



# ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

**Charity Number 1179738**

**September, 2024**

Hello Everyone,

I hope those of you who have been away have had very enjoyable breaks.

This month's meeting is in the upstairs room with access by lift or stairs - there will be people to show the way and assist if needed.

Don't forget that if you have booked for the trip to Barnsdale Gardens in February the money is now due, this is limited in numbers as we are buying seats on an RB Travel trip and therefore the money is nonrefundable. If you find you are unable to go you are free to sell your ticket to a friend.

Anne Chandler and Joan Bennett are hoping to arrange more trips, so if you have any suggestions please get in touch with either of them.

Here's to a good meeting

Penny

## CAMERA GROUP

There were only 4 of us at August's meeting, but we had all the photos from our visit to St Mary's church in Burton Latimer to discuss. They were probably a bit darker than we would have hoped, but it was interesting to see which parts of the church each of us had chosen. We then had a chat about taking portraits. This is our theme for the month. We next meet at 3 St. Mary's Road on the 16th. September.

Jenny

### Trader Recommendation

I would like to recommend Chris Ryan at Assured Plumbing and Heating for boiler installations and servicing. They also do bathrooms and other plumbing. Chris is ex-forces, very friendly and efficient. Details below.

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Lynda Harris

## DAY TRIP TO BARNSDALE GARDENS

If you are interested in the trip to Barnsdale Gardens on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 or if you have already booked a seat please ensure payment is made at the September meeting by cash or bank transfer.

For more information see Joan or Anne at the meeting

## BOOK CLUB

### The Sky Lark Secret by Fiona Valpy

This is the second novel of this author we have enjoyed reading.

We begin in 1940 in Scotland when the Royal Navy Arctic convoys were based. In Loch Ewe. The main characters are Flora the gamekeeper's daughter and the Laird's son Alex. As you can imagine love does not run very smoothly.

Many years later her daughter Lexi comes back to live in her mother's house after her mother died together with her daughter Daisy from a broken romance with a stage producer in London.

The story from the present day to the 1940s is very interesting to read of the role the Royal Navy played in the war together with the American sailors in the Arctic circle.

Of course Lexi meets a very interesting young fisherman in the course of settling into her new home with young Daisy. Lexi slowly unwinds the story of her mother Flora and the Laird's son Alex which did not end happily. The Village do welcome her eventually and so she begins a new exciting chapter in her life

We all enjoyed the story of the Sky Lark Secret. We could imagine being in Scotland with her as Fiona Valpy described Loch Ewe so well.

Margaret Turnbull

## **SPEAKER INFO**

The speaker for September is Pandora Kenyon from Age UK Northamptonshire. This is a small local charity and Pandora will tell us how the charity came about and inform us of the services and support they give to the people of Northamptonshire

Next month's speaker is Mike Storr with "Masters of Mirth of the Music Halls"

Penny

## **TEN PIN BOWLING**

Another good session with five members scoring over 100. Richard was only two points off his Personal Best. Three members also scored over ninety. We seem to be pushing each other to ever greater heights while still managing to have lots of fun. New members are most welcome to come and join the fun.

Dai Johnson

## **LUNCH CLUB**

With only 10 members available to join us in August it was a small gathering at The Thornhill Arms in Rushton, for a very nice meal. We hope to organise a meal for October but the venue has not yet been finalised. Preparations are being made for the Christmas meal, probably at The Old Victoria in Burton Latimer. We shall be taking bookings at the November meeting with a £10 non-returnable deposit.

Pat and Dai Johnson

## **BEGINNERS CAMERA GROUP**

The next group meeting will be on the 10th September at the usual venue at 2.00pm. The subject to be discussed is "Fruit" which will cover many different types, We will be looking at the photographs of "Wet" which have just been taken, these will be on show at the U3A meeting on the 11th September.

Regards,

Julie Bates.

## **ART GROUP**

We have had a summer break but looking forward to meeting up again on Monday 9th August at the earlier time of 1.30 so we can get a space in St Andrews car park. If you would like to join us on Monday afternoons including a monthly tutorial with Melanie Henson. Please ring or text me.

Tessa

## **CRAFT N COFFEE**

Another enjoyable morning although not much crafting doing as we were doing a "team building exercise", still managed a good chat which is always good. We have 2 new members – Welcome Christine & Wendy.

Our next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30 – 12.00 at the Stirrup Cup, Barton Seagrave. If interested in crafting please feel free to join us.

I will not be there but hope you have a good meeting.

Joy

## **THEATE TRIP**

Outing to My Fair Lady, at the Curve Theatre, Leicester in December.

All tickets have now been sold.

Regards,

Julie.

## **SHORT WALKS**

This walk is my favourite, best walked early in the spring when the sky larks are flying high over the corn fields. However, it was good to see old friends, some back from their holiday, seven of us in all. The weather was just right thankfully not so hot like earlier in week. Teddy came with friends, two little ones that have been staying with him. He'll be very pleased when they go. Dizzy also came today. Lovely to see him and Dave. The walk starts and finishes at Seasons Garden centre and it was there we had refreshments. Not too many people about this time but it was a great chance to socialise and catch up on the news. Next walk will be September

Wanda, Bob and Teddy

## **INTERESTED IN ART?**

**The Art Group have space for 1 or 2 new members, some experience is helpful but not necessarily as help and advice can be given. They also try to have a tutor once a month. If interested please contact Tessa Bellamy**

## **SPANISH**

This month we have had two sessions of Spanish.

We had a new member to join our group, so that was good. I think that she feels that the group is at the right level for her.

We are still revising Pasos1 Spanish beginner's course. We have been revising several chapters on the verbs to like and dislike and also to love. After revising the chapters ,we had to read an article from a magazine in Spanish about Isabel Barreto. After that we translated it into English with the help of Google translate.

I feel that we have had two useful sessions of Spanish this month

Pauline

## **AUGUST QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Nicolaus Copernicus
2. Nike
3. Calligraphy
4. Saturn
5. Brazil
6. I should have made you leave your key
7. God of War
8. Tanzania
9. An embarrassment
10. Lithuania

## VETERANS/BLUE LINE BRUNCH

**Do we have any ex-members of the HM Armed Forces or Blue Light Services?**

**Bob Moffatt recently spent some time at a Veterans Brunch in Salisbury and thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with like minded people and wondered if anyone else in the group would be interested in meeting up for brunch. He is thinking of perhaps 10.00am at the Keno Lounge (date to be confirmed). If you are interested please contact Bob by email [moffatt100@gmail.com](mailto:moffatt100@gmail.com) or phone 01536 659236 (leave a message if not answered) or see me at the group info desk at the monthly meeting.**

**Joy**

### **Speaker List 2024/25**

September 2024 – Age UK (a local independent charity) by Pandora Kenyon

October 2024 – Masters of Mirth of the

Music Hall by Mike Storr

November 2024 – Eleanor and the age of the Crusades by Michael Burton

December 2024 – Christmas Party

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

February 2025 – Kam Tours by Kam Caddell

## SEPTEMBER QUIZ

1. How many bones do we have in an ear?
2. Who famously crossed the Alps with elephants on the way to war with the Romans?
3. True or False: Halloween originated as an ancient Irish festival.
4. What Netflix show had the most streaming views in 2021?
5. Which grammy-nominated New York rapper died in April of 2021?
6. What software company is headquartered in Redmond, Washington?
7. What is the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world?
8. What is the world's fastest bird?
9. In what country is the Chernobyl nuclear plant located?
10. The Parthenon Marbles are controversially located in what museum?

## Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
<b>Monday</b>					
Art Group	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864632	St Andrews Church Hall	Monday	2-4pm
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Village Hall Barton Seagrave	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Linda Law	01536 659091	Barton Seagrave Village Hall	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	1.45 - 3.45
Play reading group	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Venue and date vary	Normally 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	2pm- 4pm
Recorder Group	Mary Cooper/ Sue Hartley	01536 420336/ 01536 357676	Member's home	2 & 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.30- 3.30
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Member's house	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	2pm
Craft n Coffee	Joy Knight	07535 446758	Stirrup Cup Barton Seagrave	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	10.30- 12
<b>Wednesday</b>					
Lunch Club	Pat & Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Varies	Alternative Months 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	12.00 for 12.30
<b>Thursday</b>					
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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	10am
<b>Friday</b>					
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                Sylvia Dale 07419 837379

## **Timings at the Eden Centre**

Main meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **Newsletter Editor**

Please send contributions by 5pm, 30<sup>th</sup> of the month to [joy.knight2@btinternet.com](mailto: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.**