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ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

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Hello Everyone

At last, there is light at the end of the tunnel & we're nearly there!!!

The committee have been working hard during lockdown and we can at last outline our plan going forward. If the government schedule goes to plan from **March 29th** we can meet in groups of up to 6 outside including in private gardens. This could facilitate some interest group meetings if suitable. Please discuss this with group leaders and if at all possible, try to meet in small groups even if only for coffee and a chat. In my opinion the best thing about Ise Valley u3a is the social interaction and camaraderie and it is this that we need to resume as soon as possible.

If the plan continues from **17th May** we can meet in groups of up to 30 outside and up to 6 indoors. If you have to divide interest groups into subgroups for a while at least it is better than not meeting. All arrangement should be discussed with group leaders.

SAVE THE DATE....

The u3a is planning a “**u3a day**” nationally on **JUNE 2ND**.

This date has been chosen in the middle of national Volunteers week. All u3a's have been asked to do something on this day to promote the movement by attracting publicity.

We will also use this day to try to meet as many members as possible as our first event in person. However, it has to be outside and can only be in groups of up to 30. With that in mind I have arranged with **Wicksteed Park** to have a “**picnic in the park**” on the events field. We can have as many people as can attend as long as we stay in distinct smaller groups and meet the current government guidelines.

We will have leaflets and fliers with contact details to give to potential new members and would very much appreciate interest groups bringing something to show what we offer our members.

PICNIC IN WICKSTEED PARK 2ND JUNE 12 TO 2pm. PLEASE WEAR BLUE AND YELLOW IF POSSIBLE. Bring your own picnic!! Why not bring a friend?

The next date to look forward to is our first indoor meeting which we hope will **14th July**. We intend to make this meeting purely a social event with coffee/tea and cake to catch up with everyone and incorporate the AGM. It is hoped that we will be able to use The Eden Centre but this will depend on many things and will be confirmed nearer the time.

That's the good news now to more mundane matters, Sonia is unable to continue as membership secretary and we need to find someone to fill this role as soon as possible. If you can help or possibly share the job with someone please, please, contact the committee. Sylvia has knowledge of the role and can discuss it with anyone who may be able help. Many thanks to Sonia for her time on the committee.

We have been made aware that all income and expenditure incurred by interest groups MUST be shown in Ise Valley u3a accounts. I don't expect that there have been many transactions of this nature during the current financial period but there may have been some eg for hall hire (I know the recorder group had at least 1 meeting in a hall while we were briefly allowed to. If so, please can group leaders contact Tony Reed our treasurer to discuss this and give him any details.

Nationally a u3a Member Link has been set up to support all members during current challenging times. Details can be found at www.u3a.org.uk/member-link

Best wishes, and I hope to see you all very soon.

Helen



Coffee morning. This virtual meeting with friends is a lifeline to many of us. At least we can see who we are talking to. The link to join in is sent separately with the bulk email. Come and join us if you dare!

Singing for pleasure has become Coffee time for the majority of us. It has been great to catch up and hear about our trials and tribulations during lockdown. We can't wait until we can meet again and SING!!!

Zoom meeting with Speaker. This was a success with about 40 members enjoying the talk. I never knew there was so much history to cartoons! We are hoping to have another one soon.

Book Group

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

A terrific book which we all enjoyed

The story of Catherine Danielle Clark known as Kya - two timelines in parallel starting in 1952 when Kya was 6 years old and in 1969 when the body of Chase Andrews was found in the swamp by two boys by the abandoned fire tower. The sheriff Ed Jackson and his deputy Joe Perdue, can't find any clues but rumours are rife in the town, so when Chase's mother said his shell necklace was missing and they accused Kya of the murder.

Kya watches her mother leave after being abused by her husband then her siblings also leave, including her brother 13 year old brother Jodie, leaving Kya with her father - he was a drunk and abusive man and eventually he also went leaving Kya completely alone.

On her own she found comfort in the marsh and whilst out on her fathers' boat she met Tate Walker a kind local boy who taught her to read - she was a very resourceful child and wasn't afraid to look after herself

Jumpin and his wife Mabel owned the Gas shack and they took her under their wing and helped her with clothes and food supplies in return for mussels she collected. Tate left her feathers and shells on a tree stump; he taught her to read and they fell in love but he went away to college and she thought he had abandoned her.

At age 19 Kya saw Chase Andrews with his friends and fell in love with him, he took her for a picnic she gave him a shell necklace, Tate came back and asked her to forgive him and told her that Chase was out with other girls and one day she saw his engagement in the newspaper.

Age 22 her drawings and paintings were published and she was no longer poor so she refurbished the old shack and her brother Jodie turns up and tells her about their mothers' life.

Kya is arrested for the murder of Chase but she has a strong alibi and is found not guilty. Then in 1970 when Tate's father died they were reunited and Tate asked Kya to marry him. They refurbished the shack and lived there together until Kya died aged 64.

Kya was buried on her land and when Tate was looking through some old boxes of hers that he found under the floor boards the truth about the death of Chase Andrews was revealed.

Linda Benbow



"What do you mean, you forgot where you parked? You're shopping online."

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side got amputated? He's alright now!

Want to feel old?

Bonanza premiered 60 yrs ago.

The Beatles split 50 yrs ago.

Laugh-In premiered nearly 52 yrs. ago.

The Wizard of Oz is 80 yrs old.

Elvis is dead 42 yrs. He'd be 84 today.

The Thriller video is 36 yrs old.

Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin dead 49 yrs.

John Lennon dead 39 yrs.

Mickey Mantle retired 51 yrs ago.

Back to the Future is 35 yrs old.

Saturday Night Fever is 42 yrs old.

The Ed Sullivan show ended 47 yrs ago.

The Brady Bunch premiered 50 yrs ago.

The triplets on My Three Sons are 50.

Tabitha from Bewitched is 55.

The Corvette turned 66 this year.

The Mustang is 55.

Why do bees hum? They don't remember the lyrics!

The Perks of being over 70

1. Kidnappers aren't interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are released first.
3. No one expects you to run into a burning building.
4. People ring at 9pm. & ask if they woke you.
5. Things you buy won't wear out.
6. You can live without sex but not without glasses.
7. You have a party & the neighbours don't realise.
8. You don't see speed limits as a challenge.
9. Your eyes won't get much worse.
10. You can sing along with elevator music.
11. Your joints are more reliable than the weather forecast.
12. Your secrets are safe with your friends as they can't remember them.
13. Your private health insurance investment is paying off.
14. There aren't many instalments left on your life insurance policy.
15. A 30yr mortgage is a pretty clever scam.
16. You won't remember where you saw this list

The answers to last month's quiz on birds

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| 1 | Crane | 11 | Rook |
| 2 | Jay | 12 | Ravens |
| 3 | Penguin | 13 | Swallow |
| 4 | Gannet | 14 | Kittiwake |
| 5 | Duck | 15 | Wagtail |
| 6 | Puffin | 16 | Bunting |
| 7 | Kingfisher | 17 | Skylark |
| 8 | Nightjar | 18 | Swift |
| 9 | Grouse | 19 | Canaries |
| 10 | Sandpiper | 20 | Stork |

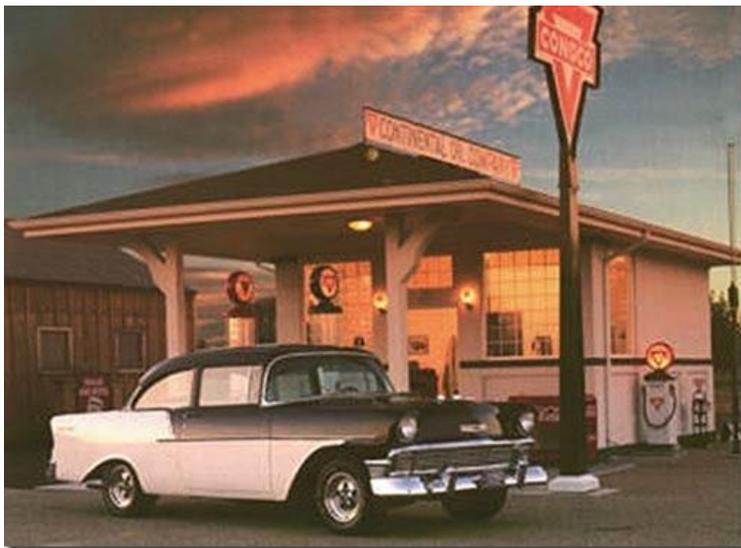
I find it ironic that the colours red, white and blue stand for freedom – until they are flashing behind you!!

1950's version of an E-Mail

I have no idea who put this together, but it is wonderful....especially the pix!!



Long ago and far away, in a land that time forgot,
Before the days of Dylan , or the dawn of Camelot.
There lived a race of innocents, and they were you and me,



For Ike was in the White House in that land where we were born,
Where navels were for oranges, and Peyton Place was porn.



We longed for love and romance, and waited for our Prince,
Eddie Fisher married Liz, and no one's seen him since.



We danced to 'Little Darlin,' and sang to 'Stagger Lee'
And cried for Buddy Holly in the Land That Made Me, Me.



Only girls wore earrings then, and 3 was one too many,
And only boys wore flat-top cuts, except for Jean McKinney.



And only in our wildest dreams did we expect to see

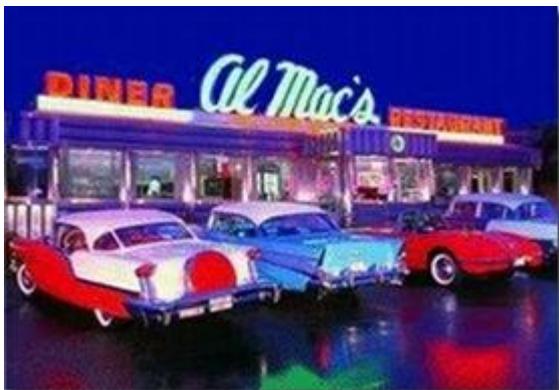
A boy named George with Lipstick, in the Land That Made Me, Me.



We fell for Frankie Avalon, Annette was oh, so nice,
And when they made a movie, they never made it twice..



We didn't have a Star Trek Five, or Psycho Two and Three,
Or Rocky-Rambo Twenty in the Land That Made Me, Me.



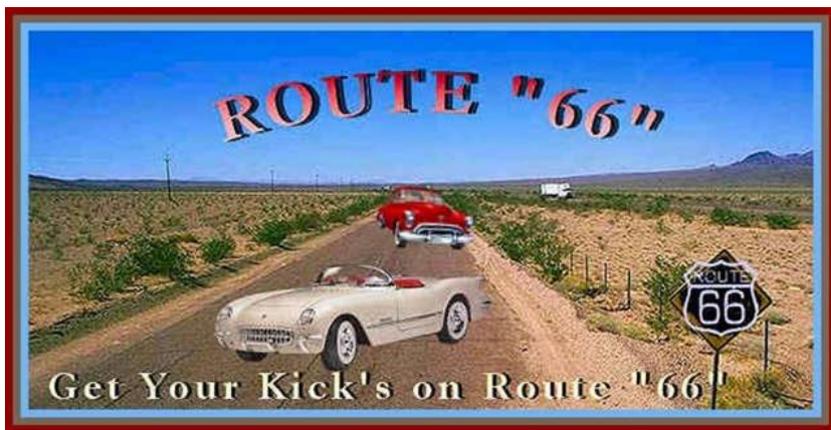
Miss Kitty had a heart of gold, and Chester had a limp,
And Reagan was a Democrat whose co-star was a chimp.



We had a Mr. Wizard, but not a Mr. T,
And Oprah couldn't talk yet, in the Land That Made Me, Me.



We had our share of heroes, we never thought they'd go,
At least not Bobby Darin, or Marilyn Monroe.
For youth was still eternal, and life was yet to be,
And Elvis was forever in the Land That Made Me, Me.



We'd never seen the rock band that was Grateful to be Dead,
And Airplanes weren't named Jefferson, and Zeppelins were not Led.



And Beatles lived in gardens then, and Monkees lived in trees,
Madonna was Mary in the Land That Made Me, Me.



We'd never heard of microwaves, or telephones in cars,
And babies might be bottle-fed, but they were not grown in jars.



And pumping iron got wrinkles out, and 'gay' meant fancy-free,
And dorms were never co-ed in the Land That Made Me, Me.



We hadn't seen enough of jets to talk about the lag,
And microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag.



And hardware was a box of nails, and bytes came from a flea,
And rocket ships were fiction in the Land That Made Me, Me.



T-Birds came with portholes, and side shows came with freaks,
And bathing suits came big enough to cover both your cheeks.

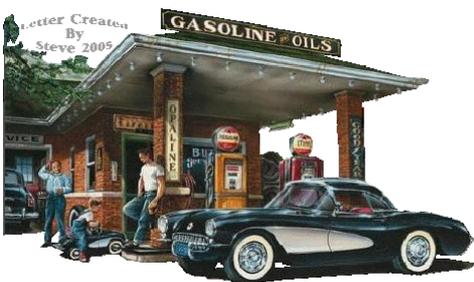


And Coke came just in bottles, and skirts below the knee,
And Castro came to power near the Land That Made Me, Me.

We had no Crest with Fluoride, we had no Hill Street Blues,
We had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton herbal tea
Or prime-time ads for those dysfunctions in the Land That Made Me, Me



There were no golden arches, no Perrier to chill,
And fish were not called Wanda, and cats were not called Bill



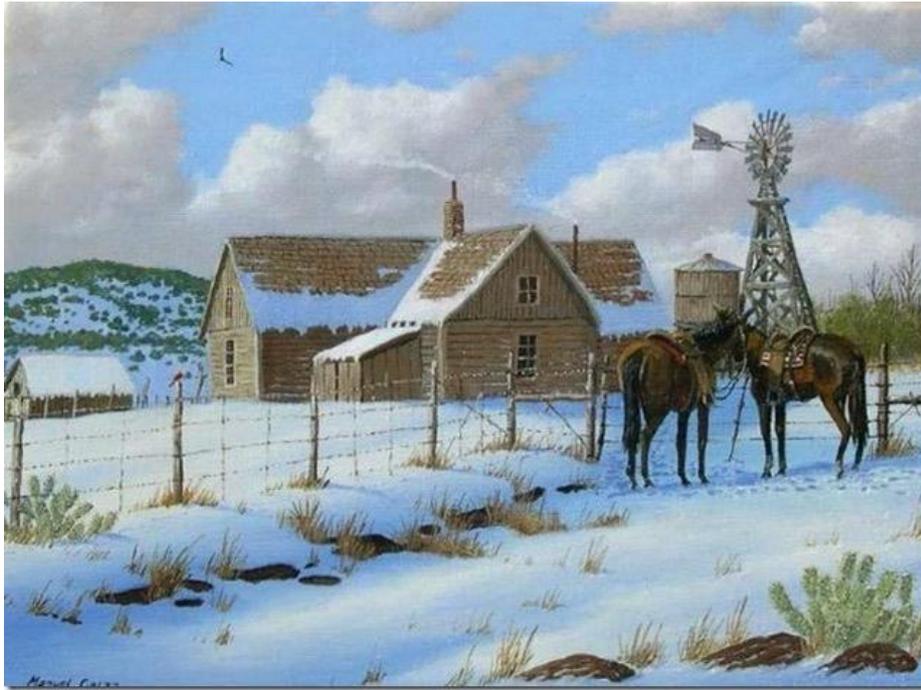
And middle-aged was 35 and old was forty-three,
And ancient were our parents in the Land That Made Me, Me.



But all things have a season, or so we've heard them say,
And now instead of Maybelline we swear by Retin-A.
They send us invitations to join AARP,
We've come a long way, baby, from the Land That Made Me, Me.



So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans,
And wonder why they're using smaller print in magazines.
And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be,
Long ago and far away in the Land That Made Me, Me.



If you didn't grow up in the fiftys,
You missed the greatest time in history,
Hope you enjoyed this read as much as I did.
If So, PLEASE FORWARD this note to
someone who will appreciate these memories...

Spring and Easter Quiz

1. Not a bad weekday
2. Sounds like plain or self- raising
3. This sounds as if its' not expensive
4. Could be the young of dorpers
5. Headgear for this time of year
6. Getting bigger & bigger
7. Tree flowers
8. Sounds as if a bird is swearing
9. Part of a hand plus a holy day
10. A showery month
11. Oviparous creatures produce these
12. Procession through the streets
13. Time away from work

14. These are meant to be kissed
15. Greet Cynthia
16. Sounds like Ann has cash
17. Coloured campanology equipment
18. She is a prudish lady
19. Sounds like Eria ends a card game
20. He endured Hades
21. She lives between two mountains
22. A jail with food
23. Remember me
24. A fall of frozen crystals
25. Final evening meal

Job Vacancies

We are getting ready to get back to meetings and we need the following:

Membership Secretary

Committee Members (2)

If you think you can help – please speak to either Helen or myself - Sylvia

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Ise Valley News

We invite you to join us at Wicksteed Park on June 2nd from 12 - 2pm, as are holding a

PICNIC IN THE PARK

for all u3a members

Our first opportunity to meet socially on the Events Field and catch up with friends.

Please wear something BLUE and/or YELLOW

We have put in a plea for good weather as we all need this.

It will be socially distanced in small groups of no more than 30



Bring your own picnic

We can do this!!!

**DON'T FORGET TO PUT THIS
ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

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