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ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

Charity Number 1179738

March 2022

Hello Everyone, I hope you are all staying safe and well. Unfortunately, both myself and husband caught covid, I am now clear, hubby still suffering.

I think we all enjoyed last month's talk on spies and we have very many new talks to come thanks to Julie for working so hard to book them for us.

As you all know we are a small committee and are very grateful to those of you who have offered your help behind the scenes. It will be our AGM in July so please give some thought to becoming committee members.

Jill

Chair

We had a number of visitors last month at the meeting which was encouraging. A couple were trying all the u3a's in the area before joining one. They were impressed with how friendly we were and vowed to return. Let's hope that they do!

The raffle has been taken over by Pauline McCready and Pat Johnson as Linda Miller has been forced to give it up due to her health. Please continue to support the raffle.

If you have any ideas of what you would like us to do in the future, please contact a member of the committee. We are always looking for new ideas!

Sad News

We have, unfortunately lost one of our members during February. Our friend George Beecher passed away and our thoughts are with his widow Erika. George was a member of the Coffee Morning gang and we all enjoyed his company. He will be missed.

I have also heard that a former Chairman and member Richard Flowers has passed away. They were both active members of Ise Valley u3a although they hadn't re-joined due to ill health. We wish his widow, Jean, all the best in the future.

Art Group Report.

I am pleased to say we are meeting again with some new and returning members.

Our previous venue is no longer letting out the room and it was too small in the circumstances so we are now meeting in the Scout Hall off London Road, Kettering on Mondays 2-4pm.

We met for the first time on the 24th January when we resumed our art after a long break for many of us. We chose the Countryside as a theme using our preferred medias and had booked Catherine Matthews to advise us on the 31st January but as her daughter had tested positive for Covid, we cancelled her this time but will book her once a month when she's available.

As it's a big hall if anyone else is interested we have some spaces, just text me.

Tessa Bellamy

Play Reading

For our February meeting we had a play called "The Whole Truth" by Philip Mackie – not one we had heard of.

The story was dragged out a bit and most of us knew "whodunnit" early on, in spite of many twists and turns.

Rosalind Bridges

Singing for Pleasure

Eight of us braved the weather forecast to enjoy a shortened session of singing and we managed to stall "Eunice" for just over the hour. We paid tribute to her by singing "When you walk through a storm" plus a few sea shanties. When we meet again we intend to review our programme, possibly discard some of the songs and include a few shanties plus a few "Rounds" which we also enjoyed singing this morning.

The small attendance was not entirely due to the weather, we have members on holiday and some recovering from various complaints.

It was a pleasant session which included a slightly extended coffee break which is sometimes needed to catch up with colleagues and their news.

Each meeting brings new suggestions and everyone contributes.

If anyone is interested in joining us please contact Lynda 01536 628940.

Velda Robinson

Short Walks

Hi everyone

At long last we had our walk around Fineshades Wood. We did wonder if the high winds might close the park as they had the day before. Luckily Thursday was fine. Nine of us, two dogs with Dai leading the way. Decent paths to follow throughout. It has one hill to climb known as "heart attack hill". I'm pleased to say we all made it. Teddy's is now well enough to walk now. He had a friend along this time, Dizzy. They on got on very well.

The next walk is on March 17th.

Wanda, Bob and Teddy

Spanish

The Spanish group are now meeting at St Andrews Church rooms fortnightly. We have welcomed back two former members to join our zoomers. Priority has been given to our former members but we hope soon to be able to welcome newcomers as it is a large and airy room. Dates are Thursdays, 3rd, 17th, 31st March 2pm to 3: 30 pm.

There is a small car park approachable from Crown Street.

Geraldine. 01536 481203.

Travel group

Has started again after a long absence. Obviously, there is a lack of new holidays but we look forward to a review of previous holiday visits, chatter and refreshments. We are a closed group at the moment due to the Covid problems and the need to space. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2pm. Ring for details from Geraldine on 01536 481203.

Country Dancing

This group is unable to function due to lack members returning after the epidemic. As a member for many years I would like to thank Jean Beaver for her enthusiasm and skill in adapting dances to a small group.

Geraldine

Speaker this month is Ian Addis with "Lost Sports Grounds of old Kettering

"A Life in Song"

Enjoy a concert with the Variations Choir, with songs old and new in memory of RON SWANNELL

At the United Reformed Church. London Road. Kettering. On Saturday the 19th March 2022 at 7.30pm

Tickets Adults £6. Children under 12 £3.

Telephone 01536 513548/723376 or available at the door

All proceeds to Cransley Hospice

Ten Pin Bowling

We have met at last, Covid barriers down. The rest must have paid off because 6 members obtained personal bests, post Covid.

We welcome back any past members of the group and would like to see some new members too, to join our happy band.

Dai Johnson

Lunch Club

18 members of the Lunch Club enjoyed a tasty meal at the Royal Oak, Walgrave. As we are only holding a Lunch Club on alternate months there will not be one in March.

We hope to meet again in April so watch out for the details at the April meeting.

Pat Johnson

Change is inevitable – except from a vending machine!

February Quiz Answers

- 1 Chinese
- 2 Johnny Depp
- 3 Shoes
- 4 The inside of the body
- 5 Aviation
- 6 Red
- 7 50 States
- 8 Manchester United
- 9 Downton Abbey
- 10 Newcastle on Tyne
- 11 General Practitioner
- 12 Bayern Munich
- 13 Potato
- 14 Water
- 15 Henry V111

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.

March Quiz

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 after Mark Lamarr?
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?
13. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
14. How many films have Al Pacino and Robert De Niro appeared in together?
15. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
16. Who was the head of state in Japan during the second world war?
17. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
18. Who wrote the novels Gone Girl and Sharp Objects?
19. Which legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting melting clocks?
20. Which football club plays its home games at Loftus Road
21. From which US city do the band The Killers originate?

Ukulele Group

We are at the stage now when we could do with using our hard- won skills entertaining people. If anyone has contacts in old folks' homes, WI etc who might be interested in suffering - er - sorry - enjoying a morning or afternoon's entertainment please let me know.

Alan
01933 350147

Coffee Morning

We continue to meet at the Stirrup Cup every week. Most weeks there are between 16 and 18 members. Unfortunately, we have lost one recently – George Beecher – he will be sadly missed.

For anyone who doesn't know, coffee morning is on Thursday mornings starting at 10am. All are welcome.

Sylvia

Knit and Natter

We continue to meet at the home of our oldest member – Dorothy Stock. She will be 95 next month and is doing well.

If anyone is interested in joining our sessions, they are alternate Monday afternoons at 2pm.

Sylvia

The Speaker in April will be Mr J Norwell who will take us on an interesting adventure with "A day above the Canary Islands"

WHY

Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while

healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?





Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??

TRIP NEWS from Norma Reilly

 Seats still available to see
'Singing in the Rain' 

Monday 11th April, evening performance
at Milton Keynes Theatre

Leaving Corn Market Hall at 5.30pm arriving
Milton Keynes approx. 6.30pm gives you time to
grab a snack or coffee from any of the restaurants
that surround the theatre.

GOOD NEWS...you can now bring companions.
£55.00 pp includes coach, driver's tip and seats in
the circle for a fabulous stage view

Even if you don't have green fingers you
may well enjoy our trip to the
BBC Gardener's World Exhibition at the NEC
on Thursday 16th June



Leaving Corn Market Hall at 9am, 
enjoy a full day surrounded by beautiful
fragrances and see celebrity gardeners
£35.00 pp includes coach, drivers tip and entrance
and you may bring companions

To book, or for more info, please email me
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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	3rd Monday	2pm
Camera Club (advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483396	Member's home	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	2nd & 4th Monday	1.45 - 3.45
Play reading group	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Venue and date vary	Normally 1st Monday	2pm-4pm
Recorder Group	Mary Cooper Sue Hartley	420336 357676	Member's home	2 & 4th	2.30-3.30
Tuesday					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Member's house	2nd Tuesday	2pm
Ukelele Group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Member's house	Fortnightly	10-12
Travel	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	3rd Tuesday	2pm
Wednesday					
Gardening	Chris Ditri and Sandra Tecklenberg	01536 723145/01832 733419	Varies	1st 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	Fortnightly	2-4pm	
Short Walks	Wanda & Bob Moffatt	01536 659236	Varies	3rd Thursday	10am
Friday					
Making Music	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	John Cooper's home	Weekly	2.30-4.30pm
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 – 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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