



## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2013

### Chairman's Notes



Heavy rain in the morning couldn't spoil a splendid barbecue at the Sailing Club; in fact it had stopped raining before noon and the sun came out later. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and there have been many requests for a repeat next year. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise it and put it on, especially to Glyn Hill - whose idea it was - and of course to Frank who worked non-stop cooking the pork, burgers, chicken and sausages. Thanks also to

Richard and Veronica who were members of the planning committee and bought and prepared the food.



I'm delighted to announce that Maddie Godden has agreed to take over the position of membership secretary, so the committee is now almost at full strength.

The new website is up and running and we hope to keep it up-to-date with all the latest news of groups and events.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far to help with our monthly meetings. If you would like to do your bit, Tricia (who is looking after meeting day arrangements) will be very glad to take your details and put you on the list.

Regards

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### Group Co-ordinator's Report - September 2013

The first meeting of Group Leaders took place on Monday 2 September and we were introduced to the new website by Neil Busby. Most information about the groups will be on-line and Group Leaders will be crucial in ensuring the site is up to date. We will also need photographs to ensure a good visual experience and for future publicity and the Group Leaders may well, in the next week or so, be asking for your permission to take your photograph whilst participating in your group or of your creative output. Neil will also be repeating his introduction at the next monthly meeting and so you will then be able to view the greatly improved website.

The meeting was an opportunity for me to thank the Group leaders for all their hard work and commitment; their input into our U3A is hugely appreciated.

A number of groups have taken a break in August and so September sees the full programme on offer again. In addition, a number of ideas for new groups have been suggested; Irene has proposed Board Games, possibly meeting at weekends; Ten-pin bowling suggested as a replacement for Bowls (once this takes a winter break); Foraging; Drama/Acting, Photography and Short Walks.

The Lunch Club is also extremely popular with over 30 members attending lunches and it may well be that we need a second group so that there are two-weekly rather than monthly lunches. I shall be calling for volunteers to take on Group Leadership for these groups and will have sign-up sheets available at the September meeting to survey interest.

There are still vacancies in Family History, French Revivers, Jazz Appreciation, Military History, Walks 2, Tai Chi and of course Theatre Trips and Outings. Ken aims to recommence Singing for Pleasure in January and we shall have a sign-up list available until then. Please contact me if you're interested in joining a group or if you would be willing to lead a new group on [glynishill06@aol.com](mailto:glynishill06@aol.com).

A number of groups are full and have been for some time. For all groups please can I remind members to let your group leader know if you will be absent from a group meeting and, more importantly, if you no longer wish to attend so that your place can be offered to a waiting list member.

Please contact me if you're interested in joining a group or if you would be willing to lead a new group. Also, if anyone is photography-able, Rachel would be really delighted to receive photographs of groups in action to use for Publicity and on the website. Please email them to her on [rachelk@uwclub.net](mailto:rachelk@uwclub.net)

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## **Dates for your diary**

### **Theatre Groups and Outings**

*Transport will usually be provided and will pick up and drop off outside Thrapston Co-op. The cost of the coach will include the driver's tip. Once the theatres and coaches have been paid for money cannot be refunded and members should try and find a replacement. If places are available members may bring a guest at an extra cost of £1. Payment may be made by cash or cheque payable to Thrapston & District U3A*

### **Thursday 26th September 2013**

#### **TO SIR WITH LOVE - The Royal & Derngate, Northampton**

Owing to just 14 people going I have booked a mini coach at the cost of £10 each. This will leave the Co-op at 1pm. The £10 is now due.

Contact Margaret on 735040

### **9th October 2013**

#### **DAY OUT IN ST ALBANS**

Unfortunately there has not been enough interest in this outing so it has been cancelled. Please collect your refund from me at the next meeting or telephone to arrange this.

Contact Brenda 730225

### **Wednesday 13th November 2013**

#### **THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY - Royal & Derngate Northampton**

We have reserved seats for a matinee performance of this award winning performance. The cost for the ticket and coach is £34 and there are some seats still available. Book today.

Contact Pauline on 732724

### **Tuesday 3rd December 2013**

#### **HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**

I have now received the permit and the coach has been booked and the cost of £20 per head is now payable. **The final date for payment is 18th October.** Further details will be given in September when Parliament re-opens. Should anyone wish to cancel please let me know ASAP as I do have quite a long reserve list.

Contact Margaret on 735040

### **Saturday 25th January 2014 (matinee)**

#### **PRICILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT - Milton Keynes Theatre**

This international hit sensation musical, direct from the West End is booking fast but we have reserved 30 seats at £24 per person. Deposits equal to the seat price will be taken at the September meeting and the closing date for booking is 15th November when the coach price (to be advised) will be payable. Early booking is advisable.

Contact Brenda on 730225

## **Members meetings**

**20th September 2013** **The Story of the Red Kite** Brian Sumpton RSPB

**18th October 2013** 'Shoe Boxes to Kyrgyzstan' Jean Fouhy

**15th November 2013** **The Meaning of Flowers** Brian Jones

**20th December 2013** **Christmas Programme** To be finalised

*Items for the next newsletter to be sent to Glyn James by Friday 4th October  
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