

Monthly Meeting Report 15 November 2017

The Chair welcomed 129 members and 3 guests to the November Meeting.

Loop system at the Hall.

Members were informed that the Public Hall has a loop system which now covers the whole building. This will now benefit any member with a hearing impairment. The Chair thanked the Public Hall management for this recent enhancement to the Hall.

December Meeting

Members were reminded that the December meeting was a ticket only event and that tickets (£2 each) were available at the Box Office. 175 tickets have been sold.

The event is restricted to 220 seats. Tickets can be bought up to Saturday 20th of December unless they sell out before that date. In addition to festive food and music, there will be a pantomime and Mark Mitchels will speak on the topic of Christmas. There will also be a raffle and members were told that they must bring their tickets to get in and that the ticket stub will be their raffle ticket. There will be 15 raffle prizes with 15 individual winners.

Festival of Trees (Hungate Church)

The Nimble Fingers Group have been busy over the past few months designing and making decorations for this years Beccles U3A tree. The tree, which has been sponsored by Peggy Goodwin of Hillside News Worlingham, will be on display from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November. Members were encouraged to go along and support this wonderful event and hopefully to consider casting their vote in the competition in favour of the U3A tree.

Ballroom Dancing

Liz Drury Third Age Trust Communications Officer and a Video Grapher were at the Ballroom Dancing Groups Monday Meeting. Film footage was produced for marketing purposes in support of the Third Age Trusts Resource Centre. This will appear on the National website and be used within the Publicity and Marketing for the Third Age Trust

A report on the group will also feature in the Third Age Matters and the Sources magazine. The Ballroom Dancing group will resume in January as the Hall is pre booked in December. The Chair said that both ladies and gentlemen were welcome to join and suggested that they should make it their New Years resolution.

Committee Members

The Chair expressed disappointment that the response to his appeal for new committee members had been very poor. Five new members will be required at next years AGM to replace those who will be standing down after completing their term of office. We have 650 members, so we are looking for less than 1% of our membership to come forward to ensure that the U3A keeps moving in the right direction.

Refreshment Team

The Chair appealed for both ladies and gentlemen to join the refreshment team at the Monthly meetings. The serving of teas and coffees is at risk of stopping if we cannot get a sufficient number of people to volunteer and be part of a roster.