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ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

Charity Number 1179738

November 2021

Hello everyone and welcome to our new members!

Since the last newsletter, your committee have met and amongst other things – the Christmas Party was discussed. The band has been booked, the food sorted and the raffle arranged. I believe that the talk about Northamptonshire Search and Rescue was well received and I was sorry to have missed it.

I am now going to nag – something I am sure my husband would say I was good at!!!

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

If you think you would like to join the committee, please let myself or Sylvia know. You needn't commit yourselves straight away – let one of us know and come along to a committee meeting to see if it is your thing. Thank you to our members who have been helping out. We really appreciate that. They have all been on the committee in the past and have 'done their bit' and we really do need new members to start helping out now.

At the November meeting I will be on holiday in Scotland so will see you all at the Christmas Party.

Stay Safe

Jill Burgess

Chair

Ukulele Group

We Zoomed on a weekly basis throughout lockdown but now the group has decided to revert to fortnightly meetings (probably can't stand my singing voice). We continue to learn new songs and are currently attempting to do simple finger picking to some of our older ones. John Cooper has taken up the washboard (ah! I fondly remember skiffle) and uses his mouth organ to great effect in some numbers.

My thanks to Maralyn and Stewart and, when they are unavailable, Sarah for allowing us to use their homes for our sessions and providing much needed coffee (and biscuits) half way through.

Alan Bailey
01933 350147

Scrabble and Mahjong.

We have been meeting for a few weeks now and are getting more members for Mahjong but we also have the sets for more Scrabble players.

This friendly group met on the second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 1.45pm in the café at Barton Seagrave Village Hall, Bertone Road off Powell Lane NN15 6WF. There is good car parking at the hall and the 47,48,49 and 50 bus services leave from the Horsemarket bus station and stop in Polwell Lane.

This is a free session with refreshments available in the café.

All abilities are welcome. If you have never played either game this is a good chance to learn a new activity and you will be most welcome to join us.

Linda Law

Site News

[\(http://www.isevalleyu3akettering.org.uk/\)](http://www.isevalleyu3akettering.org.uk/)

We now have new Committee members who are named on site. Why not join the Committee? We are missing a Group Co-ordinator to name just one position that

should be filled. You get a free badge of office!!

During lockdown a number of groups stopped all forms of meeting and may have not restarted. (eg. The Computer group closed down and will not be restarting). This means that the group list on site is currently incorrect. It is embarrassing when someone joins us and then finds the group they want to join is no longer available. So that the list on site is accurate, please would **all** group leaders email or ring me and tell me if the group is running. If I am not contacted, I will assume the group is not operating and will remove it from the site list.

Alan Bailey
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Singing for Pleasure

We have now chosen our Christmas programme and there is something included for everyone.

We are usually very busy at this time of year, singing for the residents at local residential and care homes, but this year of course we will not be attending.

We are however still singing a few carols at St Andrews Christmas fair on 4th December. We have also had an inquiry to sing for the members of Christ The King Lunch Club at their Christmas lunch.

At our last meeting we welcomed three new ladies, Linda, Helen and Maureen, we hope they enjoyed singing with us and will be returning to the group.

Our best wishes go to Doreen who at the moment is in Kettering General Hospital after a fall at home.

Velda Robinson

The Speaker this month is Steve Dimmer – Yule be Surprised!

Short Walks

Five of us and a very excited Teddy were at the start. Couldn't have been better walking weather.

The walk we did this time was from Ringstead Mill car park, keeping the lake on the right and passing through Ringstead village, onto Ham Lane, dropping down to the old railway track and back to the Mill.

Ham Lane was muddy but we walked up on the bank. The Mill was busy but they made room for us, coffee and cake and for

Brian a bacon sandwich, very nice.

The next walk is on 18th November. I will let you know in good time.

Wanda, Bob and teddy



A Celebration of Christmas A Concert with the Variations Choir.

Come and join us and soloists for an evening of Christmas Songs.

At the United Reformed Church,
London Road, Kettering.

On Saturday the 18th December 2021
at 7.15pm.

Tickets Adults £6

Children under 12. £3.

Telephone 01536 513548/723376 or
available at the door.

Free to good home!

Does anyone have an Epson Stylus Photo printer (any of these series) R200, R220, R300, R300M, R320, R325, R330, R340, R350, RX300, RX320, RX500, RX600, RX620, RX640

I have just bought a new printer and have 21 vacuum wrapped cartridges (all colours) which, of course), don't fit the new one. Not Epson originals but they worked ok in my RX620. Free to a good home.

Alan Bailey

01933 350147

Beginner Camera Group

The first meeting since the lockdown took place on Tuesday 12th October at the home of Pat Johnson who will now be the group leader. Two members of the group apologised for their absence, so we were only a small group.

We discussed the subject for the October meeting which is taking photographs of hands in different positions, etc to be displayed at the November meeting, The next group meeting will be on Tuesday November 9th, same time same venue.

Julie Bates.

Ise Valley u3a Christmas Party

This is on Wednesday December 8th

Tickets are available at the November meeting £2

Lots of food, free raffle and entertainment from the Over 60's Silver band.

Not to be missed as it is the start of Christmas

Book Club selection for October
LION by Saroo Brierley

This is the amazing true story of Saroo Brierley - a five year old boy who lived in India with his mother and siblings Guddu and Kallu his older brothers and Shekila his younger sister.

They were desperately poor after his father left so they had to scrape a living where they could.
Guddu was street wise and used to disappear for days on end and their mother worked on a building site 6 days a week

One night Guddu said he was leaving and Saroo pleaded to go as well so they left Shekila at home alone and took the train to Berampur
Saroo was told to wait for Guddu to return but when he woke up he was alone and scared so got on a train which took him across India.

Lost in Calcutta he saw Holy people but they didn't help him, he was very brave begging for food, at one point picked up by a railway worker and taken to his shack, but Saroo ran away after sensing danger.
Eventually picked up by police and taken to a juvenile detention centre, from there he was sent to an adoption centre run by Mrs Sood. Adopted by Mr and Mrs Brierley he went to live in Australia where he lived a happy life - they also adopted Mantosh when he was 10years old.
His teenage years were happy, there were many ethnic groups in his school, he made friends and after a few wild years settled down and went to a school in Canberra to learn hospitality.
The father of one of his college friends worked on Indian railways and tried to identify the places Saroo could remember of his home, he searched relentlessly on Google earth but it was like searching for a needle in a haystack.

Just by chance searching on line he came across some landmarks - the walled dam, the train lines and the underpass and eventually discovered Ganesh Talu his home. Saroo decided to fly to India try and find his birth Family.

By pure chance standing next to his empty home a stranger led him to his mother still living nearby and Saroo was able to tell her what happened to him - he also learned his brother Guddu was killed in a train accident. Saroo returned to Australia a celebrity because of his story and when he returned to India again he retraced his train journey and he met Mrs Sood who arranged his adoption.

His adopted and birth mother met up and it was a joyous occasion and he is supporting the orphanage.

The Book Club members all enjoyed this amazing true story which has been made into a film.

Linda Benbow

Trip Report

On Tuesday 19th October a bus load of eager shoppers settled down on our coach ready to explore the delights of Springfields Retail Outlet at Spalding. We were not disappointed! Such a well-planned and laid out large area with an eclectic range of shops to suit all ages, sizes and budgets. When in need of a rest, restaurants were plentiful offering mouth-watering menus of delicious delights and to cap it off many of us strolled around the Festival Gardens enjoying the peace and quiet except for the odd quack from a duck! A return trip will be on the cards for next year.

I still have a few seats available for the Christmas Victorian Market Trip to Stratford on Avon on Thursday 9th December. Thank you to all who have booked and paid their £15.50 for seats but for those who haven't paid yet can you please send a cheque made payable to ISE VALLEY U3A, No. 2 Account and post to me at 8 Petherton Court, Kettering NN16 9AP. Alternatively see me at our next meeting at the Eden Centre or join us for a coffee at The Stirrup Cup on a Thursday morning 10 – 11.30am.

Norma Reilly

Folk Dancing

The dance club on Wednesdays is in desperate need of more dancers. It takes place on the second and fourth weeks of the month at 10:45 am until 12:15 am in St Andrew's Church Hall. Dancing is in couples but you can come on your own. Jean Beaver our leader will make up any shortage. Dancing is gentle and suitable for our age. We are COVID safe.

Geraldine.

Travel Group

We started our group off again in September with a short piece about Derby and a film from Brian about Oxford and the Cotswolds. We were so pleased to be back again after our long absence. However, the venue we use now has roofing issues. We hope to have at least one session before Christmas but the November meeting is cancelled. Watch this space.

Geraldine.

Spanish Group

We are still progressing by using zoom however we are actively looking for a room so we can interact more. Hopefully we will all soon go to Spain again to practice what we have learned. Thank you to our group leaders Bob and Bill who have given their services free over many years.

Geraldine

Coffee Morning

This group has gone from strength to strength since Covid struck! It has become, I think, a coffee and friendship club. It has been a lifeline during the last 18 months and the group has grown. We now have male and female members!! We can't thank the Stirrup Cup enough for being so friendly and welcoming to our group.

We expanded into staying on for lunches and on the 17th we had our first Sunday lunch. I think everyone enjoyed it and had fun. In fact, they all want to do it again – so that is a good sign.

Jill

Ten Pin Bowling

We had our first meeting since Covid hit us, last Thursday. We now meet at 12:00 on the first Thursday following the meeting. We welcomed 3 new members. Our scores reflected our long lay off but that was to be expected and we all enjoyed it. New members are always welcome.

Dai Johnson (Bowling Group organiser)

Lunch Club

We all enjoyed our Lunch club at the Old Vic at Burton Latimer. There will be no Lunch Club in November.

The Christmas Lunch Club will be at 12:30 on Wednesday the 15th December at the Stirrup Cup at Barton Seagrave.

The cost is for 2 courses £18.95pp and for 3 courses £21.95pp . This also includes tea or coffee and a mini mince pie.

Menus and booking forms will be available at the November meeting.

Each booking requires a £10pp deposit in cash, which is non returnable.

I shall try to book a Lunch club for alternate months, but would be grateful for members to help me out by booking and organising some of the months.

Pat Johnson (Lunch Club organiser)

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STOP THE PRESSES



Ise Valley U3A Recorder Group

The Recorder group managed to meet regularly via zoom and after playing in a garden during the summer we are now meeting in a large room in one of the group members' houses.

We meet on Monday afternoons – usually on the second and fourth Mondays of the month although, at the moment, we are flexible on dates.

We play a variety of music from different periods and genres.

We would love to have some new members.

You need to be able to play from C to top E – including F sharp and B flat - on a soprano (descant) recorder.

For anyone who would like to learn to play the recorder, it may be possible to organize a beginner group.

If you would like to join us or would like to learn to play, please contact Mary Cooper.

Tel: 07977882493 or email - cooperm1@btinternet.com



Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Art Group	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864621		Monday	10am-12 noon
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 rd 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	Linda Law	01536 659091	Barton Seagrave village hall	2 nd & 4 th Monday	2pm-4pm
Play reading group	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Venue and date vary	Normally 1 st Monday	2pm-4pm
Recorder Group	Mary Cooper Sue Hartley	420336 367676	Members home	2 & 4 th	2.30-3.30
Tuesday					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Members house	2 nd Tuesday	2pm
Travel	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	3 rd Tuesday	2pm
Walking (medium)			Varies	Last Tuesday	10 am
Wednesday					
Country dancing	Janice Angles	07768 169490	St Andrews Hall	2 nd and 4 th Wednesday	10.30am – 12 noon
Gardening	Chris Ditri and Sandra Tecklenberg	01536 723145/733419	Varies	3 rd Wednesday	12.45pm
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	1 st Wednesday	2-4pm
Music Appreciation	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741455	Home	Varies	2-4pm
Thursday					
Coffee Morning	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	Stirrup Cup Barton Seagrave	Every Thursday	10.00am
Spanish	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Hertford Community Centre	1 st & 3 rd Thursday	2-4pm
Friday					
Making Music	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Weekly	2-4pm
Singing for Pleasure	Lynda Harris	01536 628940	St John's Church Hall	Fortnightly	10-12.00
Ten Pin Bowling	Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Thunder Bowl	Friday following monthly meeting	12md

Trips

Day Trips Norma Reilly 07783 692666

Timings at the Eden Centre

Main meetings – 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Eden Centre

Doors open – 1.15

Chair's Chatter – 1.55

Speaker - 2pm

Raffle – 3pm

Finish – 3.15pm

To all members

If you are aware of anything affecting one of our members, such as important birthdays, anniversary or illness and feel that a card from the u3a would be appropriate, then please contact one of the committee.

Newsletter Editor

Please send contributions by 5pm, 30th of the month to sylviadale@live.co.uk If you can get them to me earlier, that would be appreciated as the newsletter fills up and it is often a job to get the last contribution in..

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