



ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

Charity Number 1179738

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Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the newsletter.

We are still looking for volunteers for the Committee (as usual!) in several key roles. Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Groups Co-ordinator and Speaker Seeker. All of which can shadow the present incumbents to find out what is involved and if you think you can fill the job. None of these jobs are as daunting as they sound but without these jobs being filled we cannot function as a group.

I must remind those who are going to Barnsdale that the coach leaves the Corn Market Hall at 10am on Tuesday 25th February.

**Penny
Chair**

**PLEASE NOTE DOORS ARE NOT OPEN UNTIL 1.30
PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY
THANK YOU**

Book Club from December meeting Deception by Lesley Pearse

Janet Masters was abused as a child. She ended up in a children's home where she was very happy. At 16 years she has to leave and gets a job looking after two children. But the father of the children assaults her. As a result she leaves the house the following morning.

She eventually meets and marries an already married man and has two daughters - Alice and Emily. She had changed her name to Fleur Faraday, and on her marriage became Helen Tweedy. Helen had to flee the marriage eventually because of the situation.

She later met and married Ralph Kent and became Sally Kent. The story starts with her funeral where a strange man appears, and as a result of who he was, Alice decides to delve into her mother's past history.

Her mother had been a big flirt during her life, and no man with money was safe from her.

This is a very brief resume of the story. Some members of the group found the book interesting, and some found it a bit hard to take in the nature and life of the main character.

Shirley Hill

This month's speaker is:

Monica Ozdemir from the Civic Society talking about William Knibb and Slavery, also about changes made to the Kettering Borough Coat of Arms.

Upcoming Speakers

12 March Death in the Garden Michael Brown

9 April Online security Updates PC Joanne Barlow

14 May Call of the Kingfisher Nick Penny

11 June Lotions, Potions and Dubious Cures
Susan Copperwheat.

9 July - AGM

Warkton Lane Closure
Warkton Lane will be closed 3rd
March to 21st March

Charity Knitting & Crochet Project

Kettering General Maternity Unit are in desperate need of Newborn and Premature Baby Hats.
Jools Wools & Fabrics, Findon are a drop off point for the project.

U3A Groups are run by the members for the members – if you are able to help in anyway please let one of the committee members know. We need committee members and helpers at the meetings. The more help we have the less jobs each one of us has to do. Not all jobs entail being a committee member so if you can just help at meetings that is still good.

Activity Group with Spaces

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

Beginners Camera

Ukulele

Book Club

Playreading

REMINDER FOR TRIP TO

BARNSDALE on

25th February, 2025

Coach leaves Cornmarket Hall at

10.00am.

There are still seats available for this trip if you are interested please book directly with R B Coach Travel on 01536 791066

Advanced Camera Club

Our use of the macro feature on our cameras was the theme last month, and the photos showed how near we could get to our subject without a wobble. Bottles is the topic for this month. The group knew that I could rally together a few for practice photos. Our next meeting is on February 17th. at St. Mary's Road when you can bring 3 items to photograph.

Jenny

Ten Pin Bowling

A varied session with highs and lows a plenty. This week's winner was Pat, who was very close to her PB. We are always looking to welcome new members. Would you like to give it a go and bring back some memories from your youth?

Dai Johnson

DAY TRIPS

If you have any ideas for day trips please see Joan or leave suggestions in the suggestion box which is on the group activity table at the meetings.

Craft n Coffee

10 of us met for a coffee with crafting (or not) as normal. I bought a stitch book my daughter in law got me for Christmas – it shows how to do the stitches which everyone thought was a good idea. 8 of us stayed on for our Christmas lunch which was lovely. **Next meeting is 18th February** which is a week early due to the trip to Barnsdale.

Joy

Beginners Camera Group

There were only three of us at the January meeting. We decided to just choose a topic each for the next 3 months. We will complete the year's programme in February. We need some more members to make this group viable so if you would like to join us please ring me.

Pat Johnson

Lunch Club

There was no Lunch Club for January. The February one will be at The Star in Geddington on Wednesday February 19th, **12.00 for 12.30**. We shall take bookings and a £5.00 **non-refundable** deposit at the U3A meeting on the 12th. Everyone is welcome.

Pat and Dai Johnson

Book Club January Meeting

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo . By
Taylor Jenkins Reid

An aging film star who plans to auction her frocks to sell at auction in memory of her much-loved daughter who died of cancer at an early age. Evelyn is now dying of the same thing. Unknown to the public and the journalist Monique, Evelyn has chosen to write her story of her life and the seven husbands she married over her lifetime. The tale tells of Evelyn's past and divides the book into seven parts, one for each husband.

The story is very much taken from the fifties when film stars were as famous for the roles they played as much as the husband they married. Some for love and others to climb the stairs to stardom.

It seemed to us that Evelyn was a very selfish woman and didn't mind who she hurt. Except when she meets Celia who was the love of her life.

If you enjoyed reading about the stars of yesterday you may enjoy the book.

It does have some surprises at the end of the book. With Evelyn even disclosing her involvement with Monique's father who had sadly died when she was young.

Mixed reviews from us at the end. To lighten the mood we all had a discussion about which famous person we would like to meet.

Margaret

**PS. Please note we will now meet at
11.30 am at the Village in Barton
Seagrave**

January Quiz Answers

1. Ian Fleming
2. Knee
3. Sydney
4. Iago
5. 1997
6. Tin
7. 3
8. Olivia
9. All the President's Men
- 10 Simon Amstell

FEBRUARY QUIZ

1. What is James Bond's code name?
2. What is the capital of Finland?
3. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World at War and Black Ops?
4. In what US state is the city Nashville?
5. Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?
6. What is the currency of Denmark?
7. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
8. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
9. How many films have Al Pacino and Robert De Niro appeared in together?
10. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?

ART GROUP

Good to get back to our regular weekly Monday meeting although some of the group have been away on family trips and holidays. We're all getting into the routine of regular painting again and looking forward to our next session with Mel our tutor when she returns from her family trip to South Africa in February.

Tessa

Proposed Theatre Trips

Chicago The Curve, Leicester. 2.15 on 19th June

Calamity Jane. Milton Keynes. 2.30 on 31st July.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcast. Milton Keynes. 2.30 on 9th August.

If you are interested in attending these shows please can you let Jude Walker know. If enough people are interested then she will organise the trips.

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)

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.,

Trying to get back to normal after Christmas. We started with a walk at Fineshades Woods. It looked like the weather was cheering up then on Thursday morning came the fog. Bob, Teddy and I pressed on looking forward to the walk and wondering if anyone else would make it. We were pleased to see Bob Macgregor and Shirley Hills.

I had phoned Fineshades before Christmas to find out the cost of parking only to find it had changed. Now they have A.N.P.R. and new rates that could not be avoided. It was not a good start it was expensive. I don't think we will be going again.

That said and done, there were very few people about and it was very quiet, it was lovely. We talked and walked. All said Heart attack hill was longer than we remembered but we made it. Although it was foggy it wasn't too cold. We were soon into our stride following the paths, meeting odd people along the way. Teddy was so pleased to be out. His Christmas was spoiled by us having flu and 2 visiting dogs (one blind) that overstayed their welcome.

We went to the cafe which hadn't changed but for the prices. All said and done we had great company and it was good to be out. See you soon.

Wanda, Bob and Teddy.



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 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 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	01536 483398	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	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	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 Joan Bennett 07597 559055

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

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.