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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 note the January meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th January 2014.

Date	Topic & Speaker	Monthly Stall	Tea Rota
18 th Dec	Members' Christmas Social	Raffle	Committee
29th Jan 2014	Dermot Wynne – A Cycling Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella	Unwanted Christmas Gifts	Singing for Fun & Square Dancing
26 th Feb 2014	Tracey Arthur Fitness Solutions without Lycra	Books & Magazines	Spanish Groups
26 th March 2014	Jean Yates Bedford Secret Way	Jigsaws	Strollers
23 rd April 2014	Tim Porter What Makes a Melody?	CDs and DVDs	Wild Life & Yoga
28 th May	Dr David Wilkins Water Aid in Africa	Plants and cuttings	Architecture
25 th June	Ian Waller There's nowt so queer as folk	White Elephant	Art Appreciation
23 rd July	Members' Summer Social	Raffle	Bridge Groups

MONTHLY CHARITY STALL

The Charity Stall By the time you receive this newsletter we will have reached and exceeded our target of £1,000 for Children with Cancer. This is due to the generous contributions over the months and of course the members who have purchased from the stall. To add to our charity the splendid folk of the Recorder Group are going to play Seasonal music outside Waitrose on the run up to Christmas. Thanks, too, to the ladies who have run the stall, sold the raffle tickets and lugged goods from home. I will let everyone know our final total in the next newsletter.

The designated charity for 2014 is the local branch of Mind. Mind is devoted to supporting anyone experiencing mental health problems either directly or as part of a family. I realise that Mind is not a 'cuddly' charity but it does a terrific job helping people. We will be supporting our local branch which is based in Milton Keynes. The branch provides a number of support groups for those with mental health problems as well as training for potential helpers. However, its main work involves counselling for individuals with problems. I worked for CAN for fifteen years and know how valuable counselling can be. Please support this splendid cause during 2014. Our target is £1,000 and with YOUR help we can achieve this. *Dusty*

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TEA ROTA

Would Group Leaders please note that when their group is responsible for teas they should contact Carolina Kenealy on 01280 815636 for instruction. Where there is more than one Group listed please could the Group Leaders liaise with each other.

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

This is my first Newsletter and I hope I haven't forgotten to include any contributions.

Next Newsletter Please note the deadline for articles for the next Newsletter issue No. 49 is **Thursday 27th March 2014**. Please Email or post to: Carolina Kenealy, 22 Lenborough Road, Buckingham MK18 1DJ. carolina.kenealy@sky.com

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EQUIPMENT REGISTER, to borrow contact keeper

June Lewis	01280 815849	Keyboard
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Merle Harrison	01280 821693	Miniature Tape Recorder
Clive Cowdy	01280 824274	Digital Camera; Video Camera
Mike Baker	01280 816460	Digital Projector; DVD player (multi region); Projector Stand
Carolina Kenealy	01280 815626	CD Player

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.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



Hello everyone,

Following our AGM in October, I would like to begin by welcoming our new Committee Members, who are also our Charity Trustees – Joan Hatherley who has taken over from Pat Costello as Treasurer; Carolina Kenealy who has taken over from Sheila Dalzell as Newsletter Editor; Roland Simpkins as Webmaster, taking over from George Walker; Gina Crouch who will be handling our Publicity and New Members' Support role from Colin Armstrong and Dusty Roades who has taken over from Christine Dodds as Speaker Seeker. All the updated Committee Member details are inside your newsletter.

To all our outgoing Committee Members I say a big thank you for all your hard work and support which was greatly appreciated. We now need Shadows for some of our new Committee Members – Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Publicity/New Members' Support, Business Secretary/Group Liaison Officer and our Membership Secretary so if you would like to be more involved in the running of your U3A, please let me know. Janti Mistry has offered to shadow our new Webmaster and Roger Edwards has agreed to shadow on speakers.

At the AGM the members voted for MIND as our charity for 2014. This charity supports young people with mental health problems. If you click onto our website www.buckinghamu3a.org.uk you will be able to find out what items will be on sale at the charity stall throughout 2014. The website also contains details of all our group activities as well as travel and outings.

Your **new** membership card is attached to the newsletter. Pop it in your wallet or purse so that you carry it with you, as you will be asked to produce this during January at your regular group meetings. A reminder that our Festive Lunch is due to take place on Sunday 12th January 2014 at 1.00pm at the Tanlaw Mill, University of Buckingham, Hunter Street and the bar will be open from 12 noon for aperitifs. The next New Members' Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday, 13th February 2014 at the Buckingham Golf Club at 10.15am so please let Gina have your name if you are interested in attending.

The next Group Co-ordinators' Meeting will take place in the Small Hall at the Community Centre on Wednesday 12 February from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

May I end by wishing you on behalf of all the Committee the Season's Greetings and a peaceful New Year.

Membership Secretary's Notes

Thank you for renewing your Membership of the U3A in good time. This has enabled you to receive this December Newsletter together with your Membership Card. I am very grateful to everyone who pays by Standing Order – this does help our finances. Some people have this year used the Bank transfer system, and this is much appreciated. It is your choice how you pay but I list them in our preferred order of payment.

1. Standing Order
2. Bank Transfer
3. Cheque
4. Cash

Emails are becoming a more generally used method of communication with our Members and the Chairman's Monthly Comments come to you this way, via your Group Co-ordinators. Please remember to keep them and the Membership Secretary up-to-date with all changes of your person details.

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GROUP DIRECTORY:

Buckingham Centre (Library), Maids Moreton Village Hall (MM),

Activity	Co-ordinator	Telephone	Weekday	Time	Venue
Architectural	Peter Bowtell	01280 815946	2 nd Thur	10.00-12.00	Buck Centre
Art Appreciation	Pam Tonge	01280 823370	1 st & 3 rd Fri	9.45	Buck Centre
Book	Janet Cobham	01280 813373	4 th Thur	2.30	Buck Centre
Bridge for beginners	Sheila Harkness	01280 423785	Tues	10 – 12.00	Golf Club
Bridge Improvers 1	Russell Tobin	01280 817918	Mon	2.00-4.00	M.M. Village Hall
Bridge Improvers 2	Nick Steadman	01280 847980	Mon	9.30-12.30	M.M. Village Hall
Bridge Tuition	Peter Holman	01280 822611	Wed	10.00-12.00	M.M. Village Hall
Bridge	Annastasia Kavanagh	01280 817828	Mon	10.00-12.00	Chandos Court
Bridge Club	Bryan Weston- Thomas	01280 813664	Tues	10.00-12.00	M.M. Village Hall
Canasta	Gina Crouch	01280 820924	3 rd Wed 2 nd Wed	2.00-4.00 10.00-12.00	M.M. Village Hall Buck Centre
Crafts & Card Making	Anne Liddle	01280 823565	2 nd & 4 th Thurs	10.00-12.00	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	Buck Centre
Croquet	Roger Edwards	01280 815588	Fri	2.00	Cricket Pitch
Digital Photography	Peter Cammas	01280 815279	3 rd Thurs	2.00-4.00	Golf Club
Exploring the Past	Linda Shiner	01296 711068	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
Film Study	Clive Cowdy	01280 824274	2 nd Friday	10.00-12.00	M.M.H.
Family History	Jenni Burke	01280 816546	1 st & 3 rd Tue	09.45	Buck Centre
French Beginners	Jacqui North	01280 823949	1 st 2 nd 3 rd Wed	2 -4.00	House
French Advanced 1	Steven Thompson	01280 814051	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00-12.00	House
French Advanced 2	Sally Parsons	07941 504606	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.00-12.00	House
French Intermediate 1	Judy Austin	01280 814864	Alternate Wed	10.30	House
French Improvers	Maureen Turner	01280 812898	Fridays	2.00	House
French Lunch 1	Valerie Shaw	01280 812547	1 st Wed	12.30	House
Friendship	June Lewis	01280 815849			Ring Co-ordinator
Gardening	Vee Sampson	01280 821850	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	Margaret Moore Rodney Bennett	01296 713281 01280 823313	Fri	9.30-10.45	Gawcott Chapel
Handbells 2	Margaret Moore Rodney Bennett	01296 713281 01280 823313	Fri	11.00-12.30	Gawcott Chapel
History of Literature and Theatre	Liz Loutfi	01280 817853	2 nd & 4 th Fri	10.00-12.00	Council Chamber, Community Centre
Italian	Linda Shiner	01296 711068	2 nd & 4 th Tue	2.00-4.00	House
Jazz Appreciation 1	Bryan Weston- Thomas	01280 813664	3 rd Fri	10.00-12.00	House
Jazz Appreciation 2	Russell Tobin	01280 817918	2 nd Fri	2.30-4.30	House
Latin	Rodney Bennett	01280 823313	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

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Local History 3	Ruth Roy Jane Albetino	01280 848532 01869 388860	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 for Pleasure	David Angrave	01280 816453	1 st Wed	2.00-4.00	House
Outdoor	Stan Surzyn	01280 816974 07831 772577	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	Judith Bell	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	Dusty Roades	01327 351670	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1.30-3.30	Council Chamber Community Centre
Recorders	Helen Preston Lindsay Dunham	01280 21232 01296 712521	Wednesdays	10.00-11.30	Gawcott Chapel
Russian	Roy Walker	01280 812836	2 nd & 4 th Fri	10.00-12.00	House
Scrabble	Marilyn Crawford	01280 814856	Tue	2.00-4.00	Buck Centre
Singing for Fun	Jane Walker	01280 813382	2 nd & 4 th Thur	2.30	Parish Church
Spanish Improvers	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	2.00-4.00	Football Club
Strollers	Sheila Dalzell	01280 812195	Ask Co-ord	10.00	Swan Statue by Car Park
Wild Life	Peter Swift Margaret Hazel	01280 700210 01280 704035	4 th Tuesday	10.00	Stratford Road Lay-by
Yoga	Gwyneth Jebson	01296 715674	Tue	10-11.30	University Studio

GROUP LIAISON MATTERS

Since the last newsletter, there has been quite a bit of activity regarding Groups.

Several new groups are in the process of being started and there have been several suggestions for others. As yet the proposed Gardening and Allotments Group has not started up but there will be an opportunity to add your name if you are interested. Please see the notice board at the Open Meeting or contact me by 'phone.

A Board Games Group could be started on either or both the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 10am in the Buckingham Centre. This would combine with the present Mah Jong Group and could include almost any type of Board or Table Top game from Draughts to Cards, Chess to Snakes and Ladders. I can see this may appeal to many members who lack a partner for such games, or would like to play with others.. Please contact me if you are interested.

I have seven new members who are interested in learning Italian from scratch. Perhaps there are more of you out there? I know the last group did not attract sufficient members to keep going, but maybe some of those who were keen would like to have a second chance. No time or day has been decided on as there really needs to be a viable number, but I hope to hold a meeting early in January. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

A French for Beginners Group has started very recently, meeting every Wednesday (except 4th) at 2pm. It is not too late for others to join. The contact name is Jacqui North, 01280 823946

Finally,(I warned you I had been busy), at a recent New Members' Coffee Morning, suggestions for new groups came in thick and fast. These included:- Learning to Act, Entertainment, Spanish for Beginners, Archaeology, Steam Engines and Railways, and Calligraphy. We will soon need a ten day week!

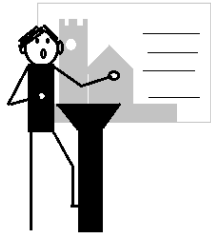
As usual, contact me if any of the above interests you

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DAYS	FIRST WEEK		SECOND WEEK	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
MON	Bridge Bridge Improvers 2 Creative Writing Exploring the Past	Bridge Improvers 1 Painting	Bridge Bridge Improvers 2	Bridge Improvers 1 Poetry Writing Square Dancing
TUE	Bridge – Club Family History Yoga	Gardening Scrabble Spanish Improvers Spanish Revision	Bridge Club Philosophy Yoga	Italian Scrabble Spanish Improvers Spanish Revision
WED	Bridge Tuition French Lunch 1 Mah Jong Recorders	Film Study Latin Music for Pleasure	Bridge Tuition Canasta French Advanced 1 French Advanced 2 French Intermediate 1 German 1 Recorders	Latin
THUR	Local History 1 Local History 2		Architectural Crafts & Card Making	Singing for Fun
FRI	Art Appreciation German – Diskussionsgruppe Handbells 1 & 2	Croquet French Improvers	Film Study Handbells 1 & 2 History of Literature & Theatre Local History 3 Russian	Cribbage Croquet French Improvers Jazz Appreciation 2
DAYS	THIRD WEEK		FOURTH WEEK	
MON	Bridge Bridge Improvers 2 Creative Writing	Bridge Improvers 1 Painting	Bridge Bridge Improvers 2	Bridge Improvers 1 Poetry Writing Square Dancing
TUE	Bridge Club Family History Yoga	Flower Arranging Scrabble Spanish Improvers Spanish Revision	Bridge Club Philosophy Wild Life Yoga	Italian Play Reading Scrabble Spanish Improvers Spanish Revision
WED	Bridge Tuition Mah Jong Recorders	Canasta Latin	Bridge Tuition French Advanced 1 French Advanced 2 French Intermediate 1 German 1 Recorders	OPEN MEETING
THUR	Local History 1 Local History 2	Digital Photography Friendship Group Poetry Reading	Crafts & Card Making	Book Singing for Fun
FRI	Art Appreciation German Diskussionsgruppe Handbells 1 & 2 Jazz Appreciation 1	Croquet French Improvers	Handbells 1 & 2 History of Literature & Theatre Local History 3 Russian	Cribbage Croquet French Improvers

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From the Speaker Seeker.

Christine has done a wonderful job providing a splendid succession of speakers and subjects for our monthly meetings. I now have to follow and to provide an equal standard, maybe you could help. If there is a particular speaker you would like to hear or a particular subject you would like covered please let me know and I will try to book that speaker or find an expert to meet your wishes. Just have a chat with me at one of our meetings, call me at 01327 351670 or email me on dusty.roades@yahoo.com. *Dusty.*

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 2

This year the weather has provided some challenging moments for Local History Group 2 although we have not let it defeat us. We have had both snow and heat wave accompanying our visits but our membership has survived and our numbers are growing.

Once again we enjoyed a range of talks in the comfort of the Mezzanine Room above Buckingham Library. We were horrified by 19th Century Murders which took place in Buckinghamshire, were inspired by the restoration of the Buckingham canal and are now more knowledgeable on Winslow in the Middle-Ages, Royalty in Buckingham and a local feminist poet, Mary Leapor – a talk given by two of our own members.



Digging up the Romans at Piddington!



The cooling waters at Hillesden House

Thanks to the many people who have given their time and enthusiasm our visits have not only been informative but also entertaining. It was a snowy day when the group went back in time in the lofty heights of Grafton Regis where village residents dressed up to tell us of the role their village played in the marriage between Edward IV and Elizabeth Woodville and the murder of her sons in the Tower, also about Henry VIII's palace in the village and its destruction during the Civil War. They also provided us with homemade hot soup and rolls which was greatly appreciated. We also enjoyed guided tours of Maids Moreton, Towcester, Lillingston Dayrell Church, and the John Schorne Well at North Marston. We also learnt of the important role Whitchurch played during the last war. Our guide to the Ashmolean Museum told us so much about the history of the museum itself, its new architecture and its exhibits that most of us could have spent a week there and our visit to the museum and excavations at Piddington Roman Villa made some of us want to get down on our hands and knees to help dig.

We do have more restful meetings where, over coffee and biscuits, we have shared members' memories of their own local histories, wartime memories, industries, regional foods and dialects. Next month we are due to visit the Oxford University Press and in December we will see Waddesdon Manor preparing for Christmas. Then on to next year . . .

Poetry Writing Group Our new anthology is almost complete and we will have some on sale at the December meeting (just in time for a Christmas stocking filler). We have been meeting at Maids Moreton Hall where we were often joined by some of the residents but as from January our meetings will be at the Council Chambers at the Community Centre, starting on the 13th. We meet from 1.30 until 3.30. Do come along with a poem that you have written or would have liked to have written, you can be assured of a warm welcome. *Dusty.*

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U3A Bridge Club.

The Bridge Club is open to anybody who can play bridge to a reasonable standard. There will be a competition each week and the results sent out by email. At times there will be also be tuition on an individual basis or in groups of 3 or 4. If anyone is interested in joining us please just turn up on a Tuesday Morning at Maids Moreton Village Hall for a 10.00 am start and introduce yourself to Bryan (Group Co-ordinator) or contact on 01280 813664. The morning's fee is 75p of which 50p goes to the U3A Treasurer as a contribution for the hire of the hall and 25p which pays for playing cards, bridge stationery and coffee. During the year we run three social events, a summer and winter buffet and a Christmas Lunch.

Exploring the Past

We are well into our new programme and in Oct we had a very enjoyable trip to Saffron Walden, where we had a tour by a well-informed and interesting guide. In Nov we had our first indoor meeting at the St Laurence Room in Winslow when Philippa Atkinson gave a talk on her work on Dadford. We found it fascinating and were very impressed with all the work involved. This year we are concentrating on the development of the house and look forward to the programme below:

Jan	6th	– Talk on architecture
Feb	3rd	– Talk on Bodnant garden
March	12th	– Visit to Chenies Manor
April	7th	– Visit to Baddesley Clinton House
May	12th	– Visit to Sulgrave Manor
June	2nd	– Visit to Kings Lynn
July	7th	– Visit to Charlecote Park
Aug	4th	– Visit to Hatfield House

This will show us examples of architecture from the late Middle Ages to Jacobean style and we will continue with the same theme in the following year.

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

The Book Group continues to meet in The Mezzanine Room at the library on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

We have chosen the following books for the first half of next year.

The Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out of a Window and Disappeared, by Jonas Jonnasson.

Testament of Youth, by Vera Brittain.

The Sense of an Ending, by Julian Barnes.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, by Rachel Joyce.

Black Narcissus, by Rumer Godden

The Girls of Slender Means, by Muriel Sparks

Adam Bede by George Eliot.

As we have a large room for our meetings we are able to welcome new members.

Handbells

After our summer engagements we are now rehearsing for a busy Christmas schedule when we are entertaining the young at Roundwood Schools – Steple Claydon, Gawcott and Tingewick – and the not so young at WI and Seniors Clubs. We hope our ringing continues to match the standard of the new banners. Derek Smith is 'stepping down' as Group Co-ordinator but will continue to help with the music, and perhaps the discipline to keep them on their toes! We rehearse Friday mornings in Gawcott Chapel. If you are interested, or just want to make a tentative enquiry, please contact Margaret Moore 01296 713281 mj1qmoore@aolcom or Rodney Bennett 01280 823313 rodbennett1@btinternet.com

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Recorders

This relatively new group continues well and we have some new music – some of which is challenging! We have ten members at present and weekly rehearsals at Gawcott Chapel on a Wednesday morning are going well. Derek Smith is 'stepping down' as Group Co-ordinator but will continue to help with the music. If you are interested, have a recorder, and would like to try please get in touch with Helen Preston 01280 821232 helenpreston@yahoo.co.uk or Lindsay Dunham 01296 712521 wigwell7@gmail.com



Jazz Appreciation 1

The group meets once a month. Every other month we watch an episode of The History of Jazz from 1917 to 2001. There are ten episodes in all.

We listen to a cross section of genres, New Orleans, Big Band Swing and Modern Jazz and would welcome new members. The group meets on the fourth Friday of the month from 10.00 to 12.00

in Wicken. Our programme for the next six months:

Date	Theme	Presented	Biscuits
December 20th	History of Jazz - 9/10	DVD	Clive
January 17th	The Front Line	Don	David
February 21st	History of Jazz - 11/12	DVD	Derrick
March 21 st	TBC	Pamela	Don
April 18 th	History of Jazz - 13-14	DVD	Pamela

You do not have to be an expert or very knowledgeable on Jazz to join the group.

Bryan W Thomas

Group Coordinator.

GARDENING GROUP



The fantastic summer is beginning to be a bit of a distant memory now but what a bonus for us all.

The Gardening Group began the summer season with a visit to Colmar Grange, Thornborough and as well as the lovely garden we were treated to an excellent tea.

We also had visits to Edwin Rye's garden (2002 BBC Gardener of the Year), Fosco Old Church, Fosco, and Kathy Brown's garden at The Manor House, Stevington. All interesting and very different gardens.

Visiting speakers are always popular and Edwin Rye came in May as a precursor to our visit to his garden. Judith & Colin Lill brought along 'Eddy' the hedgehog and told us about their work rescuing these creatures, Colin brought more than one smile to our faces with his tales.

Always a popular speaker, Chris Day, from Buckingham Garden Centre, came in November to give us tips on how to care for all the houseplants we are given at Christmas. Chris didn't disappoint and everyone thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

We have accepted some new members recently and once again the Garden Group is now full. There is a new Gardening/Allotment Group beginning in January, Val Bradley on 01280 817746 has more information.

Good gardening!

Culture Corner (Revisited)

I was delighted to see in the last September Newsletter that Roy Walker and the Russian Group had been to Cineworld to see a live screening of operatic arias direct from Red Square. Milton Keynes is a lot closer than Moscow! Further good news. The new Vue cinema in Bicester has also signed up for live screenings from the Royal Opera House (both opera and ballet), more from The Metropolitan Opera in New York and our own National Theatre. Check it out on this link.

<http://www.myvue.com/special-events/nowbooking>

Happy Hunting

David Angrave

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Art Appreciation Group Report

In October 2013 we visited the Ashmolean museum in Oxford as part of our study of the Impressionists, where they have a room devoted to the French artists. We were allowed into their Print Room, which is not normally open to the public, and saw three preliminary oil sketches by Camille Pissarro, two pastels of ballet dancers by Edgar Degas, a pastel sketch of a sunset by Claude Monet, an oil sketch of fruit and a preliminary oil sketch of a landscape by Paul Cezanne and a water colour design for a wall panel by Camille Corot.

There were no meetings in December as we held our annual Christmas lunch at Rigoletto's Restaurant at Middleton Stoney on 6th December. We next meet on Friday 3rd January 2014 at 9.45am in the Mezzanine Suite at the Buckingham Centre in Verney Close when we will be looking at the lives and work of two female Impressionist artists, Berthe Morrisot and Mary Cassatt.

The group continues to grow but we are always happy to welcome new faces to our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Pam Tonge

Group Co-ordinator



The Outdoor Group have had some splendid walks during the last six months. The walks have been very varied spanning various counties. We started the Autumn Programme with a walk at Cropredy, the site of a civil war battle. This was followed by a walk in the grounds of Hughenden Manor, with the option for people to visit the house & gardens. The 'Secrets of Bletchley Park' a more local walk. Towards the end of the programme we have a walk at Milton Byan which is a

famous location of a special WW2 transmitter.

Our Christmas meal will be preceded by an informative talk Around Buckingham given by Ed Grimsdale.

As of January the Group will have a new Co-Ordinator Stan Surzyn, Judy has now moved to pastures new & Rosemary wants a little more spare time to devote to other things.

Both Judy & I have thoroughly enjoyed our time as co-ordinators & still plan to walk & wish Stan every success for the future. Stan's details can be found on the Website.

Outings and Trips Winter Newsletter

I have looked over what we have done throughout the year and it has been quite a busy year. We have enjoyed many shows at Milton Keynes and it is hard to decide on any specific one. I thought Goodnight Mr. Tom was particularly well done but then I remember the Midsummer Night's Dream ballet and that was good. In fact I have enjoyed them all and I hope everyone else has done so. I trust that everyone has enjoyed our outings. I am sure that all who went on them will have a particular preference. One of the outstanding trips was the Tchaikovsky Gala at the Royal Albert hall but then I think of the various outings to the National Trust and English heritage properties and each one had its own attraction.

Our holidays have been a success, says she in the hope that there is general agreement. Although I had some misgivings about the hotel in Montenegro it all worked out well in the end. Only a few of us went on the Volga cruise but what a super time we had. Kent was enjoyable but unfortunately, although the hotel was good, Cliftonville has gone down quite a bit. Shortly we are off to Sheringham for the Thursford show. This will be the last time I will do this holiday. We are fully booked for our Danube cruise but I will be taking bookings for the August holiday to Austria anytime. I have the itinerary for York now. I have 10 singles available so book early if you require one. I am thinking of giving up the theatre bookings once the present bookings have been completed. So if anyone is interested in taking over please let me know. I have planned next year's events and holidays, I hope you like the programme, but I am not sure if I will be continuing after next year.

Once again, the annual message, Alan & I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy 2014. Beryl

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Outings and Activities

Payment for any event is by cheque only made payable to Buckingham & District U3A

DATE		PRICE	PAYMENT DUE
December 6 th	Black Country Living Museum	£28.00	
<u>2014</u>			
January 4 th	Viennese New Year concert in Birmingham	£26.00 coach extra	
January 24 th	Priscilla Queen of the Desert M.K.T	£23.50	September
January 30 th	Swan Lake M.K.T.	£19.50	November
February 6 th	<i>All that Glitters - City & Village tour to include visit to Hatton garden & the Museum of London to see the newly discovered Cheapside Hoard *</i>		
March	<i>Tower Bridge Exhibition & Cable car?</i>		
March	<i>Classical Spectacular at Royal Albert Hall?</i>		
April 7 th	Legal London (includes lunch)	£36.00	
May 22 nd	Midsummer Night's Dream ballet MK.T.	£17.00	Oct/Nov
May	Severn Valley Railway		T.B.A.
June 5 th	West Side Story M.K. T.	£35.00	September
June 10 th	DANUBE CRUISE – Vienna – Budapest.	FULL	
June 21 st -24 th	<i>Ely Cathedral Flower Festival**</i>		
July	<i>Blenheim Palace Flower Show</i>		
July 19 th or 20 th	<i>Bolsover Castle <u>E.H.</u> these dates are week-end. If I am able to book</i>		
August 4 th	<i>Apethorpe House ?</i>		
August 20 th	Austrian Lakes holiday	£875./£100 s.s.	
September 21 st	West Yorkshire holiday	£502.00 p.p.	
October	Great Days Music Hall Sunday lunch & show	£30.00 plus coach	
November	<i>Christmas celebration Portsmouth Historic Dockyards</i>		T.B.A.

Due to unforeseen circumstances dates and outings and prices might be different from those shown.

N.B. E.H. = English heritage (free) *This is a proposed joint venture with the W. I.

** Just an idea and rough date. I saw it advertised this year, so costing will need to be done to be sure it is viable.



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Income & Expenditure Account Year Ended 30th September 2013

	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	9252.50	8310.50
Theatre Visits, etc.	30171.36	36876.70
Interest	135.80	140.67
Miscellaneous	727.43	720.41
Inland Revenue-Giftaid	1462.75	1111.50
For Chosen Charity	-	581.50
Rented venues receipts	2054.10	1917.24
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	43803.94	49658.52
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Room Hire	6735.16	5899.32
Print, post,stat	2348.51	2536.18
Capitation fees	2415.00	2100.00
Theatre Visits,etc	28921.37	35915.12
Speakers631.00	647.00	
Christmas/Socials	1019.35	1124.84
Miscellaneous	943.83	1389.72
Teas/coffees	98.84	60.91
Chosen Charity	-	581.50
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	43113.06	50254.59
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Surplus/(Deficit) for year	690.88	(596.07)
Add Accum funds b/fwd	13299.73	13895.80
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Funds c/fwd 1/10/13	13990.61	13299.73
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<u>Represented by</u>		
Bank	10730.04	10402.40
Petty Cash	5.22	67.00
Barclays Bonds	6333.15	6211.64
Income Rec'd in Advance(3077.80)		(2799.81)
Accrued expenses	-	(581.50)
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	13990.61	13299.73
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Certified to be in accordance with
the invoices, vouchers and information
given to me.

E Davidson.....(E.Davidson- Hon. Examiner)
PC 5/10/13

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U3A NOTES RE AGM YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Income from subscriptions is again up by £942, confirming our increasing membership.

This is also reflected in our return from Giftaid, which is up by £350. Please do sign the declaration if you pay tax-it is good to get some benefit.

The Social events have again proved very popular, with 5 holidays, 10 outings and 12 plays and shows, contributing a net £1250 to our funds. Beryl does try to balance her books but some events prove to be too attractive-we all benefit.

Our new groups, formed during the year again emphasise the need for differing subjects for us to tackle.

Miscellaneous income is mostly made up from door money, with £50 coming from Lloyds Bank in compensation for the delay in opening our new account.

On the expenses front, the cost of venues has risen by £836, which explains the need to increase the sum we pay for each session, from 1st October. Excluding the cost of this hall and the Council Chamber for Committee meetings, (£1246), we show a net cost on this item of £3435.

Capitation fees reflect our increased membership (£3.50 is paid to Third Age Trust for each member).

Printing & Stationery include the cost of delivering Third Age Matters (£1027), with newsletter and postage costs being down on last year, due to the hard work of hand delivering a portion of these, and the e-version saving postage.

Miscellaneous expenses include New Members' Coffee Mornings £184, CLA Licences (2 because of timing) £120, Membership cards £181, Diaries £120 and Mileage & Forum £140.

The Charity is now run as a separate entity, with collections going directly to them.

We finish the year with a small surplus of £691 and funds of £13990, which is about 11 months cover of expenses.

I feel that this will be eroded during the coming year, with rent increases particularly. I would like to think that we can contain the subscription to £13.

My thanks to Angus Davidson for being our Examiner over the years that I have been Treasurer.

