

JUNE 2015 MONTHLY MEETING

The Chairman welcomed members and guests to the June meeting. He gave a big thank you to all the refreshment team and apologised that this had not been said at the AGM.

At the meeting of the first Executive committee since the AGM, the following roles were assigned:-

Membership Secretary	Jena Mason
Interest Groups Coordinator	Sandy Perrin
Events Secretary	Irene Squirrell
Interest Groups Support	Sue Rhodes
Committee member	Julia Deary

The Chairman reminded members that the following committee roles were voted on at the AGM

Chairman	Peter Shannon
Vice Chairman	Peter Westmacott
Treasurer	Carole Moore
Business Secretary	Susan Shannon

The Publicity and Marketing position will be filled by Peggy McGregor in an ex officio role.

This leaves the position of Programme Secretary to be filled. Whilst we have a full programme for the next 12 months there are duties required of this position on a monthly basis. It is our intention that we have a rolling programme in order to secure good speakers on a diverse range of topics to fit our meeting dates.

The Interest Groups Coordinator, Sandy Perrin, gave an update on groups. She said that Brian Lever, convenor of the Ukulele Group, has formed a Beginners Group, which will run at 12.15pm, before the original group's meeting in the same location.

There is a healthy interest in proposed new groups with possible convenors in place, these include:

- Table tennis
- Canasta
- Wine appreciation
- Lunch group

Sandy Perrin then invited Pip Anderton, a member of both Beccles and Halesworth U3As, to speak about how the Halesworth lunch club operates. Pip invited members of Beccles U3A to participate. Anyone interested should contact the Interest Groups Coordinator.

The acting Programme Secretary Susan Shannon then introduced the speaker, Charlie Haylock, who is one of Suffolk's leading entertainers. His informative and hilarious one-man shows are legendary in the county and his books have all been best sellers. Charlie has a regular spot on Radio Suffolk with Lesley Dolphin. He likes to call it "Haylock's Half Hour (for forty minutes!)"

His subject was the History of Spoken English where he gave a detailed talk on the origins including where and who influence it. He used words to show the different sounds that are derived from using the same letters but also added letters to show how the words change. Charlie spoke to the audience using different dialects from around the UK and throughout his talk he added humour which the audience thoroughly enjoyed. Members had an opportunity to purchase signed copies of his books.

CHANGE OF VENUE

Due to the refurbishment of Beccles Public Hall, the Monthly Meetings for both #AUGUST 19TH# AND #SEPTEMBER 16TH# will be held at HUNGATE CHURCH in Beccles.