

## **February 2015 Meeting**

Over 160 members attended our monthly meeting where Peter King, entertainer, actor, performer and public speaker gave us an overview of his “Life on the Road”. Peter started his career as an apprentice engineer and later joined the Police force and then moved on to work in the Law Courts in London. In 1988 he decided to join the world of entertainment and told us about some of the best and the worst entertainment venues he worked in. He recalled some of the colourful characters he encountered and some of the situations he found himself in. He told us about the day he came face to face with Michael Caine, Roger Moore and Michael Winner in a film set as well as speaking about the many stars he worked with on TV shows and regular series such as The Bill.

It is hoped that the variety of speakers will meet the needs of all our membership. Our yearly programme is nearly complete so watch the events page.

## **Renewals to Membership**

Members will be able to renew their membership for 2015-2016 at the next monthly meeting on Wednesday 18th March. Packs will be handed out to those attending this meeting. Remaining packs will be posted. The cost of membership is £16 per person or £30 for two people living at the same address. Details of how to pay will be detailed in the pack that we are preparing for you.

You will keep your current membership number and this will be on your new membership card.

## **The AGM**

The AGM is on Wednesday 20th May 2015 and is followed by a talk by Chloe Veale from the History of Advertising Trust. Details about the AGM will also be in the pack that will be distributed from 18th March.

## **Events**

We are reviewing the responses to the events that we have put on offer, and where there are events with very little interest we will have to consider whether they are viable to run.

## **Website**

The website continues to be our major form of communication and thanks to our webmaster Felicity Hillier, it is changing and developing all the time. The show of hands at the February meeting indicating those members using the website was very encouraging.

## **FLEECE URGENTLY NEEDED**

**Mary Cowie, our Spinning Group convenor, is desperately seeking a clean fleece for her group. If you have one, or know where you can get one please get in touch with Mary (see the Spinning group page for contact details).**

## **Beccles U3A – Full Membership**

Beccles U3A is now officially registered as a member of the Third Age Trust. Membership carries benefits, which can be seen in summary by clicking [U3A benefits and services](#). To

take full advantage you must register as an individual on the national website [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk).

### U3A Summer Schools

Once you have registered on the national U3A website you will be able to access information about, and book, 2015 Summer Schools. Limited information is also available using the link to the downloaded [Summer Schools Booklet](#).

### Accessibility and Equal Opportunities



Beccles U3A has adopted this logo to highlight and promote equal access to all members at the monthly meetings, groups and special events. Seats are reserved at the front and back of the hall for members who have special requirements. There will always be a member of the Steering Committee in the central aisle to help and assist you with these seats. They will be wearing a badge with this logo on for easy identification.

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### Snowdrops visit



Members enjoyed a tour of John and Brenda Foster's garden at Gable House Redisham on a glorious winters day viewing an array of different snowdrops. John also gave an in depth guided tour of his garden. Brenda provided excellent refreshments,-tea, coffee and home made cakes.

The next Open Day at Gable House is on Sunday 7th June 11.00am-5.00pm which is for the National Gardens Scheme. John also has an Autumn bulb sale on Sunday 6th September 11.00- 5.00pm.

### Proposed New Groups

Seven new groups have been proposed: NIMBLE FINGERS; MADRIGAL SINGING; CIRCLE DANCING; LUNCHEON CLUB; DISCUSSION GROUP; BASIC DIY FOR BEGINNERS and CREATIVE WRITING. Please contact the Groups Co-ordinator for more information, or to express an interest.

## **Local History**

The Local History group has now split into seven groups, for more information see the [Local History](#) page.

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