

ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

Charity Number 1179738

November, 2024

Hello Everyone,

It seems the darker, shorter days of winter are now upon us. We shall have group get togethers to relieve the boredom!

The Lunch club is holding their lunch at the Old Vic in Burton on 18th December so please see Dai Johnson if you would like to attend.

The Jigsaw table drew a great deal of interest last month. We should like more contributions to increase the variety of puzzles on offer, as just as the book stall we shall rely on your contributions.

A reminder to all those who have not returned the membership forms that you will not receive your current card until your form has been returned. Please tick the Gift Aid box if you pay income tax!

Penny
Chair

**Please note December Christmas party meeting is entrance
by ticket only**

**Life is like a
Cup of tea
It's all about how
You make it**

Flu/Covid Jab

Thursfields Pharmacy
School Lane, Kettering
Have a vaccination centre
Through the black gates.
You can book online but they are also
happy to have walk ins Monday to Friday.

**Cransley Hospice
Christmas Concert.**

The concert 'Songs for the Festive Season',
an evening of songs, readings and carols
for all to sing takes place on Monday 9th
December 2024 at the Salvation Army Cit-
adel, Rockingham Road, Kettering.
Doors open at 7pm and the concert begins
at 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £5 and can be pur-
chased from the Cransley Hospice fund-
raising office on 03000 274040 or the
Cransley shop on 01536 414343.
What better way to start the festive season?

Delys

Ten Pin Bowling

Another interesting session of bowling
with Dypsey being the only one to reach a
new PB! Planning for the Christmas
bowling breakfast has gone ahead for the
14th November at The Forge in Cranford.
New members are always welcome, please
contact me for more information.

Dai Johnson

Play-reading group September Report

On September 2nd -

"No Sex Please - We're British" was a
long-running stage play by Anthony Mar-
riot & Alistair Foot. In London, the lead
role was played by Michael Crawford and
later by Anthony Valentine (stop swooning
ladies!). Misunderstandings, wrong bed-
rooms, confusion - it's all there, and won-
derful to read. We loved it and thought that
young audiences today would love it too -
if only for its innocence!!

The next session was on 30th September,
when we read "Suddenly at Home" by
Francis Durbridge, the writer of the long
running radio series "Simon Templar",
which I'm sure many of you will remem-
ber! This is a cleverly constructed "Who-
dunnit" set within a group of mainly mid-
dle-class friends - but not everyone is quite
what they seem! However, in the end the
culprit is revealed, and apprehended and
life returns to normal with new bottle of
fizz to celebrate!

Rosalind.

**A CELEBRATION OF
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Variations Choir and Soloists
Musical Director Christine Howlett

NOTE OUR NEW VENUE

Central Methodist Church
School Lane, Kettering

With ample parking nearby.

On Saturday 14th December at 7.15pm

Adults £6. Children under 12. £3

Tickets available at the door or from
01536 513548/723376

June Mason

Short Walks

We had a super walk on Thursday. You couldn't have asked for a better day. The sun shone, it even got very warm and we even had a blue sky. 11 of us walked, odd puddles on the way round. It had rained heavily earlier in the week. It seemed as if we almost had the place to ourselves.

Teddy was accompanied by doggy friend Pippa who was staying with us, they get on well. They had to spend time on the lead in this park but they managed.

It was noticeable that the wildlife was enjoying the sun. As we move round park everyone was chatting and we (Bob) missed a turning. Further on we came to a signpost that gave us the way back to the centre. Turned out to be a good move. Ernie who keeps an eye on how far we had gone said we did 2.89 miles. Time for coffee. The centre made us very welcome by putting tables together. Big sign outside announced they are dog friendly. Refreshments were very good. It was a lovely walk.

It being a 5-week month some people were asking what the date of the next months is walk. It will be 21st November 2024.

Wanda, Bob, Teddy and Pippa

Craft n Coffee

Another pleasant morning spent crafting and chatting. As our December meeting is on 17th which is the day before the U3A Christmas lunch we have decided to have our Christmas lunch at the January meeting instead.

Our next meeting is 26th November, all welcome.

Joy

Lunch Club

18 members came to the October Lunch Club at The Dukes in Woodford. We all had a hearty and reasonably priced meal. We will be returning later in 2025.

The Christmas Lunch Club will take place on Wednesday 18th December at 12.00 for 12.30, at the Old Vic in Burton Latimer. We shall have menus available to take orders at the November meeting on the 13th November. The cost is £25.00 for 2 courses and £31 for three courses. We shall be taking full payment (**nonrefundable**) on all orders on that day. Payment will be in cash only so please try to have the correct money. Please contact us asap if you are unable to come to the November Meeting.

Pat and Dai Johnson

Beginners Camera Club

Due to holidays etc we cancelled the October meeting. We were sorry to hear that Julie has decided to leave the group. As Julie was the Group leader I will take over the running of this group for the time being. Many thanks to Julie for all her work as Group Leader. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 12th when the subject will be "Seasons". We have vacancies for 2/3 members (beginners or intermediates)

Pat Johnson

Spanish Group

The group is still working through Pasos 1 Spanish beginner's course. We have worked on exercises about what I like you like etc. We had to complete sentences with the correct form of gustar- to like. Then we translated English sentences about what we like into Spanish.

For our next meeting on the 31st of October, as homework we had to complete sentences about what is good, and what is bad about places. Then we had to read through new vocabulary about how different people are feeling and match the words to pictures of people. Last of all we had to read a magazine article in Spanish about The Secrets of the Sea.

Pauline McCready

Kettering Symphony Orchestra presents its Winter Concert on Saturday, 23rd November at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, NN14 6BQ at 7.30 p.m. The music is as follows:

**Beethoven Violin Concerto - soloist
Richard Smith
Holst - Moorside Suite
Elgar - Enigma Variations**

Tickets are priced at £13 for adults, £9 for students - accompanied children under 12 are free. A programme is included in the cost of the tickets. These can be booked at kettysymphorch.co.uk or can be purchased on the door, subject to availability.

Kate Coles

Book Club

The Dry - A thriller and murder mystery written by Jane Harper

This story is set in Australia in the grip of the worst drought in a century - it hasn't rained in the small country town of Kiewarra for two years. No rain meant no feed - no feed meant the animals died and businesses failed. Tensions become unbearable when three members of the Hadler family are murdered. Luke Hadler is accused of the murder and then of committing suicide after killing his wife and six-year-old son. Policeman Aaron Falk returns to his hometown for the funeral of his childhood friend Luke and is unwillingly drawn into the investigation. Questions and suspicions mount and Aaron is forced to confront the community that rejected him 20 years earlier when a young girlfriend of his Ellie was found dead in a river. Aaron and Luke shared a secret - an alibi for the death of Ellie and as he probes deeper into the killings, secrets from the past bubble to the surface.

The book describes the harsh conditions the community endure as the river dries up and businesses fold and how farmers have a constant struggle to care for their stock and land. A few red herrings led the reader to suspect various characters when a casual conversation with the landlord in the local Pub gave Aaron the information to uncover the truth.

A large huntsman spider was mentioned several times through the book which most members enjoyed reading.

Linda Benbow

Playreading October Report

"The Amorous Prawn" by Anthony Kimmins was a comedy film made in 1962 but had already been a successful stage comedy.

General FITZADAM is posted away from home, so his wife decides to turn their house into a hotel for wealthy visitors! It seemed quite slow and dated to us - but not surprising after 60 years.

We meet again on November 20th.

Rosalind.

Veteran/Blue Light Brunch

Hello all.

It's about time now for me to let you know how this idea is proceeding. Slowly I think.

Firstly, we have 3 people including myself from Ise Lodge U3A. Not very promising but there have been a couple of people saying that acquaintances or husbands might be interested.

Very recently we have circulated to Kettering U3A and I already have another person expressing an interest. (More hopeful).

I am happy to leave this group open for another month or two, in the hope of having a few more takers.

I think about 8 individuals would be just about enough to hold a trial brunch or two.

In the meantime I'm quite prepared to publicise anywhere else that could be considered fertile territory. Suggestions would be welcome.

Let's hope that in a while we will have enough people.

Bob Moffatt

This Month's Speaker

The speaker for this month is Michael Burton who is a former journalist and teacher. His talk is "Eleanor and the age of the Crusades". The crusades led to the capture of the City of God and was one of the most astounding achievements of the Middle Ages. Eleanor was Queen of France and England and she brought with her the Aquitaine culture of love and beauty which made lasting influences on the attitude of the great courts for centuries to come.

Penny

December Meeting is the Christmas Party – entrance by ticket only. £5.00 incl. raffle and nibbles.

Speaker List 2025

January 2025 – Alice Hawkins A Sister for Freedom by Peter Barratt

February 2025 – Kam Tours by Kam Caddell

ART REPORT

A good month with Melanie showing us the basics of how to paint a rose in Acrylics in easy stages. These tutors always make it look so simple, ha-ha but she's at hand with advice and encouragement.

It was a full, packed room with a group of 13 able to attend which is always great especially when we have Mel.

Next month the 11th November she is showing us a collaged and acrylic scene. Looking forward to this. It's Mel's specialty as she often uses a collaged base coat for her colourful paintings.

Tessa

November 1980 Retro Quiz

1. Which British physicist was the author of A Brief History of Time, first published in 1988?
2. Which pop icon's debut 1983 album was called She's So Unusual?
3. Winner of the 1986 Oscar for Best Picture, which film starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford was based on an autobiographical book by Isak Dinesen, aka Karen Blixen?
4. In Only Fools and Horses, what was the name of the tower block that was home to the Trotters?
5. The first episode of EastEnders aired in 1975, but which actor is currently the longest-serving cast member of the soap?
6. Which city played host to the 1984 Winter Olympics, where skating duo Torvill and Dean bagged figure skating gold medals?
7. In the New Romantic era, which fashion designer was responsible for creating Adam and the Ants' pirate-themed look?
8. At which London location did the wedding of the then Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer take place on July 29, 1981?
9. What is the name of the sparkling perry drink popular in the 1970s, often served in a distinctive glass?
10. Which year in this decade saw the fall of the Berlin Wall, the premiere of the Simpsons on US TV and the Dalai Lama winning the Nobel Peace Prize?

October Quiz Answers

Retro 1970 Quiz

1. Roger Moore
2. Argentina
3. Vienna
4. Olivia Newton-John
5. Richard Nixon
6. Prawn Cocktail
7. Farrah Fawcett
8. Apple Inc
9. James Callaghan
10. China

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
Tuesday					
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 741455	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
Wednesday					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Pat Johnson	01536 483398	Member's house	2 nd Tuesday	2pm
Ukelele Group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Member's house	Fortnightly	10-12
Thursday					
Craft n Coffee	Joy Knight	07535 446758	Stirrup Cup Barton Seagrave	4 th Tuesday	10.30- 12
Friday					
Lunch Club	Pat & Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Varies	Alternative Months 3 rd Wednesday	12.00 for 12.30
Monday					
Ten pin bowling	Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Thunder bowl	Following monthly meeting	12 midday
Coffee Morning	Sylvia Dale	07419 837379	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 Joan Bennett 07597 559055

Theatre trips

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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If anyone is interested in joining the committee you are welcome to attend a committee meeting as a visitor prior to joining. Please speak to Penny for details.