



ISE VALLEY NEWS

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Happy Easter to you all!

Hopefully all of you on the email list will have received this month's email about our speaker. We had a few glitches with the March mail out which I think have now been put right (fingers crossed!).

Joy and I attended the Network Meeting at the beginning of April, I will keep you informed of any developments.

It is the time of year to apply for Gift Aid, so if there are any of you who did not tick the box and pay tax, please let us know as soon as possible.

Let us hope the weather will be warmer at Easter so that we can enjoy some time outdoors now that the evenings are lighter.

Have a lovely Easter

**Penny
Chair**

**PLEASE NOTE DOORS ARE NOT OPEN UNTIL 1.30
IF YOU DO ARRIVE EARLY YOU WILL BE ASKED TO WAIT IN THE FOYER
WHILST WE ARE SETTING UP THE HALL
THANK YOU**

This Month's Speaker

This month we welcome back PC Joanne Barlow who is coming to make sure that we are all keeping up to date in the matter of recognising possible scams on our technology. Computing is, as always, developing speedily and we must try to make sure That we keep being aware of possible scams and try to keep ourselves safe.

Upcoming Speakers

14 May - Call of the Kingfisher by Nick Penny

11 June - Lotions, Potions and Dubious Cures by Susan Copperwheat.

9 July – AGM

13 August - William Knibb and Slavery by Monica Ozdemir

Activity Group with Spaces

The following groups have vacancies so if you are interested in joining please contact the relevant Group Leader.

**Ukulele
Book Club
Playreading**

Craft n Coffee

Another pleasant morning spent chatting and crafting. Welcome to our new member Alison. **Our next meeting will be on 29th April (due to Easter holidays)**

Joy

Playreading

The Playreading group met later than usual at Rosalind's house on Wednesday 19 March to read the Noel Coward's three act light comedy play 'Relative Values' It turned out to be his usual complicated plot. Crestwell, butler to Nigel Marshwood and Dora Moxton, Moxie maid to Nigel's mother Felicity, are discussing the forthcoming marriage of Nigel to actress Miranda Frayle. It turns out unlikely as it seems that Miranda is Moxie's sister who had cut herself off from the family. Eventually the secret is revealed and Moxie declares she must leave although she has been Felicity's indispensable maid and confidant for many years. When Miranda arrives she doesn't recognise Moxie and tells the family an untrue story of a life of poverty also saying that her sister Moxie had died. Miranda has previously had a fellow actor lover Don Lucas, who turns up. Eventually Miranda, much to the relief of everyone especially Moxie, decides to leave with Don Lucas. Moxie and Crestwell celebrate the outcome with a glass of Sherry. Nigel had a lucky escape. We all enjoyed reading this play. **The next playreading will be at Rosalind's on Wednesday 23rd. April. We have spaces if anyone wants to join us**

Carlene Lee

Free to all Vehicles & Enthusiasts

Wheel Nuts at Sywell Aerodrome

Post Code NN6 0BN

First Tuesday of every month 12 – 2pm

For more information contact Reg Baxter

07860461058 or

email baxterreg@gmail.com

Food & Drinks are available in the Pilots mess and Hotel bar



Short Walks

Hi everyone,

Wow! What brilliant weather for our walk on Thursday. Sywell was indeed the place to be. It was the first day of spring weather, the water was bathed in sunshine. It was beautiful. 10 of us meet up in the lower car park. We were all eager to enjoy the day.

Teddy is now looking overdressed in his full winter coat and he couldn't wait to get going. Sywell has good paths, no big hills and lovely views. The birds were singing loudly in the bushes. Spring has truly arrived.

Afterwards we all felt good as we sat down for refreshments. The cafe has a very wide range of food on offer. Bacon rolls were favourite.

Even Teddy joined in the conversation. (see picture)

Wanda, Bob and Teddy

Theatre Trip

The only Theatre Trip available is CALAMITY JANE on the 10th July, at 2:30 pm at the Curve Theatre Leicester.

Unfortunately there are no seats available for either Joseph or Chicago.

If you are interested in Calamity Jane, please let me know.

Cost will be available at the April meeting, dependent on numbers.

If interested please respond ASAP.

Jude Walker

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Ten Pin Bowling

Another interesting week during which we welcomed new member Alison, who had not played since her youth. Some things, once learned, are never forgotten, as she soon proved. Lots of spares and strikes, the highlight being Penny's first ever strike, and a high of 129 for one bowler meant another enjoyable session for all.

Come and join us if you would like to awake old memories

Dai Johnson

Beginners Camera Club

There were some interesting photos this month on the topic of Boxes, Squares and Rectangles. Our next topic is Doorways. Elaine presented this topic to give us ideas of how to interpret it. You can see our photos at the April U3a meeting. We can't take on anyone else at the moment but if you are interested please come and talk to me and I can put your name on a waiting list.

Pat Johnson

Lunch Club

There was no Lunch Club in March but we have managed to book lunch at the Thornhill Arms in Rushton for our April meal. Menus will be available at the April meeting and we shall collect a non-refundable deposit of £5 per person with each order. The meal will be on Wednesday 16th April at the usual time, 12.00 for 12.30pm. If you are unable to come to the April meeting and want to join us you will need to contact me before the meeting. All members are welcome.

Pat and Dai Johnson (Mobile 07816 939198)

Advanced Camera group

We had a good session talking about our groups of three items and how we had chosen them. For next month, we are looking at shapes in nature. With the weather improving and days getting longer we should have opportunities to explore the topic.

Jenny

Mobile security tips from Martin Lewis

Thefts of phones are up by 40% and thieves are after your financial

1. Use remote tracking apps to locate your device if it is stolen and suspend payments. (doesn't always help – my daughter's turned up in Dubai!)
Find MY (Apple); Smartthings Find (Samsung) Find My Devices (Google)
2. Enable biometrics (Face or fingerprint ID) on both Phone AND your Banking apps. If you use a pin number instead use a different one for your phone and your banking apps. Beware people shoulder surfing (watching over your shoulder when you log in.)
3. Dial *#06# (star hash zero six hash) and then do a screen grab of your IMEI (Device information) image. Email it to yourself, print it and save it. This is what you give the police if your phone is stolen.
4. Notifications of codes sent to you may appear on your lock screen which means thieves can see it without actually unlocking your phone. Go into settings and switch off 'preview notifications'
5. Check out any extra security protections (if any) your phone has got. iPhone has Stolen Protection; Unfamiliar location? Biometrics for cards; 1hr delay on settings changes. Android has 'Theft Detection Lock' and auto locks if it senses quick movement (grab and run)

Thanks to Alan Bailey for sending this in.

Art Report

Another busy month when Melanie Henson showed us how to use alternative, unrealistic colours in Acrylics copying the Girl with a Pearl Earring by Johannes Vermeer with mixed results but it did show us how to use tones of colour to get good results.

Hopefully having a member return to our group so the group should be full but I can open a waiting list as people do drop out occasionally.

Looking forward to our next session with Mel using watercolour with different effects.

Tessa Bellamy

Book Group

The Wish by Nicholas Sparks.

Maggie was 15 years old when she became pregnant, her parents sent her away to her Aunt Linda until the baby was born, the baby would be adopted.

Bryce became her tutor to help catch up with her studies, he didn't mind about the baby. Bryce taught her photography and they spent a lot of time together. They fell in love. Maggie was now 36 years old and in the Gallery looking at photographs of Bryce, she was asked - If you had one wish what would it be? Maggie thought she knew the answer - that she would go back to that winter with Bryce but there was something else, she would dearly like to do and that would be to find out about the baby to see if it all been worthwhile,

A very good read, a can't put you down book. The group discussed the book and gave it high marks.

Julia Bates.

March Quiz Answers

1. Emperor Hirohito
2. Mercury
3. Gillian Flynn
4. Salvador Dali
5. Queen's Park Rangers
6. Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern
7. Tunisia
8. Las Vegas
9. Central Perk
10. Four

April Quiz

1. In what year did Tony Blair become British Prime Minister?
2. How many times has England won the men's football World Cup?
3. What is the common name for the larva of a housefly?
4. Street artist Banksy is originally associated with which British city?
5. From what grain is the Japanese spirit Sake made?
6. What was the Turkish city of Istanbul called before 1930?
7. Which Coronation Street star announced their departure from the soap after 50 years?
8. Which BBC comedy is due to air its final episode on BBC One on Christmas Day?
9. Who won I'm a Celebrity 2024?
10. Who won Big Brother 2024?

*****Wanted – Newsletter Editor*** (non-committee)**

Due to other commitments we are looking for a newsletter Editor. This is a non-committee position. You will need to be able to use Word, send and receive emails with attachments, and be able to collect printed newsletter from Tresham College and bring them to the monthly meetings. I am happy to help so if you are interested please give me a call or see me at the monthly meeting

Joy Knight

*****Activities Group Co-ordinator*****

Due to other commitments we are looking for a new group co-ordinator. The position involves attending the monthly meetings, setting up a table with the group activities information. Give assistance to anyone thinking of starting a new group with paperwork and possibly offering assistance to existing group leaders if requested. I am happy to mentor this position. If interested please ring me or see me at the monthly meeting.

Joy Knight

*****Membership Secretary Required*****

Duties include:

attending monthly meetings to sign in members, take funds from visitors - pass to treasurer.

Put new members on the database,

Arrange renewals and collecting annual subscriptions

Ordering U3A magazine.

Anyone interested please let Penny or Doreen know (Doreen is happy to mentor)

Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Art Group	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864632	St Andrews Church Hall	Weekly on Monday	2-4pm
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Village Hall Barton Seagrave	3 rd Monday	11.30 to 1.00pm
Camera Club (advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 07816 939198	Member's home (Ise Lodge)	Monday following Monthly meeting	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 741455	Venue and date vary	Normally 1 st Monday	2pm- 4pm
Recorder Group	Mary Cooper/ Sue Hartley	01536 420336/ 077871877 28	Member's home (St Mary's Road, London Road end)	Usually the 2 & 4 th Mondays but sometimes changed due to Bank Holidays or to suit group members	2.00- 3.00
Tuesday					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Pat Johnson	07816 939198	Member's house (Ise Lodge)	2 nd Tuesday	2pm
Ukelele Group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Member's house (Grosvenor Way, Barton Seagrave)	Fortnightly	10-12
Craft n Coffee	Joy Knight	07535 446758	Stirrup Cup Barton Seagrave	4 th Tuesday	10.30- 12
Wednesday					
Lunch Club	Pat & Dai Johnson	07816 939198	Varies	Alternative Months 3 rd Wednesday	12.00 for 12.30
Thursday					
Ten pin bowling	Dai Johnson	07816 939198	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	077315558 73	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

Theatre trips Jude Walker 07941 352190

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 - Joy Knight

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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.

Webmaster

Alan Bailey

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Safeguarding Officer

Bob Moffatt

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Committee – 2024-2025

Chair	Penny Smith	07772 237077
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General Duties	Joan Bennett	07597 559055
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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.