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# **ISE VALLEY NEWS**

**Kettering, Northants**

**Charity Number 1179738**

**February 2022**

*Our first meeting in January for a meet up and chat seemed to go well with 73 members attending and 3 new members. Our meeting in February will include a talk on spies, which will be good for those of us going to Bletchley Park in March.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Miller for all her hard work on the committee and running the raffle over the last few years, Linda has had to resign due to ill health. My thanks must go to Pauline McCready who has agreed to take the raffle on with initial support from Pat Johnson, thank you Pat.*

*The Bring and Buy raised £25.00 which was good. It will be donated to a charity once we decide which one.*

*If any group leaders are at the February meeting please come over to the groups table and check your info is correct. Thank you.*

*I am always willing to talk to members re their concerns and suggestions, either in person or on the phone, I do have an answerphone so leave a message and I will get back to you asap.*

*I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting, Stay safe*

*Regards*

*Jill Burgess*

*Chair*

## Ise Valley U3A Recorder Group

Over the last year the recorder group have met regularly via Zoom or in the garden or a large room belonging to one of the group members.

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](mailto:cooperm1@btinternet.com)



## Trips report

Our last trip of 2021 on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> was to the Victorian Christmas Fair at Stratford on Avon and what a treat it was and I have even more treats for 2022.

### MONDAY 14TH MARCH

**Bletchley Park**, the home of the top secret code breakers.

Always worth a visit and coincidentally at our meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Eden Centre we have a representative from Bletchley Park giving us a talk about this unique venue.

**PLEASE NOTE IT IS THE LAST DAY TO PAY FOR THIS TRIP.**

I have opened up the bookings to allow you to bring family or friends, so spread the word.

### MONDAY 11TH APRIL

It's Showtime with a trip to

**Milton Keynes Theatre to see 'Singing in the Rain'**

evening performance. I have reserved just 40 seats and they are selling out fast, so book soon so not to be disappointed.

To overcome the disappointment of not going to Kew Gardens I have booked tickets for the **BBC Gardeners World Exhibition at the NEC on THURSDAY 16TH JUNE.**

Celebrity garden experts will be present so if you love gardening, flowers and everything horticultural then this is the trip for you.

Can I please respectfully request if you are interested in any of these trips that you book as soon as possible via phone or email, and pay by cheque made payable to Ise Valley u3a No. 2 account and bring to our monthly meeting or post to me **Mrs N Reilly, 8 Petherton Court, Kettering, NN16 9AP.** Payments in cash at our meetings please. To book or receive further information on anything regarding trips please phone me on

**07783 692666** or email **mikeandnormareilly29@gmail.com**

## **Art Group**

The Art Group will be meeting every Monday between 2 and 4pm at Woodcroft Scout Centre. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tessa Bellamy on 07854 864632.

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## **Knit and Natter**

Knit and Natter are getting short of members. If anyone is interested in an afternoon of knitting and chat, then please contact Sylvia Dale on 01536 411865.

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## **Singing for Pleasure**

We now have room for more members. If you enjoy singing then come and join us. For more information ring Lynda Harris on 01536 628940

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### **Speaker**

The Speaker this month is Mr Kushner who is a Bletchley Park Guide.

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## **Gardening Club**

This will restart on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at a member's house. The time is 10am – 12midday.

Anyone interested who has green fingers please contact Sandy Tecklenberg on 01536 733419

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## **Singing for Pleasure**

Our new season started well with the majority of members returning and the remaining few succumbing to colds or recovering from surgery.

Doreen is steadily improving and she is based temporarily at Thackley Green Corby where she is receiving physiotherapy.

We have also welcomed visitors and hope they will return as members.

We have now chosen our Spring/Summer programme with a variety of songs, national folk music and Rounds. Some of the music is challenging but we will master it.

Always a happy two hours with a good cup of coffee and a shortbread biscuit.

Our collection before Christmas raised £80 and this will be forwarded to Northamptonshire Search and Rescue to add to their funds

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Velda Robinson

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## **Short Walks**

### **Weekly Wood Walk**

We all met in the car park in front of the Holiday Inn hotel. We got off to a good start. We had twelve walkers and four dogs. Teddy joined us walking on the lead to protect his foot. It was very chilly so we moved off at 5 minutes past the hour. The walk was in two parts with the A43 to be crossed in the middle. We walked out along the edge of Weekly Wood, then across the A34, and down to the railway, through the park and up to the Fox and Peony for refreshments. It is tucked away and was a great surprise to some. They couldn't have made us feel more welcome, dogs included. It was a good walk.

Wanda, Bob and Teddy



## **Coffee Morning**

Coffee morning continues to thrive at The Stirrup Cup with a warm welcome from our hardworking server Lyn. We meet every Thursday at 10 am, Plenty of banter and laughs and good friendships being formed. Some members stay on for a breakfast or lunch. This Thursday we will be 22 for a pre ordered lunch.



**Beginners Camera Club Photo taken at Warkton Church.**





Advanced Camera Club



## Forthcoming Trips

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

**A visit to Bletchley Park**

Cost includes coach, entry, and a tour of the exhibitions.

Coach leaves the Corn Market Hall at 10.30am

To book, please contact

Norma Reilly 07783 692666

Mikeandnormareilly29@gmail.com

A trip to Milton Keynes Theatre to see

**Singing in the Rain on**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

Coach leaves the Corn Market Hall at 5.30pm.

Cost is £55 which includes coach, Circle seats and driver's tip

Last date for payments and booking is 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Eden Centre

To book, please contact Norma on 07783 692666

Mikeandnormareilly29@gmail.com

## BBC Gardener's World

At the NEC, Birmingham on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Departs 9am from the Corn Market Hall

Cost is £35 which includes entry, coach and driver's tip.

Payments to be made at our monthly meeting at the Eden Centre

For more info and to book please ring

Norma on 07783 692666 or

Email mikeandnormareilly29@gmail.com

Try this: give yourself 5 minutes to do it.

By changing one letter at a time, how many words can you make out of DAME

To start you off: Same

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### January Quiz answers

- 1      Hercule Poirot
  - 2      Cheese
  - 3      Sally
  - 4      Bee
  - 5      Markets
  - 6      Damien Hirst
  - 7      15
  - 8      St David
  - 9      Blue
  - 10     Christmas
  - 11     Hinduism
  - 12     Rugby Union
  - 13     Stanley
  - 14     World War 11
  - 15     Cheese
  - 16     1950's
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### Do you know who I am?

One day a famous old celebrity went to a nursing home to see all of his friends again, and to see how everyone was doing. When he got there he was immediately greeted by everyone because they recognised him instantly. He said hello to all of his friends warmly, but then noticed one man didn't say anything to him, or even give him a glance.

This was puzzling. Didn't the man know who he was? Surely, he'd seen some of his films or his TV show? He finally decided to talk to the man.

The celebrity went up to the old man and stood in front of him asking, 'Do you know who I am?'

The old man looked at him and quickly 'No, but you can go to the front desk and they'll tell you!'

## February Quiz

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- 1 From which language is the word 'ketchup' derived?
  - 2 Which is the country with the biggest population in Europe?
  - 3 Who portrayed Edward Scissorhands?
  - 4 What are made and repaired by a cobbler?
  - 5 What is an endoscope used to examine
  - 6 Apart from womanizing and producing films, what was the other passion of Howard Hughes?
  - 7 What colour are the four stars on the flag of New Zealand?
  - 8 How many states make up the United States of America?
  - 9 Which English football team plays its home matches at Old Trafford?
  - 10 Mr Carson is the name of the butler in which popular TV costume drama?
  - 11 Comedy duo Ant and Dec are originally from which English city?
  - 12 In the medical profession, what do the initials 'GP' stand for?
  - 13 Which German football team won the Champions League in 2013?
  - 14 Maris Piper and King Edward are varieties of what?
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## Ten Pin Bowling

We couldn't meet up in January, but intend to meet on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. Could all members please contact Dai re availability. Any new members are most welcome too. Please contact Dai on 01536 483398.

Dai Johnson

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## Lunch Club

The first lunch club of 2022 will be on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12.30. The venue will be the Royal Oak at Walgrave. The pub is under new management with a very good chef. We shall have menus available at the February meeting for you to order and we shall be collecting a £10 deposit per person.

We look forward to seeing you all at the February meeting.

Pat and Dai Johnson

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### Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
<b>Monday</b>					
Art Group	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864621	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 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	Member's house	Alternate Mondays	2pm-4pm
Mah Jongg/scrabble	Linda Law	01536 659091	Barton Seagrave village hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	2pm-4pm
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 367676	Member's home	2 & 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.30-3.30
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Membe'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>					
Country dancing	Janice Angles	07768 169490	St Andrews Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.30am – 12 noon
Gardening	Chris Ditri and Sandra Tecklenberg	01536 723145/733419	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	Varies	12 midday
Coffee Morning	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	Stirrup Cup Barton Seagrave	Every Thursday	10.00am
Spanish	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203		1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	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

## **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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