

January 2017 Meeting Report

The Chair welcomed 151 members and 9 guests to our first meeting of 2017 and wished them all a happy new year. He encouraged them to keep any New Years resolutions they had made particularly if they were to join our U3A or become members of any of our groups.

The chair stated that he had received a lot of positive feedback on the December Christmas meeting and that they had successfully booked Mark Mitchels for next Christmas. He has previously given talks to our U3A - The Lost City of Dunwich and The Globe Theatre.

A Members' Notice Board has been introduced on a trial basis for the display of non U3A activities or events (non commercial).

Renewal documentation will be sent out in the next few weeks. Members will be able to renew their membership in person on **Friday 10th March in the Public Hall from 9.15-1.00pm**. Free refreshments will be available. Convenors who wish to boost the membership of their groups can promote themselves at this event. The Interest Groups Team will also be available to assist as necessary.

Members were reminded the speaker for February is Professor Lee Marsden from the UEA, the title of his talk is "Trump World- hopes, fears and tears"

The Chair then presented a bouquet of flowers to Felicity Hillier, our retiring Webmaster. Felicity was thanked for her excellent work setting up and maintaining our excellent website. The audience applauded Felicity for her contribution to Beccles U3A.

The Chair then welcomed Paul Gurbutt as the Interest Groups Co-ordinator. Paul praised his predecessor, Sandy Perrin. She had done a marvellous job, and having stepped in he had just found out how big the task is. Paul then outlined the proposed new groups.

Mu Gurbutt introduced the speaker, Alex Bass.