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## Chairs' Chatter

Another month has gone by and it brings us closer to Christmas. Our **Christmas Party** will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Athletic Club in Rockingham Road.

There will be a lot going on with a quiz (thanks to Marilyn McGrath), the Over 60's Silver Band entertaining us and lots of food. Drinks will be available at the bar but no tea or coffee. The tickets are on sale now and are £2. This is to enable us to know how many we are catering for and also it is your raffle ticket. In the past we have had lovely raffles but we are changing it this year and having actual cash prizes. The first prize will be £100 plus further cash prizes.

The **Quiz** with or without supper is on the 17<sup>th</sup> October at the Athletic Club.

Doors open at 7.15pm and we start at 7.30. There are a few tickets left if you want to order supper. Lynne will be at the Committee Desk if you want to book your place.

I was invited to **Kettering U3A's** main meeting in September and was made very welcome. At the back of this newsletter under our group activities, you will find details of their groups that have vacancies and are opening them up to us. If you fancy any of them then give the group leader a ring.

There will be a **New Members Meeting** on 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Royal Hotel in the coffee lounge at 10am. If you are a new member then come along and meet some of the committee and let us have any ideas that you have - we are always after ideas!!!

Our Speaker today will be Derek Hunt from the Limelight Studios and he is an artist in glass.

*Sylvia*

## Play reading

We chose a play by the well-known Noel Coward 'Present Laughter.' A play concerning a famous romantic actor, self-satisfied, spoilt, egotistical and a terrible womaniser - happily played by Ron - whilst the rest of us were his doting admirers, plus several male parts that were played by the ladies. Come on boys, Ron needs help. It was the longest play we've read so far, but Ros as usual kept us supplied with tea and biscuits. Next meeting on 22nd October due to holidays.

Carlene Lee



## Singing for Pleasure

It was great to be back singing and to catch up with all the news. We were all so pleased that Kate came through her op safely and with a good result. It was lovely to see Anna again although she had some very sad news for us. A new member joined us and hopefully she will come back for the next session. We all enjoyed trying out new songs and planning our Christmas programme.

Sylvia Dale



## Camera Club

We had a lot of fun taking photographs through water to show the effects of refraction. Then using our imagination, we used unusual shaped glass containers and glass balls to see the photographic results. We could have been in a primary school science class! Our homework is to continue in this vein. We meet next month 15th October in Stamford at 2 pm to take photos of the town. If you need a lift please let me know.

Jenny

## Group Leaders

Reminders: *have you got a copy of your members details with you in case of emergency?*

*Do you have the postcode of the venue?*

*Have you checked that all members are fully paid up for this year – otherwise they aren't covered by U3A insurance.*

I am sure that you all have but .....



## Painting for Pleasure

We have had a busy month painting, although somewhat depleted with one or two members away on holiday. Catherine came to give us an interesting morning learning about perspectives with a demonstration on how not to make our paths and roads appear to be rising to the heavens, I think we all gained a lot from her demonstration and managed to get our roads looking more realistic. We are following her painting on the hospital external walls with interest and are looking forward to visiting to view the finished murals. One of our members has left leaving room for a new member if anyone is interested. We meet on Mondays.

Carlene Lee



## Mahjong and Scrabble

We were pleased to hear, at the last meeting, that we are now open to have folks from Kettering U3A join us. There is lots of room at Barton Seagrave Village Hall for new Scrabble or Mahjong players and plenty of parking there on Bertone Road which is on the Redrow Estate off Polwell Lane.

Linda Law



## Discussion Group

The discussion group was held at 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Should Boris Johnson be Prime Minister met with a resounding NO from all of us.

Is Jeremy Corbyn anti-Semitic led to a lively debate about the subject and Middle Eastern problems in general.

For light relief we asked what we would do with 1 million pounds – a bungalow, helping grandchildren and a car with a chauffeur were popular and giving to charities. We chatted over tea and biscuits with me still dreaming of 1 million pounds!

Next meeting on Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm.

Linda Miller



## Theatre Trips

Tickets for White Christmas at the Leicester Curve Theatre will be available at the October meeting.

I have booked tickets to see "Annie" at Nottingham Theatre Royal on 22nd May, 2019. Anyone interested please put names on list - payment due November meeting.

Joyce Williams



## Trips

Worcester Christmas Market, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November £14. Start time 8am. A few members still to pay and we still have a few seats left.

As this is our last organised trip, we would like to thank all members who have joined us over the years, for being prompt at the times given and also for the prompt payment, which makes it much easier for us. Again, many thanks.

Jessie and Julie

## Beginners Camera Club

We will be meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October at the usual venue.

Julie



## Spanish

We have now been joined by two more new members which will bring us up to our maximum. The group will now be closed to new members so anyone else wanting to learn Spanish will now have to wait for a vacancy. We are making progress with numbers to a million.

Geraldine



## Travel Group.

John took eight of us on a travel safari. This time we visited villages around Market Harborough stopping for coffee and lunch before making our way to Foxton Locks. We drove through beautiful Leicestershire countryside. Thanks to John and Peter who drove us.

Geraldine



## Short Walks

Thrapston Country Park didn't disappoint. Quiet, easy walking and lovely views across the water. Not even the rain could put us off. When we finished the walk we all headed to The Woolpack Inn, just down the road for welcome refreshment. Come and join us! The next walk 18th October at 10.00am. Doreen Riley is choosing the walk. More detail at the next meeting at the short walks table and, of course, we will email the details as well

Wanda, Bob and Teddy

## Tech Corner

Did you know that when you browse to an internet site your computer often keeps a copy of the page on your computer? Next time you 'look' it loads the copy because that means it will load faster. So quite often you are actually seeing an old page. Most of the time this doesn't matter but if you suspect that it is not up to date, press the function key F5 (on the very top row on your keyboard). This forces the computer to refresh the page by downloading it from the site again. This is why occasionally when you try to find the current newsletter you find last month's instead!

Fascinating - and somewhat terrifying - a demonstration of Google's new artificial intelligence machine actually making a call to book a haircut. The people receiving the calls have no idea they are talking to a machine. Listen to the first 2 calls! Copy this into your browser address line <http://www.askwebster.co.uk/call/> and press the Enter key. I can assure you, you will be thinking about this next time you are talking to an Indian call centre.

There is much more to the talk and to hear the entire speech with Google talking about Artificial Intelligence including healthcare and Be Internet Awesome to do with children being safe, copy this into your browser address line <https://youtu.be/ogfYd705cRs> and press the Enter key.

Alan

## Computer Club

Due to various factors we have not met for a few weeks but are now looking at Publisher (or the LibreOffice equivalent) and will be examining transitions from one slide to the next and other fancy settings.

Alan

## Ukulele Group

We have introduced the Kazoo into the range of instruments we are becoming expert with! Currently, having (almost) mastered the basics, we are looking at songs with chords other than C,F G7 so that we can expand our repertoire and many of us are following (not necessarily succeeding) a 30 day challenge on the Internet. We also hope to join the Singing Group at one of their outings on the run up to Christmas.

Alan

## Ten Pin Bowling

Due to half our regulars being on holiday it was just a small but very keen group which enjoyed the usual challenge.

Jenny kindly helped to get us started and Isabel, who achieved a P.B., eventually secured the lead.

Overall the scores should have been higher as everyone put in a lot of effort. Perhaps we missed our leader!

Looking forward to next time on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 am at the Bowling Alley, Rockingham Road, where you are very welcome to join in.

It costs only £ 2 for a morning's entertainment, shoe hire included.

Erika – substituting for Dai

## Knit and Natter

A few people missing due to holidays, hospital appointments etc but we had a good natter but not a lot of knitting. Still we put the world to rights and enjoyed the afternoon. More items made and given to Age UK. Thank you, Ladies.

Sylvia

## Medium Walking Group

12 walkers met in the car park of the Bluebell Inn at Easton on the Hill on a beautiful sunny but fresh Autumn morning ready for a five-mile walk.

Our route took us through the village and then across a busy A43 to follow a good path towards Wothorpe Towers. The only thing that marred this rural idyll somewhat was a persistent agricultural aroma.

However, this was soon left behind and after passing behind said Towers and after crossing a field a brief navigation stop was made to identify the tunnel under the A1.

The path was then easily followed to the outskirts of Stamford where a badly placed footpath sign led us into someone's garden. (note to self: do a recce walk and don't leave navigating to memory).

Finally, back on track we had a very pleasant break beside the mighty River Welland on Stamford Meadows.

Following the Meadows footpath out of town a brief stop was made to look at the remains of Stamford Spa which is a bit underwhelming to say the least.

Passing under the A1 we crossed the Leicester- Peterborough railway line but luckily did not have to dodge any trains. Needless to say, we used an official crossing point.

A few good field paths brought us back to the outskirts of Easton then a pleasant walk through the village brought us back to the pub where we were joined by a non-walking member for lunch which took a fair amount of time to come considering we had ordered at 10 o'clock but was good value for money.

David Hamilton



## Kettering & District Flower Club

Present

A Spectacular Floral Demonstration

### INSPIRED FOR CHRISTMAS

By Nigel Whyles

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30

At the Lighthouse Theatre

Tickets £12 available from the box office



Can I remind you all to turn off your phones or put them on silent during the Speakers talk. Last month a couple of phones went off during it which is a bit off-putting.

Sylvia



### Irish Philosophy

There are only two things to worry about, either you are well or you are sick

**If you are well;** *then there is nothing to worry about.*

**If you are sick;** *there are two things to worry about; either you will get well or you will die.*

**If you get well;** *there is nothing to worry about.*

**If you die;** *there are two things to worry about; either you will go to Heaven or Hell.*

**If you go to Heaven;** *there is nothing to worry about.*

**If you go to Hell;**

*You'll be so damn busy shaking hands with your friends, you won't have time to worry!*



## Speakers

November 14<sup>th</sup> Spires and Squires, exploring Northamptonshire

December 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at the Athletic Club

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Drop in for coffee -

### **Cransley Hospice Coffee Shop**

October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am

All are welcome

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## Kettering U3A News

**Card Playing Group** meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month from 1.45 until 3.45 at the Hertford Road Community Centre. We play a number of card games including Whist, Solo, Bridge, Canasta and Crib. Some of our members are also learning to play Mah-jong. We are also looking for people to play Scrabble as at the moment only two ladies have joined to play this. The cost of each session is £2 to cover hire of the hall and for refreshments.

Contact Di Tebbutt at [di\\_tebbutt@hotmail.com](mailto:di_tebbutt@hotmail.com)

Also available is the **Family History Group** which meets on second Monday of the month.

Contact Richard Boyles for more information. His details are on our website.

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1918 – 2018 WW1 Centenary Tour

### **KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING**

An unforgettable journey through the melodies of WW1 with this brand-new musical, which features a **live band** and the **Cransley Hospice Community Choir**.

It is on at the Lighthouse Theatre for 1 night only **3<sup>rd</sup> November** at 7pm

*A number of our members belong to this choir, so support them by going to see it.*

Well-known Artist **Angela Wright** will be making an

### **ART INSTALLATION**

At St Andrews Church, Cotterstock PE8 5HD (near Oundle) to commemorate Armistice Day

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 5pm

The Residents of Cotterstock are knitting and crocheting 1000 poppies to go on a large wire installation. Flower displays and homemade refreshments will be available **Free admission**, donations toward the upkeep of the church.

### Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
<b>Monday</b>					
Art Group	Martin Dale	01536 411865	Mind Centre	Weekly	10-12
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	2pm
Camera Club (advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483396	Home	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	2-4pm
Play Reading	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	10-12
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Camera Club Beginners	Julie Bates	01536 745538	Home	2 <sup>nd</sup>	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 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm
<b>Wednesday</b>					
Country Dancing	Janice Angles	07768 169490	St Andrews Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30
Gardening	Chris Ditri S. Tecklenberg	01536 723145 01832 733419	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup>	10am
Lunch Club	Margaret Hall	01536 512215	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.45
Short Walks	Wanda Moffatt	01536 659236	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	1 <sup>st</sup>	2pm
Keep Fit	Lin Ray	01536 418975	Burton Bowls Club	Weekly	9.45
<b>Thursday</b>					
Music Appreciation	Ken Bridges	01536 741455	Home	Varies	2-4pm
Spanish	G Hardwick	01536 481203	Hertford C.Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4pm
<b>Friday</b>					
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
<b>Monday</b>					
Card Making	Marian Tucker	01536 510354	Home	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 - 12
Family History	Richard Boyles	01536 744753	LDS Church	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 - 4
Heartbeat	David Claydon	01536 520965	Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Jewellery making	Sherry Calvert	07722 407636	Home	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am
<b>Wednesday</b>					
Bookworms	Pauline Parkin	01536 799197	Varies	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 - 4
Looking at Churches	Janet Flower	01536 764541	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm
<b>Thursday</b>					
Card Playing	Di Tebbutt	01536 392556	Counties CC	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 - 3.45
<b>Friday</b>					
Sing (& Laugh) Out Loud	Mary Wildman	01536 741222	Fuller Church	Alternate	10 - 11.45

**Pop in for Coffee** – the Thursday after the main meeting and a fortnight later. Venues change so look for the current venue in the newsletter.

**Trips**

Day trips Julie Bates 01536 725538 and Jessie Mills 01536 722421  
Theatre Visits Joyce Williams 01536 482566 and Jean Issitt 01536 513218

**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



**Newsletter Editor:**

This is Martin Dale. Please send contributions by 5pm, 30<sup>th</sup> of the month to [syviadale@live.co.uk](mailto:syviadale@live.co.uk). If you can get them to us earlier that would be appreciated as the newsletter fills up and it is often a job to get the last contributions in.



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