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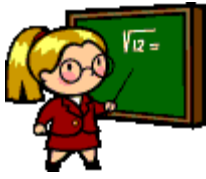
A letter from your Chairman

This is a disappointing chat to write. We have 254 members (paid up) and yet have no-one who will take over the Newsletter - very sad. I have no doubt that many of you will miss the monthly read (and will complain about it) but if no-one is willing, then after 10 years and under three Editors, the January Newsletter, number 139, will be the last. As a last plea, if anyone would like to take it over please talk to any committee member. It is currently put together using Microsoft Word and printed by Tresham College once it has been set up. If you feel that other software could be used then, as Editor, you can do what you want including changing the format. Many of the reports come in by email so you can just paste them in and you may need to add something ie. Quiz, trivia or recipe to fill up the space. If you need help to start with we can provide that.

On another note – If you are a group leader and have not yet received a membership register form from Harry please contact him today. It would seem that various groups have changed leadership without telling your Group Co-ordinator about it! Please get your members to fill them in and then send the form back to Harry ASAP so we can check the lists for non-paying members. If they are not Ise Valley members but belong to another U3A please indicate which one. Membership numbers are useful but not essential. There will be the usual Group Leaders thank you get together during February, probably at Christ the King. We will be discussing a possible Open Day to be held in May so I hope as many of you as possible can attend. Sorry to be vague about the date but Christ the King have not given us a date yet. As soon as I get one I will email you with it so please make a note of it in your Diary.

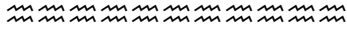
I hope you are enjoying our new Christmas Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and let us hope that the New Year will find us all fit and well so that we can enjoy it.

Alan



Nobody has come forward to take over the newsletter. The January Issue will be the last one.

Mary Howarth

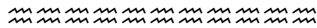


Music Appreciation

Our Musical afternoon became a bit of a send-off for Dorothy who is moving away to greener pastures. The theme was Russian so after some light music we moved on to Tchaikovsky's Caprichiano Italian, followed by Shostakovich with his Jazz Suite number one followed by his version of Tea for Two in the Tahit Prot. Next being a Russian theme we had the popular Sheherazade. Of course we had to have Matt Munro with From Russia with Love. On to more Shostakovich with The Gadfly then Tchaikovsky's Marche Slave. The afternoon was completed by Shostakovich's Funeral March.

An afternoon tea in honour of Dorothy completed an enjoyable afternoon. Bon Voyage to Dorothy in her new venture

Carlene Lee

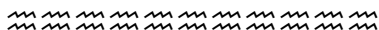


Camera Group

We spent our first hour, in groups, taking photos of Kettering for Alan's collection. Back at St. Mary's road for tea and biscuits, we admired and discussed the leaf montages from October's homework. We also started to plan our programme for next year.

On 19th. Dec. we meet at St. Mary's for mince pies etc.

Jenny Goddard



Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveller back to his own fireside and quiet home!

Charles Dickens

TEA and COFFEE

Please note that volunteers are required to help serve the tea and coffee at our monthly meetings for next year.

If you are willing and able please put your name down at the Groups table in January.

You can choose to do it with a friend if you prefer, or we will put individuals together.

Two people are needed each month, so do please consider if you are able to help.

Volunteers just need to arrive by 1.15pm on the day. A member is the centre staff is always there to show you the ropes.

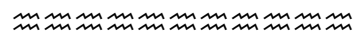
Book Reading Group

In November one of our members is leaving our group as she will be moving a little bit too far away to join our monthly meeting. We enjoyed lunch at Blitz tearooms instead of our monthly discussion.

We all will be very sorry to see Dorothy go as she was a vital part of our group and will be sadly missed by us all.

January will be our next meeting when we will organise our next schedule for the coming year, if anyone is interested in joining us and having a lively discussion on the chosen book of the month, please contact me

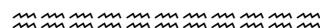
Margaret Turnbull



Craft Group

At the last meeting we made cards. The next meeting will be Wednesday 25th January 2017. We will be making containers for flower arrangements. Please bring a baked bean type tin or two and some thick wool if you have some.

Angela Deans



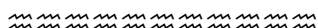
Mah-Jong/ Scrabble Group

Normally the Scrabble-and-Mah-Jong group meets on the fourth Monday of the month, but we realised that in December the fourth Monday would be Boxing Day, and we didn't think that would get many takers!

The rest of late December looked very busy too, so we decided to scrap the December meeting. But we would suffer from withdrawal symptoms if we waited TWO months without a game, so we plan to insert an extra one on Jan 9, as well as coming on the fourth Monday, Jan 23.

We think we could cope with two further members if anyone would like to join us. We are very willing to show anyone how to play either game - or both!

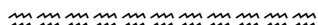
Margaret Hopkins



Beginners Camera Group.

We had our first meeting in November, seven members attended. Pat Johnson came along and explained the first steps to taking a good photograph, for the next meeting in January we have to produce some photos with the emphasis on colour.

Julie Bates

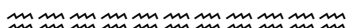


Short Walking Group

The Christmas walk will be on the 28th December meeting at Stanwick Lakes at 10.30am for our usual friendly walk.

Come along and join us. Please put names and telephone nos. down on list at December meeting, or ring Julie 725538 or Jessie 722421.

Julie Bates



Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.
Oprah Winfrey

Trips & Theatre Visits

Trips

At the January meeting we will be putting out lists for the following:-

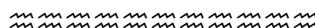
April 20th 2017. Tour of Indian Temple, Neasden. Arrive 1.000m for 1.30pm.

We will be having a stop at Brent Cross for a lunch/coffee stop etc before going on to the Temple.

May 11th 2017. The National Memorial Arboretum, Staffs.

Only put your names down if you are seriously interested:

Julie and Jessie



Singing for Pleasure

A very Merry Christmas from the members of both Singing Groups to one and all. Congratulations are in order to B Group, which is now a full year old and growing steadily in membership.

By the time you read this, singers from both groups will have given a joint concert for Kettering U3A's Christmas meeting, A Group will have had their Christmas lunch and will be well into their seasonal round of performances.

Thank you, everyone for all your musical endeavour. As none of these achievements would have been possible without our wonderful accompanists, special thanks must be given to Carol, Linda, and Janet on drum, of A Group, and to Marian and Maddie of B Group.

We reconvene for the "new term" in January: A Group on the 6th and B Group on the 13th. The latter welcomes new members, including men! Wassail!

For further information contact Jill Dee (A) or Mary Wildman (B)

Mary Wildman

Medium Walking Group



On a cold but bright and sunny day some 12 of us met at the Finch's Arms, Hambleton, by Rutland water. We walked around the peninsula for about 5 miles, stopping once for a photo shoot and again for our banana break.

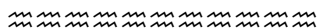
The weather was very kind to us, the sun shone throughout and the brilliant blue sky reflected off the water to complete the picture.

We returned to the pub for a well-served and presented lunch. A good time was had by all.

Thanks to John Sumpter for arranging this.

NB there will not be a medium walk in December, the next one will be the last Tuesday in January, details to be announced at the January meeting.

Wendy Islip

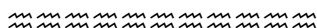


Ten Pin Bowling

We had another sociable meeting, with more new members.

Phil, Erica, Michael, Andy and Janice have all recorded personal best scores at the last two meetings, so things are going in the right direction.

Dai Johnson



New Year's Day is every man's birthday.

Charles Lamb

New Groups

The new Beginners Camera group started this month. Many thanks to Julie Bates for hosting it.

There are two new groups being set up:-

Coffee Morning, a popular idea in other U3A's. Meet for coffee in the many coffee shops in the town and get to know other members of our U3A.

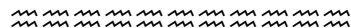
Knitting and Crochet group. A chance to learn these skills from members of the group, exchange patterns and ideas, and maybe do some knitting/crochet for the many charities who need donations of woollen items.

We would also like to set up some more groups to encourage men to join. Ideas put forward include:-

- Beer and/or wine making
- Model boat or train making
- Golf
- Watching live sport
- Snooker/Pool

We also need to recruit more members to our Ballroom Dancing group. We need a minimum of 6 people each session or the class does not take place. We are a friendly group of men and women, and we have a lot of fun. We are all beginners. You do not need to have a partner.

If you are interested in any of these suggestions please ring me, **Pat Johnson** 01536 483398.



Jewellery / Stamps / Old Annuals Appeal

We need your unwanted jewellery - any quality - even broken jewellery
Also any old stamp collections / unwanted stamps and any old annuals
80p in the £1 goes to our scientists who work to beat cancer

Please donate to Cancer Research Charity
Shop
26, High Street
Kettering (opposite McDonald's)

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November Quiz Answers –

All the answers are towns or cities in the UK

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| 1. Bath | 10. Crewe |
| 2. Tenby | 11. Nottingham |
| 3. Edinburgh | 12. Newport |
| 4. Doncaster | 13. Holyhead |
| 5. York | 14. Stoke |
| 6. Saundersfoot | 15. Leicester |
| 7. Exeter | 16. Preston |
| 8. Folkestone | 17. Reading |
| 9. Fulham | 18. Margate |

FOR SALE

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Christmas Quiz December 2016 – Christmas Carols

1. What are the halls decked with in the well-known Christmas carol?
2. According to "O Come All Ye Faithful", what time was Jesus born?
3. According to the carol, when did "Good King Wenceslas" look out?
4. Which Christmas carol contains the words "Holy infant so tender and mild"?
5. What are the cattle doing in "Away in a Manger"?
6. "Adeste Fideles" is the tune to which Christmas carol?
7. What are the Angel's harps made from in the carol "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"?
8. Which Christmas carol contains the line "O tidings of comfort and joy"?
9. According to the Christmas carol, where did the ships come sailing in to?
10. Which carol contains the chorus that starts "The rising of the sun, The running of the deer"?
11. The carol "Silent Night" was written in which country?
12. Which Christmas carol contains the following words "In fields where they lay keeping their sheep"?
13. Which Christmas carol contains the following line "O sisters, too, how may we do, For to preserve this day"?
14. Where did "Good King Wenceslas" rule?
15. What Christmas Carol goes "a rum pum pum pum"?
16. What time of day did the ships come sailing in according to the Christmas carol?
17. Who wrote the well-known tune to "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"?
18. The singing of Christmas carols was banned in England in 1649, when was the ban lifted?
19. What was the poor man collecting in "Good King Wenceslas"?
20. Which Christmas carol contains the line "Star of wonder, star of night"?

Speakers for 2017

January 11th	Bikes, Blood and Babies Volunteer rapid response medical transport service	Alistair Borland MBE
February 8th	The Charles Rennie Macintosh House 78 Derngate Northamptonshire	Robert Kendall
March 8th	101 Things you didn't know about garden birds	Chris Ward
April 12th	Food Glorious Food A History of eating, shopping & food manufacturing in Northamptonshire from 1837 until now!	John-Paul Carr
May 10th	"How's Your Father" Past entertainers and entertainment celebrated in songs, stories and magic	Dave Moylan
June 14th	From Kettering to Van Diemen's Land Transportation of prisoners to Tasmania	Mike Britton
July 12th	AGM	
August 9th	History of Papworth and it's Hospital	Ian Burton
September 13th	Northamptonshire Curiosities	Helen Crabtree
October 11th	Amy, Wonderful Amy Early flying heroine Amy Johnson	Roy Smart
November 8th	The Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes Waterway Park	Alan Dodds
December 13th	Christmas Event	

Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Mah Jong/Scrabble	Margaret Hopkins	01536 503308	Home	4 th Monday	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Camera Club	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483398	3 St. Mary's Road	Always Monday following the monthly meeting	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Swimming	Isabel Collins	01536 520971	Kettering Swimming Pool	Every Monday in term time	9.00am – 9.45am
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 rd Monday	2.00pm
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	3 rd Monday	2.00pm-4.00pm
Canasta	Margaret Hall Patricia Stokes	01536 512215 01536 724342	Kettering Bridge Club	Every Monday	2.00pm-4.00pm
Tuesday					
Travel	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Varies	1 st Tuesday	2.00pm
Walking (Medium)	Bill Joyce	01536 724337	Varies	Last Tuesday	10.00am
Computer Club	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Asda Training Room	Fortnightly	10.00am-12.00pm
Slimming Club	Wendy Islip	01536 510870	Home	Weekly	9.30am –10.30am
Wednesday					
Lunch Club	Margaret Hall Patricia Stokes	01536 512215 01536 724342	Varies	3 rd Wednesday	12.45pm
Short Walks	Julie Bates	01536 725538	Varies	4 th Wednesday	Time varies
Country Dancing	Janice Angles	07768169490	St. Andrews Hall	2 nd & 4 th Wed	10-30am– 2.00pm
Music Appreciation	Ted Faulkner	01536 745878	Home	Last Wednesday	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Craft	Angela Deans	01536 484187	Home	4 th Wednesday	10.00am
Gardening	Chris Ditri Sandra Tecklenberg	01536 723145 01832 733419	Varies	1 st Wednesday	
Thursday					
Thrapston Art Group 1	Carlene Lee	01536 742523	154 Oundle Road	1 st & 3 rd Thurs	10.30am–12.30
Thrapston Art Group 2	John Brewer	01536 481700	154 Oundle Road	1 st & 3 rd Thurs	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Spanish	Geraldine Hardwick	01536 481203	Asda Training Room	1 st & 3 rd Thurs	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday					
Singing for Pleasure	Jill Dee	01536 514054	Fuller Church	Fortnightly	10.00am-11.30am
Ballroom Dancing	Matilda Harvey	01536 522915	Mash Dance Studios		12.45pm-1,30pm
Making Music	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Weekly	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Ten pin bowling	Dai Johnson	01536483398	Thunder Bowl, Kettering	Always Friday following monthly meeting	

DAYS ARRANGED BY GROUP

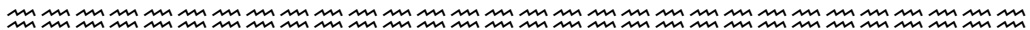
Day Trips
Theatre Visits
IPad Group
History Group
Basic Life Support

Julie Bates 01536 725538 & Jessie Mills 01536 722421
Joyce Williams 01536 482566 & Jean Issitt 01536 513218
Michael Collins 01536 520971 arranged after each meeting
Geraldine Hardwick 01536 481203 arranged after each meeting
Mick Coleman 01536 503534 date and time to be arranged

General Information

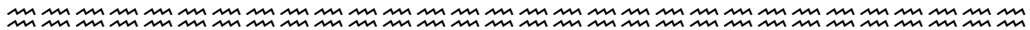
Forthcoming Meetings (Note: Doors open at 1:30pm.)

December 14th "Noel, Noel, No!" Derek Harris Tickets £2
January 11th Bikes.Blood and Babies Alistair Borland MBE



To all members

If you are aware of anything affecting one of our members such as an important birthday, anniversary or illness and feel that a card from the U3A would be appropriate please contact Mary on 01536 722991



Plea from the Editor

Please post copy to M Howarth, 59 Beaufort Drive, Barton Seagrave, Kettering NN15 6SF to reach me by the end of the month. (01536 722029) If you would prefer emailing then my address is mryhowarth@aol.com



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