

Monthly Meeting – Wednesday 16 August 2017

The Chair welcomed members to the August Meeting. This included 3 new members, 7 guests and members from other U3A's. The turn out was very good especially as we are in the height of the holiday season.

Group Etiquette - The chair reminded members to keep their group Convenors updated if they are away on holiday. This requirement, a matter of courtesy, allows the Convenors to plan their group Programme and to accept a new member's a taster session, perhaps from a waiting list. Where members are unable to attend for other commitments or illness the Convenor should again be informed so that they can note this in their register. Members should also notify the Convenor if they are to stop attending the group. This will allow their place to be filled.

National Office

The National Office for the Third Age Trust has a new address.

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Email: info@u3a.org.uk
Telephone: 020 8466 6139

Convenors Summer Meeting

At the Convenors Summer Meeting held on Thursday 10th August at the Waveney House Hotel Pam Jones (Chair of The Third Age Trust) congratulated Beccles U3A on its enthusiasm and organisation and commented that she felt that it was a model U3A that was following the principals of the U3A idea.

Legal Helpline

The Third Age Trust has advised that this service provided by ARC will end on 30th September 2017. One of the main reasons for this is its high cost (£19,000 and its low usage by members(2 a day) and dominated by personal matters most of which are readily available free or at low cost by other means.

2018 Diaries

The 2018 diary will be £2.50 . These can be ordered from the National Office online or by telephone.

Events Update.

The Chair made reference to upcoming vistas and trips.

Ipswich Boat trip. 24th August - 5 places available. Thursford - full but a waiting list has been started.

Waveney Stardust (31st. August) places available.

Baltic Cruise (2018) There has been a lot of enquiries re this holiday so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment.

Group Update

English Country Dance group - starts the new term on next Wednesday, 23 August, in the Quaker Hall from 1000-1200. U3A members and prospective members welcome.

Spanish - we now have a second beginners Spanish Group. This will meet on the first and third Monday morning in each month. The first meeting is on 4 September. See website for details. If there is enough interest we could start an intermediate group.

Ballroom dancing - 2 sessions - 2nd Monday afternoon and 3rd Thursday afternoon of each month, here in the Public Hall.

There have been requests for Archaeology, Latin, Scottish Reel dancing, chess and economics. If I have more interest I'll try to get these started this autumn.

There is now a second cycling group which does not cycle as far as the first group.

We have an iPad group. I have had an iPad for nearly 3 years but I'm still learning things from being a member of the group. I am certainly not the teacher. I would like to find someone who is willing to help with an Android tablet group. We might be able to set one up in the same way as the iPad group. Also, an appeal - can anyone help with any aspect of computing. I have some ideas for running computing groups from the national subject coordinator which might help in setting up various computer appreciation groups.