

BRIEF REPORT – JANUARY SPEAKER

Over 180 members enjoyed a very interesting and informative talk on the Lost City of Dunwich given by Mark Mitchels at our January Meeting. Mark, with the aid of maps and photos, explained how Dunwich began, and was recorded as being one of the most important cities on the east coast.

Its location as a sheltered port made some of its residents very powerful and wealthy, and also very unpopular with the people living in the surrounding parishes who had to use the port. That situation changed due to land-mass movements brought about by catastrophic storms and wave damage. Further coastal erosion destroyed the city and the population dwindled and moved away as it lost its status as an important port. Mark emphasised that nothing remains of the city lost to the sea. So if you stand on the beach today at Dunwich and you claim that you can hear the sound of church bells coming from the direction of sea then the chances are that you might have a hearing problem. Mark Mitchel's website for additional information on him and his talks can be found at www.markmitchels.com, the map shown in the side Links (click on it to enlarge it) has been copied from the Dunwich Museum website.

Beccles U3A – Full Membership

Beccles U3A is now officially registered as a member of the Third Age Trust. Please make yourself aware of the benefits that full membership offers by registering on the national website www.u3a.org.uk or via the U3A logo button above. You can find a benefits summary by clicking [U3A benefits and services](#).

Beccles U3A Social Account

Please note that Beccles U3A has a separate bank account for holding monies for Social Events.

When making out a payment for a trip or visit please make it payable to **Beccles U3A Social Account**. Print the Event, Name (s) and Membership Number(s) on the reverse of the cheque.

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.

Notice Boards



Two new notice boards were introduced at the meeting; one covers the listing of existing and new groups on offer. The other notice board is to give details in respect

of future monthly meeting speakers, special events – trips and visits plus general U3A news for Beccles U3A and National Office of the Third Age Trust.



Please make a point of checking these boards at the monthly meetings. Your requests for new groups could be posted onto the boards to see if there is interest from other members for setting up a new group..

New Group

One new group was offered at the meeting - **Learn to play the Ukulele**. Brian Lever introduced the idea by giving a musical demonstration on his Ukulele. Brian obviously impressed the audience who responded with a warm round of applause - and the result that 16 members signed up for his new group.

