



ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

Charity Number 1179738

June, 2024

Hi Everybody,

Hope you are all safe and well.

On Thursday 27th of June, at the North Park Pavilion 10.30 till 1.30. Well Northants working with the Methodist Church, Age UK Northants and the students of Bishop Stopford School will be putting on a coffee morning.

I have managed to secure a stall and along with Di Tebbutt of Kettering U3A, we will be there promoting what Kettering U3A's can offer.

The morning is aimed at the over 50's giving advice and information on what activities and support is out there for this age group.

There will also be entertainment and music, hot drinks and refreshments anyone wishing to come along to say hello or help will be most welcome.

Thanks

Jill

Committee Positions to be voted for at AGM

Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer No 1 & 2 Accounts, Membership Secretary, Minute Secretary, Speaker Seeker, General Helpers & Group Co-ordinator

If you are interested in any of the positions please contact Jill or Penny

MEMBERSHIP 24/25

Membership is £16.00 for the year.
Membership and Third Age Magazine
£19.80.
Membership if member of other U3A
£12.00.

The renewal forms will be available at the June meeting. They will not be on the check in table. They will be opposite the refreshment bar, as will be the payment table (payment in cash or via bank).
Please note:- if paying via the bank, make your payments as soon as possible after the meeting, as it will take several days for me to get confirmation of your payment from the Treasurer.

Thank you,
Doreen

“Songs for a Summer Evening”

With the Variations Choir and Soloists.
Musical Director Christine Howlett.
At the United Reformed Church .
London Road. Kettering
On Saturday the 29th July at 7.30pm
Tickets Adults £6. Children under 12 £3 or
available at the door. Details from 01536
513548/01536 723376
Proceeds from this Concert to go to the
Church Funds

From June Mason

Craft n Coffee

Another pleasant morning spent crafting and chatting, Josie should us photos of her garden which looks lovely and has kept her busy.
Next meeting 25th June, hope to see you there

Joy

Speakers Timetable

June 12 – 60 years of Entertainment by Vince Eager
July 10 – Annual general meeting
August 14 – Arsenics Toxic Legacy by Neil Dickinson
September 11 – Age UK Northamptonshire by Pandora Kenyon
October 9 – Masters of Mirth of the Music Halls by Mike Storr
November 13 – Death in the Garden by Michael Brown
December 11 – Christmas party – entrance by ticket only
January 8 – Alice Hawkings – A Sister for Freedom by Peter Barratt

Smiling Is Infectious

By Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner
And someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,
Then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
Could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,
Don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick,
And get the world infected!

Sent in by Alan Bailey

Answers for May Quiz

1. What country has the highest life expectancy? **Hong Kong**
2. Where would you be if you were standing on the Spanish Steps? **Rome**
3. Which language has the more native speakers: English or Spanish? **Spanish**
4. What is the most common surname in the United States? **Smith**
5. What disease commonly spread on pirate ships? **Scurvy**
6. Who was the Ancient Greek God of the Sun? **Apollo**
7. What was the name of the crime boss who was head of the feared Chicago Outfit? **Al Capone**
8. What year was the United Nations established? **1945**
9. Who has won the most total Academy Awards? **Walt Disney**
10. What artist has the most streams on Spotify? **Drake**

Cransley Summer Concert.

The concert 'Happy' featuring 'Brassing Around' ensemble, will take place on Friday 12th July 2024 at the Salvation Army Citadel, Rockingham Road, Kettering. The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £7 including refreshments and can be purchased from the Cransley Hospice Charity Shop on 01536 414343 or the Cransley Hospice Fundraising Office on 03000 274040. As always, all profits go directly to Cransley Hospice Trust. Thanking you in anticipation.
Delys Cooper

For anyone interested in Family History email received from U3A Peak District

"I thought I would let you know that our 11th Annual U3A Peak District Family History Conference is being held at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire on the 21st September 2024.

This year our 4 speakers are -

Dr Colin Chapman - "Was Your Ancestor A Criminal?"

Simon Fowler - "Making The Best Use Of The National Archives"

Andrea Hetherington - "British Widows Of The First World War"

Ian Waller - "Reading Old Handwriting"

Further details about the conference can be found at <https://peakdistrictnetwork.wixsite.com/familyhistory/about-5>

I would appreciate it if you could pass this onto members of your group as they may be interested in attending."

Thanks and Best Wishes

Geoff Tideswell

U3A Peak District Family History Network
Chairperson

Short Walks

Hi everyone,

Well! what a wet day that was. It started raining at 10.00. We made a decision to shorten the walk and walk along the old railway line that was relatively dry, clean and roughly two miles. Then head back for refreshment. There was twelve of us and many umbrellas. It was very wet. Poor Teddy, happy to be with us but he got muddy and wet but loving the walk. We enjoyed getting back to the Mill in the dry for refreshments and an extended chat. Glad we did it.

Wanda, Bob and Teddy.

Beginners Camera Group.

We were a small group at the meeting on the 14th May because of holidays and illness. We looked at the photographs we had taken for the subject "Solitude" which will be shown at the June U3A meeting. The next subject which we discussed was the taking photographs of Buildings and Architecture and we had various information to read.

There will be no group meeting in June and July owing to members' holidays. As it is the AGM in July, the photographs we take of Buildings and Architecture will be shown at the August U3A meeting.

Julie Bates.

Theatre trips

Our next theatre trip is to see Chorus Line at the Curve, Leicester on July 4th. It is fully booked but if you want to go on the waiting list in case someone falls out at the last minute, please let me know.

Hairspray at the Curve on 26th September was fully booked but we now have one spare seat. The cost is £51. Anyone wanting to go or to go on the waiting list please contact me. sylviadale@live.co.uk or 07419 837379. A reminder to those who haven't paid, that we need payment by the July meeting and that you can now pay by BACS. If you have mislaid the information, please contact me and I will forward it to you.

I shall be moving shortly so please contact me on the mobile number above instead of the landline now.

Sylvia Dale

Advanced Camera Group

We had a good meeting reviewing our "wet" photos. Close-ups of raindrops and rainy days have been easy to find during our very wet spring. Our next task is to take photos of delicate items and Steve led us in discussing how we intend to cover this subject.

In June we have no meeting as Pat is on holiday and I am otherwise detained.

So we meet next at 2.00pm on July 15th. at St. Mary's church, Burton Latimer to photograph interesting features of the church. Bring a small donation for church funds and we'll follow this with a tea break at the Old Vic to round up the day.

Jenny

ART GROUP

Only the 2 sessions this month because of the bank holidays but we did have our session with Mel showing us how to paint a watercolour picture of daisies. It was really productive and informative using the wet-on-wet watercolour process for the background which was hard to achieve having one colour merging into another but some good results and we all are going to practise as the results can be very pleasing. We used the Loasby room instead of our usual Jacques room this week as St Andrew's are having a new boiler and noisy work going on. Look forward to seeing the church's new flooring.

Tessa

Book Group recently read "The Long Walk Home by Val Wood."

One of main characters is Mikey who and his family are really poor and hungry, so he steals rabbits from a butcher's shop to feed them and is caught and sent to prison. On his release decides to leave Hull and seek his fortune in London together with two other characters in the book. The other main character is Eleanor, daughter of a well to do family, brought up by a strict father, who controls her mother and brother, Eleanor's father has little compassion for the poor whereas Eleanor does.

In London Mikey meets up with the wrong kind of people who finds him work. In the meantime, Eleanor finds out that her father is charged with wrongdoings, her mother has left her father for a new life and is not interested in her daughter. Eleanor goes to London to find her brother who works with Mikey. She finds work in a mourning shop and eventually finds her non welcoming brother together with Mikey. Eventually Eleanor and Mikey decide to return to Hull together.

The group discussed the book and characters, we formed the opinion of how class and upbringing affected the lives of the people in the middle of the 19th century. The group enjoyed the book and commented on the accurate research accomplished by the author Val Wood in putting this book together.

I won't tell you the ending of the story and recommend reading the book and a copy will be available on the book stall at our monthly meeting(s) or by ordering through a good bookshop / online supplier.

Nigel Hinson.

Singing for Pleasure

In the last two weeks we have sung at two venues, the first was Westhill care home. This was our second visit to them, the first time the care home was newly opened and we did not see many residents, this time all seats were taken and the atmosphere was completely different. They kindly rewarded us with 2 bottles of wine and biscuits and we hope to visit again with our Christmas programme.

The second visit was to the Avery residential home and the room was filled with the residents. Our music seems to appeal to this group of people as we sing a variety of songs, songs from the shows, traditional and romantic songs, most are familiar with the audience and we do have them joining in the singing. Our pianist, Lynda was thrilled with the Grand piano that she was able to use for the concert.

We have had several new members and when we return to our meetings we have asked the new members for some of their favourite songs and hope we have a good response and are able to oblige them with music they enjoy.

We have already decided on the end of term lunch venue which will be at the end of July and then we have a break until September

Velda Robinson

June Speaker

The speaker this month is Vince Eager. He was once a regular on television shows such as 6-5 Special, Oh Boy and Drumbeat. He also sang in the Eurovision Song Contest before venturing into theatre and cabaret work, after which he became a Cruise Director for Silver Seas Cruises and Ocean

Cruise Lines. He will be entertaining us with a talk about 60 years of entertainment.

Penny

KETTERING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 6th July at 7.30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Rothwell

**This is a joint concert with the
Northamptonshire Music & Performing Arts
Trust's Community Choir**

The programme will include music from the West End, Phantom of the Opera, Lord of the Dance, Sleeping Beauty Waltz, Miss Saigon, Clog Dance, and Adagio from Spartacus

Tickets can be bought online at www.kettsymphorch.co.uk and on the door if available

Adults £12.00

Students £8.00

Children under 12 FREE. All children to be accompanied by an adult

Registered Carers FREE when accompanying a wheelchair user or registered disabled person

U3A are running a short story competition

Further details from the U3A.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition closing date 8th July 2024.

Ten Pin Bowling

Lots of spares and strikes this month. Reg managed to score another personal best. Dai managed to get the week's highest score, maybe with a little help from the side wall. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we are always looking for new members.

Dai Johnson

Travel Group

There are no meetings in May and June. The group is suspended while Peter, our host, recovers.

Pat and Dai Johnson

Lunch Club

The June lunch club will be organised at The Stirrup Cup in Barton Seagrave on Wednesday 19th June, by Jill Burgess. Please sign up at the June meeting.

Pat and Dai Johnson

Play Reading Group Report

We met at our usual time to read "Husbands Supplied" by Falkland L. Cary - a name new to all of us. It told the tale of a "Ladies Employment Agency" - the employment being "MARRIAGE". Several ladies of many different ages attended - all looking for a husband !! It was amusing and had a twist at the end - but it was very short, leaving us with plenty of time for tea and chat!

Our next get-together is planned for July 1st.

Rosalind

June Quiz

1. How many minutes are in a full week?
2. What car manufacturer had the highest revenue in 2020?
3. How many elements are in the periodic table?
4. What company was originally called "Cadabra"?
5. How many faces does a Dodecahedron have?
6. Queen guitarist Brian May is also an expert in what scientific field?
7. Aureolin is a shade of what colour?
8. How many ghosts chase Pac-Man at the start of each game?
9. What Renaissance artist is buried in Rome's Pantheon?
10. What shoe brand makes the "Mexico 66"?

Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Art Group	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864632	St Andrews Church Hall	Monday	2-4pm
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Village Hall Barton Seagrave	3 rd Monday	11.00 to 1.00pm
Camera Club (advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483398	Member's home (Ise Lodge)	Monday following Monthly meeting	2pm- 4pm
Mah Jongg/scrabble					
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	01536 420336/ 01536 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	Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Member's house (Ise Lodge)	3 rd Tuesday	2pm
Craft n Coffee	Joy Knight	07535 446758	Stirrup Cup Barton Seagrave	4 th Tuesday	10.30- 12
Wednesday					
Lunch Club	Pat & Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Varies	Alternative Months 3 rd Wednesday	12.00 for 12.30
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	10.00a m
Spanish	Pauline McCready	01536 485416	St Andrews Church Hall	Fortnightly	2-4pm
Short Walks	Wanda & Bob Moffatt	01536 659236	Varies	3 rd Thursday	10am
Friday					
Singing for Pleasure	Lynda Harris	01536 529410	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 Jill Burgess 01536 515045

Theatre trips Sylvia Dale 07419 837379

Timings at the Eden Centre

Main meetings – 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Eden Centre

Doors open – 1.30

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 joy.knight2@btinternet.com 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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