

Registered Charity Number 1179738

January 2020

Chair's Chatter

Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas lunches, parties and treats!

I wonder how many of you noticed the wrong dates in the Newsletter last month? The Speakers for November and December were correct – the dates were wrong. I have reprinted it this month with the correct dates in. Many thanks to all of you who told me of the error.

We are looking forward to a new year with more trips – already being planned – and are looking at shows that we might be interested in seeing. If you have any ideas, please let us know. There will be a quiz with fish and chip supper at the end of March – tickets on sale next month!

Our Speaker this month is Ian Horton with his talk on Gander's Goat. That should be interesting! Next month we will have a talk by Jane Calcott on how to keep ourselves safe, home and away. I think there may be some warnings on how to spot a scam as well. Always interesting to hear.

Another warning about being aware when you go out. One of our members had their bag snatched in the Newland Centre recently. Someone else told me that she always wears an empty bag on her shoulder but carries her purse, phone etc in a body belt. The thief is welcome to the bag!!

If any of you have too many Christmas presents and wish to re-gift them, then there will be a table for that next month. Donations will be given to a local charity.

Sylvia



Happy
New Year!

Singing for Pleasure

We still have several Christmas concerts to attend but we have finished our group meetings for 2019, and meet again Friday January 3rd 2020.

Our concerts have been well received and we had our first request for an encore, so we must be doing something right!

After our last meeting for 2019 we gathered at The Stirrup Cup in Barton Seagrave for our Christmas lunch. We all enjoyed the meal and the staff were very attentive and helpful.

In January we will be looking for a new programme for the Spring and Summer, Lynda already has had suggestions.

A happy Christmas and New Year to all.

Velda

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Short Walks

Happy New Year to you all!

December's walk was the Clay Dick Track, Geddington. Given the weather, state of the sodden ground and being so close to Christmas, five of us plus Teddy turned up. Thankfully it didn't rain and it wasn't cold. Geddington can be a linear walk which is a cleaner walk but the group decided that they wanted to do the circular route which in places was very, very muddy, so we did. The fields had standing water so walking round the edges, picking the best way to go was hard work. Teddy did well at picking a clean path but he went in the sink when we got home. For all the effort and mud, I think we all enjoyed it. We really enjoyed our refreshment at the Oakwood Café - they do nice cake!

Wanda, Bob and Teddy

Book Club December 2019

We couldn't resist reading "The Mother of All Christmases" by Milly Johnson as our December book. All of us enjoyed it. Telling the story of three women who find themselves, expecting a baby around Christmas. A mixture of humour and pathos it told of the ups and downs of their lives during their pregnancies. There were also a number of side stories. The brief inserts from the local paper with its howlers had us amused and bemused at the same time. The message of the book was upbeat and is well worth a read. We are now looking forward to our annual lunch at Beckworth's in January.

Lindsey Cole

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Ten Pin Bowling

After attending our Christmas breakfast at the Briars pub, we all met at the Bowling Alley for our usual friendly session.

Andy topped the scores, but I think the joviality and food affected our concentration. However, we all enjoyed ourselves and welcome any new members to our happy band. If you would like to join us please see Dai at the meeting for more information.

Dai



Lunch Club

Many thanks to Margaret Hall for organising an excellent Christmas lunch for us at Walgrave. Good news, Margaret has agreed to organise another one in December 2020. As we are without an organiser for this group, we have asked if members would consider organising a one - off meal in a month of their choosing. I am happy to say that so far we have meals planned for February, April, June, October and December. We do need someone to volunteer to organise a meal in August. If anyone would like to offer to organise a meal in any other month too, please let me know.

Pat

News from the groups

First of all, we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you to all those group leaders and hosts who have provided learning and fun to all our group members. I hope we can continue to increase our groups this year and so provide even more members with an added interest to join. Thank you too, to all group members who regularly take part in our group activities. Please think about whether you could offer something new. Do you have an interest or hobby you could share with others? Please let us know if you have any ideas

Pat Johnson and Rosalind Bridges.



Camera Group

Our December meeting was a jolly one. We explained to each other the reasons we had chosen a particular photo to be our favourite of the year. These should be on view in January. Coffee and mince pies followed with a discussion on how we are going to organise the January meeting when our topic is 'using artificial light.'

Jenny



Dance Classes for the Over 55's at the Eden Centre.

These start from Friday 24th January. 10.30 – 11.30am in the Fitness Suite at The Eden Centre. Classes are just £5 – and your first session is free! KEEP FIT AND ACTIVE AND MOVING TOGETHER!

Recommended Handyman!

John Cooper has recommended this Handyman as willing to do many things from laying a base to painting. For more information contact NICK DAVIS 07368 8059874 email - johndavis180761@gmail.com



SPEAKERS FOR 2020

January 8 th	Gander's Goat	Ian Horton
February 12 th	Keep yourself safe, home or away	Jane Calcott
March 11 th	What a wonderful world	Richard Adams
April 8 th	Spies, lies and XXX agents	Michael A Kushner (Bletchley Park Guide)
May 13 th	Talking Trees	Liz Taylor (Woodland Trust)
June 10 th	A day above Northamptonshire	John Nowell
July 8 th	AGM	
August 12 th	My farcical career as a cruise ship Liaison Officer	Colin Bower
September 9 th	Car Safety	Andy Williams
October 14 th	When birds sing	Saffron Summerfield
November 11 th	Yule be surprised	Steve Dimmer
December 9th	Over 60's Silver Band Christmas Party	

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

Coffee Morning at Cransley Hospice Coffee Shop is on January 9th and 23rd at 10.30am.
All members are welcome.

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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Committee – 2018-2019

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