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ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

Charity Number 1179738

October 2021

Hi, for those of you that don't know me, my name is Jill Burgess and at the AGM, as no one had put themselves forward as Chair, I agreed to be Acting Chair until someone did!

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming all our new members and also to say a big **thank you** to the **group leaders** who managed to keep their groups running during Covid. I think we all realised during this time that the size of your house and how much money you have mean nothing. The most important thing is human interaction and being allowed to see our loved ones.

Our coffee mornings have thrived and grown in size. We now also meet for lunches and are having our first Sunday lunch get together soon. It is so nice seeing the gentlemen joining us, and in fact, they outnumbered the ladies at our last meeting!

A big **thank you** to new members Norma and Mike Reilly who joined us with great enthusiasm and took over booking our trips out. They have managed to organise 4 trips taking us up to December and have also agreed to come onto the committee.

Thank you also to members who are so willing to volunteer their services when required, eg. Setting up, making teas etc and to Alan who brings us the equipment when needed.

A one-off talk was arranged by Sylvia to discuss wills, power of attorney and how to protect your assets if you have to go into care. Twice as many people turned up than we expected and the feedback was very positive.

I must apologise in advance as I will not be at the November meeting as a holiday to Scotland in October got cancelled and moved to November. Also, I may not be able to attend the October meeting as I will be in KGH as a day patient for a small procedure. Sincere apologies and looking forward to seeing you all at the December meeting.

Jill Burgess

Chair

Singing for Pleasure

We are gradually seeing more members return each time we meet and we have welcomed three new members, hopefully they are enjoying singing with us.

Members are requesting several of their favourite songs and Lynda is always finding new ones for us to try. Singing in the Church is proving to be more popular as our voices do not get lost as was the case in the sports hall.

Our programme will not be the same as we will not be visiting venues as we did before. However, we have been asked to sing four or five songs at St. Andrews Christmas fair. There will be other groups taking part also but we arrive at different times and there is plenty of room and always away from the shoppers. Just another small step back to normality.

Velda Robinson

Situations Vacant

We are still looking for a volunteer to be Secretary. Someone who is able to take minutes at the meetings and to help in other roles would be great.

The Groups Co-ordinator post is now vacant. We would like someone who is a good organiser and is used to talking to people. Someone with ideas that will get us back on the road to normality.

If anyone is interested, please speak to one of the committee.

Book Group

The book group met to talk about "The Private Patient" by P.D James. Most of the group had thoroughly enjoyed it. Typically, the story took place in a small community with a limited number of suspects. This book took place in a private clinic. A rather aggressive journalist is admitted to have a long-standing scar removed. Following the operation, she is murdered. Inspector Adam Dalgleish and his crack investigative team are sent to solve the crime. As well as the main

story, including a second murder, there are a number of other back stories which explain motives and alibies and the backgrounds of the different characters. People remembered TV adaptations of P D James books. The setting was well described, and the ending tied up loose endings with people moving on into the future.

Lindsey Cole

Bottle Tops

We were asked who was taking the bottle tops that some members have been saving all year. The original lady has moved but we have found an alternative 'good cause' so please bring them in to the next meeting.

Knit and Natter

Lovely to be back together again and doing a lot of nattering as usual. Thanks to Dorothy for opening up her home to us. Lots of projects on the go so we are looking forward to seeing what each member makes.

Sylvia Dale

Speaker

Our Speaker this month is Ian Horton who we know from Ganders Goats. He is a member of Northamptonshire's Search and Rescue and will be talking about that. Great that we can have Speakers again.

Ten Pin Bowling

Things have changed at the Bowling alley. They no longer open in the morning and only do special deals on Thursdays at 12.00 noon. So, I propose that we meet for our first session on Thursday 21st October at 12.00 noon, bowl and discuss future plans. Please speak to me at the main meeting on the 13th October or phone me on 01536 483398 for queries or more information by 15.10.21.

Dai Johnson (Ten pin bowling organiser)

Lunch Club

I am pleased to say that the lunch club this month will be on the 20th October at the Old Vic, Burton Latimer. I shall be taking bookings at the main meeting on the 13th October. There will be a £10 per person deposit required when booking (required by the venue)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Johnson (Lunch club organiser)

DAY TRIP NEWS

Welcome to my first report and to tell you how delighted I am to be part of u3a and to be given the exciting role of Trips Organiser. My debut trip took us to the Cotswolds. Forty eight valiant day trippers donned winter rain wear and we took off at 9am looking forward to visiting Moreton in the Marsh and Bourton on the Water. The rain lashed almost all day but that did deter us, spirits were high, We shopped at the street market and I noted that all kinds of goodies were purchased from rainhats (me!) jewellery, scarves, Christmas gifts and a whole lot more. Many of us enjoyed a lunch or snack here and then we got on our coach and took off for Bourton. Many of us took to the streets and saw the little river, pretty houses and shops before heading homewards arriving back at around 6.15pm.

So onwards and upwards for more exciting trips before Christmas which I hope you would like to partake of. Many of you have already booked for the forthcoming trips but a lot of seats are still available.

Tuesday 19th Oct. to Springfields £13.50.

Many of you have been here but, I'm reliably informed, you can never get enough of Springfields!

Tuesday 23rd November £60.00 we are off to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular. I am told that this is a trip not to be missed as the show is, what it says on the tin, SPECTACULAR. A few seats still available, so book today and don't miss out.

Thursday 9th December £15.50 a delightful trip to the Stratford on Avon Victorian

Christmas Market. There will be a host of colourful stalls, street entertainers and music and stallholders dressed in Victorian costumes. Bring your cameras for this trip folks. Seats still available so book early to avoid disappointment.

I am already looking at some more fabulous trips for 2022 including Kew Gardens in February, the Ideal home Exhibition in March and Bletchley Park.

To book or pay for any of these trips please see me at any of our meetings or pop along to our coffee morning at the Stirrup Cup on a Thursday morning. Alternatively phone me on 07783 692666 or email mikeandnormareilly29@gmail.com That's all from me folks, till next time stay safe and look out for each other.

Norma Reilly

October Quiz – Answers are chocolate or confectionary.

- 1 4th from the sun
- 2 Not smooth
- 3 Give us a minute
- 4 Enjoys celebrating then
- 5 Plural of what Bonnie's holding on for
- 6 Festivities
- 7 Voodoo perhaps
- 8 Spin round
- 9 Make small waves
- 10 Chip off a bit.

Play Reading

Wonderful to be together again !
We read a very funny play by Peter Coke "A Midsummer Mink".
Lots of laughs - just what we need after the last 18 months.
We will meet again in November.

Rosalind Bridges

Speakers

November Speaker is:
Steve Dimmer with Yule be surprised.
December Christmas party with Geoff Riseley and the Over 60's Silver Band.

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..

Webmaster	Alan Bailey	01933 330147
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Committee – 2021-2022

Chairperson	Jill Burgess	01536 515045
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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
Swimming	Isabel Collins	01536 520971	Kettering swimming pool	Every Monday in term time	9am-9.45
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

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and Guests**

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



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Concert begins at 7.30pm
Salvation Army Citadel,
Rockingham Road, Kettering**

TICKETS £5

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