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ISE VALLEY NEWS

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Hello everyone, I hope you're all enjoying the sunshine we've had recently. It certainly helps to lift the mood. The next event we have is the online speaker on Wednesday 12 May at 14.00 which has been arranged for us by Alex Ramamurthy. It is given by Geoff Harris and entitled " Folklore, Folk Tales & Funny Folk". It looks to be an entertaining, light hearted presentation with something for everyone. You have to register in advance to attend. If you haven't got the details to do this, please contact a committee member before the start of that week.

u3a DAY - WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE - 12.00 to 14.00 PICNIC AT WICKSTEED PARK

This is our first chance to all meet again in person although it has to be outdoors in groups of up to 30. There's plenty of space to sit in groups on the field. Please bring your own picnic and chairs. If food packaging can be reusable or recyclable that will be great. You are welcome to bring along friends and neighbours who might be interested in u3a in the future. If we can all wear something blue and/or something yellow- the u3a colours - so much the better. The park will be fully open by this date. We have booked the ARENA field, I apologise that I incorrectly called it the event field previously. Please see the red triangle on the attached park map for directions. The car park now operates on automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) so no tickets are issued. This can be paid for at a kiosk, at reception or on an App. The costs are £3 for up to 2 hours, £4 for 2-3 hours and £6 for 3 hours and over. Unfortunately, there is no disabled discount.

COFFEE MORNINGS The opportunity to meet with other people was so popular that it was decided to hold coffee mornings weekly for now. This is at The Stirrup Cup in Barton Seagrave each Thursday at 10.15

AGM

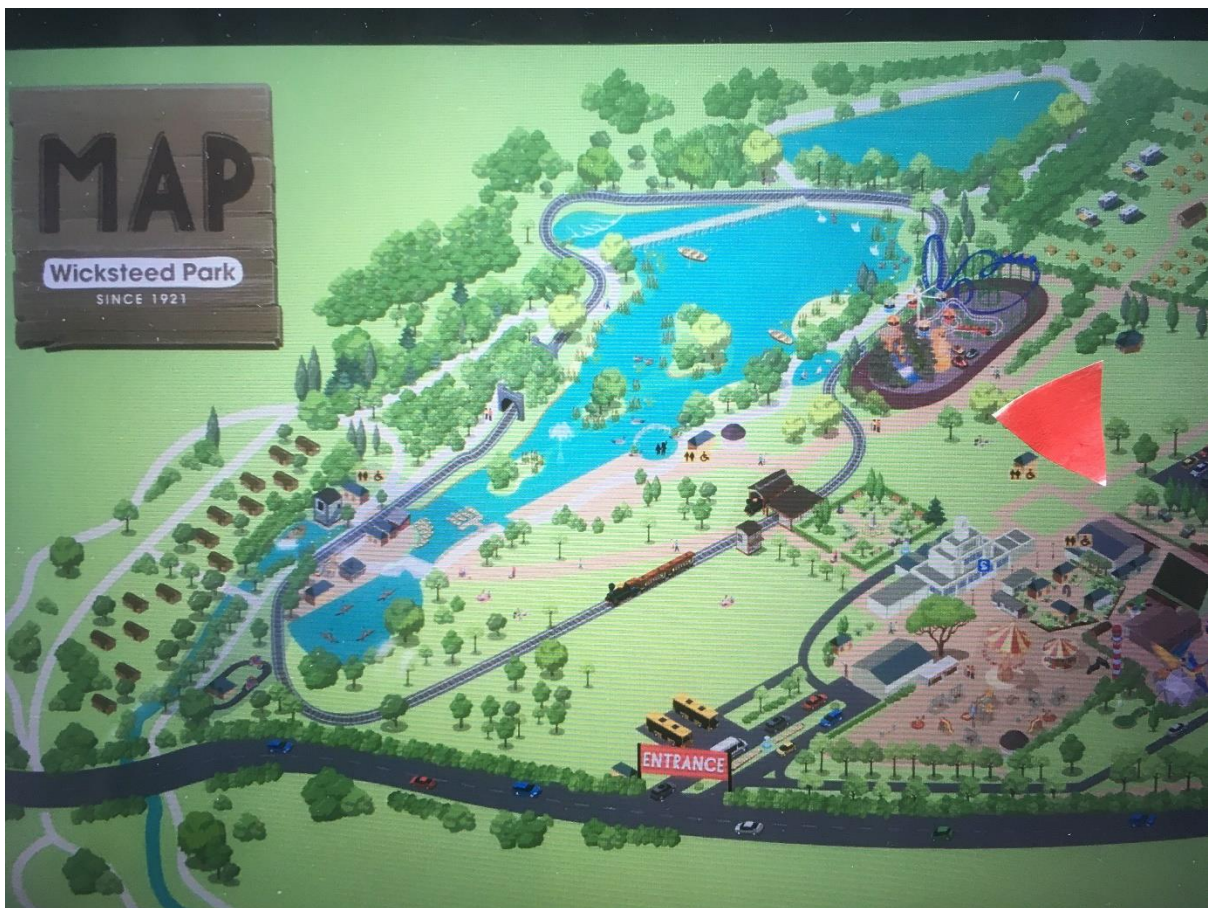
It is still our hope to hold our AGM on Wednesday 14 July if at all possible. We will have to comply with the latest guidelines as well as any risk assessment in place at the Eden Centre by then.

ONLINE MEMBERS EVENTS

There are still plenty of online learning events on the national u3a website for anyone who is interested. Remember we still need to take care.

Best wishes

Helen



Book Group

This is the report of the Book Group Zoom meeting held on 19th April 2021. The book we discussed was Songs of Love and War by Santa Montefiore - a story about 3 different women and their turbulent lives in Ireland, England and New York which was set in 1910 - 1925 and covering the troubles in Ireland and the 1914-1918 war.

The book had lots going on, involving many people and covering many aspects and I think most members got confused as to who belonged to who at some point. Castle Deverill was the backdrop of the book with a few old spirits wandering the tooms. Kitty was an interesting wild character who was rejected by her mother and sisters. Bridie had a hard life but triumphed in the end having property and money left to her, and Celia was the woman who returned to Ireland after buying Castle Deverill, promising to rebuild it brick by brick. (It had been burnt down in 1921.)

The ending of the book was very open minded with a few questions left to be answered - presumably in the author's next book - Daughters of Deverill Castle.

Shirley Hill

Walking Group

Hi everyone!

I've been giving some thought to starting the walks again. Once we start, I'd like everyone who wants to walk to be able to come so I'm thinking after May 17th 2021, "Covid permitting" when we can have groups of up to 30 people outdoors. That way we should be able to just carry on with our meetings as we did before. It's a plan. I'm looking at Thursday, May 20th 2021. 10am start, more detail later.

How have you been doing? Hope you all kept safe and well. Boredom was a real problem with this last lockdown and January just dragged by, February was a little different but not better. We've always gone walking and having Teddy we just kept it going. However, with all the rain we've had which turned everything to mud around the new year, walking around in ankle deep mud wasn't a pleasure. Poor Teddy, being low to the ground and with long hair he got used to coming home and waiting to be put in sink before coming into the house. We took to walking the streets, not the same but we went out. The very cold snap with frosts thankfully dried out the ground enough for us to be able to wear walking shoes instead of wellies.

Looking forward to seeing you all and hearing all your news in May.

Wanda, Bob and Teddy

Coffee Morning

Our first coffee morning outside at the Stirrup Cup was great. There were 17 of us and it was great to catch up and see people face to face. We will be there every Thursday at 10.15 – weather permitting until we can go indoors – if any of you want to join us. We are socially distanced on different tables but there is nothing to stop us moving around!!

Sylvia

Singing for Pleasure – zoom meeting

We are now having regular zoom meetings to catch up with each other. Every time we all moan about wanting to sing and we aren't allowed. However, it is allowing us to catch up with each other's news and is better than nothing.

Sylvia

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'The Villages' Dating Ads

You can say what you want about Florida, but you never hear of anyone retiring and moving north.

These are actual ads seen in "The Villages" Florida newspaper.

Who says seniors don't have a sense of humour

FOXY LADY

Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty,

80's, slim, 5'4' (used to be 5'6'),

Searching for sharp-looking,

sharp-dressing companion.

Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT

Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband,
Looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot.
Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath,
not a problem.

SERENITY NOW

I am into solitude, long walks,
sunrises, the ocean, yoga,
and meditation.
If you are the silent type,
let's get together, take our hearing aids
out and enjoy quiet times.

WINNING SMILE

Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser
to share rare steaks,
corn on the cob and caramel candy.

MEMORIES

I can usually remember
Monday through Thursday.
If you can remember
Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
let's put our two heads together

My favourite

MINT CONDITION

Male, 1932 model, high mileage,
good condition, some hair,
many new parts including
hip, knee, cornea, valves
Isn't in running condition,
but walks well.

AND FINALLY

A lady in the Villages in Florida (a senior retirement community),

was sitting on a bench, near another
 bench with a gentleman sitting on the bench.
 She asked him if he was new to the community and he said "no, I
 have owned a condo here for 20 years".
 She then said "I have been here for 15 years and
 I have never seen you around!".
 He then said "I have been in prison for the last 17 years!".
 She was stunned and finally asked him what he had done.
 He said that he had murdered his first wife!
 She was stunned again and after a long pause she said.

So, you're SINGLE???

Do not regret growing old, it is a privilege denied to many.

Answers to last month's quiz

1. Not a bad weekday=====Good Friday
2. Sounds like plain or self raising-----flower
3. This sounds as if its' not expensive-----cheep
4. Could be the young of dorpers-----lambs
5. Headgear for this time of year-----Easter bonnet
6. Getting bigger & bigger-----growing
7. Tree flowers -----blossom
8. Sounds as if a bird is swearing-----crocus
9. Part of a hand plus a holy day-----Palm Sunday
10. A showery month -----April
11. Oviparous creatures produce these-----eggs
12. Procession through the streets-----parade
13. Time away from work-----holiday
14. These are meant to be kissed-----tulips
15. Greet Cynthia-----hyacinth
16. Sounds like Ann has cash-----anemone
17. Coloured campanology equipment-----bluebells
18. She is a prudish lady-----primrose
19. Sounds like Eria ends a card game -----wisteria
20. He endured Hades-----hellebore

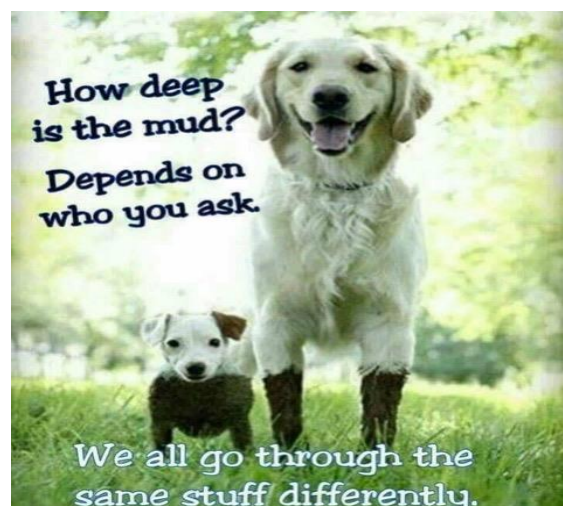
21. She lives between two mountains-----lily of the valley
22. A jail with food-----celandine
23. Remember me-----forget me not
24. A fall of frozen crystals-----snowdrops
25. Final evening meal-----last supper

May I remind all members that the Picnic in the Park is for everyone. I have been told that some believe that it is only for members that attend the coffee morning. This is incorrect!

It is a social occasion for all members of Ise Valley u3a plus any friends and relatives that they want to bring with them. It is a means of getting together again - socially distanced in groups. Wicksteed Park are happy with how we are arranging it and it will be outdoors. So come and brave the sunshine (!!!), bring a chair and a picnic and make the most of the day. We promise not to sing, play an instrument or talk you into doing something different!

Sylvia

Don't forget our Facebook page Ise Valley u3a where you can leave messages, comments etc. This is for all members of Ise Valley u3a to use.



Can You Hear That?

An old man decided his old wife was getting hard of hearing. He called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked.

The doctor said he could see her in 2 weeks, and meanwhile, there's a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem.

"Here's what you do. Start about 40 feet away from her, and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

So that evening she's in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

"Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he moves into the dining room, about 20 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

"For the 5th time, CHICKEN!"

May Quiz

1. In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament?
2. What is the name of the main antagonist in the Shakespeare play Othello?
3. What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table?
4. What is the name of the 1976 film about the Watergate scandal, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman?
5. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?

6. What was the most popular girls name in the UK in 2019?
7. Which comedian was the second permanent host of Never Mind the Buzzcocks after Mark Lamarr?
8. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles World At War and Black Ops?
9. In what US State is the city Nashville?
10. Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988?
11. What is the currency of Denmark?
12. Which Tennis Grand Slam is played on a clay surface?
13. In which European country would you find the Rijksmuseum?
14. How many films have Al Pacino and Robert De Niro appeared in together?
15. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?
16. Who was the head of state in Japan during the second world war?
17. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
18. Who wrote the novels Gone Girl and Sharp Objects?
19. Which legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting melting clocks?
20. Which football club plays its home games at Loftus Road?

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Our Groups co-ordinator, Jill Burgess, is looking for ideas for new groups. So far suggestions have been short mat bowls, golf, making music sessions. Does anyone want bingo or quizzes? Please let us know as we need to start making plans for later in the year.

What do you want to do at Christmas? Suggestions please. Use sylviadale@live.co.uk if you have any. I can then pass them on to the committee.

