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Chairman's Chat

At the time of writing this the Drop in Day looms on the horizon. Let us hope that it is a success and all your hard work in advertising it has borne fruit. Success or not, my thanks go to all Group Leaders for their part in organising the displays. As usual, without you the U3A would be a poor organisation. Thanks also to all members who took part (will take part?) in the event. I hope it will be a good demonstration of what we do. The hope is, of course, that the event generates more members and this will support more groups (which will need more Group Leaders - why not you?).

Thinking of groups - there are some of our groups which are almost non-viable due to falling numbers - I refer to Angela's Craft group which provides such excellent displays each month, my Making Music Group and Country Dancing. We are now advertising these groups in the Kettering U3A Magazine but our own members take preference. In addition, if you are unable to attend your Group activity at any time, please contact the group leader - it is only polite!

The AGM fast approaches and several of your committee are standing down (including me since I have come to the end of my three year term of office). Nomination forms are in the Newsletter. You will note that the Chairman is an elected position and anyone applying requires 2 nominations from U3A members. If you are nominating someone please get his/her permission before doing so. Note that the U3A constitution requires a chairman for Ise Valley to continue to run so please think long and hard about it. Once the Committee has been established they will co-opt members to fill the vacant positions. Even if you are new to the U3A please consider putting your name forward since people willing to stand are in short supply. If you need to discuss what being on the committee is likely to involve contact any Committee Member.

Alan

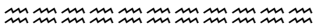


Welcome to All!

Today we welcome **Dave Moylan** who will entertain us with songs, stories and magic on the subject **"How's Your Father"**

Change of Speaker for 14th June:
Instead of a talk on transportation of prisoners to Tasmania we can now look forward to Barbara Meyer giving an **illustrated talk on Big Cats**, where they live and what problems they are facing in their natural habitat, as well as conservation efforts which may prevent their extinction.

A special request from one of our members which I (the Editor) am happy to include in this newsletter:
"Alzheimer Society - "Swim a Mile for Dementia"
Corinne Maskell, together with her husband, is going to swim a mile for dementia in memory of her Mum who died in 2016 after several years with Vascular Dementia. The swim will take place at Kettering Leisure Pool on 6th June between 2 and 4 p.m.
If you wish to make a donation would you please go on line to:
JustGiving.com/fundraising/Corinne-Maskell



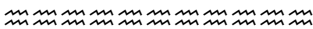
Discussion Group

Our discussion group was held on Monday, 24th April at 2p.m. We spent most of the time talking about the politics of today – you can't escape that at the moment - : Brexit, Jeremy Corbyn, Donald Trump and "should Theresa May be the one to lead us?"



We could have argued about these subjects all day.
Our next meeting will be on Monday, 15th May, at 2p.m.

Linda Miller



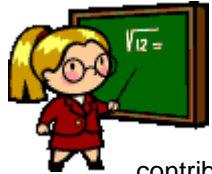
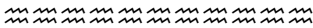
Tea and Coffee Rota
Thank you to all of you who volunteered to help with the Tea and Coffee Rota.
If you have never volunteered, then this could be your chance. Remember, this is your U3A and it will only run smoothly if everybody does "their bit".
Check the Rota list at the table to see when we need more volunteers.

Note: Volunteers need to arrive at the Eden Centre by 1.15pm

Canasta Group

We are a small friendly group who play Canasta on a Monday afternoon from 2pm – 4.30pm. There are usually about 12 – 15 of us. If you would like to learn to play we can always teach you. It is very relaxing and we play at the Kettering Bridge Club. You will find our contact details under the groups listed in the newsletter.

Margaret Hall



The usual request from the Editor - Without your input the magazine dies!

Please let me have your contributions latest by the end of the month to give me time to put it all together and have the printing done on time for the next meeting.

Sammy Brewer

Trips & Theatre Visits

Trip to Brent Cross and Neasdon Temple.

On the 20th April a group of us travelled to London to see the "Shri Swaminarayan Mandir" known locally as the Neasdon Temple but first of all we visited Brent Cross shopping Centre where we had a couple of hours to browse, buy and eat which was most enjoyable.

In the afternoon we were booked to see the Temple with a guide who would explain how the Temple was built and the basics of Hinduism, the only problem was they booked us in during their siesta which meant the special shrine was closed until 4pm the time we were due to return home.

We had the film which showed the building of the temple and we learned that 5.000 tonnes of Italian and Indian marble and the finest Bulgarian limestone was sent to India to be hand-carved and then returned to London (26,000 pieces) to be assembled in 21/2 years, a giant piece of Lego! After the film we had a talk about Hinduism but unfortunately not everyone could hear as the room was so big and warm just perfect for 'nodding off'

We were then invited to look around the temple on our own which was the highlight of the trip, the Inner Sanctum was an unbelievable experience, the exquisite carvings of the pillars, ceiling and central dome would take your breath away. We then walked through the museum which explained the lives of the deities or Murtis a sacred image ritually infused with the presence of God.

After reading all the information we returned to the coach instead of waiting for another talk before the small shrine opened at 4pm, the reason being that unknown to us the restaurant was closed so there was nowhere to get a drink and everyone was in need of some sustenance so it was off to London Gateway.

Our thanks once again goes to the wonderful Julie and Jessie who work tirelessly to take us on these trips and even provide the sweets to pass round the coach in the morning and afternoon if there are enough left over, you really are appreciated by us all.

Michael Collins

The following events are booked / planned:

National Memorial Arboretum.

May 11th. 9.00 start.

This is the next trip out and we still have a few seats available. We hope to be there for the service at 10.50am as some members would like to take part. As we have free entry to the Arboretum it has been suggested that we make a donation as the Arboretum is a part of the British Legion, we will make a collection on the coach. We hope members are agreeable to this.

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Tewkesbury

June 7th. 8.30am start.

Please collect tickets/receipts at the May meeting.

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Shuttleworth Collection and Swiss Gardens

July 17th. £24.50 - Will members who put their names down please pay at the May meeting.

Still spaces available.

Start time to be announced.

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We are thinking of making a **trip to Melton Mowbray** market and Gates Garden Centre on September 12th (Tuesday Market Day). If interested please put names down on list at May meeting.

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WILL MEMBERS PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN COMING ON THE TRIPS TO BRING DETAILS OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOS., ALSO DETAILS OF MEDICATION TAKEN, IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES.

Julie and Jessie

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### **Short Walking Group**

Sadly the short-walking group has been discontinued as there is no demand for it.

The Editor

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Medium Walking Group

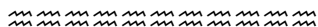


12 of us started from the Three Cranes pub in Cransley on a chilly morning, but with blue skies it soon felt reasonably warm. We left Cransley along a bridleway towards the A14 and then through fields with added pleasure of lots of lambs. We followed the fields to the road for Thorpe Malsor and then on through this pretty Northamptonshire village. Leaving the village via the footpath over Cransley reservoir and returning to Cransley along a short stretch of road.

I think everyone found the lunch at the Three Cranes was of a very good standard plus friendly and efficient staff.

Please note that the MAY walk will be on Tuesday, 23rd not the 30th. The walk is still at the planning stage.

John Sumpter

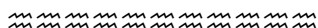


Music Appreciation Group



Music Appreciation time again. The theme, once again at Ted and Enid's was 'Colours', first I thought "Oh Gosh what colours are in music?" many as it turns out. We had Greensleeves, then little brown jug, we tied a yellow Ribbon round the Old Oak Tree, followed swiftly with Brown Girl in the ring, and of course Lady in Red, Roy Orbison came next with Blue Angel, then Girl With The Flaxen Hair, Fields of Gold, then Dave Brubeck gave us Blue Rondo a la Turk, Golden Brown, and Albert Ketelby with Wedgewood Blue also entertained. Lots more to make a colourful afternoon helped along with Tea and Biscuits.

Carlene Lee



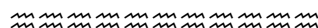
Camera Group



We had a lot of fun trying to photograph Tess, Mary's little dog. She is very lively so didn't make the task easy, but I'm sure we'll have some good pictures between us.

At our next meeting on May 15th we hope to visit Wrest park in Bedfordshire to take landscape photos. We want to arrive there at 2pm. so please arrange with Pat or me for leaving times and car sharing.

Jenny Goddard



And here are the answers to last month's quiz:

- 1 Oompa Loompas
- 2 Lake Windermere
- 3 Patrick
- 4 Ambidextrous
- 5 Queen Victoria
- 6 Pilchards
- 7 Compo in Last of the Summer Wine
- 8 Nowhere Man - The Beatles
- 9 Nana
- 10 Frank Butcher, Brian Wicks, Pete Beal & Roy Evans
- 11 Vincent Price
- 12 Cavaliers & Roundheads
- 13 Horse racing
- 14 Hawaii
- 15 John
- 16 Woodstock
- 17 Apple
- 18 Bon Accord
- 19 Angela Rippon
- 20 B / D / A / C Grenadiers

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Question

Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Mah Jong/Scrabble	Margaret Hopkins	01536 503308	Home	4 th Monday	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Camera Club (Advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483398	3 St. Mary's Road	Always Monday following the monthly meeting	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Swimming	Isabel Collins	01536 520971	Kettering Swimming Pool	Every Monday in term time	9.00am – 9.45am
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 rd Monday	2.00pm
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	3 rd Monday	2.00pm-4.00pm
Canasta	Margaret Hall	01536 512215	Kettering Bridge Club	Every Monday	2.00pm-4.00pm
Knit, Natter and Crochet	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	Dorothy Stock's home	Alternate Mondays	2.00pm-4.00pm
Tuesday					
Travel	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	1 st Tuesday	2.00pm
Walking (Medium)	John Sumpter	01536 722198	Varies	Last Tuesday	10.00am
Computer Club	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	At Chris Ditri's home	Fortnightly	10.00am-12.00pm
Beginners Camera Group	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Home	2 nd Tuesday	2.00pm
Wednesday					
Lunch Club	Margaret Hall Patricia Stokes	01536 512215 01536 724342	Varies	3 rd Wednesday	12.45pm
Country Dancing	Janice Angles	07768169490	St. Andrews Hall	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10.30am-12.00pm
Music Appreciation	Ted Faulkner	01536 745878	Home	Last Wednesday	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Craft	Angela Deans	01536 484187	Home	4 th Wednesday	10.00am
Gardening	Chris Ditri Sandra Tecklenberg	01536 723145 01832 733419	Varies	1 st Wednesday	Start at 10 am
Thursday					
Spanish	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Asda Training Room	1 st & 3 rd Thurs	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday					
Singing for Pleasure	Jill Dee	01536 514054	Fuller Church	Fortnightly	10.00am-11.30am
Ballroom Dancing	Matilda Harvey	01536 522915	Mash Dance Studios	2 nd & 4 th Friday	12.45pm-1.30pm
Making Music	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Weekly	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Ten pin bowling	Dai Johnson	01536483398	Thunder Bowl, Kettering	Always Friday following monthly meeting	Start at 10 am

DAYS ARRANGED BY GROUP

Day Trips

Theatre Visits

IPad Group

History Group

Julie Bates 01536 725538 & Jessie Mills 01536 722421

Joyce Williams 01536 482566 & Jean Issitt 01536 513218

Michael Collins 01536 520971

Geraldine Hardwick 01536 481203

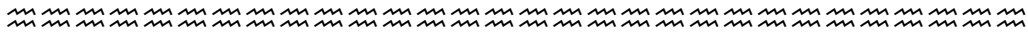
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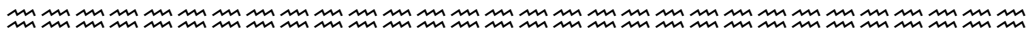
**Forthcoming Meetings at The Eden Centre
Note: Doors open at 1:30pm.**

June 14 th	An Illustrated Talk on Big Cats	Barbara Meyer
July 12 th	AGM	
August 9 th	History of Papworth and its Hospital	Ian Burton



To all members

If you are aware of anything affecting one of our members such as an important birthday, anniversary or illness and feel that a card from the U3A would be appropriate please contact Lynne on 01536 618001



Plea from the Editor

Please post copy to Sammy Brewer, 3 West Way, Kettering, NN15 7LE to reach her by the end of the month. (01536 481700) If you would prefer emailing then her address is omi.brewer2@btinternet.com



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