



# **ISE VALLEY NEWS**

Kettering, Northants

**Charity Number 1179738**

**January, 2025**

**Happy New Year Everyone!**

**Firstly I would like to thank all those who donated raffle prizes, donated to the Christmas party and helped organize various events held over Christmas and the New Year. Let's hope it proves to be a very healthy one.**

**We have the trip to Barnsdale to look forward to in February and the committee are keen to organize trips for the warmer weather with your support.**

**As usual we are looking for volunteers to join the committee, no real skills are required, but a small amount of computer skills never go amiss. We shall need a membership secretary as Doreen has said she will step down at the end of this year, and she will mentor anyone who would like to try the job.**

**Penny  
Chair**

## **Martin Dale**

It is with great sorrow that we learnt of the passing of Martin Dale on Christmas Eve. Our thoughts are with Sylvia at this time. Martin's funeral will be at the Crematorium on Wednesday 15th January at 1.30. Coloured clothing - no black - by Sylvia's request.

## **My Fair Lady at the Curve.**

On the 4th December 39 members of the U3A visited the Curve in Leicester to see the show "My Fair Lady" and what a wonderful performance it was, a great kick start to the Christmas season and festivities. All the cast members were superb especially Eliza Dolittle and her father who shone on this occasion, the singing the dancing and the scenery were fantastic so much so that at the end of the performance there was a standing ovation from the whole audience

Our thanks go to Julie Bates and Jessie Mills who with meticulous attention to detail ensured that we all enjoyed our day from start to finish starting with our arrival in Leicester at 10.30 which gave us time to shop and see the street Christmas markets, have lunch in time for the show at 2.30.

The coach was ready to take 39 happy and exhausted members back to Kettering who also enjoyed a chocolate bar (supplied by Julie and Jessie) to round off the day. Thanks once again for arranging such a lovely day and we would like to wish whoever takes over the theatre trips every success and support from U3A members.

Michael Collins

## **Craft n Coffee**

We have a lovely meeting before Christmas for a chat and crafting with 7 members attending. Our next meeting is 28<sup>th</sup> January when we will meet at 10.30 at normal then staying for lunch. (If you want to too)  
Joy

## **Speaker**

The speaker for January is Peter Barratt with a talk entitled "Alice Hawkins - A Sister for Freedom". It is a talk about the life of his great-grandmother. It is an engaging and fascinating account of one woman's campaign for equality at the ballot box.

Penny

## **Art Group**

The Art Group's first meeting after the Christmas break is the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at the early start of 1.30pm to ensure room in the car park.

Tessa

## **Ten Pin Bowling**

Not many of us this month but we all had two games and scored on average 108 which is very good by our standards. However, our champion for the second month running was Jenny who scored another PB. Please come and join our friendly group. Everyone is welcome.

Dai Johnson

## **Beginners Camera Group**

Sadly, due to illness , we had to cancel our December meeting, so we shall be planning our 2025 programme at our January meeting . If anyone would like to join, us we do have a vacancy. Please ring me for details.

Pat Johnson

## **Lunch Club**

We had another successful Christmas Lunch at The Olde Vic in Burton Latimer. Over 40 members attended and a very enjoyable lunch was had by all. The staff at The Olde Vic were very attentive and the meal was delicious.

The next Lunch Club will be in February, but the destination is not confirmed yet. We shall be taking orders at the February U3a meeting.

Pat and Dai Johnson

## **Short Walks**

Hi everyone,

Hope you've all had a good Christmas and New Year.

We have got the flu bug at the moment. It's seems to be going round the family.

As you know we cancelled the December walk as it was so close to Christmas but we plan on getting out for January 16th Fineshades. More news later.

Happy New Year  
Wanda, Bob and Teddy



Photo supplied by Penny Smith, taken at the lunch club

## **Advanced Camera group**

What a day. Having invited the group for the afternoon, I fell up my new back step from the new block paving I'd particularly requested to stop me from tripping. Anyway, the four remaining photographers planned our programme for next year, talked about using 'macro' and chatted about their fire, wind and ice pictures. Well done. My lovely granddaughter made cups of tea and coffee and offered mince pies while caring for my very damaged leg. Again, What a day!

Jenny

## QUIZ

1. Who wrote the book Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang: The Magical Car?
2. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
3. What is the most populated city in Australia?
4. What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?
5. When was the movie the Titanic released?
6. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
7. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
8. What was the most popular girls name in the UK in 2023?
9. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
10. Which comedian was the second permanent host of Never Mind the Buzzcocks after Mark Lamarr?

## Playreading

The Playreading group met on Friday 3rd January 2025 to read, The Edge of Darkness

A play set in the 1900s By Brian Clements.

A dark play full of intrigue and murder, a complete change from Christmas and comedy but nonetheless enjoyable to read. Penny the cleaner and Hardy a handyman who later turns out to be a detective, open this play which involves the Cranwell's whose baby is drowned and they adopt a girl, Emma to replace the baby but Emma goes missing and is

later found after three years suffering from amnesia, she is apparently welcomed back home. But in fact is to be murdered for her inheritance, she remembers very little, but finds she is terrified of a knife and is able to speak some Russian. Lavago turns up claiming to be her husband, he also wants money, unfortunately he is soon found drowned.

Ken, Ros's husband joined us and was the much-appreciated male detective, Hardy who helps solve it all. A very interesting and enjoyable change from comedy. The next play reading date is 10/01/25.

Carlene

## Ise Valley U3A Recorders

The Recorder Group continues to meet, usually twice a month.

At the moment we are playing a variety of music from the Middle Ages to more recent times. We play solo tunes (usually playing them all together) as well as ensemble pieces in two or more parts.

If you play the recorder – or if you played at school and would like to play again, please contact Mary Cooper. It may be possible to lend you a recorder while you see if the group is 'right' for you.

The current group is not suitable for complete beginners, but it might be possible to organize a beginner group if there is enough demand.

Mary Cooper

## 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 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	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	01536 483398	Member's house	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2pm
Ukelele Group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Member's house	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	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

### **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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### **Committee – 2024-2025**

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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.**