

# ISE Valley News

Kettering, Northants



**Registered Charity Number 1179738**

**November 2019**

## **Chair's Chatter**

Christmas Extravaganza at Wicksteed Park December 4<sup>th</sup>. For all those who are driving there please note. Take a ticket at the barrier and then give the ticket to the staff at the door. They will give you one to get out – parking is part of the ticket price! Also, when arriving, tell them you are with the U3A and as we have 65 tickets booked when they arrive at that number – no one else will be allowed in, so make sure that you are there on time.

Timings are: Arrive at 10.30am for coffee. Leave approx. 4.15pm. I would suggest you aim to arrive just after 10 in order to park and walk to the venue.

Christmas Party tickets for December 11<sup>th</sup> are on sale now. The cost of £2 goes towards the raffle. The food, entertainment, crackers etc are free. We will be having another good raffle this year with a mix of money and Christmas fare.

We are looking to see if anyone is interested in going to the Thursford Christmas Show next year. If we have enough interest then we will book the tickets in January – any later and we won't get them! The approximate cost will be £60 which will be payable in instalments (if you wish) during the year.

A big THANK YOU to all those members who have helped us this year, from arranging the tea rota, selling books and diaries, helping out whenever we have needed it. We couldn't do this without you. If anyone is interested in coming on the committee and having a say in what we do, then talk to me or any of the committee.

Sylvia

## Garden Group

Our October meeting took the form of a trip to Gates Garden Centre, near Oakham. This covers a large area and offers a wide range of plants and other garden related purchases. We spent a very pleasant day, starting with coffee and including lunch before heading homewards.

Greta Cheshire

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## Cinema Group

We saw our first film together on the 19<sup>th</sup> September: the 12.45 showing of *Downton Abbey*. If you are a fan of the TV series (and I am) you will really enjoy it. Maggie Smith was of course as great as ever and the visuals were more sumptuous than on the small screen. After the film we had coffee in the in-house Costa.

The best time to go to the cinema seems to be early afternoon either for the regular performances or the Silver Screen. We virtually had the building to ourselves, much better than the overcrowded morning Silver Screens I remember. If you would like to join us please email me - tony@tony321.com We hope to see Judy next.

Tony Reed

## Tech Corner

Ever wondered what all those people at Google get up to during their lunch breaks (apart from their fascinating ever changing logo on the search page – if you don't use the Google Search Page as your home page search for it by typing [www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk) in the address bar at the top of your browser- the logo might be just the word Google in many colours or it might do something if you click on it – run a video, give interesting facts, run a cartoon etc)

While you are on the search page try these Important Note – you may have to click on Mr Doob in the search list

- Search [do a barrel roll](#). Did that surprise you?

- Search for [google gravity](#) and watch the page succumb to Gravity – try flicking bits (click on the word Google and try to fling it)
- For a more 3D effect, try [Google sphere](#) again you may have to click on Mr Doob in the search list. Moving the pointer on the screen changes speed and direction.
- Wondering whether to clobber your partner after some misdeed? Search for [flip a coin](#) and try flipping it by clicking Flip Again
- Need a metronome for Grandma dancing in the kitchen? Just search for [metronome](#)
- Sci-Fi fans should search for [the answer to life, the universe and everything](#)

To stop any of the effects click the back arrow in the menu bar at the top.

Alan

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## Music Appreciation

We met on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October to share our favourite pieces of music. Our usual wide selection of Performers/Composers included Bryn Terfel, Santana, Holst, Miles Davis, Andre Previn, Placido Domingo, Tony Bennett, George Michael, Berlioz, Shostakovich, Pavarotti, Mel Torme and Henry Hall. Some familiar titles were: It ain't necessarily so, Rhapsody in Blue, Fleidermauss, Don Giovanni, San Francisco, Gadfly, Gadfly and The Peanut Vendor. As usual, we were able to experience music that we might otherwise not come across.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November (2:00 pm start), to play music with the theme of "Coast".

Ken & Rosalind Bridges



## **Singing for Pleasure**

Jill Dee outlined our activities for the past few months together with updates of group members.

We have visited three new venues with our Summer programme, Westhill Park, The Rookery and Orchard House, with Yeoman's Court in Burton Latimer to be visited in late November.

We now have 26 members and the increased volume of our voices certainly makes it more enjoyable and a definite improvement. We are very fortunate to have Lynda as our pianist, she produces interesting music, folk ballads, popular songs and some fun pieces, though some us find the high notes more challenging than others!

At the moment we are organising our Christmas programme and once again it contains old favourites plus some new numbers.

For the past few years we have donated money into a fund instead of exchanging Christmas cards, the money raised is usually forwarded to a local charity. Last year we gave a cheque to Kettering Food Bank.

Our next important task is to complete our menu forms for our Christmas Lunch which this year will be at the Stirrup Cup in Barton Seagrave.

Velda Robinson

The next walk will be on November 21st. Place yet to be decided but will be available at the next meeting.

Wanda and Bob Moffatt

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## **Ten Pin Bowling**

What a contrast to last month, with strikes and spares galore. Trevor got a PB and Lou equalled his best. Lots of high fives and smiles.

We are beginning to plan our Christmas breakfast in December.

We welcome any newcomers to join our happy band.

Dai Johnson

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## **News from the Groups.**

The Lunch Club in November will on November 20th at 12.30 at the Thornhill Arms in Rushton. There will be a booking sheet out at the November meeting and we will require a £5 deposit per person for the booking.

Margaret Hall will be taking bookings for the Christmas lunch club meal at The Royal Oak , Walgrave, on December 18 th at 12.30. This will require a part or full payment per person on the day, with the balance due by the end of November.

The Art Group is up and running again but still has vacancies for new members. The proposed sketching group has so far had no interest. If you are interested please speak to us at the Groups table.

We would love to start up some new groups in 2020 but need some ideas from you and people who are prepared to help. There is lots of talent amongst our members so please consider sharing it with others.

Pat Johnson and Rosalind Bridges.

## **Short Walks**

This month we walked Stanwick Lakes. Eight of us plus Teddy met at the car park. It was an almost perfect autumn day, blue sky and warm sunshine. A lot of people about but there was enough room for all. Teddy wasn't sure about being on lead but he coped well. It wasn't long before we started seeing path flooded signs at the side of the path. In places the lake had broken its banks overnight making it impossible to do the planned walk but we rerouted. We had lots of time for refreshment at the cafe. Nice company, nice weather, nice chat!

## **Spanish**

We are still progressing through our Spanish text book. Our session included conversations about shopping which most of us found quite easy because of our experiences shopping in Spain. Bob is back and told us a story about the Spanish Health Service which is definitely more complicated than our own. We also learned about a young Spanish youth footballer and his life and education.

Geraldine

## **Camera group**

I arrived home from a week in Bournemouth only an hour and a half before the meeting , so wasn't prepared and homework wasn't developed. Other members of the group had very interesting examples of puzzling photos for us to examine. We then went on to decide how we should take good photos of water, moving or still. This is our homework for next month, 18th November when we will also be thinking of ideas for next year.

Jenny

## **Travel Group**

Pat finished off her journey experiences in Canada with photos of Victoria and Vancouver Island. As usual her photos and commentary were excellent. John finished off with some of the highlights of his trip to Canada highlighting Toronto and Niagara Falls. We finished off with tea and cake which we needed after such a long journey.

Geraldine

## **Tickets for a Musical**

Linda Benbow has bought 2 tickets to see The King and I on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham. It is a matinee performance – 2.30pm. Unfortunately, she is now unable to go and would like to sell these tickets to anyone who is interested. They cost £43 each.

If you are interested please contact Linda on 01604 505497.

## **Knit and Natter**

A number of us seem to be making blankets for ourselves now. It is interesting to see how much work we have or haven't done due to other commitments. We all enjoy our afternoons at Dorothy's and having a good natter.

We are now making plans for our Christmas outing – so many choices – and what we will be doing in the New Year.

Sylvia

## **Beginners Camera Group.**

The group met up for the October meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> October and as the weather was bad we stayed in, we had intended to go out and take some photographs with reflections which was the subject for the meeting.

Elaine brought some information sheets on the subject and showed us different ways of using light, background and materials, and we took some photographs using Elaine's ideas.

The next meeting will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm at the usual venue.

Julie

## **Art Group**

At this month's session Catherine, our tutor, gave us ideas about making sketch books. Again, this is experimental, developing new ideas with collage, paints and pen, and was interesting.

Although a few members have weeks away with holiday commitments etc we are pleased Martin is able to join us again. New members are always welcome.

Tessa

## **Charity Collections**

Could you save your milk bottle tops for charity?

All bottle tops are sent to Basingstoke Hospital, and to Chris, who then takes them to Naomi House Hospice, from there they are sold for money, so much per ton, and the money raised goes to making wheelchairs for disabled children. A wheelchair for Cerebral palsy children, which can cost thousands of pounds as they have to be especially designed and built for them, also for other wheel chairs for disabled children in the United Kingdom. The more sold and the more money raised the more wheelchairs can be provided, for those in need, which the NHS and Social Services cannot provide because of the cost each time.

This is a good service as normally milk bottle tops are thrown away, as they cannot be recycled. It's a fantastic service that Naomi House provides for the UK every year.

If you are able to do this, please bring the tops into the main meeting and there will be a box on the committee table for them. The committee are happy to pass them on.

## **Coffee Morning for the Ladies**

This is at Cransley Hospice Coffee Shop – 10.30 – on Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Coffee Morning for the Gentlemen**

Same venue Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.30

**Kettering Symphony Orchestra**  
is holding its Winter Concert on  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
at  
**Park Road Baptist Church**  
in Rushden NN10 ORG  
at 7.30pm.

The music is Tragic Overture,  
Brahms Violin Concerto - Brahms  
with soloist Emmanuel Bach  
and  
Symphony No 4, Tchaikovsky.

Tickets are £11,  
students and 12-18's £7  
and under 12's free when  
accompanied by an adult.  
These are available online at  
[www.kettsymphorch.co.uk](http://www.kettsymphorch.co.uk)  
or can be bought at the door  
subject to availability.

## **Job Vacancies 2020**

**Chair**

**Treasurer**

**Membership Secretary**

**Groups Co-ordinator**

If you would like to find out more about what these volunteer jobs are and how much time is involved, then please speak to the person who is doing it now.

We have to fill these positions in order to continue with this U3A

## **The Magic of Christmas**

**With the  
Cransley Hospice**

### **Community Choir and Guests**

An evening of festive songs, readings and carols for all to sing.

Tickets £4

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Doors open at 7pm

Concert starts at 7.30pm

Salvation Army Citadel, Kettering

*Tickets available from Cransley  
Hospice Coffee Shop*

## ***A Celebration of Christmas" Concert***

with the Variations Choir,  
Stanwick Hand Bell Ringers,  
soloist Annabelle and Christopher  
on Trombone.

At the United Reformed Church, London  
Road, Kettering.

On Saturday the 14th December 2019 at  
7.15 pm. Tickets Adults £6 children under  
12. £3 refreshments included.

*Telephone 01536 513548/723376 or  
available at the door.*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN READ**

### **IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? Schoolreaders is looking for more volunteers in Northamptonshire to carry out this important role.

Reading time for many children at home and at school is often insufficient and one in four children are now leaving primary school unable to read to the required standard. This can have a lifelong consequence. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of spoken and written English.

Schoolreaders is flexible and will match your availability to an appropriate, local school. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

Please visit the website [www.schoolreaders.org](http://www.schoolreaders.org) to join or call 01234 924111 for further information.

Charity Number: 1159157

## Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
<b>Monday</b>					
Painting for Pleasure	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864632	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 483398	Home	Monday after main meeting	2-4pm
Canasta	Margaret Hall	01536 512215	Kettering Bridge Club	Weekly	2-4pm
Knit and Natter	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	Members home	fortnightly	2-4pm
Mahjong/Scrabble	Linda Law	01536 659091	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
Maths for Fun	Chris Crick	07490 591224	Home	2 & 4 <sup>th</sup>	10-12
Recorder Group	Mary Cooper Sue Hartley	01536 420336 01536 357676	Central Methodist Church School Lane, Kettering	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.30-3.30
Yoga Group	Annette	01536 513234	St Andrews Church Rooms	Weekly termtime	11.15-12.45
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Walking (medium)	John Sumpter	01536 722198	Varies	Last Tuesday	10am
Ukelele group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Fortnightly	10am
Travel	G. Hardwick	01536 481203	Member's home	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm
Camera Club beginners	Julie Bates	01536 745538	Home	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm
Computer Club	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Members home	Fortnightly	10-12
<b>Wednesday</b>					
Keep Fit	Katie Reynolds		BL Civic Centre	Weekly	9.45-10.30
Country Dancing	Janice Angles	07768 169490	St Andrews Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.45
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	1 <sup>st</sup>	2pm
Gardening Club	Chris Driti S Tecklenberg	01536 723145 01832 733419	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup>	10am
<b>Thursday</b>					
Short Walks	Wanda Moffatt	01536 659236	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 am
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	Pat Johnson	01536 483398	St Edwards Church	Weekly	11.45
Ten Pin Bowling	Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Thunder Bowl	Friday after meeting	10 am

## **Trips**

Day trips      June Mason      01536 726654

## **Timings at the Eden Centre**

Main meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Eden Centre

Doors open – 1.15

Chair's Chatter – 1.55

Speaker – 2.05

Raffle – 3pm

Finish – 3.15

## **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

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## **Newsletter Editor:**

Please send contributions by 5pm, 30<sup>th</sup> of the month to **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.

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## **Committee – 2018-2019**

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| Chairperson                     | Sylvia Dale      | 01536 411865 |
| Vice Chair & Assistant Group    |                  |              |
| Co-ordinator                    | Rosalind Bridges | 01536 741455 |
| Treasurer                       | John Cousens     | 01933 664602 |
| Secretary                       | Lynne Franklin   | 01536 618001 |
| Membership Secretary            | Pauline Bailey   | 01933 350147 |
| Group Co-ordinator              | Pat Johnson      | 01536 483398 |
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| Speaker Secretary               | Julie Bates      | 01536 725538 |
| General Duties & raffle         | Linda Miller     | 01536 483773 |
| General Duties & New Members    | Jill Burgess     | 01536 515045 |
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| Secretary                       | Helen Hicks      | 01536 483109 |
| General Duties                  | Gill Green       | 01536 513519 |
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