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Chair's Chatter

What a great evening we had with the Quiz. It was lovely to see the largest group that we have had enjoying Pauline's Quiz. The food was great as well. Unfortunately, we had some over as some people didn't turn up or let us know so we could cancel it. I did forget to tell you, but it is a good idea to bring your own knives and forks as the plastic ones that are supplied are not much good for cutting chicken up!!!!

For those of you without the internet - would you be interested in a service one of our members is offering? When we look for new items (fridges, tvs etc) most of us look on line to see what is the best buy. If you don't have access to the internet, Tony has offered to do it for you for a small fee to cover costs. He also gets the Which magazine every month so can find out what their recommendations are. His number is 01536 481733 if you want to discuss.

The Produce stall raised £32 for the Air Ambulance which was brilliant. A cheque has gone off to them and we will be planning to hold another one in the Spring.

I had a phone call this morning and an automated voice said it was from BT and my internet had been compromised - please press 1 to correct the fault. I put down the phone and later rang BT who confirmed that this was a scam. Beware! They try and take money from you in one way or another. Check the number they are ringing from through 1471 and let BT know. If you are a BT customer then ring 150, if you aren't then it is 0800 800150. If you are with BT then they offer a call protect system which send nuisance calls to a junk box. You dial 1572 after the call (once it is activated) and you don't get it again.

Today's Speaker is Derek Blunt talking about Northamptonshire's Spires and Squires.

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Ken Bridges

Painting for pleasure

Here is the latest from the Martin's painting group. It has been a fairly quiet but enjoyable month with one or two absentees due to holidays. We have a new member Richard, who joined us this month, welcome to him. Catherine came to give us an insight into how to best paint with acrylics, most of us have been using mainly watercolour paint, we had a lot of fun watching her demonstrate then all having a go, with rather pleasing results, trees look so much more vivid in acrylic paint. Much hand washing after as it is a bit messier than watercolour. I for one will be giving it another go. It's always good to try something new. We are all following Catherine's progress with her mural at Kettering General hospital which we hope to visit on completion.

Carlene Lee

Book Club September and October

This month we have been reading the sequel to Jo Jo Moyes "After You" The story begins with Louise recovering from the death of Will and beginning to make new friends. Sam the handsome Ambulance officer together with the people from her support group. Together with a surprise visit from Will's unknown daughter Lily she starts to enjoy her life again. Sadly it didn't end with Sam and Louise getting married but with Louise flying to America with Sam waving her goodbye. I feel another book is planned. Also during September, we enjoyed one of three trilogies by Anna Jacobs The Heir to Greyladies, another new author we had not read before. The story was set in the 1900's when young woman had no rights of their own and supposedly family who should have been supporting them become very greedy to a young orphaned young teenager All the characters were well described and gave the story a well-rounded story line and of course the heroine met her knight in shining armour and become a very rich heiress thanks to an unknown aunt leaving her the house Greyladies and all the money required to keep her and her husband very well provided for.

October

This month we enjoyed reading a book by one of our favourite authors, Rachel Hoare The Glass Painters Daughter a mixture of Historical and present day, running side by side with the story around a glass window in the local church. With our heroine Fran ensuring her father's business continued with the help of his long-time friend, Zack. The two stories intertwined very well with both ending to everyone satisfaction. Two happy endings - what more can you ask for? A book to enjoy through the summer.

Margaret Turnbull

Singing for Pleasure

It was great to be back singing again and learning new songs. Our winter programme is coming along and we are enjoying playing about with some different songs. We have again been asked to sing at various Retirement Homes around Kettering nearer Christmas, so have to work hard to be able to give a credible performance.

Sylvia Dale

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Theatre trips

There are still some seats available for "Annie" at Nottingham Theatre Royal on 22nd May 2019....cost £46 payable this month.

Also, could those people going to the Curve in January to see White Christmas, pick up their tickets.

Joyce Williams

Short Walks

Hello everyone, the weather was sunny and bright. Our walk round Ringstead was delightful. Doreen suggested it and showed us round. She was worried it might be too long for some of us, so half way we asked if anyone wanted to shorten it. The answer was No! Teddy loves his walk and met new people. Afterwards, the Tea Rooms in Ringstead were exceptional.

Helen Hicks is taking the next walk as we are on a break. She is a regular walker with us. Will email as usual before we go.

Next short walk: THURSDAY 22/10 Meeting: 10am Irthingborough, Church car park

Tea Rooms - details to follow.

Wanda Moffatt

Play Reading

This week we selected 'The Chiltern Hundreds' by William Douglas Home. A play about Politics, The Chiltern Hundreds is mainly about how to resign from the House of Commons. The Earl of Lister, Vicount Pym, his son, June, the American fiancée, Beecham the butler and Bessie the maid, get into increasingly complicated roles, very class laden which did rather date it but altogether made a enjoyable light hearted afternoon playread. As usual Ros provided parched throats with tea and biscuits. Still looking for another male member to help Ron along with Male roles, although us ladies are getting good at deep voices.

Carlene

Tech Corner

In August and September, I wrote about the importance of your personal data. Of course, the data is only important if it is correct! Unfortunately, messages sent to 3 of our members are being returned as "no address found". Either the members declared their email addresses were still the same as last year on their renewal forms when it should have been a different one or they entered it wrongly. You are missing out on lots of vital U3A messages!!

If you think your address used to be one of these and you now have a different one, please contact Alan or Pauline Bailey and tell us what it should be. None of the following are correct "because the address couldn't be found, or is unable to receive mail":-

jo.mctackney@ntlworld.com.

strangword3@sky.com

randall-2014@icloud.com

Alan

Ukulele Group

We had a good go at Pretty Flamingo, playing along with Manfred Mann and Paul Jones. Though the chords were easy the changes were quite fast and proved testing for some. We have a new member, John Cooper, since June Mason has dropped out due to shoulder problems making practising difficult. He will have to work hard to catch up with everyone else. We are also practising some numbers to play with the Singing Group on 3rd December at Windsor Gardens.

Alan

Trips

The first trip of 2019 is to Belton House and Downton (for shopping). This will be in late March. There are not many places of interest open early in the year and with the weather being uncertain we thought we would start with this one.

Trips also being discussed are the Black Country Museum, Belvoir Castle and Harry Potter World, Woburn, Blenheim Castle. We will let you know dates later.

Sylvia

Beginners Camera Group.

We met on the 9th of October but the group was very small owing to members being on holiday. Elaine Taylor who has been coming along to our meetings helping with the group has not been well, so we sent her a "Get well" card with our best wishes. The group took various photographs experimenting with light and shadows.

There will not be a group meeting in November so the next one will be on 11th December at the same venue. The homework is taking photographs of contrasts, ie colours etc.

Julie Bates

Camera Group

Unfortunately, the weather was against us on the day we planned to meet in Stamford. So, I hope the group has been able to visit the town for a photo shoot on one of the very pleasant days we have enjoyed since that awful Monday. At our next meeting on the 19th November we will review your results and hope to start planning for next year.

Jenny

Ten Pin Bowling

Another good week for everyone as standards seem to be creeping ever upwards. This was helped by four members achieving personal bests. Izzy, Josie, Sue and Jill have set some even higher scores. I think our supportive and enjoyable atmosphere has led to these steady improvements.

We welcome new members to come and join our group.

Dai Johnson

Groups News

We are pleased to say that the new Recorder Group is almost ready to start under the expert tuition of Mary Cooper. The new Keep fit group is struggling to find a Group Leader as the present leaders are unable to continue. If you can help please let us know. We would be sorry to see this group have to stop because those who go to it really enjoy it. Ten people showed interest in the seated Yoga. If we get enough people to commit to the group we will look for a hall to hold it in. It will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Having learnt the day and time we now only have 2 interested members! So please sign up if you want this group to start.

It has been suggested that a group could be set up to go together to the Cinema— Silver Screen. Some single people are reluctant to go to the cinema on their own, so a group would be helpful. Then maybe a coffee afterwards. Please sign on the sheet if you are interested.

We would like to set up more groups for our male members, as many of our groups only seem to suit ladies. If you have an interest you could share, please let us know.

Pat Johnson and Rosalind Bridges.

Medium Walking Group

It was a case of over the hills and far away (well over the county border into Leicestershire) when 15 walkers met in the car park of the Wharf Inn at Welford and a fairly gloomy morning with a chilly wind and just the threat of drizzle.

Our route took us past the Pocket Park in the village which is fronted by a colourful carved wooden figure of a man. No clue is given to who it represents but it bears a superficial resemblance to Postman Pat in civvy clothes.

We left the village and traversed some fields to meet a good concrete track heading up an undulation, then due to a slight navigational faux pas, we came back down like the Grand Old Duke of York onto the correct course over some field edge paths to our first crossing of the Grand Union Canal.

The canal follows a flat course but our route followed some more undulations and some slightly claggy fields to cross the canal once more. A well-deserved break was taken, then a short hop took us down onto the canal towpath. We were not passed by a single boat on the main line but when we turned into the Welford Branch we were passed by just one single boat. However, we did see a couple of moored boats one of which had its stove lit and the smell of wood smoke drifting from its chimney completed the Autumnal feel of the day. The crunch of fallen leaves under our feet was also a seasonal reminder. On reaching Welford Marina an even more evocative smell of coal fires from some boats brought childhood days back to mind.

At the pub we were joined by John C for lunch and with main courses for only £6.50 represented excellent value.

Thanks to John and Jenny for organising an excellent walk.

Subject to confirmation the November walk will be another canal one led by John Sumpter on Tuesday 27th November from the Red Lion at Crick. John can be contacted on 01536 722198.

David Hamilton

Speakers

December 12th Christmas Party at the Athletic Club



Drop in for coffee -
Cransley Hospice Coffee Shop
November 13th and 27th at 10.30 am
All are welcome

Kettering U3A Speakers

November 20th - The Art of the Christmas Card

What's On

***Kettering Symphony Orchestra** are performing at Kettering Buccleuch Academy on the 8th November at 7.30pm. They are performing works by George Gershwin and Brahms. The Violin Concerto by Max Bruch is featuring soloist Lucy Baker. Tickets are £11 for adults.

*Pop in to the Alfred East Art Gallery in Kettering Library on the 1st December 11 – 3pm, to see the **Great Art in Your Attic Art Fair**. Admission is free. One of our members is exhibiting there. See if you can work out who it is!

***Christmas lights** will be turned on in Kettering on the 29th November between 4 and 8pm.

***Bishop Stopford School** are having a **Christmas Fair** on Saturday 17th November 10 – 3.

***Christmas with Steptoe and Son** is on at the Lighthouse Theatre on the 25th November. Start time is 7pm.

"A Celebration of Christmas" with the **Variations Choir** and soloists.

At the United Reformed Church, London Road. Kettering.

On Saturday the 15th December 2018 at 7.15 pm.

Tickets Adults £6. Children under 12. £3 available at the door

Or telephone 01536 513548. Refreshments included.

Come and help us celebrate our 30th Anniversary at this ever Popular Concert.

Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Art Group	Martin Dale	01536 411865	Mind Centre	Weekly	10-12
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 rd Monday	2pm
Camera Club (advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483396	Home	3 rd Monday	2-4pm
Canasta	Margaret Hall	01536 512215	Kettering Bridge Club	Weekly	2-4pm
Knit and Natter	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	D Stocks' home	fortnightly	2-4pm
Mahjong/Scrabble	Linda Law C. Strangwood	01536 659091 01536 725265	B.S Village Hall	2 & 4 th	2-4pm
Play Reading	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Varies	1 st Monday	2-4pm
Swimming	Isabel Collins	01536 520971	K. Swimming Pool	Weekly termtime	9-9.45
Basic Maths	Chris Crick	07490 591224	Home	2 & 4 th	10-12
Tuesday					
Camera Club Beginners	Julie Bates	01536 745538	Home	2 nd	2pm
Computer Club	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Chris Ditri's home	Fortnightly	10-12
Walking (medium)	John Sumpter	01536 722198	Varies	Last Tuesday	10am
Ukelele group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Fortnightly	10am
Travel	G. Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	3 rd	2pm
Wednesday					
Country Dancing	Janice Angles	07768 169490	St Andrews Hall	2 nd & 4 th	10.45
Gardening	Chris Ditri S. Tecklenberg	01536 723145 01832 733419	Varies	1 st	10am
Lunch Club	Margaret Hall	01536 512215	Varies	3 rd	12.45
Keep Fit	Lin Ray	01536 418975	Burton Bowls Club	Weekly	9.45
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	1 st	2pm
Thursday					
Short Walks	Wanda Moffatt	01536 483773	Varies	3 rd	10 am
Music Appreciation	Ken Bridges	01536 741455	Home	Varies	2-4pm
Spanish	G Hardwick	01536 481203	Hertford C.Centre	1 st & 3 rd	2-4pm
Friday					
Making Music	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Weekly	2-4pm
Singing for Pleasure	Jill Dee	01536 514054	Fuller Church	Fortnightly	10am
Ballroom Dancing	Matilda Harvey	01536 522195	St Edwards Church	Weekly	11.45
Ten Pin Bowling	Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Thunder Bowl	After meeting	10am

Kettering U3A Groups that have vacancies

Day/Group	Leader	Contact no	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Card Making	Marian Tucker	01536 510354	Home	3 rd	10 - 12
Family History	Richard Boyles	01536 744753	LDS Church	2 nd	2 – 4
Heartbeat	David Claydon	01536 520965	Varies	2 nd	10am
Tuesday					
Jewellery making	Sherry Calvert	07722 407636	Home	2 nd	10am
Wednesday					
Bookworms	Pauline Parkin	01536 799197	Varies	4 th	2 – 4
Looking at Churches	Janet Flower	01536 764541	Varies	3 rd	2pm
Thursday					
Card Playing	Di Tebbutt	01536 392556	Counties CC	2 nd & 4 th	1.45 – 3.45
Friday					
Sing (& Laugh) Out Loud	Mary Wildman	01536 741222	Fuller Church	Alternate	10 – 11.45

