

May 2018

## **What's on.....**

**Lighthouse Theatre** ...The Ukelele Orchestra of Great Britain

8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

## **Places to visit .....**

**Kelmarsh Hall.** *The Hall, gardens, Old Stables Shop and Tea Room are open 11-5 on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Bank Holiday Mondays.*

**Kirby Hall,** *near Gretton is open Wednesday through to Sunday 10-6pm. Closed Monday and Tuesday other than Bank Holidays.*

## **Activities .....**

*Take part in three days of music and history at National Trust Lyvedon. Led by an inspiring team of heritage experts and professional musicians of the Come and Sing Company. It culminates in an open-air Secret Concert on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. All levels of experience welcome. Ticket price includes a songbook, guided tour, sandwich lunches, refreshments and a buffet dinner inside the newly acquired Lyvedon Manor. Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.*

Visit <http://artsandgardens.org/our-work/secret-lyvedon>

**Today's Speaker** is Kevin Varty with his talk on Pictures in the Parlour – magic lantern. Be aware that the room will be blacked out for this.

## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome a new committee member – Jill Burgess. She will be helping out wherever she is needed. Thank you for agreeing to come on the committee, Jill.

Just to confirm timings:

1.55 – Chairs' chatter

2.05 – Speaker

3pm – Raffle

For those with hearing aids, the hearing link is on the left-hand side of the room, so try and sit there.

## Renewals

New system this year. Collect a blank renewal form from the Membership Secretary, fill it in, sign it and present it back to her with your cheque/cash and she will give you your membership card. New numbers this year.

**Group Leaders** – please make sure that all your group know about the new renewal system, so that those who don't come to the meetings are aware and can either contact the Membership Secretary or print a form off the website.

Sylvia

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## Music Appreciation

We met on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April (amended to suit more attendees) to play music with relevance for a particular date or year. Artists/composers included Jimmy Witherspoon, John Ireland, Michael Kaman (Robin Hood theme), Strauss/Deodata (a funky version of Also Sprach Zarathustra), Barington Phoulong (Brideshead Revisited), Katie

Melua, Elgar, George Formby, Mile Davis and a 2001 version of Pablo's Blues that was written in 1931. The items were written/performed from 1899 to 2001.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 10th May (2:00 to 2:15 pm start). The agreed theme - "Rivers".

Ken Bridges

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## Singing for Pleasure

We were pleased to welcome some new members this month. The new programme is nearly ready to take out and we will be starting our recitals/concerts in Retirement Homes in May.

Sylvia Dale

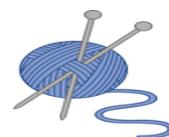
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## Knit and Natter

Good news that both Yvonne and Carol are recovering from their health scares. Welcome to Irene Cox who has transferred from the Monday morning group.

Another lot of blankets, shawls and hats were taken to Age UK and in return they gave us more wool!!! Get knitting ladies!!

Sylvia Dale



## ***Tech Corner***

If you have a Facebook account, you can find out how much they know about you. It's a lot: every post, photo uploaded, message sent, item clicked on and more.

### **Here is how to find out what they know:**

Log into Facebook. On the Facebook page, look at the menu bar which contains the Facebook Search box, Find Friends etc. and click the downward facing triangle on the right end of the bar. Then select the **"Settings"** option.

Click the **"Download a Copy of Your Facebook Data"** link at the bottom of the General Account Settings page.

Next, click the green **"Start My Archive"** button.

This will give a 'Request My Download message box. Click 'Start My Archive'. Type your password if asked (you may not be). You will be told that it will take Facebook a few minutes to gather your data. It may take quite a while. Facebook will email you when your archive is ready for downloading. It will be very revealing especially if you use Facebook a lot.

When you receive the email (subject Your Facebook download is ready) click on the link at the end of the message. Log into Facebook with your password and click on the green Download Archive button. Re-enter your password when asked and click the Submit button. The Archive will be downloaded to your Download folder as a zip (compressed) file. Find the file using File Explorer and double click on it, then click on Extract on the menu bar at the top. Once extracted double click on the Index.htm file to see the contents of the report. Clicking on the Profile

blue menu items on the left shows what has been stored by Facebook.

Alan Bailey

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## **Book club**

This month the U3A book group reviewed a French author Jean Paul Didierlaurant, The Reader on the 6-27 a story of a lonely man working in a paper factory recycling old manuscripts, and a young girl writing her story which finds its way to our hero We enjoyed a lively discussion with most of us agreeing not our usual non-fiction but enjoyable, and importantly a happy ending.

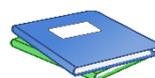
Margaret Turnbull

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## **Play Reading**

We met at Rosalind's house for our monthly play-read. Slightly depleted but enough of us to relish getting our teeth into a slightly more serious play 'An Inspector Calls' by J B Priestley, a family divided but all involved with many twists and turns and a surprise at the end when you think it's all resolved. Although some of us ladies are getting good playing deeper male voices, we still only have our one valiant male to add authenticity. A good time was had helped along with tea and biscuits.

Carlene Lee



## Short Walk

For the first short walk it couldn't have gone better as we had sunshine, warmth and firm ground to walk on. Nine of us altogether and one dog. We set off from Wicksteed Park, through Castle Field, the arboretum and round the fishing lakes. We managed to show "locals" bits of the park and area they hadn't seen before. The walk ended for coffee for those who could stay. Very nice in the sun. As you may know we are new to Kettering although we have visited over many years. We will need people to suggest other walks. Take turns. Great fun!

NOTE- the change of day by popular choice. Every 3rd Thursday of the month,

NEXT WALK - 17th May 10.00am meeting at the upper car park, Irchester Country Park, Wellingborough NN29 7DL £3 parking charge.

Wanda Moffat

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## Painting for Pleasure

We have all enjoyed our painting mornings at the Mind Centre this month, the group being slightly depleted due to holidays etc. Catherine came again to share her expertise. This time we all had a go at painting watercolour skies using wet on wet which produced some amazing variations of colour and was very informative, no more boring old plain blue skies for our group!

Carlene Lee

## Ten Pin Bowling

We welcomed two new bowlers this week, Jenny and Robin. We hope they enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing them again in May. Some of the group are becoming quite consistent and are disappointed when they don't get a PB! With lots of encouragement and support the group's aim is to have fun and enjoyment. Long may that remain. We would love to welcome new members to our group.

Dai Johnson.

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## Travel Group

There will be no Travel Group in May due to holiday commitments. We will resume in June. In April we welcomed two new members through changing our week. We learned about Madeira and also watched a film about Peru which Pat had acquired from a travel show. Contact Geraldine on 01536 481203.

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## Spanish

We welcomed a new member so starting on Pasos 1 was a good idea. As the room rental has increased we could do with a few more. Remember only a little Spanish is necessary.

Contact Geraldine on 01536 481203.



## News from the Groups

Our new **Short Walking** group had its first outing in April, so well done to Wanda for her hard work in setting this group up. A lot of people showed interest in the short walks and as always it is difficult to choose a day and time which suits everyone, so there will be some tweaks, so watch out for the changes in the May newsletter. Our **Ballroom dancing** group seems unable to attract Ise Valley members. It's a very friendly group with an excellent teacher. If you would like to learn to Sequence dance, please come along.

Anyone who would like to play **Bridge** is welcome to join the group run by the Kettering U3A. Please see Margaret Hall for details.

We are still keen to restart our **Birdwatching** group, so if you have a knowledge of birds which you could share please see Pat or Ros at the Groups desk.

If you have knowledge or skills that you could share please talk to us about starting a new group. We would like to set up a few more groups this year to cater for our increased membership.

Pat Johnson and Rosalind Bridges.

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## Beginners Camera Group.

Unfortunately, we could not do our outside meeting in April because of the weather, so we will try again on May 8th to do some close-up photography, meeting at The Blitz, Kettering Library at 2.15pm.

Julie Bates

## Trip News

**Denby Pottery** Trip - April 12th.

We hope everyone enjoyed this trip to Denby Pottery, the tour around the factory was very interesting. Hopefully you have all painted your frogs as these will be judged at the May meeting

**Shugborough Estate** Visit. May 22nd. Start Time 9.00am.

Will members who have not collected their receipts/tickets please do so at the May meeting. National Trust members please do not forget to bring your membership details.

**BBC Gardeners World.** June 16th. Start Time. 9.00am.

All the tickets have now been taken.

**Cambridge Visit and River Cruise** with Cream Tea. **JULY 5TH.**

Will members who still owe for this trip please pay at the May meeting.

Tickets/receipts will be available at June meeting with the start time.

There will be a list out for the visit to **Melton Mowbray market** on the 11th September, please put names down if seriously interested.

It has been a long time since we went to **Worcester Christmas Market**, so we are trying to get a coach booked in for Friday November 30th, a date for your diaries.

Julie and Jessie

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## Committee Members wanted

If you would like to come onto the Committee and help with events and meetings, please speak to a committee member. Anyone is welcome, even if you have just joined.



## Speakers

June 13<sup>th</sup>: A visit to Kettering of Yesteryear with David Capps

July 11<sup>th</sup> AGM, Quiz

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**Thank you, thank you, thank you** ..... to **Julie and Jessie** for arranging the coach trips for us for so many years. They have decided that after 12 years they have run out of ideas and the Christmas trip will be their last one. So..... is there any member who would like to take over arranging trips? Julie and Jessie will give you all the help they can and you can do it with a friend. If you want to see the trips continue someone must take them on so, have a good think and then either tell Julie and Jessie or any of the committee. Why not have a go!

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## Random Thoughts

- If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.
- Do twins ever realise that one of them is unplanned?
- What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it.
- If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

### Camera Club – Advanced

We gathered to talk about our Spring photos developed from our I-pads or phones. It was my first experience of doing this and the photos turned out quite well especially from the I-pad. Steve then gave us some teaching and a good set of notes on the benefits of using 'RAW'. Those of us who have the facility to do this will produce a photo in RAW and improve it using photo shop for their homework. Please remember to bring your cameras to next month's meeting on the 14th. May.

Jenny Goddard



***Coffee at the Kino Lounge on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am***

Wanted .....

- \*Someone who would like to organise a Group Holiday
  - \*Somewhere you would like to go?
  - \*Would you like to get more involved with the Ise Valley U3A?
- If you are interested then speak to Sylvia (Chair)

### Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
<b>Monday</b>					
Art Group	Martin Dale	01536 411865	Mind Centre, Russell St	Weekly	10am-12 noon
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	2pm
Camera Club (advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483396	3 St Mary's Rd	Monday following Monthly meeting	2pm-4pm
Canasta	Margaret Hall	01536 512215	Kettering Bridge Club	Every Monday	2pm-4pm
Knit and Natter	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	Dorothy Stocks house	Alternate Mondays	2pm-4pm
Mah Jongg/scrabble	Margaret Hopkins	01536 503308	Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	2pm-4pm
Play reading group	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Venue and date vary	Normally 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	2pm-4pm
Swimming	Isabel Collins	01536 520971	Kettering swimming pool	Every Monday in term time	9am-9.45
Basic Maths	Chris Crick	07490 591224	Home	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	10-12
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Camera Club (beginners)	Julie Bates	01536 725538	home	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2pm
Computer club	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Chris Ditri's house	Fortnightly	10-12
Walking (medium)	John Sumpter	01536 722198	Varies	Last Tuesday	10am
Ukelele Group)	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Fortnightly	10 am
Travel	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	2pm
<b>Wednesday</b>					
Country Danciong	Janice Angles	07768 169490	St Andrews Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays	10.30 – 12 noon
Gardening	Chris Ditri & Sandra Tecklenberg	01536 723145/733419	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	10 am
Lunch club	Margaret Hall & Patricia Stokes	01536 51225/724342	varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	12.45
Short Walk	Wanda & Bob Moffatt	01536 659236	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	10 am
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	2pm
<b>Thursday</b>					
Music Appreciation	Ken Bridges	01536 741455	Home	Varies	2-4pm
Spanish	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Hertford Community Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	2-4pm
Short Walks	Wanda Moffatt	01536 659236	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	10am
<b>Friday</b>					
Making Music	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Weekly	2-4pm
Singing for Pleasure	Jill Dee	01536 514054	Fuller Church	Fortnightly	10-11.30
Ten Pin Bowling	Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Thunder Bowl	Friday following monthly meeting	10am
Ballroom Dancing	Matilda Harvey	01536 522196	St Edwards Church Hall	Weekly	11-11.45

**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.

**Days arranged by individual group**

Day trips Julie Bates 01536 725538 and Jessie Mills 01536 722421  
Theatre Visits Joyce Williams 01536 482566 and Jean Issitt 01536 513218  
History Group Geraldine Hardwick 01536 481203 arranged after each meeting

**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 now Martin Dale. Please send contributions by 5pm, 30<sup>th</sup> of the month to [sylviadale@live.co.uk](mailto:sylviadale@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.



**Webmaster**

Alan Bailey

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**Committee – 2017-2018**

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Membership Secretary	Pauline Bailey	01933 350147
Group Co-ordinator	Pat Johnson	01536 483398
Assistant Group Co-ordinator	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741455
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General Duties & Travel	Tony Reed	01536 481733
General Duties	Linda Miller	01536 483773
General Duties	Jill Burgess	01536 515045

