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MONTHLY OPEN MEETINGS

Monthly Open Meetings are held in the Large Hall, Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham at 2.30 p.m., usually on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We do not meet in August. Please check dates below as sometimes the meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

MONTHLY STALLS

All contributions for fund-raising stalls will be gratefully received by Margaret Elliott. The proceeds from the stall go to our nominated charity. Tombola items will be collected throughout the year.

TEA ROTA

Would Group Leaders please note that when their group is responsible for teas they should contact Margaret Elliott on 01525 240174 for instruction. Where there is more than one Group listed please could the Group Leaders liaise with each other.

Date	Topic & Speaker	Stall	Tea Rota
25 th Jan	Victor Botterhill – Body Language Proxemics (effects of distance). Secrets in the handshake, gazes and even courtship. The unwritten rules of behaviour in a lift etc.	Jigsaw Puzzles	Bridge – Improvers & Beginners
22 nd Feb	Stephen Townsend – Chapter 1 Buckingham volunteers in the local community, helping the homeless, their work now and how the project began.	Unwanted Gifts	Bridge – Contract & Tuition
28 th March	Ruth Humphrey Her story of escape from the Czech Republic during the War.	Books & Magazines	Book & Crafts
25 th April	Teresa Hadland The art of Shiatsu Traditional Art of healing using the Body's own potential for good health and well being.	Videos, CDs, DVDs, Tapes & Records	Creative Writing & Cribbage
23 rd May	Brenda Lincoln Headly Court Rehabilitation for servicemen.		Exploring the Past & Flower Arranging
27 th June	Keith Baldwin Funny Policeman! A notebook, a whistle and a truncheon. Hilarious policing tales and anecdotes from the era of George Dixon.		Family History & Folk Dancing
25 th July	Summer Social		French Beginners & French Advanced 1 & 2

Next Newsletter

Please note the deadline for articles for the next Newsletter issue No. 43 is **Wednesday 21st March 2012**. Please Email or post to:

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Chairman's notes No 42

The Committee

The October committee meeting had two firsts. It included the shadows and it was held in The Villiers Conference Centre. It was suggested that we could repeat the event every year in October. We were given the use of the conference by courtesy of Villiers Hotel. I am also very pleased to announce that Diana Procter has volunteered to be co-opted onto the committee as the Minute Secretary. The committee is now complete and we have almost a full complement of shadows. We have also appointed a new role on the committee. Group Liaison Officer, Val Bradley. The role is proving to be a very valuable service to existing and potential

Group Co-ordinators (GCs). If you have ideas about forming a new group please contact Val on 01280 817746 who will be pleased to give any assistance about venues and guidelines on how to get it started. Since the last newsletter we have started two new groups, Bridge Beginners Two and Latin with 17 members, plus there are two in the wings; Classic Films and Bird Watching.

Increased Costs

The cost of venues has rocketed this year and it is forecast by the Treasurer that the costs will increase by 40% in 2011/2012. This is due to the closing of the Well Street Centre; resulting in groups having to use more expensive locations.

AGM

There were some very impressive group displays at AGM in October. They included the Outdoor Group, Painting, Craft, Flower Arranging, Creative Writing and Square Dancing. There were also some beautiful examples of craft products for sale in the small hall which raised £84. The money will go towards making more quilts for the servicemen at Headley Court. The aim is to have some quilts ready to hand over to Brenda Lincoln when she comes to speak on behalf of the "Help for Heroes" charity at the U3A open meeting in May. We had a very poor response to the annual lunch which was due to be held at Whittlebury. It was decided at the AGM to cancel the event which was programmed for Jan 15th 2012. We will look at running it again after we have had a re-think about the venue and type of menu. If anybody has any views about this I would be pleased to hear them.

GCs meeting

The date of the next GCs meeting has been arranged, it is the 16th February 2012. It will be held in the Community Centre between 2pm and 4pm. If there are any issues you want discussed, please let the Chairman know in plenty of time – pbwt@btinternet.com

Minutes

It is the right of every member to be able to see the minutes of the monthly committee meetings. If you want to exercise this right, please e-mail me on pbwt@btinternet.com requesting the minutes. They will then be e-mailed to you. If you want them posted please send a SAE to Bryan Weston-Thomas, 18 Coopers Wharf, Ford Street, Buckingham, MK18 1UP.

Coffee Morning for New Members



The next coffee morning will be held on **Thursday 1st March 2012 at 11.00am** at the White Hart in Buckingham. We welcome any new members who have not been able to attend a previous coffee morning to come along and enjoy an informal chat and coffee. If you would like to attend please telephone Sheila on 01280 817747 or email at sheilaeditor@hotmail.co.uk

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Useful Web Links To Groups

Main Website – www.buckinghamu3a.org.uk

Strollers – www.freewebs.com/bucksu3astrollers

Art Appreciation – <http://www.buckinghamu3a.org.uk/groups/groups/ArtAppreciation2.htm>

Craft and Card making group – <http://www.buckinghamu3a.org.uk/groups/groups/Crafts.htm>

Local History – <http://www.buckinghamu3a.org.uk/groups/groups/LocalHistory2.htm>

Square Dancing – <http://www.uksquaredancing.com/CDBuckinghamU3ASquareDancingGroup.pdf>

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Activity	Co-ordinator	Telephone	Weekday	Time	Venue
Art Appreciation 1	Pam Tonge	01280 823370	2 nd & 4 th Thur	2.30	House
Art Appreciation 2	Pam Tonge	01280 823370	1 st & 3 rd Fri	9.45	Buck Centre
Book	Gillian Macdonald	01280 822688	4 th Thur	2.30	Buck Centre
Bridge (Improvers)	Russell Tobin	01280 817918	Mon	2.00-4.00	M.M. Village Hall
Bridge Beginners 1	Nick Steadman	01280 847980	Mon	10.00-12.00	M.M. Village Hall
Bridge Beginners 2	Peter Holman	01280 822611	Wed	10.00-12.00	M.M. Village Hall
Bridge (Contract)	Annastasia Kavanagh	01280 817828	Mon	10.00-12.00	Chandos Court
Bridge Tuition	Peter Holman	01280 822611	Tues	10.00-12.00	M.M. Village Hall
Computing (Intro)	Geoff Suggate	01280 812195	Ask Co-ord		
Crafts & Card Making	Anne Liddle	01280 823565	2 nd & 4 th Thurs	10.30-12.30	M.M. Village Hall
Creative Writing	Susie Kelly	01280 816940	1 st & 3 rd Mon	10.30-12.30	House
Cribbage	Mike Baker	01280 816460	2 nd & 4 th Fri	2.00	Bucks Centre
Exploring the Past	Linda Shiner	01296 712920	1 st Mon	10.00-12.00	Ask Coordinator
Flower Arranging	Anne Liddle	01280 823565	3 rd Tue	1.45-4.00	M.M. Village Hall
Family History	Geoff Kirk Jenni Burke	01280 812772 01280 816546	1 st & 3 rd Tue	09.45	Buck Centre
Folk Dancing	Vera Moyle-Maton	01280 813719	3 rd Wed	10.30	Cote Barn at The Woolpack
French Beginners	Ginny Booth	01280 813802	Fridays	2.00	House
French Advanced 1	Jenni Burke	01280 816546	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00-12.00	House
French Advanced 2	Liz Kinsell	01296 713754	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00-12.00	House
French Intermediate	Judy Austin	01280 814864	Alternate Wed	10.30	House
French Lunch 1	John Murray	01280 813792	1 st Wed	12.30	House
French Lunch 2	Judy Austin	01280 814864	1 st Wed	12.30	House
Friendship	Jane Walker	01280 813382	3 rd Thur	2.30-4.30	House
Gardening	Vee Sampson	01327 855626	1 st Tue	2.00-4.00	M.M. Village Hall
German 1	Ursula Archdeacon	01280 823640	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00-12.00	House
German Diskussionsgruppe	Roy Walker	01280 812836	1 st & 3 rd Fri	10.00-12.00	House
Handbells 1	Derek Smith	01280 813946	Fri	9.30-10.45	Gawcott Chapel
Handbells 2	Derek Smith	01280 813946	Fri	11.00-12.30	Gawcott Chapel
Italian Group 1	Linda Shiner	01296 712920	2 nd & 4 th Tue	2.00-4.00	House
Jazz Appreciation 1	Derrick Olliff	01280 823305	3 rd Fri	10.00-12.00	House
Jazz Appreciation 2	Russell Tobin	01280 817918	2 nd Fri	2.30-4.30	House
Latin	Carolina Kenealy	01280 815636	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th Wed	2.00-3.30	Council Chamber, Community Centre
Local History 1	Peter Bowtell	01280 815946	1 st & 3 rd Thurs	10.00-12.00	M.M. Village Hall
Local History 2	Jean Churchill-Coleman	01280 848971	1 st & 3 rd Thurs	10.00	Buck Centre
Local History 3	Glenys Warlow	01296 711775	2 nd & 4 th Fri	10.00	Buck Centre
Mah Jong	Marilyn Day	01280 823633	1 st & 3 rd Wed	10.00	Buck Centre
Music Pleasure	David Angrave	01280 816453	1 st Wed	2.00-4.00	House
Outdoor	Val Bradley	01280 817746	Ask Co-ord		
Painting	Pam Gower	01280 823279	1 st & 3 rd Mon	2.00-4.00	Cote Barn at Woolpack
Philosophy	Don Horne	01280 813587	2 nd & 4 th Tues	10.00-11.30	Buck Centre
Play Reading	Jane Walker Judith Bell	01280 813382 01280 813721	4 th Tue	2.00-4.00	Buckingham Parish Church
Poetry Reading	Betty Stubbs	01280 850630	3 rd Thurs	2.30	House
Poetry Writing	Carolina Kenealy	01280 815636	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1.30-3.30	Brooks Court
Russian	Roy Walker	01280 812836	1 st & 3 rd Mon	10.00-12.00	House
Scrabble	Rosalie Stein	01280 814373	Tue	2.00-4.00	Buck Centre

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Activity	Co-ordinator	Telephone	Weekday	Time	Venue
Short Mat Bowls	Don Horne or Peter Dungate	01280 813587 01280 822163	2 nd & 4 th Fri	10.00-12.00	M.M. Village Hall
Singing for Fun	Jane Walker	01280 813382	2 nd & 4 th Thur	2.30	Parish Church
Spanish Beginners 1	Pat Walton	01280 814668	Tue	2.30	House
Spanish Revision	Noel Stacey	01280 821825	Tue	2.00	House
Square Dancing	Susie Kelly	01280 816940	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1.30-3.30	Football Club
Strollers	Lesley Suggate	01280 812195	Ask Co-ord	10.00	Swan Statue Car Park
Yoga	Gwyneth Jebson	01296 715674	Tue	10.00-11.30	University Studio



GROUP LIAISON MATTERS



Group liaison has had its first success with the setting up of a Latin group. Many of the new members enquired about this group after reading about it the last newsletter. I hope that the success is followed by others. Currently interest has been expressed for the formation of the following groups:

Film Appreciation, which could include watching and discussing films in the privacy of someone's home, or possibly in a more public venue, depending on numbers. It could also include visiting a cinema with others rather than on one's own.

Digital Photography. This group used to run quite successfully and only disbanded when its members felt they had learned enough. Now there is another small group who are interested in learning about and improving their use of digital cameras. Peter Cammas is willing to run another group and he can be contacted on 01280 815279.

Peter Cammas is also keen to start a **Beginners Italian** group

Does **Video Editing** appeal to you? This would interest anyone who has taken video footage on a video or digital camera or with a smart phone, and would like to edit it, add music and voice over to make your own DVD. The U3A has a video camera that a group could use. For more information on this topic, contact Clive Cowdy, whose idea it is, on 01280 824274.

At a recent New Members Coffee Morning, several members requested a **Bird Watching Group**. Three other members signed up at the AGM so it would seem that there are at least seven interested people. Perhaps there are more of you out there, who missed the opportunity to sign the list. If so, please contact me and I will see what we can do to set up a group in the New Year.

The final suggestion to set up a second **Music For Pleasure** Group has resulted in some interest, but a few more people are needed to form a viable group. Again, contact me if the idea of listening to music in the company of others interests you.

Finally, a Group Co-ordinator contacted me recently with a problem that may be familiar to others. Her group is at the maximum number the venue can support and she is having to turn would-be members away. But she has several members who have not attended meetings for many months. It was decided that if members do not attend a group for about six months and give no reason for this, then they shall be deemed to have left the group. If they wished to return at a later date, then they would have to re-apply. Comments on this ruling can be made to me.

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WEEKLY TIMETABLE

DAYS	FIRST WEEK		SECOND WEEK	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
MON	Bridge Contract Bridge Beginners 1 Creative Writing Exploring the Past Russian	Bridge Improvers Painting	Bridge Contract Bridge Beginners 1	Bridge Improvers Square Dancing Poetry Writing
TUE	Bridge – Tuition Family History Yoga	Gardening Scrabble Spanish Beginners 1 Spanish Revision	Bridge Tuition Philosophy Yoga	Italian Scrabble Spanish Beginners 1 Spanish Revision
WED	French Lunch 1 Mah Jong Bridge Beginners 2 French Lunch 2	Music for Pleasure 1 Latin	French Advanced 1 French Advanced 2 French Intermediate German Bridge Beginners 2	Latin
THUR	Local History 1 Local History 2		Crafts & Card Making	Singing for Fun Art Appreciation 1
FRI	Handbells Art Appreciation 2 German – Diskussionsgruppe	French Beginners	Handbells Local History 3 Short Mat Bowls	French Beginners Cribbage Jazz Appreciation 2
DAYS	THIRD WEEK		FOURTH WEEK	
MON	Bridge Contract Bridge Beginners 1 Creative Writing Russian	Bridge Improvers Painting	Bridge Contract Bridge Beginners 1	Bridge Improvers Square Dancing Poetry Writing
TUE	Bridge Tuition Family History Yoga	Flower Arranging Scrabble Spanish Beginners 1 Spanish Revision	Bridge Tuition Philosophy Yoga	Italian Scrabble Spanish Beginners 1 Spanish Revision Play Reading
WED	Mah Jong Folk Dancing Bridge Beginners 2	Latin	French Advanced 1 French Advanced 2 French Intermediate German Bridge Beginners 2	OPEN MEETING
THUR	Local History 1 Local History 2	Friendship Group Poetry	Crafts & Card Making	Art Appreciation 1 Book Singing for Fun
FRI	Handbells Jazz Appreciation 1 Art Appreciation 2 German Diskussionsgruppe	French Beginners	Handbells Local History 3 Short Mat Bowls	French Beginners Cribbage

Strollers



Strollers met in mid-October in Winslow on a lovely sunny morning and those who thought it was nearly winter were soon regretting their layers of clothes as we were treated to a near perfect summer's day for our walk around this delightful small market town. It is true to say that most of us drive through the town without realising how many interesting houses and hidden alleyways there are to be seen and it was very interesting to learn of the history and architecture still preserved there. The highlight was a visit to Keach's Chapel tucked away in a small corner of the town. This is a tiny building with a meeting room not much bigger than a small living room but from the time it was built a few centuries ago it has obviously been much loved and cared for. As well as being a place of worship it has a very narrow staircase leading up to a tiny gallery where pupils were taught their 3 Rs in times gone by! We ended our stroll with a welcome cup of coffee in a tearoom in the main Market Square where we overwhelmed the solitary lady serving that day when 18 of us descended on her but she coped wonderfully well and it made a fitting end to what proved to be a very pleasant outing for the Strollers Group.

Maureen Sleight

Outdoor Group

The Outdoor Group put on a full programme of walks for this past Autumn and, at the time of writing, only one has been rained off. We have walked in areas as far away as Oxford and Wolvercote as well as local areas such as Thornborough. We have crossed fields, ambled along field paths and bridleways and strode along hard-surfaced footpaths and roads. Our winter Indoor Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th Jan 2012, in the first floor church room at St Bernardine's Church, Chandos Road from 11am for about an hour. Because parking is not allowed between 10 & 11am, I suggest that you park just a few minutes before 11am and the meeting will begin with coffee, then the business side will commence about ten past eleven. This meeting is an opportunity for all members to get together to discuss future plans, pay their £1 annual subscription, and, most importantly, offer walks for the Spring programme which will run to the end of May. I do hope to see as many members there as possible, plus any non-members who may be interested in joining the group. If you have any items you would like included on the Agenda please contact me.



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U3A Square Dance Group

The square dancers have moved on again, and are now comfortably settled at the Buckingham Athletic Sports and social club rooms. This is on the Stratford Road opposite the end of Page Hill Avenue by Sandmartin Close. There is plenty of parking (30/50p) and all visitors are welcome on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 2-4pm.

Susie Kelly

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Exploring the Past

We are a group that meets on the first Monday of the month. During the winter months we stay close to home, but once the weather improves we spread our wings. I have given a list of events below, most of which are organised by individual members of the group.

If you are interested in joining us contact Linda Shiner on 01296 711068.

2012 Events

Jan 9th	Talk on the costumes at Claydon house
Feb 6th	Talk on Shaw's Corner
March 5th	Visit to St Albans
April ?	Shaw's Corner
May 14th	Black Country Museum
June 11th	Hampton Court
July 2nd	Bury St Edmunds
Aug 6th	Wrest Park
Sept 3rd	Meeting in St Laurence Room, Winslow

Gardening Group

The Garden Group has had a varied and interesting summer from making hanging baskets at Preston Bissett Nursery to garden visits and a garden ramble. Jimmy Adam's garden in Silverstone was enjoyed by all and held surprises around every corner. The rain brought our visit to an abrupt end but the compensation was a strawberry cream tea a little earlier than planned. The rain also came along to spoil our garden ramble around 6 members gardens in Maids Moreton. However, it did not dampen our enjoyment and once again the bonus was a delicious tea. It was another wet and blustery day for a guided visit around the garden at Claydon House. Head Gardener, Darren Bullock, gave us a brief talk before we made our way around the gardens. We can look forward to an indoor talk by Darren next year. October and November and back indoors beginning with 'Tiny Tastings'. Members brought along an amazing variety of goodies and produce made and harvested from the garden. Chutneys, cakes, jellies, and even ice cream! For the November meeting local beekeeper Keith Palastanga gave us an amusing and very interesting talk about keeping bees. He also brought along some of his delicious honey, which quickly sold out. I think he may have inspired one or two members into giving it a go themselves! We end our gardening year with a Christmas Social on 6 Dec – secret Santa, quiz and SURPRISE ENTERTAINMENT! Numbers attending the group have steadily risen and we have a full programme for 2012. Hopefully there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Happy Christmas and good gardening!

Vee Sampson

Local History Group 1

Our group of around 30 members meets twice a month and continues to have a full programme of speakers and excursions covering local history topics. "Local" in our case relating to places and events within about a 20 mile radius of Buckingham. This year speakers have engaged us with talks on a wide variety of subjects including lost villages of Bucks and Northants, lacemaking, the history of *The Advertiser*, the ancient forest of Bernwood and the Fortescues of Mursley. In the summer months we have enjoyed visits to the stately homes of Ascott, Canons Ashby and Wotton Underwood as well as personal tours by local guides at Thornborough, Hanslope and Bletchley Park. There are occasions when we are able to enjoy the company of the other two U3A Local History groups. This year we shared a narrow boat trip along the Grand Union Canal and the groups have been invited to join us for our last meeting in November which is a social event with snacks and a local history quiz. At our first meeting in the new year we shall be putting together our programme for 2012. We rely heavily on ideas from group members and whenever possible encourage them to do a little research which can be shared with the group so that



we do not have to depend too much on external speakers. Please remember that in 2012 we have had to change our meeting days at Maids Moreton Village Hall to the first and third Thursdays in the month. Our first meeting next year will therefore be on Thursday January 5th.

Peter Bowtell

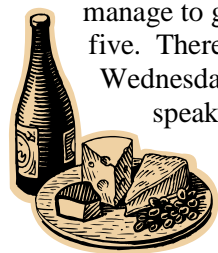
French Intermediate

There now are 8 of us in the group – some folk have gone and new have come along. We all get on very well and apart from learning some French, we enjoy a good laugh. We meet in each other's houses on alternate Wednesday mornings. Some of us took part in the Polyglot Lunch Party and encouraged some audience participation in the "Qui suis je?" game. We thoroughly enjoyed the food and the performances of other groups. In the summer we all went, with spouses, to the Brasserie Blanc in Milton Keynes and for our Christmas celebration we are meeting up in the house of one of our members, all contributing wine or food. We could probably squeeze in one or two new people.

If you are interested in joining, telephone Judy Austin on 01280 814864

French Lunch 2

Last month we had to cancel our lunch because there were only three of us able to go. When we can all manage to get together there are seven of us and we have a very good time, but often we are only four or five. Therefore we would be very interested in attracting new members. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in each other's houses. We each take a contribution of food or wine and we speak in French (as well as we can!) until the pudding or even coffee when we do lapse into English.



In the summer we took part in the Polyglot lunch party and apart from enjoying the food, wine and good company, four of us enacted and recited "Jack and Jill" – in French, of course! We do have fun so come and join us!

Telephone Judy Austin on 01280 814864

Art Appreciation News

In line with our study of the Impressionists in Group 1, a few members visited the "Degas and the Ballet"



Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts in October. Highlights included the painted bronze of his "Little Dancer" and the early photographs which inspired his work as the first painter of the ballet. On 15th November, Group 2 members made a trip to the Ashmolean to see the "Claude Lorrain – Enchanted Landscape" Exhibition, following our study of his life and work. His wonderful oil paintings, with their elongated Mannerist figures and romantic landscapes, inspired Turner, Constable and the early English Romantics such as Samuel Palmer. We were also able to look at dozens of his sketches made in the open air, together with some of his exquisite etchings. We will be visiting the Fitzwilliam in Cambridge to see

"Vermeer's Women: Secrets and Silence" on 8th December, via the Winslow Bus.

Pam Tonge

Short Mat Bowls

Short Mat Bowls will start up again on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, from 10.00 to 12.00, at Maids Moreton Village Hall on the 13th January 2012. The group needs a minimum of 8 players on a regular basis to make the group function.

Peter Dungate 01280 822163.

A Note of Thanks

After my husband died I decided to move to Buckingham to be near one of my daughters and her family. In November 2006 I moved into my new home, a big step as I knew no one in the town. My next door neighbour,



Freda Storrer, a lovely lady, invited me to the monthly meeting of the U3A and from there I was hooked. I joined the craft group, productive and chatty, the water colour painting, enjoyable, the family history, learning a lot about Buckinghamshire families. From April to October on

Friday afternoons I play croquet which can be very frustrating as the hoop never seems to be large enough for the ball to go through. Thank you Group Organisers and the many nice people I have met, not forgetting Beryl Carr whose organising skills have allowed me to continue travelling. I am very happy in my new town with so many lovely people. Thank you very much U3A.

Yours Aye, Elizabeth Rees.

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Theatre & Travel

Starting with our London Walk, which turned out to be more of a stroll cum coach ride. However this was the most interesting and gave me an idea about next year's Christmas outing. We were taken to the beautiful Guards Chapel and learned of the Sunday Services which take place weekly and were told that the Services, just before Christmas, were well worth attending. However, I will have to enquire a little more deeply into this so "watch this space".

Everyone agreed that Knole is a lovely house and the surroundings are beautiful. To add to the pleasure of the day the weather was gorgeous. Let us hope that next year's visits will be equally good.

The shows "Top Hat" and "South Pacific" were very good and lively. Although only two of us went to see David Haig in "The Madness of George the Third" he was absolutely magnificent. I have never seen an actor get a standing ovation before but it was well deserved.

We are looking forward to our short holiday to Norfolk to see the Thursford show and a visit to Blickling Hall, and the forthcoming trip to London to the Albert Hall Christmas Carol Sing-along. You will see from the new events programme that there are many good shows coming to Milton Keynes. I had notification of all the shows I have listed, but as yet, don't know the seat allocations and payment dates. I keep my fingers crossed for good seat allocations.

Our Lake Como holiday has proved popular. There might be a few places left but it depends on the airline allocation. There are still places for Jane's Irish holiday in July and my Danube cruise in October. As you will have seen from the notice board I have booked a holiday to see the Dutch Floriade in August. I think this will be a lovely experience and will be an inspiration to all gardeners. Goodness knows I need all the inspiration I can get. To put the icing on the cake, on the way home we will call in to see the Carpet of Flowers in the Grande Place in Brussels.

Although Alan does not come too often to the monthly meeting he misses seeing you all. We both wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Beryl Carr

Event	Date / Time	Cost	Pay By
Aladdin	12 th Jan 6 pm	£15.00	September
All the Fun of the Fair M.K.T.	8 th February	£12.50	
Nutcracker M.K.T.	18 th February	£19.00	December
Museum of London	February		T.B.A.
Taming of the Shrew M.K.T.	7 th March	£15.00	T.B.A.
Spring Proms (Birmingham)	March		
Yes Prime Minister	28 th March	£15.00	T.B.A.
Olympic Tour	30 th March	£40.00 inc coach	Fully booked
St. Paul's Cathedral	April		
Joseph & His Dreamcoat M.K.T.	4 th or 5 th April	£12.50	T.B.A.
Save the Last Dance (Music of the 60s) M.K.T.	11 th or 12 th Apr	£18.50	T.B.A.

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Event	Date /Time	Cost	Pay by
Beauty & The Beast Ballet (Northern Ballet) M.K.T.	19 th April	£15.00	T.B.A.
Stratford-on-Avon (Options: river cruise, theatre or “do your own thing”)	April		
Wonderful Town M.K.T.	25 th April	£26.00	T.B.A.
Lake Como Holiday	May		
Dirty Dancing M.K.T.	4 th , 11 th , 18 th or 25 th May 5pm	£39.50	T.B.A.
Wrest Park E.H.	June		
Dancing in the Streets M.K.T.	1 st June 5pm	£20.50	T.B.A.
Steel Magnolias M.K.T.	13 th June	£26.00	T.B.A.
Sister Act M.K.T.	20 th June	£22.00	November
Syon House N.T. & Musical Museum	July		
Irish Holiday. Visit beautiful County Wicklow, Suir river cruise, Dublin City and Irish Stud. For full itinerary see website www.buckinghamu3a.org.uk	1 st July 2012	£405.00	Contact Jane for this holiday on 01296 730972
Murder on the Nile M.K.T.	4 th July	£15.00	T.B.A.
Midnight Tango M.K.T.	11 th July	£15.00	T.B.A.
Legally Blonde M.K.T.	1 st or 8 th Aug	£21.00	T.B.A.
Floriade 4 days	August		
Highclere	September		
Danube Cruise 9 days	5 th October	£1,599.00	
Christmas Carols at the Guards Chapel London	December		

N.B. Payment for any event is by cheque only

N.T. = National Trust free to N.T. members: E.H. English free

This is a rough guide to forthcoming 2012 events. As you can see there are a lot of shows coming to M.K., so I hope that you will find some that will be of interest. Sorry about all the T.B.As but I have not yet been told payment dates.

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BUCKINGHAM & DISTRICT U3A

Income & Expenditure Account Year Ended 30th September 2011

	<u>2010/11</u>	<u>2009/10</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	8105.50	7222.00
Theatre Visits, etc.	17493.45	40181.45
Interest	151.32	283.97
Miscellaneous	587.37	1503.61
Inland Revenue–Giftaid	1188.70	1160.64
For Chosen Charity	726.26	500.14
Rented venues receipts	1447.08	1296.80
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	29699.68	52148.61

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Room Hire	4637.57	3932.62
Print, post, stat	1284.22	1368.72
Capitation fees	1939.00	1694.00
Theatre Visits, etc	17051.59	39883.61
Speakers	620.00	519.00
Christmas/Social	812.38	669.74
Miscellaneous	1128.68	752.19
Teas/coffees	38.14	57.63
Chosen Charity	726.26	500.14
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	28237.84	49377.65
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Surplus/(Deficit) for year	1461.84	2770.96
Add Accum funds b/fwd	12433.96	9663.00
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Funds c/fwd 1/10/11	13895.80	12433.96
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<u>Represented by</u>		
Bank	10153.29	10899.60
Petty Cash	125.84	77.92
Barclays Bonds	6095.74	5958.63
Income Rec'd in Advance	(1752.81)	(4212.81)
Accrued expenses	(726.26)	(620.14)
Regional Forum funds	-	(84.24)
Expenses pd in advance	-	415.00
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	13895.80	12433.96
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Certified to be in accordance with
the invoices, vouchers and information
given to me.

.....(E.Davidson- Hon. Examiner)
Pc 10/10/11

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NOTES RE U3A ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2011

INCOME

Subscriptions reflect our increased membership of 646, with £8105 against £7222 last year.

Theatre visits etc. may look as if we have not been as entertained as last year, but some of the monies for the trips abroad went directly to the Tour Organisers. Beryl has arranged 27 varied events during the year, for which we thank her.

Miscellaneous derives mainly from the entrance money at the door, from members and from visitors £574.

Giftaid from the Inland Revenue remains constant. Please sign the form if you pay tax.

Our 2 chosen charities will benefit by £726, from your contributions at the stall and from the raffle at the Summer social. Thank you Margaret.

Receipts from rented venues again reflect the increase in the number of our groups.

EXPENSES

The cost of room hire has also increased by £705, with 19 different groups using rented venues.

Printing & stationery remains steady, largely due to our Editor and helpers hand-delivering newsletters to save on postage. Thank you Sheila.

Capitation again shows our increased membership £3.50 per person goes to our umbrella organisation the Third Age Trust.

Miscellaneous covers various items—Insurance £135, U3A Video £100, Diaries £120, Projector Lamp and Portable Amplifier £226, Bridge Equipment £162, Sheet Music £150, New Members' Coffee Mornings £74.

Our surplus for the year is £1462, giving us funds of £13896.

Guidelines have a target of one year's expenses in hand, which for us is £11187 (taking out the cost of theatre visits). We are therefore slightly above the accepted level.

However, some of our costs will rise in future years, principally Room Hire and Printing & Postage, the former because of the need for more venues to support our growing number of groups.

The Committee's aim is to maintain the subscription at £13, while our funds can sustain that.

My thanks to Angus Davidson for acting as my Examiner.

PC 15/10/2011

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EQUIPMENT REGISTER, to borrow contact keeper

June Lewis	01280 815849	Keyboard
David Angrave	01280 816453	Radio Microphone (lapel); Radio Microphone (hand held); Microphone with lead; 35mm Slide Projector; Screen (floor standing); Overhead Projector; Flip Chart Stand* Portable Mains Amplifier/Speaker with three radio microphones **
Merle Harrison	01280 821693	Miniature Tape Recorder
Val Bradley	01280 817746	Photocopier
Mo Borrill	01280 813735	Magnifier
Clive Cowdy	01280 824274	Digital Camera
Geoff Kirk	01280 812772	Digital Projector; DVD player (multi region); Projector Stand

*The Flip Chart is now stored at the Community Centre for use by anyone (including our visiting speaker) during our monthly meetings. Should anyone wish to borrow it outside these times, please contact the listed keeper.

**New to the Equipment Register this useful addition will enable your Speakers in small to medium halls to be heard clearly. It will also provide a useful boost to our digital projector's sound output. For those of you who are reading the electronic version you can find out more by accessing the hot link at <http://www.astounded.com/pulse-megamouth-20w-wireless-portable-pa-system-3-radio-mics.html>



Well Street United Church
**Will you be alone
on Christmas day?**

We would like to invite you to
**Christmas lunch at the
Buckingham Community Centre**

Completely **FREE** of charge,
please let us know if you are able to join us
and we will save you a place !

For more details (we can help with transport on the day)
and to **BOOK** your place please contact -
The Administrator at Well Street United Church,
19 Well Street, Buckingham MK18 1ET
T/ 01280 817560 E/admin@wellstreetchurch.org.uk

Looking forward to spending Christmas day with you - God bless !!!

Tel: 01280 817560