

crowns” could represent the “Three **Wise Men**” – the shield-painter/commissioner perhaps didn’t know that “*cronals/coronals*” (as in Edmundson) were tips to blunt lances in tournaments, mistaking this word for “coronets”, thus making up another example of *canting* arms! The Wescombs, desperate to appear pukka, also mis-translated their own coat from Edmondson, alternating the band-colours wrongly (**Fig. 5**)!



Fig. 3

Fig. 4

Fig. 5

Fig. 6

Fig.7

“Emerton’s” spurious coat is, though, attractive (**Fig. 3 above**); others of an interesting design are the neat Byron coat (**Fig. 6**), with its “*bendlets enhanced*”, and the more elaborate but nicely symmetrical Blackett arms.

Our visit exemplified, and raised questions about, what heraldry is & does, in the vein of our group’s “**exploring**” ethos - even our leader, Vic, discovered something new in his last-minute preparations for the visit. Many expressed to him and to Mrs Seymour their enjoyment of the visit, especially with her bonus of a “freebie” tour round the house, by which we were able to see, amongst other fine artefacts from the mid-1600s onwards, some excellent portraits of figures or families represented in the heraldic display. The tour included the fine red oak staircase, with its two versions of **Pigott** arms (one of them, with its three **pickaxes** punning on the surname, also found on roof-line rain-hoppers) carved into its 17th-C ornateness by these former owners from whom John Emerton had taken over the Hall. One of our members summarised for us: “I absolutely loved [*the visit*]. What a very good introduction to heraldry ‘in the field’ ”. The beautiful sunlight shining through into the house, the hospitality, the bonus tour, and interests developed, all made for a good morning out, taking us on well to later Feignies Room sessions & other visits.

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



Stop press:

RELAXERCISE: Penny Kimmins will no longer be running the Relaxercise class for the U3A after Christmas but will be running a class privately. On behalf of the committee and the members who have had the opportunity to enjoy the classes, a very big thank you. Penny helped to get the Keyworth and District U3A off to an extremely successful start and for that we are very grateful. We all wish her well in her new venture.



CULTURAL EXCHANGE?

After a conversation about our U3A with a founder member of the Drøbak U3A in Norway, there was some discussion about building some links with them and maybe arranging a visit....What do you think?
(please contact the newsletter editor)



SHARED LEARNING PROJECTS

An SLP involves a team of U3a members, usually from different U3As, exploring a specific topic, proposed by a U3A or by an institution (e.g. museum, art gallery, stately home, National Trust or library) and normally there is a set time span. U3A members have been involved in SLPs all over the country, U3A Sources has several articles on “how to” and completed project reports on the national website – www.u3a.org.uk

A leaflet is available. Please contact any committee member to express your interest, either as a group or as an individual.



WANTED:

Italian speaker to guide the Italian Group: the interactive facilities for language learning do not suit the group and will no longer be used.

contact Groups Co-ordinator Sue O'Donoghue 0115 937 2989

KEYWORTH & DISTRICT U3A GROUPS

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Information about activities is also on our website: www.keyworthu3a.org.uk
and see the Third Age Trust website for activities further afield.....

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

MONDAYS

TIME	GROUP	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
1000	History of WW1	KMC	1 st Mon	Chris Close	937 2032
1330	Crafts	KMC	4 th Mon	Jackie Fisher	937 2898
1100	German	LH	Weekly	Barbara Henson	937 2707
1430	Philosophy	LH	2 nd & 4 th	Sue Brittain	937 4751
1400	Bobbin Lace	MH	Weekly	Margaret Morrison	937 2424
1400	Family History	KMC	3 rd Mon	Clare Franklin	937 3790

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
1030	Walking 2-3 miles	VHCP	3 rd Tues	Gloria Wright	937 3633

TUESDAYS continued

TIME	GROUP	VENUE	WHEN	LEADER	PHONE
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	2 nd Thurs	Keith Barton	937 3068
1400	History of Notts	KMC	1 st & 3 rd	Les Robson	Short course
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

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





In October we visited the Museum of Buildings at Avoncroft and after lunch went to Hanbury Hall, (Queen Anne house, home of the Vernon family) and gardens (C18th design, recreated in 1990s). There are more pictures on the website.

Keith Barton

CRAFT GROUP

Please note: we shall be meeting on Monday afternoons 1.30 - 3.30pm. In November, Fran Turnbull brought the silk painting materials for Christmas scenes. In January Jean Allton will show us how to make beads bells, some of you will have seen the examples Jean showed us some months ago. Jean will supply the materials; again there will be a charge for materials.

Jackie Fisher

CYCLING GROUP

The first of our September rides started at Ashbourne. In somewhat damp weather, we rode along the Tissington Trail to the intersection of the High Peak Trail where a lunch stop was taken. The weather improved as we continued along the High Peak Trail prior to turning off to Carsington Water and returning to Ashbourne. A hard day out but it was worth it. Our end of September ride started at Orston taking in Dry Doddington, Carlton Le Mooreland, Brant Broughton, and Hougham before returning to Orston.



In October we completed a 40miles circular from Norwell, which was quite taxing with the hills and headwinds. The end of October saw a return to home territory, with an excursion to Barrow on Soar via Loughborough and

the Grand Union Canal. This was followed in November by a day of superb weather for a ride to Sawley Marina and Beeston Lock where we were well fed by Tony and his team at the riverside cafe. Continuing we followed the canal path to Trent Bridge and Holme Pierrepont, before making our way back to Keyworth via Tollerton. At the end of November we again used the river and canal paths but left them at Dunkirk to follow the cycle path to Wollaton Hall. After a cafe break we continued through the University grounds, The Park and Nottingham Castle before rejoining the Canal and River Trent for our return home.

Roy Turnbull

DRAWING GROUP

This established, friendly and enthusiastic group, who have persisted in developing their skills and learning some new ones, which have proved challenging – stripey fabrics? Perspective? Whatever next?! We continue to challenge (and enjoy) ourselves!

Keith Barton, Sheila Kingdom

GOOD FOOD & FINE WINE



The members of Good Food and Fine Wine are a very happy group (especially at the end of the afternoon!). This new and friendly group has got off to a very good start, sampling a variety of dishes from warming casseroles to delicious puddings and cakes and some excellent regional

cheeses and chutneys. We have tasted some fine wines and learned a lot about the grape varieties, the countries and the producers.

the Good Food and Fine Wine Group will re-commence on 2 February 2012, 2-3.30pm in the Bar area of the Village Hall for a further 6 fortnightly sessions. We are a very happy group, specially at the end of the session and so if you would like to come and join us, phone Kath on 937 4296.

Kath Oakley



THEATRE GROUP:

“The Madness of King George III” by Alan Bennett at Nottingham Theatre Royal

The fact that this production received a standing ovation at the end of the performance gives some indication of the audience’s reaction to what they had just seen. We appreciated Alan Bennett’s witty and perceptive writing by means of which his characters displayed their personalities through crisp dialogue offering both humour and pathos.

We shared the drama of the King’s descent into insanity set against a background of 18th century political intrigue, some aspects of which foreshadowed contemporary events to the great amusement of the audience.

This was a first-class production with excellent direction, costumes and clever use of lighting and minimal scenery. To this must be added the effective use of Handel’s magnificent orchestral and choral music. The acting was in no way a throw-away matinee performance aimed at the ‘golden oldies’. On the contrary, it was top quality. David Haig in the leading role gave us a real ‘tour de force’; at times making us laugh, at others moving us almost to tears. He was ably supported by the other members of the cast, especially Clive Francis as Willis, the doctor from Lincolnshire brought in as a last resort to help the King.

Those members of Keyworth & District U3A who attended came away feeling they had experienced something very special.

Eileen Miller

WALKING GROUPS Longer Walks Group

In September the group completed another section of the Grantham Canal – the walk of 7 miles started at Harby and the route utilised the canal path and various field paths to complete a figure of eight circular.

October brought a drizzly wet day (the first one this year) but the leader plus two others braved the weather and enjoyed a circular walk from Cotgrave, Tollerton and Clipstone.

The November walk started at Gotham and we were promised a good view of Wollaton Hall on walking to the top of Gotham hill, but unfortunately, this did not materialise due to an overcast day. Nevertheless, the walk continued through Barton and the very interesting village of Thrumpton before returning to Gotham for some well earned refreshments.

Many thanks to Pat and Janet who have checked out and led all of the above walks and also our planned December walk.

Roy Turnbull



WINE TASTING GROUP

As we approach our last tasting of 2011, we can look back on a year during which we've tasted together around 150 different wines produced in 47 regions spread amongst 12 countries on five continents.

At most of our meetings we taste the wines alone, without the distraction of food. While this allows us to focus our critical faculties on their aromas and flavours, it is, of course, not the way most of us normally drink wine. So, at the end of August, we tackled the tricky problem of which wines – ranging from a Cava to a 10-year old liqueur Muscat - went best with a variety of delicious puddings prepared by members. Wine appreciation is a highly personal matter and we had a fascinating tasting where several members brought along one of their favourite wines and talked us through their reasons for choosing it.

At the end of September, we invited Leon Stolarski, a small independent wine merchant, to give us a tasting of wines from the Languedoc and Roussillon, which is the area he specialises in. They included a lovely fortified Maury red made from old vine Grenache. It was like liquid Christmas cake!

Having previously explored the sweeter wines of the Mosel valley in Germany, we recently turned our attention to the dry red wines of the Ahr valley, the country's northernmost viticultural area. These were mostly from the excellent 2009 vintage and made mainly from the Spätburgunder grape, better known as the Pinot Noir.

A tasting of Portuguese wines revealed the great range of styles of wines now available beyond Mateus Rosé with its iconic bottle many of us will remember from the sixties! Normally at our tastings, the prices of the wines are not revealed until the end, so as not to influence judgements about their quality. But at the Portuguese tasting we carried out a little experiment in which members were told the prices of the wines at the beginning, but not which wine they applied to! With the exception of a beautiful Moscatel wine from the Setúbal peninsular, which, understandably, almost everyone thought cost twice as much as it did, the overall results indicated a pleasingly high degree of skill in allocating prices to individual wines.

We remained on the Iberian peninsula for our next tasting, which was of a wide range of styles of sherry, from the ultra-fresh Manzanillas to the rich Pedro Ximénez. One hears that Sherry is becoming fashionable again in the UK – rightly so, given the general quality and value of the wines now available.

Although most of our tastings focus on a particular country, grape or style of wine – so that we can make detailed comparisons – we recently stepped back and took a wider view. A tasting of wines from Burgundy, Bordeaux, Rioja, Chianti, Germany and Argentina showed once again what a huge range of flavours and aromas are available in the fascinating world of wine.

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. We meet fortnightly in the Centenary Lounge of the Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. Our first meeting of 2012 will be on January 11th. Do visit our web page (<http://www.keyworthu3a.org.uk/kdigwinetasting1.html>) for more information about the group.

Doug Miles





EARLY REMINDER

Subscriptions for 2012-2013 are due on 1 March 2012

The cost is £19.00: payment can be made

EITHER

at the Subscriptions Desk at the Open Meeting on 28 February 2012

OR by post to

The Membership Secretary, 9 Far Pastures Close, NG12 5RB

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!**



A message from Keyworth Parish Council to all in the village:

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 2nd – Tuesday 5th June 2012

This 4-day weekend is to enable communities to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. We hope you will wish to participate.

Her Majesty the Queen has expressed a wish that communities could organise a mass picnic as part of these celebrations.

It is suggested that in preference to street parties with their associated problems of traffic congestion and road closure, there could be a Village Picnic on the Recreation Field on either the Monday or the Tuesday (Bank Holidays) to which people could bring their own picnics, invite their family and friends and share in the celebrations.

Keyworth Parish Council would be pleased to hear of any events your organisation/business/school may be planning to celebrate, and also welcomes any offers of sponsorship for planned events.

The Amenities Advisory Committee of Keyworth Parish Council are prepared to co-ordinate these activities in order that as many people as possible can join in: let us know what you have planned so that details can be co-ordinated and widely advertised.

As this will also be the year of the Olympics, there are ample opportunities to widen the theme of Royal celebration to include sporting events.

Please complete a Diamond Jubilee Registration form (available from the Parish Office) to be returned to the Parish Council Office on completion A.S.A.P.

Please bear in mind that all of the above is entirely dependent on sufficient interest being shown by way of a positive response to this letter, and there is no guarantee that events will take place without sufficient volunteers coming forward.

Thank you!

On behalf of Keyworth Parish Council, I look forward to hearing of your plans.

Keith Barton

Chairman, Amenities Advisory Committee, Keyworth Parish Council



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