

Monthly Meeting Report - November

All seats were taken at the November meeting of Beccles U3A held at Beccles Public Hall. Membership is now at 220 and still rising and 21 Interest Groups are now being offered.

The interest groups on offer are:-

Bridge, Drawing and Painting, Classical Music Appreciation (2 groups), Cooking, Easy Crafts, Family History, French Conversation, Gardening, Improvers' Italian, Local History, Mah Jong, Philosophy/History of Ideas, Reading Group, Recorder Playing, Scrabble, Theatre Studies/Anatomy of a Play, Walking(3 groups), Working with Wood,

Some of the initial groups released in October have just started, whilst some groups with high numbers of people are still being organised. The Steering Committee have expressed that members be patient during this setting up process. It is hoped that most groups will be up and running by late January.

It was announced at the meeting that the website for Beccles U3A is now live. The address is: www.becclesu3a.org.uk. This will be a very useful communication tool and will be developed and managed by the Webmaster, Felicity Hillier.

A Trips and Visits questionnaire was distributed by the Events Secretary. Completed forms were collected in and will be analysed in preparation for next years programme. The questionnaire is now available on the website and can be downloaded and handed in at the December meeting.

The speaker at the meeting was Geoff Doggett from the River Waveney Trust who gave a passionate and knowledgeable presentation about the important work undertaken by the Trust. This was enjoyed by a very appreciative audience.

Next Monthly Meeting in December

The next Monthly Meeting is on Wednesday 10th December at Beccles Public Hall. Doors open at 9.45am. Refreshments will be served until 10.20am. During this time there will be an opportunity to join Beccles U3A and sign up for interest groups.

The speaker will be Dean Parkin who is Creative Director of The Poetry Trust and divides his time between this role and his work as a freelance poet. His talk will include his new project - A Poem for Suffolk.

Refreshments at the Monthly Meetings- Can you help?

We are looking to get a team of people both men and women to assist with the refreshments at our monthly meetings. We currently have 6 volunteers but would like to increase this to 12. We need 3 volunteers each month. If you are happy to volunteer please contact becclesu3a@gmail.com or go to the website www.becclesu3a.org.uk to send a message to the Business Secretary via CONTACTS.