



Message from the Chair



Welcome to your new format Newsletter for 2016, a much shorter style than you have been used to. Mike Balance has decided to retire from the post of editor.

We thank him for all his hard work in producing a high quality journal. This is the last edition that will be sent by post. Future editions will come via email, more frequently, at less cost and working together with the website to ensure you are kept up to date. We remain committed to delivering hard copy to those of you who are without access to the internet. If, perchance, you do have the technology, but still wish to receive a hard copy, please let me know.

We need a new Editor! The role will be different and may be deemed more as a Communication Co-ordinator with the support of a small team. The position is open to anyone with PC skills, good English, and interesting ideas. Please let me know. The printed December issue of 'The Third Way' contained a report on the 'Shakespeare Group' that was incorrectly attributed to John Greenall. It was, in fact, written and sent in by Tony Usher. We apologise, unreservedly, for the error and for any distress caused.

Nigel.

Datum

Datum, our developing management system, is now well established with the membership records now live. Those involved in the development of Datum had a much needed break over the Christmas period, which has delayed the roll-out of members being given the opportunity to login to the system, where they can amend their personal details on-line and open up detail on the website, which is not available to the general public. This is now planned for the last week in January.

Group Leaders, who have had personal access to the system for some time now, will be using Datum to help with the management and communications

within their groups. We shall shortly be using Datum to replace the Mailchimp system for emailing the membership. Datum is beginning to make a significant impact on MKU3A administration for those Members and Group Leaders who wish to use it.

Diary and Latest News

It is important to remember that the Newsletter is not our only means of contact. The web-site also includes two new 'Live' sections for all key events that can, and are, being used for immediate transmission of information on events (both past and future), people places and all matters MKU3A. It just needs **YOU** to send copy and pictures to the editor@mku3a.org

Annual General Meeting

May I ask all members to make every effort to attend the AGM (formal notice below). Group leaders please ensure opportunities for your members to be free on this date.

We are pleased that our guest speaker will be Francesca Skelton, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, who will tell us about her year in office. She is anxious to be able to answer questions on the role as the sovereign's judicial representative in the county.

Formal Advance Notice

Annual General Meeting MKU3A 2016

All members are invited to attend

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 23 March 2016 at

MKCC, Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes

If you would like to put a motion to the meeting or you have a question to ask about the business of the meeting, please send it to the Secretary by email [secretary@mku3a.org] or by post to the Office to arrive no later than 25th February 2016.

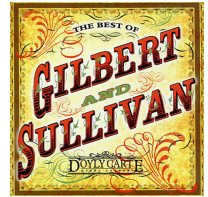
Meeting papers will be available on the website by 4 March 2016.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & Contact Details.

Open Meetings—2 pm at the MKCC, Oldbrook

24th February **The Satire of Gilbert and Sullivan**

Bernard Lockett is a lifetime G & S enthusiast and Trustee of the G & S Festival, and will consider the relevance of their works as both a comment on Victorian society but equally with as much relevance to the 21st Century as when first written. WS Gilbert was a brilliant satirist and a writer with social heart who was ably assisted with the brilliant Sullivan music, together to bring us the shows which continue to delight audiences throughout the world to-day.



Theatre Group

16th March 14.30 **Chicago Musical** – some places may be available

6th April 14.30 **Hairspray** £20.00 (pay by 05/02/16)

1st June 14.30 **Annie** £20.00 (pay by 04/03/16)

Email: theatre@mku3a.org Tel: 07867 978 585.

Outings Group



Thursday 17th March: **JCB Factory Tour**. Bookings by 11th February.

Contact: Czesia Eales -Johnson.

Email: outings@mku3a.org,

Tel: 01908 506706

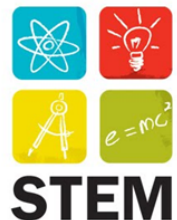
Wednesday Rambling Group

3rd February meet at 'The Barge', Woolstone, MK5 0AE leader Jenny Greatbach 07968 454915
10th February meet at 'The Talbot' Loughton, MK5 8AB leader Sue Dormer 07769 636706
17th February meet at 'The Prince George' Tattenhoe MK4 3FA leader Alan Perry 07873 161586
24th February meet at 'The Galleon' Wolverton, MK12 5NL leader Alan Clarke 07979 686248
2nd March meet at 'The Caldecotte Arms' Caldecotte, MK7 8HP leader David Bowler 07887 523784
9th March meet at 'The Nag's Head' Great Linford MK14 5AX leader Mike Newman 07771 776889
16th March meet at 'The Swan' Milton Keynes Village MK10 9AH leader Graham Jones
01908 606315

STEM Lectures 3pm at Denbigh School. Website : <http://www.denbigh.net/>

3rd March 'Searching for The Higgs Boson' Prof Peter Watkins, Birmingham University

10th March 'The Forensic Science of Rocks' Dr Clare Warren, The Open University



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Please refer to the **Website: www.mku3a.org** for more detail of the above events and contact details for all our Group leaders and Team Members. Also for full details of all Interest Group Events, statements concerning **MKU3A Policies and Guidance** on all aspects of our administration **including Data Privacy , Disclaimers and Copyright**

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