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ISE VALLEY NEWS

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Kettering, Northants

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Hello Everyone

I would like to say a big thank you to Alan and team for sorting out our sound system for us and putting a bell on the back door for our meetings. Also thank you to those who have come forward to say they will go on the committee and help us.

Our AGM will be in July so there is still time to let us know if you are willing to go on the committee. It may be worth saying that just because I am Chair it does not mean you cannot apply for this position or indeed any of the other officer's jobs.

it is nice to see our numbers creeping up again and a warm welcome to new members and visitors.

There will be a suggestion box on the group table for you to put your ideas for Xmas party entertainment and trips you might want to go on etc. Of course, I cannot guarantee that every suggestion can be carried out but we will do our best.

Jill

Renewals

Your renewal for 2022/23 is now available. The renewal form can be collected at the Main Meeting or collected from myself by arrangement. We try not to send out too many as the postage is very high now.

Please remember to put in a sae if you are renewing by post or arrange to collect your card at the Main Meeting.

Names

It has got to a lot of us – the inability to remember people's names. We have been asked if members would mind putting a name tag on at the main meeting so that we can actually address people by name – which will be a plus. These will be available at the check-in desk and are simple adhesive ones which will not mark clothes.

Speaker

This month we are delighted to welcome Mr Keith Brown who will be talking about the Air Ambulance.

Book Group

The Midnight Library – Matt Haig

This fantasy novel was the Book Groups choice in April. After an attempted suicide Norah Seed finds herself between life and death in a library where the shelves go on forever and every book provides a chance to try another life she could have lived. She feels she has let everyone down including herself but the books in the Midnight Library enable Norah to see how life would have been if she had done things differently. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every one of her regrets but as she relives many possible previous lives in turn, they are not always the answer to a perfect life.

Linda Law

Singing for pleasure

More new songs were introduced at the last session, this time with a particular purpose in mind.

St. Andrew's Church has a "Holiday at Home" week in August and we have been asked to close their last meeting with a few songs. We have selected what we hope are singalong songs for the people enjoying the Staycation and we are looking forward to meeting them.

Velda Robinson

Warning

Action Fraud has received 752 reports in four days relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem.

The emails state that the recipient is eligible for a rebate as a result of a newly announced government scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information.

Remember, your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, contact the company using details from their official website or app. **DO NOT USE A LINK IN A SUSPECTED EMAIL.**

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - report@phishing.gov.uk



Book Club

Book club members met at Sywell Aviators Cafe where we enjoyed tea and cake whilst discussing our book chosen for reading in May.

The Light Between Oceans. by M.L Stedman

Tom and Isabel Sherman live in a lighthouse located on a remote island off Australia called Janus Rock, One day Tom sees a boat washed ashore on the beach where he finds dead man and a live baby girl - Tom knew he should report this in his log book and to the authorities but Isabel begs him to wait
On this one wrong decision the story unfolds.

Their isolation on the island spins a cocoon and changes their perceptions of right and wrong

When the little girl was christened back on the mainland they realised her mother was still alive and Tom was determined to put things right by giving the child back to her real mother and thus going against his wife's wishes

Isabel wanted to punish Tom by letting the authorities believe he had killed the man in the boat but eventually the truth was revealed.

We all enjoyed this Book which was made into a film by Steven Spielberg, discussing what effect living in isolation and the awful experiences Tom had during his war time service had on their morals.

Linda Benbow

Short Walks

We went to Aldwincle, I love the name, Aldwincle but the first test was to find a car park. Having found it, there was a lot of people milling around. I thought "This looks good" but it turned out to be a Market Harborough U3A bird watching group. We had a good turnout of walkers and Teddy had dog friend Dizzy.

It was a lovely day for a walk, sunny with a light wind. We could hear bird song and we heard the cuckoo, so it must be spring. After thunder and lightening over night I thought the paths, in places would be very muddy but it was fine. It's a lovely place to walk with water on both sides, just lovely.

We had refreshment at "The Woolpack" in Islip.

Wanda Moffatt

AGM

Our AGM is at our July meeting. There will be cakes, a quiz and various other forms of entertainment on offer. Please come to support your committee.

It is not too late to put your name down to come on the committee and help.

Mahjong and Scrabble

We have room for more players of all levels of expertise at Barton Seagrave Village Hall , Bertone Road on the Red Row estate off Polwell Lane. NN15 6WF

These are free sessions held in the café starting at 1.45p.m.on the second and fourth Monday's of the month. Come along and give us a go.

Linda Law

Shows

I'd like to bring your members attention, especially those in your music groups, to a big band presentation taking place at the Deco Theatre, Northampton on 7 July 2022 at 7:30pm.

Terry Steel's Astor Big Band present 'The Glenn Miller Story - Continues', all profits from which will go to the Royal British Legion (we are their official touring band).

Our show tells Glenn's story from his first big band to his disappearance in Dec 1944 including lots of Glenn's hits as well as those of other big bands and their star vocalists. Tickets & further information are available from the box office 01604 491005 (10am-4pm Mon-Sat) or www.theoldsavoy.co.uk.

Please contact me if you have any questions or want further information (jon@astorbigband.co.uk)

Thank you.

Jon

May Quiz Answers

1. The Suez Canal
2. 240
3. Berlin
4. The Salvation Army
5. Victor Meldrew (One Foot in the Grave)
6. River Taff
7. Six feet
8. Joseph Stalin
9. 18
10. Central Park
11. Bonanza
12. The Bank of England
13. Australia
14. Purple

15. Basil Brush

16. Buddy Ebsen

17. Tango

Beginners Camera Group.

The subject for the May meeting was "Chimneys". We had an outside meeting and all the group came. We met at Geddington and wandered around looking and taking photographs of various chimneys. We then met up for tea.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th June at the usual venue, when the photographs to be displayed will be chosen.

Julie Bates.

Spanish

We are pressing on with our lessons focussing in on grammar and spoken Spanish. Unfortunately, we have now learned that our lovely magazine is going to be discontinued. I am now trying to find a replacement. Otherwise, we enjoy our sessions at St Andrews.

Geraldine 01536 481203

Travel Group

Travel Group takes place on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. We are still reprising past films but are planning a day out. We enjoy reliving memories, good chatter and refreshments.

Geraldine 01536 481203



Art Group

Members continue meeting up to encourage each other each Monday afternoon at the Woodcroft Scout hall with Catherine giving us a tutorial on basic drawing techniques this month. Still looking for new members to this friendly group.

Tessa Bellamy

Trips and Outings.

The Gardeners World at Birmingham NEC trip on Thursday 16th June is all booked and paid for.

We are meeting at the Kettering Cornmarket Hall car park for a 9am pickup with RB Travel. Tickets will be given out on the day. Leaving Birmingham for our return journey at 4pm. An inspirational, fun filled, exciting day with lots of shopping opportunities is expected.

Tessa

June Quiz

Questions

1. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
2. What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?
3. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
4. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
5. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
6. What was the most popular girls name in the UK in 2019?

7. Which comedian was the second permanent host of Never Mind the Buzzcocks
 8. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World At War and Black Ops?
 9. In what US State is the city Nashville?
 10. Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?
 11. What is the currency of Denmark?
 12. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
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Ten Pin Bowling

Back on an even keel again. Everyone playing well and enjoying themselves with plenty of spares. Peter and Pauline achieved personal bests, with newcomers Jill and Maureen also doing very well.

We would welcome any new members to join our happy group.

Dai Johnson

Lunch Club

Lunch Club for June will be organised by Bob Mc Gregor at The Star in Geddington.

Menus will be available at the June meeting, and a £10 deposit per person

Pat Johnson



Fundraising FASHION SHOW

And shopping event

Organised by Huxloe Inner Wheel

22nd September 2022

At the Park Hotel Kettering 7pm

Your favourite brands at up to 75% off sizes 6 to 30

Tickets cost £6 and are available from Lynne Franklin 01536 618001

Dorothy Perkins, White Stuff, River Island, Next, Evans, New Look, Miss Selfridge, Topshop, Wallis, Urban Outfitters, Warehouse, Monsoon and more..... Plus French and Italian Designer wear

“Songs for a Summer Evening” With the Variations Choir

At the United Reformed Church. London Road. Kettering
On Saturday the 23rd July 2022 at
7.30pm.

All proceeds from this concert will be donated to PARKINSONS UK
KETTERING GROUP

Tickets Adults £8. children under 12 £4

Telephone 01536 513548/723376 or available at the door.

Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Art Group	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864632	Woodcroft London Rd	Monday	2-4pm
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 rd 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 nd & 4 th Monday	1.45 - 3.45
Play reading group	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Venue and date vary	Normally 1 st Monday	2pm-4pm
Recorder Group	Mary Cooper Sue Hartley	420336 357676	Member's home	2 & 4 th	2.30-3.30
Tuesday					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Member's house	2 nd Tuesday	2pm
Ukelele Group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Member's house	Fortnightly	10-12
Travel	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	3 rd Tuesday	2pm
Wednesday					
Gardening	Chris Ditri and Sandra Tecklenberg	01536 723145/01832 733419	Varies	1 st Wednesday	10-12
Music Appreciation	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741455	Home	Varies	2-4pm
Thursday					
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 rd Thursday	10am
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

To enrol in any groups, please contact the group Leaders.

Day Trips

Tessa Bellamy

07854 864632 (temp)

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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