

# u3a

# ISE VALLEY NEWS

learn, laugh, live

Kettering, Northants

**Charity Number 1179738**

**April 2022**

Hello Everyone

Welcome to old and new members plus any visitors who may be reading this.

For those of you who have had Covid, I hope you are all now fully recovered.

The committee have received a 'thank you' card from Linda Miller. We presented her with a plant and card as a thank you for all the hard work she has put into Ise Valley u3a. She had resigned due to ill health but she hopes to start attending our meetings again in the future.

We have a small committee who are working hard behind the scenes, with a number of us doing more than one job. I do hope that you will read the poster on the next page regarding our coffee morning on the 19<sup>th</sup> April and as many of you as can come and join us. We need to get up a group of helpers who are willing to step in to man tables etc at the general meetings and perhaps help to arrange special functions. I think the number 47 bus from town will drop you off at the Stirrup Cup if you don't have any transport.

Our numbers attending the monthly meetings are continuing to increase as members get their confidence back after the pandemic. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you at the April meeting. You will find me on the Groups table if you need to talk to me.

*Jill*

*Chair*



Ise Valley u3a committee need help!

There are only 6 members on the committee now and we are struggling with the day to day running of it. We are looking for members who are prepared to help on a monthly basis at the meetings.

We are holding  
**a Coffee Morning at the Stirrup Cup**  
**On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.**

If you think you can help us at the meetings and also organising events, then please come along and have a chat. Yes, we do need more committee members but you don't have to be on the committee in order to be a helper, so if this is something that appeals to you, please come along.

Interested but can't make it - ring Sylvia 01536 411865

## Ten Pin Bowling

Another very positive meeting of our group. We welcomed new member Richard, who proceeded to show us how it should be done. Others were not overawed with Pat, Peter and Mike achieving personal bests. Well done to everyone and I hope to see more of you joining our happy group.

Dai Johnson

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## Lunch Club

We didn't have a lunch club in March. Our thanks go to Wanda and Bob Moffatt who will be organising a meal at The Hare in Loddington on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. The menu will be available for you to book your meal at the April general meeting. A £10 cash deposit per person will be required when booking. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Johnson

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## Play Reading

A 2nd month with no plays (see January). The Library has delivery problems- but we carried on bravely - over 2 hours of chat, tea, biscuits and more chat - not bad for a chilly March afternoon! Hope normal service will be resumed next month.

Rosalind

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**A Very Happy Birthday to our most senior member - DOROTHY STOCK, who is 95 years young in April.**

Hope you have a lovely day Dorothy.

From all your friends in

Ise Valley u3a

## Singing for Pleasure

We are still a few numbers down but this is due to holidays and illness.

We are adding a few more songs to our repertoire and we are searching for songs that were popular in 1952 and 1953 to celebrate the Jubilee.

Inflation has finally caught up with "Singing for Pleasure". Our fees have been £2 per session since inception, now we are faced with paying £3 per session from the next meeting. This is still good value, 2 hours of singing plus coffee and biscuits. (no grumbles at all)

Velda Robinson

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***Singing for Pleasure has always entertained residents at Care Homes. Unfortunately, this is now not possible and we are looking for any other groups/clubs who might be interested in an hours free entertainment. If you can think of any who might be please let Linda Harris know on 01536 628940.***

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## Short Walks

This month our walk was at Ringstead. We try to choose walks with good dry paths. However, the rain on the Wednesday before changed that. It was challenging in places but the sun was out and it was good walking weather. 13 of us and two dogs both well behaved strode out. We generally aim for 3 miles but this was a little longer but quite varied. We walked on field, track and road and there were good spots to sit and look around. Afterwards to the Water Mill café for sustenance. It is always good and has a comprehensive menu.

Bob, Wanda and Teddy.

## **Gardening Club**

Our Garden Group were so pleased to be able to meet again after a break of 2 years. We met as usual at the home of Chris and Peter Ditri and are happy that Chris is now making a good recovery from her recent hip operation. We spent the morning catching up on news and planning our programme for the remainder of this year.

Greta Cheshire

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## **Camera Group**

It's a long time since we were able to meet in person, so March felt like the start of a new era. For two years the group has been meeting on line, zooming our photos to each other. This month it was a joy to see everyone and our enthusiasm was reignited. February's theme was "patterns in nature" and you will see the results at the April meeting. Our new theme for April is "food and drink". We look forward to meeting again on May 16th. to see our photos. (No meeting in April as it is Easter Monday.)

Jenny

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**A massive THANK YOU to all those who donated unwanted Christmas gifts in January. A donation to Cransley Hospice for £50 has been sent to them.**

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## **Spanish**

We are continuing with our fortnightly sessions despite one of our voluntary experts Bob Thorogood awaiting heart surgery. We wish him good luck and thank him for his wonderful efforts on our behalf. We are continuing at St Andrews and will welcome

new members who are beyond the beginner stage. Please contact Geraldine on 01536 481203 for information.

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## **Travel Group**

We are pleased to be back with our established group even if we are a bit short of holiday information. This month we were transported to Rocamadour in France and shared memories of the Dordogne. Tea, chat and chocolate biscuits followed.

Geraldine. 01536 481203

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## **Beginner's Cameral Club**

The group meeting was held on the 8th March with five members attending and apologies from 3 members.

We looked at the photographs that had been taken on the subject of Bottles using light in different ways, and the best ones were on show at the March meeting, We then discussed the subject for this month "Signs of Spring" and the different ways of getting better results ie, using the afternoon light, taking shots from different angles etc,

The next group meeting will be on the 12th April at the usual venue.

Julie Bates

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## **Trip News**

There are still a few seats available for the Ise Valley u3a BBC Gardeners World Exhibition at the NEC on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Payment is due at the April meeting as entrance tickets have to be purchased in advance. If you are unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, please contact me on 07783 692666 to book and make payment arrangements.

## Elderly Man Thinks Fast

An elderly farmer in Florida had a large pond down by his fruit orchard. One evening he decided to go down to the pond and took a five gallon bucket to pick some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard female voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in the pond. He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man thought for a second and said, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim or to make you get out of the pond naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator!'

Moral: Old men can still think fast.

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### Speakers

April – Mr J Norwell

A day above the Canary Islands

May – Liz Taylor from the Woodland Trust talking about trees.

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### Book Group

This month we read *The Salt Path*, a true story by Raynor Winn.

This was about the author and her husband becoming homeless and deciding to walk the South West Coast path from Minehead in Somerset to Poole in Dorset, totalling 630 miles.

They encountered many problems, and hostilities from some of the people they met, although they met some friendly

souls as well. The book was very explicit on the names of the places, coves, etc. they went through, and had quite a few humorous stories of their events.

At the end of the book their luck seemed to be changing as well as their thoughts on life. All in all, a good book, although a bit repetitive in parts.

There is a follow-on book called *The Wild Silence*, which might become one of our monthly reads.

Shirley Hill.

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### March Quiz answers

1. Knee
2. Iago
3. Tin
4. All the President's Men
5. 3
6. Olivia
7. Simon Amstell
8. Call of Duty
9. Tennessee
10. Nine Inch Nails
11. Krone
12. The French Open (Roland Garros)
13. Netherlands
14. Four (The Godfather Part 2, Heat, Righteous Kill, The Irishman)
15. Marathon
16. Emperor Hirohito
17. Mercury
18. Gillian Flynn
19. Salvador Dali
20. Queen's Park Rangers
21. Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern

## April Quiz

1. Which German word means lightning war?
2. Can you name the rather tall co-presenter of the BBC One television quiz show *Pointless*?
3. What name links the former rugby playing husband of Charlotte Church to the creator of The Muppets?
4. Name the last British monarch to be born outside Great Britain?
5. Which British television series is filmed at Weald and Downland Living Museum in Singleton, West Sussex?
6. What did Ian Dury and the Blockheads want to be hit with?
7. Human cells normally contain how many pairs of chromosomes?
8. What is the name of Joe Biden's wife?
9. What's the name of the tallest of all penguin species?
10. What name is shared by a fictional plantation and the eldest daughter of Joan Collins?
11. Designed by Danish architect Jorn Utzon, in which decade was the Sydney Opera House formally opened?

I remember the 'good old days'



when 'snap, crackle and pop' were sounds I heard from my cereal, not my body!

## Knit and Natter

We, as a group, have decided to stop Knit and Natter. We have been together for about 6 years and during that time we have made lots of knitted and crocheted items for charity. Among those that have benefitted have been Cransley Hospice with twiddle muffs, Age UK with hats, gloves, scarves and blankets. Thanks to all members, past and present, for their help and also for the enjoyment of sharing skills.

Many thanks go to Dorothy Stock who has allowed us to share her home for all this time.

We all meet regularly at Coffee Morning and enjoy that, so it was decided that we would take a break from Knit and Natter.

If anyone is interested in starting it up again or just coming along for a chat, please let me know.

Sylvia

## Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
<b>Monday</b>					
Art Group	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864632	Woodcroft London Rd	Monday	2-4pm
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	2pm
Camera Club (advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483398	Member's home	Monday following Monthly meeting	2pm- 4pm
Canasta	Margaret Hall	01536 512215	Kettering Bridge Club	Every Monday	2pm- 4pm
Mah Jongg/scrabble	Linda Law	01536 659091	Barton Seagrave village hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	1.45 - 3.45
Play reading group	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Venue and date vary	Normally 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	2pm- 4pm
Recorder Group	Mary Cooper Sue Hartley	420336 357676	Member's home	2 & 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.30-3.30
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Member's house	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	<b>2pm</b>
Ukelele Group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Member's house	Fortnightly	10-12
Travel	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	2pm
<b>Wednesday</b>					
Gardening	Chris Ditri and Sandra Tecklenberg	01536 723145/01832 733419	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	10-12
Music Appreciation	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741455	Home	Varies	2-4pm
<b>Thursday</b>					
Ten pin bowling	Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Thunder bowl	Following monthly meeting	12 midday
Coffee Morning	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	Stirrup Cup Barton Seagrave	Every Thursday	10.00am
Spanish	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	St Andrews Church Hall	Fortnightly	2-4pm
Short Walks	Wanda & Bob 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	Lynda Harris	01536 628940	St John's Church Hall	Fortnightly	10-12.00

To enrol in any groups, please contact the group Leaders. Coffee morning is the exception - anyone is welcome.

## **Trips**

Day Trips                      Norma Reilly                      07783 692666

## **Timings at the Eden Centre**

Main meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **Newsletter Editor**

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 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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## **Committee – 2021-2022**

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