

ISE Valley News

Kettering, Northants



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Chair's Chatter

Well, we are into 2020 now and have to start thinking of the future. This year, in July, the Treasurer, Secretary and the Chair have to stand down as we have done the 3 years that we are allowed to do by the Constitution. The Treasurer position has been filled so we need to explain a bit about the role of Secretary. Lynne Franklin, our current Secretary, is going to explain what the job entails at the beginning of the meeting today.

We will be having a New Members and information coffee morning on the 19th March at the Royal Hotel at 10am, in order for anyone who is interested in being on the committee to come and talk to us informally. In fact, if you just want to ask questions about the U3A, then please come along and have a coffee with us. It is important that any member who thinks they can help tells us, as without a Chair, Secretary, New Members Secretary or Group Co-ordinator this group will close which is the last thing that we want to happen.

I'm sure that you will be pleased to learn that the Third Age Trust is going to drop the University of the Third Age banner from its advertising. The banner will now read Learn, Laugh and Live! We all know that the word University puts a lot of people off from joining us.

June 3rd has been set aside by the Third Age Trust as U3A day. All U3As have been asked to hold events and/or find ways of advertising the U3A. Any ideas will be very welcome. We already have some but would be pleased to have any others as they may be better than the ones we have come up with!!

Our Speaker this month is Jane Calcott with a talk on how to keep ourselves safe at home and away.

Sylvia

Newsletter Editor's report

I seem to be having problems with Microsoft deciding which of my emails is junk. Consequently, some have been going into the junk file on the live website and not getting to me. Please be aware, if I don't reply to your report saying 'thank you' then I haven't got it! I don't always remember to look on the website.

A reminder that the date that the newsletter is sent off for printing is the 30th of the month – apart from February obviously. The earlier I get your reports the happier I am!!! Someone needs to check the newsletter for typos and grammatical errors before it goes to be printed, so please bear that in mind and get it to me asap. Thanks

Sylvia

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Singing for Pleasure

We closed 2019 with singing at Ashley Court and Yeomans Court in Burton Latimer. This was our first visit to Yeomans Court, a warden controlled residential complex. It was their Christmas party and they showed us great hospitality by laying a table for us with Christmas fayre. We were then thrown in at the deep end as we followed an "Elvis Presley tribute act" which we all enjoyed, and then "Elvis" sat and listened to some of our Christmas songs.

We were slightly depleted in our numbers as several of the group had prior arrangements. However, our pianist Lynda is becoming a one - woman act, playing the piano, singing and now branching out into comic recitation. What next - watch this space!

We also possess talented tambourine and jingle bell players.

Our first meeting for 2020 was Friday January 3rd where we discussed a summer programme with some old favourites and some lively new songs.

A happy New Year and good health to all U3A members

Velda Robinson

Music Appreciation

Our meeting was on Thursday 9th January and we each chose pieces of music that we enjoyed and that would interest others. We had "classical" (Ricard Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov, Samuel Barber etc. with performers including Alison Balsom on trumpet and Yo Yo Ma on cello), some jazz, film music (Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy; 2001) and various popular items by artists such as Elton John and George Michael, Pentatonix, The Overtones and Keaton Henson. As usual a varied collection, some of which was new to our ears.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th February (1:00 pm start), to play music appropriate to Valentine's Day.

Ken Bridges

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Short Walks

We made it to Stanwick Lakes this morning. Eight of us plus Teddy wondering how far we would get before being stopped by a flooded path. Nene park roundabout onwards was one big lake, water everywhere. The only saving grace was the sun. It was shining brightly on this wet, watery scene. We felt lucky with the weather. All agreed we would walk what we could then head for a coffee and chat. We managed a little over 2 miles. At least Teddy didn't need a bath for which he was very pleased. Next walk is in Fineshade Woods, Corby. POST CODE - NN17 3BB. We are offering lifts for this as it's a bit outside of where we usually go and it helps with the parking fee. Dai Johnston knows it well and says we'd love it. Good paths, one hill, it's in a forest and a very good cafe on site. Give us a ring 01536 659236 or send a text.

Wanda



Book Club

This month the Book Group enjoyed a lovely lunch at Beckworth Garden centre, our usual venue to celebrate the New Year together. Instead of discussing our chosen book for the month we each brought a book we had previously read to exchange with each other after giving a brief synopsis of their book. Next month we will be reading a Joanne Trollope novel "An Unsuitable Match".

Margaret Turnbull



Spanish

We had our first session since the first week in December so we were all a little rusty. We finished our homework on Guatemala and took part in shopping conversations. It is good to be back again.

Geraldine

Travel Group

We had all our members at the meeting which is unusual because of the nature of the group. They like going on holiday. Pat showed us her photos of North Wales which included some wonderful images of Portmeirion. We enjoyed meeting up again after Christmas and lots of chatter ensued. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February at 2 pm.

Geraldine

Maths for Fun

We are a small, friendly group that meets every other Monday between 10.00 and 12.00 at my home in Kettering.

If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to ring me for a chat.

My mobile no is: 07940 591 224

And we have tea and biscuits and a chat!!

Christine Crick

Ten Pin Bowling

Another mixed day with Lou holding us together with another big score. Sue achieved a mammoth PB while others achieved ATL's which we will gloss over!

Our good support and friendship sees us through all these highs and lows and we still keep smiling. One newcomer seemed to enjoy our company and more are welcome.

Dai Johnson

Lunch Club

There was no Lunch Club in January but Pat and Dai Johnson are arranging a meal for February. It will be at The Stirrup Cup pub in Barton Seagrave. We shall have menus and sign-up sheets available at the February meeting. Each person's order will also require a £5 deposit.

If you would like to organise one of the meals please talk to Pat Johnson at the Groups table.

Pat Johnson

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News From The Groups.

All groups are now up and running in the New Year. It would be good to start up some new groups this year, so if any of you can suggest ideas for a group perhaps you could speak to us. If you have an interest or skill you could share with others, please let us know. Some suggestions have been made such as flower arranging, card making, cake decoration, calligraphy. These are excellent ideas but need people to make them happen. We can help you set up a group, then how you run it is up to you, either in a member's home or in a hired room.

Please talk to us.

Pat Johnson and Rosalind Bridges.

Painting for Pleasure

We have had 2 short months as no meetings over the Christmas period. We've had 2 sessions with our tutor Catherine, both using new bright watercolours called Anilinky paints. She showed us how to make a design using negative space with our own choice of template. Mainly leaf or tree shapes so ended up with an interesting abstract finished design.

Last session we painted flowers using pen and the Anilinky paints. As always, she gives us help and advice on our ongoing projects.

Tessa Bellamy

Play Reading

This month the group read J B Priestley's 'Mystery at Greenfingers, a comedy of detection' Priestley wrote the play as a competition for amateur dramatic groups and promoted by a national newspaper. With two new members we had enough parts for everyone. It was a play with lots of comings and goings but not much resolution. A good time was had, helped along as usual by tea and biscuits provided by Ros.

Carlene Lee

Beginners Camera Group.

The January meeting was on the 14th at the usual venue, we had a full house with two possible new members. The subject was "Interesting Skies" and different points were discussed to improve our photographs on this subject and the photographs we take for our homework will be displayed at the U3A meeting on the 12th February. Our next meeting will be on the 11th February at the usual venue and the subject is "Frosty Scenes".

Julie Bates

Dates for your diary

March 19 – New members and Information coffee morning at the Royal Hotel at 10am.

March 25 – Quiz with or without fish and chip supper. Tickets are £2 or £6 with supper.

April 21 – coach trip to Coventry.

June 19 – proposed coach trip to Gardener's World Live at the NEC.

News

The Third Age Trust has had to shut its headquarters due to asbestos leakage. We are waiting on information as to how we communicate with them.

Watch out for the new logo next month – haven't had time to sort it out for February edition of the Newsletter but should have it for March.

Sylvia

Mahjong and Scrabble

We continue to meet in the café at the Village Hall Barton Seagrave on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1.45pm. We have plenty of room to accommodate more players at these free sessions and will give you help if you are new to either game. The facilities are good with a wide range of drinks available. There is parking at the Hall but also the 47,48,49 and 50 buses from Kettering stop nearby.

Come along and give us a try we are open to Ise Valley and Kettering U3A.

Linda Law

Ukulele Group

We meet fortnightly on a Tuesday morning. The Uke Group is now full and we have 3 'newbies' who are practicing hard (I hope). We sing a variety of songs mainly with easy chords but would definitely be improved with a bit of percussion to keep our strumming consistent. Any offers?

Alan

Computer Club

We meet fortnightly on a Tuesday morning. The Club is now full with 7 members. We are looking at colouring templates and wordprocessing a Diary at the moment.

Alan



A man went to the police station demanding to speak with the burglar who had broken into his home the previous night. "You'll get your chance in court," said the desk sergeant. "No, you don't understand," said the man. "I just want to ask him how he got into the house in the middle of the night without waking my wife. I've been trying to do that for years!"

Camera Group

We welcomed a new member, Mike, to our group; got to know him and then proceeded with our task. We found a dark corner of my kitchen and used candles and lamps to aid us in photographing artificially lit objects. Our homework is to get more imaginative in taking further photos. We'll meet again on the 17th February at 3, St. Mary's Road.

Jenny

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Recorder Group

The Recorder Group continues to enjoy playing together. We are playing a variety of music including folk tunes and some modern pieces, written for recorders. We are beginning to play 16th century dances in three or four parts using descant, treble, tenor and bass recorders. We would love to have some more players. It might be possible to start a beginners group – if enough people are interested. If you would like to join the group or are interested in learning to play please contact Mary Cooper on 01536 42033

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Coffee Morning at the Cransley Hospice coffee shop is on Thursday February 13th and 27th at 10.30am.

**QUIZ WITH
FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

Or chicken or sausage

Wednesday 25th March

Athletic Club

Doors open 7.15

Quiz starts 7.30pm

Tickets £6 with supper

£2 quiz only

Don't forget your cutlery!!!

An Afternoon with

Gervase Phinn

On 23rd April 2020 at 1.30pm

At the United Reform Church

High Street, Wellingborough NN8
4HW

Tickets are £5 per person to
include refreshments.

To book your seat email:

U3anorthantsnetwork@hotmail.com

Phone 01832 735440

Gervase is one of Yorkshire's most popular raconteurs and will keep you entertained with his hilarious stories of his time as a teacher and schools' inspector. This promises to be an afternoon to remember.

Coach trip to Thursford

**Monday 16th November
2020**

If your name is on the list then please pay your deposit of £20 per seat (non-refundable) this month.

The balance of the ticket £21.50 is due in April and the coach fare of £13 is due in June.

We have a waiting list of people who would like to go to this event, so it is up to you to secure your seat asap.

Proposed coach trip to

Gardener's World Live

At the NEC

Friday June 19th

If you are interested, please put your name on the form at the Trip Desk.

Activity Groups and Leaders

Day/Group	Leader	Telephone	Venue	Frequency	Time
Monday					
Painting for Pleasure	Tessa Bellamy	07854 864632	Mind Centre	Weekly	10-12
Book Club	Margaret Turnbull	01536 511139	Varies	3 rd Monday	2pm
Camera Club (advanced)	Jenny Goddard Pat Johnson	01536 482972 01536 483398	Home	Monday after main meeting	2-4pm
Canasta	Margaret Hall	01536 512215	Kettering Bridge Club	Weekly	2-4pm
Knit and Natter	Sylvia Dale	01536 411865	Members home	fortnightly	2-4pm
Mahjong/Scrabble	Linda Law	01536 659091	B.S Village Hall	2 & 4 th	2-4pm
Play Reading	Rosalind Bridges	01536 741466	Varies	1 st Monday	2-4pm
Swimming	Isabel Collins	01536 520971	K. Swimming Pool	Weekly termtime	9-9.45
Maths for Fun	Chris Crick	07490 591224	Home	2 & 4 th	10-12
Recorder Group	Mary Cooper Sue Hartley	01536 420336 01536 357676	Central Methodist Church School Lane, Kettering	2 nd & 4 th	2.30-3.30
Yoga Group	Annette	01536 513234	St Andrews Church Rooms	Weekly termtime	11.15-12.45
Tuesday					
Walking (medium)	John Sumpter	01536 722198	Varies	Last Tuesday	10am
Ukelele group	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Fortnightly	10am
Travel	G. Hardwick	01536 481203	Member's home	3 rd	2pm
Camera Club beginners	Julie Bates	01536 745538	Home	2 nd	2pm
Computer Club	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Members home	Fortnightly	10-12
Wednesday					
Keep Fit	Katie Reynolds		BL Civic Centre	Weekly	9.45-10.30
Country Dancing	Janice Angles	07768 169490	St Andrews Hall	2 nd & 4 th	10.45
Discussion Group	Linda Miller	01536 483773	Home	1 st	2pm
Gardening Club	Chris Ditre S Tecklenberg	01536 723145 01832 733419	Varies	1 st	10am
Thursday					
Short Walks	Wanda Moffatt	01536 659236	Varies	3 rd	10 am
Music Appreciation	Ken Bridges	01536 741455	Home	Varies	2-4pm
Spanish	G Hardwick	01536 481203	Hertford C Centre	1 st & 3 rd	2-4pm
Friday					
Making Music	Alan Bailey	01933 350147	Home	Weekly	2-4pm
Singing for Pleasure	Jill Dee	01536 514054	Fuller Church	Fortnightly	10am
Ballroom Dancing	Pat Johnson	01536 483398	St Edwards Church	Weekly	11.45
Ten Pin Bowling	Dai Johnson	01536 483398	Thunder Bowl	Friday after meeting	10 am

The Speaker in March will be Richard Adams with his talk 'What a wonderful World'

Trips

Day trips June Mason 01536 726654

Timings at the Eden Centre

Main meeting – 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Eden Centre

Doors open – 1.15

Chair's Chatter – 1.55

Speaker – 2.05

Raffle – 3pm

Finish – 3.15

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 Lynne on 01536 618001



Newsletter Editor:

Please send contributions by 5pm, 30th of the month to sylviadale@live.co.uk If you can get them to us earlier that would be appreciated as the newsletter fills up and it is often a job to get the last contributions in.



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