

RETFORD U3A TIMES

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

I hope you all enjoyed the Summer break made all the better by the endless sunshine we've experienced and even though it has turned decidedly cooler of late there's still lots to do particularly now that the Interest Groups are stirring again! Of course some groups continued through the Summer and there was no better way to celebrate the breadth of our interests than at the July meeting which despite the time of year still attracted a good attendance and a lot of interest. I would like to thank all those that put in so much effort to make it a success.

On the subject of Interest Groups Paul Bacon has started a snooker group which meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. The inaugural meeting was very enjoyable with around 15 members of variable abilities turning up – men and women – some of whom had their own cues even though they claimed they hadn't played for 20 odd years!

Also short mat bowls will no longer be run as a U3A group but Retford Bowling Green Ltd have kindly invited those who would like to continue or start playing to do so as guests of the club. Sessions will start in October on Thursday afternoons and those interested can sign up at the General Meeting. There is only room for 8 people initially but there will be a waiting list.

Our Ceilidh was attended by around 50 members and a really enjoyable time was had by all. Our thanks to Paul for providing the home baked pies which were truly delicious and kept energy levels up for the second session!

We are always looking to encourage new ideas for Interest Groups and social events so please let us know if you have any thoughts. If so please speak to a member of the Committee and remember just because you thought of it, it doesn't necessarily mean that you have to run it! Remember too that we need to have volunteers coming forward to take over as Chair and Secretary following the AGM in April next year. New people inevitably bring new ideas and help Retford U3A thrive and grow – our membership currently stands at 567 which shows we must be doing something right – but we need to keep up the momentum.

If you're interested in either of these posts or would like a chat about what is involved please let us know. Nomination Forms will be available at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting as we drift into the season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness." Cheers Chris

PICNIC IN THE PARK

In an attempt to provide some opportunity for members of the U3A to meet up in a relaxed social environment a "Picnic in the Park" was scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday 16th August. The day started with heavy rain which looked like causing the event to be cancelled, however with every passing hour things were brightening up!

As arranged with the Parks Department of Bassetlaw District Council the Bollards at the entrance to the park from Hospital Road were removed.

As the sun came out, a few intrepid folk started to arrive and it wasn't long before there was a circle of chairs and tables stacked with food and drink.

Only about 18 people actually turned up over the

course of the afternoon, but everyone agreed that the event was very pleasant and relaxing, as the conversations flowed gently along. As one person put it – "There was no entertainment put on, no food provided and a distinct lack of organisation! Indeed, the remit of the event was met with 100% success!"

Thanks to all those who turned up



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

I am writing to let you know that I am resigning from the Local History Group after the end of the year. I have arranged speakers for each meeting date until December and will continue with my usual activities until then.

I have very much enjoyed the group members' company, the activities and also arranging what I hope has been a good variety of subjects and speakers all of whom I have enjoyed. Grateful thanks too for all the help with taking money, trip reconnaissance and ideas, provision of refreshments and general support, encouragement and appreciation. My reasons for leaving are simply related to needing to give myself much more free time for bookit/bucket activities.

I am very keen to speak to anyone who would be interested in taking on the Local History Group and I would be more than happy to work with them until December and give them valuable information about speakers who have given talks, since I started and their contact details. I can tell them about the administration side of the task too. Perhaps two people could share the duties. Please do get in touch if you're interested. Ingrid Hudson

'Would you be interested in running the Local History Group for Retford U3A? The current leader will be leaving the position at the end of the year. However there is money in the kitty and lots of contact details for speakers and other ideas if you are interested in running the group. Its one day a month so if you're interested please email Ingrid Hudson riccaltonmaid@gmail.com'

Program of Speakers October - December

Oct 9th 2018 - Nottinghamshire's Dark Side
Speaker Chris Weir
Nov 13th 2018 - Garderobes, Grime & Leeches
Speaker Maureen Taylor
December 11th 2018 - The Majestic Theatre
Speaker Harry Foxley

**The Local History Group meet on 2nd Tuesday
9:45-12:00 (speaker begins at 10.15am)
Venue - Westhill Centre, Ordsall**

FUN WITH FLOWERS GROUP



This month theme was to depict a country, including France, Sri Lanka, China and Switzerland!

WORKSOP U3A CINEMA GROUP

FILM King of Thieves 2018 Drama/Crime · 1h 48m

A true crime film about a crew of retired crooks who pull off a major heist in London's jewellery district. What starts off as their last criminal hurrah quickly turns into a brutal nightmare due to greed. Based on infamous true events.

Stars: Michael Caine, Charlie Cox, Michael Gambon

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.

SPEAKERS

A change of speaker for Sept. The speaker will be David Skillen – "Knitters, Nailers and Traitors, Belper in the industrial revolution.

25th October - '50's Pop star'.....Vince Eager

WALKING GROUPS

Strollers 6th Oct - meet Idle Valley at 10.30 am

Moderates 1st Oct - meet Cresswell Crag Visitors Centre. £3 parking - exact sum required

Striders 15th Oct - meet West Bretton

Elaine is also pleased to announce that Jean Winder has kindly offered to take over the Strollers group, commencing 2019.

Details of the Christmas lunch are available on the website and we'll be taking monies at this month's General Meeting, on Thursday, 27th September and also on the 25th October at the General Meeting.

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