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**ISE VALLEY NEWS**

**Kettering, Northants**

**Charity Number 1179738**

**January 2022**

**Happy  
New  
Year**

**TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.  
WE HOPE THAT 2022 IS BETTER THAN THE  
LAST TWO YEARS.**

Happy New Year to all our members. Can I remind you that you are welcome to bring friends and family to our meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January at the Eden Centre. If you have any ideas about groups etc or things you would like to see us doing, then that is the time to let us know. We will also have our bring and buy stall if you would like to recycle any Christmas presents. Looking forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sylvia  
Vice Chair

## PROGRAMME OF SPEAKERS FOR 2022

January 2022	Open and social meeting
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Talk by Mr M Kushner, (a Bletchley Park Guide) 'Spies, lies, double agents. The real James Bond'.
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Talk by Ian Addis. 'Lost sports grounds of old Kettering'
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mr J Norwell 'A day above the Canary Islands'
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Liz Taylor of the Woodland Trust. 'Talking Trees'
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Keith Brown 'The Air Ambulance Service'
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting

## **Singing for Pleasure**

This season has been very different for all of us as we are usually very busy singing at various venues which of course we cannot carry out at the moment. Our one outing was to provide music at St. Andrew's Christmas Market and I think we all felt satisfied with our efforts.

Our Christmas Lunch was at the newly refurbished Palmichael Restaurant in Burton Latimer. This went very well though we had a couple of members not able to attend. Commiserations to Pauline who organised the lunch and then succumbed to a heavy cold

At our last meeting of the year we sang carols and made plans and suggestions for a new programme for 2022. The list already looks enjoyable and Lynda is hoping to source some sea shanties and folk songs.

Our first meeting of 2022 will be Friday January 7th.

Singing for Pleasure wish you all a New Year to look forward to.

Velda Robinson

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## **Play Reading**

Our play this month – obtained at ENORMOUS EXPENSE – was the story of Master Dick Whittington and his Cat!! All the “Thespians” were in brilliant form but the “Oscar” must indubitably go to THAT DAMNED FELINE!!

Rosalind Bridges

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## **Short Walks**

This month we decided to go further afield to East Carlton Country Park, Corby. We were lucky again with a fine day, it was even a little warm. Just six of us and still no Teddy but he should be better for the next walk. We set off across the park then walked through Middleton and Cottingham. There were some lovely and interesting houses and gardens in

the villages. On the way back we walked fields and footpaths and had superb views of the countryside. A short walk further and we were back into the park again and took a detour to view the reindeer. Then refreshments and more chat before leaving for home.

A very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all  
See you next year.

Wanda, Bob and Teddy

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## **Answers to last month's quiz**

1. 1982
  2. Marge Simpson
  3. Divorce papers
  4. Only Fools and Horses
  5. The Holiday Armadillo
  6. David Tennant
  7. If You Don't Know Me By Now
  8. Cambridge
  9. 1950s (1957) BONUS: Queen Elizabeth II
  10. Christmas lunches
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## **Bring and Buy**

The answer to mine and hopefully your excess Christmas presents – or those you cannot find a use for. As long as they are still sealed and not been used, bring them into the January meeting and we will attempt to sell them for you. The money goes to charity and you might find something that would suit you. We have done this in the past and it has raised funds for various charities. Any ideas of one we could use this time – send it to me [sylviadale@live.co.uk](mailto:sylviadale@live.co.uk)

## Book Group

The book group met on the Monday before Christmas and shared a delicious bring and share lunch, after this we shared our thoughts on the "Winter Solstice" by Rosamund Pilcher. All had enjoyed it and also reading some of her other novels.

"The Winter Solstice" was a very suitable book for the time of year. As well as leading up to Christmas it has a light heart feel good feeling. The story, or stories of a group of disparate people in an old house in the Highlands of Scotland. Each has events in their lives that they have to come to terms with, from death of loved ones to rejection. By the end of the book most issues have been resolved. We all agreed that we would like to read a sequel to see how things turned out for the characters and whether the predicted happy outcomes occurred.

The characters were well written, differentiated, and very believable. It was hard to say which people's favourite was. The descriptions of the highlands and the settings of the various events were equally well drawn. It is a book well worth reading.

Lindsey Cole

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### 2022

*May you have enough happiness to keep you happy.  
Enough trials to keep you strong.  
Enough sorrow to keep you human.  
Enough hope to keep you thoughtful.  
Enough failure to keep you humble.  
Enough success to keep you eager.  
Enough friends to give you comfort.  
Enough faith and courage in yourself to banish depression.  
Enough wealth to meet your daily needs.  
Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.*

## January Quiz

- 1 Which fictional sleuth was played on TV for 25 years by David Suchet?
- 2 Brie and Camembert are types of which food?
- 3 Complete the title of the hit romantic comedy - 'When Harry Met .....'?
- 4 What type of creature lives in an apiary?
- 5 In London, what can be found at Spitalfields, Portobello Road and Camden?
- 6 Which British artist is famous for his spot paintings?
- 7 A rugby union team is made up of how many players?
- 8 Which British patron saint is celebrated annually on 1<sup>st</sup> March?
- 9 What colour flag is awarded to a beach that meets high standards for cleanliness, safety and water quality?
- 10 Pantomimes traditionally take place at what time of year?
- 11 In which religion is Krishna a god?
- 12 In which sport are there playing positions called flanker, fly half and tight-head prop?
- 13 What boy's name is also the capital of the Falkland Islands?
- 14 TV comedy Dad's Army was set during which conflict?
- 15 Stilton, Wensleydale and Yarg are types of which food?
- 16 In which decade did Queen Elizabeth II become the British monarch?

### Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
<b>Monday</b>					
Art Group	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864621		Monday	10am-12 noon
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	Dorothy Stocks 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
Swimming	Isabel Collins	01536 520971	Kettering swimming pool	Every Monday in term time	9am-9.45
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Members house	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	<b>2pm</b>
Travel	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	2pm
Walking (medium)			Varies	Last Tuesday	10 am
<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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	12.45pm
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	2-4pm
Music Appreciation	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741455	Home	Varies	2-4pm
<b>Thursday</b>					
Coffee Morning	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	Stirrup Cup Barton Seagrave	Every Thursday	10.00am
Spanish	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Hertford Community Centre	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	2-4pm
<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
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 – 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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