

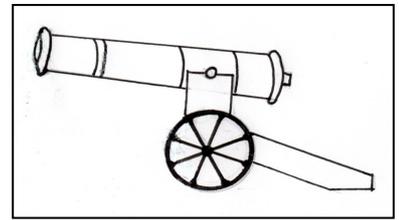


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CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

Sadly this will be my last Chatter.

I took on this role 18 months ago with quite a bit of trepidation but I did it hoping I could make a decent contribution to the ongoing success of the U3A and have always tried to be fair, transparent and open-minded in my dealings with both the Committee and the membership. This has always been my approach throughout my career in the private and public sectors and one which has usually worked well.

However, there are some within the membership who purport to speak on behalf of 'the members', without revealing who they are, and seem to take delight in spreading malicious gossip without any grounds whatsoever – something I have not experienced before and frankly something I am not prepared to put up with now. It is both unnecessary and distracting.

At another time I might have dealt with things differently but certain things have happened this year which have caused Vera and me to take stock, refocus and avoid any unnecessary hassle. I intend to enjoy my retirement without any more of these puerile politics and have therefore reluctantly decided to step down as Chairman with immediate effect. I am very grateful for the support you have given me over the past 18 months which has been much appreciated and I'm genuinely sorry it had to end this way.

The U3A is a brilliant organisation and I intend to stay closely involved enjoying different activities and building on the many new friendships Vera and I have made over the past 4 years. I wish whoever takes over on a permanent basis the best of luck and I am sure Retford U3A will continue to thrive and grow despite the efforts of a few malcontents.

All the very best to all of you for the future!

Cheers

Chris

GENERAL MEETINGS

25th October

50's Pop star Vince Eager

22nd November

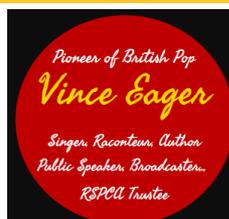
'Building the Dawn Rose'

John Lower

14th Dec

Acoustic entertainment

Fools Gold



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FUN WITH FLOWERS GROUP

This month's challenge was to come up with a design depicting a "landscape of the imagination". A lovely selection, including a seascape, a lunar landscape, (I hope the grandchildren don't miss their little green man!) and woodland selections. Sally.



SINGING GROUP

If you were there at the show-casing event in July we hope you enjoyed our singing. Sometimes people think it must be a bit difficult to sing without any accompaniment – keyboard or guitar for instance. However, we don't find this a problem - a few simple harmonies make our songs sound good. Also, you don't need to have the music to learn them – we learn by listening and once you have a tune in your head it's there for good! Just think of all those songs you seem to have known for ever because you heard them, perhaps on the radio or maybe sang them in school or church. You learned those by hearing them lots of times. Some people think that they can't join a singing group because someone has made fun of their singing or because they can't sing in tune. Actually there aren't many who can't sing in tune when they're singing the right kind of songs along with lots of other people who are just having a wonderful time singing together.

If you have even given it half a thought (or even none at all!) why don't you come and give our group a try? We are very friendly and do quite a lot of laughing along with the singing. We always have a break for a nice cuppa and biscuit and a chance for a good chat as well. It's been proved that singing is good for you – come and give it a try!

We meet from 10.30 to 12.30 every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at Hallcroft Community Centre.

WORKSOP U3A CINEMA GROUP

Bohemian Rhapsody 2018 - Drama/Biography • 2h 15m on Thursday 8th November

Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success, but in an unexpected turn Freddie, surrounded by darker influences, shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Having suffered greatly without the collaboration of Queen, Freddie manages to reunite with his band mates just in time for Live Aid. While bravely facing a recent AIDS diagnosis, Freddie leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music. Queen cements a legacy that continues to inspire outsiders, dreamers and music lovers to this day

Doors open 13. 15; Showing 14.00.. Car parking for 4 hours £1.50 refunded with voucher against ticket price if parked in either car park behind the Town Hall or Newgate Street East, Worksop

WALKERS CORNER

Strollers Walk takes place on November 20th at the usual time of 10.30 a.m. led by Arthur. Meeting place is Perlethorpe village green. Food afterwards at nearby Bay Tree, Thoresby, or other venue to be decided.

Moderates Monday 5th Nov at the Lock Keeper's pub, Sandy Lane, Worksop, S80 1TJ, starting at the usual time of 10.00 a.m. The walk is a repeat of the popular route we walked back in January. Lunch will be taken at the Lock Keeper's.

Striders

Takes place on 3rd Monday of the month at 10am. Next walk and venue to be arranged

Christmas Lunch

We will still be taking monies at the general meeting for the walkers Christmas lunch on to be held on 3rd December. Menu choices will be confirmed by emailed at a later date and the menu will be available to view at the general meeting.