

# ISE VALLEY NEWS

Kettering, Northants

**Charity Number 1179738**

**May, 2025**

Hello everyone

I'm very glad to be back with you all after my unscheduled absence from the last meeting! Many thanks to the rest of the committee for making sure all went well!

Sadly we have lost one of our long serving members - Dorothy Stock - at the age of 98! Some of you will remember her as a host of knit and natter. Our condolences go to her family.

On a brighter note, I would like to thank all of you who allowed us to claim your Gift Aid and I am pleased to say that we have received nearly £100 more than last year - so if you now have to pay tax do let us know and help to swell the coffers even more.

We have a volunteer to deal with website and will keep you informed as to the new format for it.

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**

## Short Walk

The walk on the Clay Dick Track and around Geddington was a great success. It was a beautiful sunny day. Eighteen of us out, it was lovely to see everyone. Even Teddy had a mate Dizzy who he hadn't seen in a while. Because we hadn't had rain for some time the underfoot conditions were very good, no mud to worry about. It's uphill at the start and I wondered if I would make it. We then turned right off the track and walked across the fields before heading back towards Geddington and refreshments. Some went to the cafe and some took the opportunity to dine at "The Star". Both are good value.

The good thing about this group is we help each other to get through. Being a bit slow is ok. As Bob says, "it's a short walk and a long talk".

Wanda, Bob and Teddy

## Spanish Group April 2025

Our group is still working through Pasos 1 beginners course book.

This month we prepared sentences in Spanish about things we had done since our last meeting. We read out our sentences in Spanish. Each person took a turn at this and the rest of the group tried to translate the sentences into English. This is a good exercise as most of the group find listening to Spanish and translating into English is quite a difficult task at the moment.

Then we did some exercises from Pasos 1. Next we took it in turns to read parts of an article about Houses of Famous Artists in Spanish, from a magazine. Then we translated our part of the article into English.

Last of all we had some simple Spanish maths problems, which we had to translate then solve the problem in Spanish.

Pauline

## Speaker

The speaker for May is Nick Penny whose talk is "The Call of the Kingfisher" which is the title of his book about walking the banks of the River Nene at Oundle and is filled with historical facts and stories reminding us that walking regular paths can lead to irregular and surprising encounters. In June we shall welcome Susan Copperwheat speaking about "Lotions, Potions and Dubious Cures"

Penny

## Upcoming Speakers

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**  
**Recorders**  
**Ten Pin Bowling**

## **Art Report**

This month Mel showed us watercolour techniques using salt and scrumpled up cling film for special effects with the watercolour. We painted a red toadstool using the effects for the background with varying success as the results are random. We have been practicing during the short month as we didn't meet for Easter Monday.

Tessa

## **Book Club**

We did not meet in April due to Easter but will be meeting as normal in May

## **Playreading**

It Runs in the Family

Ray Cooney's hilarious play set in hospital, was the choice of the play reading group for this month. It involves Dr. Mortimore a hospital specialist, who tries to hide his just discovered wayward illegitimate son from his wife and himself. He enlists the help of his colleagues, it all gets very complicated and farcical, involving more and more lies, hospital staff and the odd patient. The whole thing becomes one impossibly funny to read farce. We all thought it was one of the most complicated hilarious play we have read to date.

Wednesday 24/05/25 is the next play read meeting

Carlene Lee

## **Craft n Coffee**

Due to the Easter break we met on 29<sup>th</sup> instead. 6 of us met up, not a lot of crafting done but lots of chatting!

Our next meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> May, at 10.30 in the Stirrup Cup

Joy

### **\*\*\*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

## **Lunch Club**

We had a very enjoyable meal again on our return to the Thornhill Arms at Rushton, and we were in the large room which meant we had plenty of room. There won't be a Lunch club in May so the next one will be in June, venue to be decided. Don't forget that the Lunch Club is open to all members, we take names and bookings for food at the monthly meeting with a £5 cash per person , non-refundable deposit , then the balance is paid to the pub on the day.

Pat and Dai Johnson

## **Ten Pin Bowling**

A good time was had by all , but despite quite a lot of spares and strikes, no one managed a PB. We have plenty of room for new bowlers , so come along and have some fun.

Dai Johnson

## **Beginners Camera Club.**

We welcomed a new member to our group and we hope Gordon will continue to join us. We had an interesting meeting and looked at the topic of Nature's Shapes. You can see our photos at the next meeting in May.

Pat Johnson

## **Advanced Camera group.**

A good session. Our photos on shapes in nature were successful. You will see them at the next open meeting. Pat then led us in ideas about taking Easter photos. She brought lots of props, ( eggs ) and we used the garden to hide or display them. Great fun. Our next meeting is on May 19th. when the theme is Looking up.

Jenny Goddard

## **Theatre Trip**

CALAMITY JANE on the 10th July, at 2:30 pm at the Curve Theatre Leicester. There are 2 spare seats for this trip if you are interested please let me know. Please note payment is needed at the May meeting.  
Thanks

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## April Quiz Answers

1. 1997 – APRIL ANSWERS
2. Once (1966)
3. Maggot
4. Bristol
5. Rice
6. Constantinople  
Helen Worth
- 8 Gavin & Stacey
- 9 Danny Jones
- 10 Ali Bromley

## May Quiz

1. Who won The Traitors 2024?
2. Who will be presenting the ITV revival of Bullseye?
3. Who will be departing Match of the Day in 2025?
4. Who was the leading lady of Bridgerton season 3?
5. Who portrayed the companion Ruby Sunday in Doctor Who?
6. Who was the lead star of the BBC drama Mr Loverman?
7. Which musical film led to a viral meme about "holding space"?
8. Which soap actress reprised her role as Chrissie Watts after 19 years in EastEnders this year?
9. Which actor portrayed Prince Andrew, Duke of York in A Very Royal Scandal?
10. Who portrayed Delia Balmer in the ITV crime drama Until I Kill You?

## Fancy That!

### Facts to make you go “wow”

There are at least 40 disused “ghost stations” on the London Underground

*Carry on Cleo* used a lot of the same sets and costumes as the Elizabeth Taylor film *Cleopatra*.

The Netherlands has more bicycles than people.

The average European spends 90% of their time indoors.

Before personal radios, police officers phoned the station from police boxes at specific times. If they didn't call in, a patrol car was sent out to check on them.

The number of plastic bags found on Britain's beaches has dropped by 8% in the decade since shops began charging for bags.

## Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
<b>Monday</b>					
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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	1.45 - 3.45
Play reading group	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741455	Venue and date vary	Normally 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Mondays but sometimes changed due to Bank Holidays or to suit group members	2.00- 3.00
<b>Tuesday</b>					
Camera Club (Beginners)	Pat Johnson	07816 939198	Member's house (Ise Lodge)	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	10.30- 12
<b>Wednesday</b>					
Lunch Club	Pat & Dai Johnson	07816 939198	Varies	Alternative Months 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	12.00 for 12.30
<b>Thursday</b>					
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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	10am
<b>Friday</b>					
Singing for Pleasure	Lynda Harris	01536 529410	St John's Church Hall	Fortnightly	10- 12.00



