HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone – I hope your New Year’s resolutions are not proving too difficult!!

It seemed to go so quickly but I hope you had a great Christmas and spent a happy time with friends and family.

For me the December General meeting’s Senior Moments Review got the festive period off to a great start – I can’t go into Aldi or Lidl now without thinking of Paul’s great Ode. A big thank you to all the Senior Moments company, too numerous to mention here, who were involved in the Terri Beale/Pat Downing production and had us all singing and laughing to the end.

Having got us in the mood, I was so impressed by your tireless jiving and rock and rolling as the A3U’s took us back in time to the late 50’s and 60’s with (modesty aside) a great selection of rock and roll numbers.

If you were unable to attend or simply can’t believe what you saw and heard and want to see it again, just search for Carlton & Gedling U3A “On the prom” or “Doctor Doctor” on YouTube where you can watch it all again!

Looking forward to another bumper year,

Tom Grainger
Chairman

Thank you to the ladies who sold tickets for the raffles in 2018. There is a rota for anyone willing to look after the raffle stall at the general meetings in 2018. Please add your name if you would like to help.

Thank you, too, for all the donations last year for prizes for the raffle. I will be pleased to receive items for future raffles – perhaps you were given some lovely presents at Christmas but know they will just go in a cupboard if you don’t find another home for them.

Nicola Dandie

There will be a Special General Meeting on the 15th February to obtain members’ approval to change our Constitution to comply with recent Charity Commission and Third Age Trust guidance. If approved, this will mean a number of relatively small changes will be needed to the way we record some of our income and expenditure and the Treasurer will need to report our accounts to the Charity Commission each year in a slightly different format.

Ordinarily this matter would have been dealt with at the next AGM in July. However, the amended object clause in the constitution must be adopted by the 20th March to take effect on 1st April 2018 and to do this we needed to call a Special General Meeting for 15th February.
It will take place immediately before our normal Thursday General Meeting starting at 10.00am and will be followed by the usual announcements and a guest speaker. Admission will be from 9.30am. As usual, group convenors will be in the ‘market place’ and members will be able to buy tickets for Trips and Visits & Theatre in the normal way.

Tom Grainger
Chairman

++++++++++++++++++++ MARCH 2018 +++++++++++++++++++++

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
Having your photograph on your membership card is a great way for your Committee and Group Convenors to put a name to a face. At the March general meeting you can have your photo taken by a member of the photography group to be put onto your 2018/19 membership card. If you already have your photo on your current card there is no need to have another one taken, unless you would like to change it. Alternatively, if you would prefer us to use one of your own you can email it us at carlton.u3a@outlook.com

Your membership card can be used at the Broadway Cinema to receive a discount when purchasing tickets. If you should book a holiday with Riviera Travel and mention at the time of booking you are member of the U3A, Riviera will donate 10% of the total cost of your holiday to the Carlton and Gedling U3A.

If you know of any other discounts available to U3A members then can you tell a Committee member or email the above address please.

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WORDS FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN
It’s that time of the year when we look to our AGM and invite members to put their name forward for election to the executive committee.

The executive committee is a vital part of our U3A where the day-to-day activities and longer term plans for our continued growth and development are agreed and put in place.

The 12 trustees (members of the exec committee) are elected for a three year term after which they must stand down unless they wish to continue as one of the five officer positions – Chairman, Vice Chairman x 2, Treasurer and Business Secretary.

This means that each year we must elect new trustees to keep the committee viable. Without the executive committee there would be no U3A.

This years’ Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 10.30am at The Richard Herrod Centre.

That is our usual meeting day. The meeting will begin with AGM matters and straight afterwards we will have our normal business, coffee, biscuits, and a chance to talk to the group convenors and to socialise. There won’t be a guest speaker.

A nomination form for committee members will be attached to the email that alerts you to this May Newsletter issue, and a few copies will be available at the General meeting on 17th May. The closing date for the return of nomination forms will be Thursday 21st June – the day of our normal June meeting. Elections will take place at the AGM meeting on the 19th July.

If you wish to stand for election, to nominate another member, or to vote at the AGM, you must be a paid up member of Carlton & Gedling U3A, so please make sure you have renewed your membership before the July meeting.
If you think you might like to join the executive committee but are unsure of the level of commitment that’s required or what you could offer, and would like to talk this over first, then please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other exec committee members and we can have an informal chat about it.

Tom Grainger
Chairman

++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++ JUNE 2018 ++++++++++++++++++++

WORDS FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

The Annual General Meeting of Carlton & Gedling U3A will be held on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 10.30 am at The Richard Herrod Centre, which is our usual meeting day. The meeting will begin with AGM matters and afterwards we will have an extended coffee break so that we can all mingle and chat, and also our normal business notices.

A nomination form for committee members and officers was included with the May newsletter, but if you need another one, extra copies can be obtained from the Business Secretary Lynne Jaremczenko, or at the beginning of the June General meeting.

We are allowed to have 12 elected members on the Committee including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Business Secretary. The current 4 officers (myself, Lynne J, Richard and Pat Downing) plus four other Executive Members (Sally Bailey, Nick Clark, Beverley Eyre and Sue Fairweather) have already declared an intention to remain on the committee for the next year and do not need to stand for election again until the end of their term of office (usually 3 years). That leaves 4 vacancies, in addition to which we can co-opt a further two people.

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If you wish to stand for election, to nominate another member, or to vote at the AGM, you must be a paid-up member of Carlton & Gedling U3A, so please make sure you have renewed your membership before then.

Tom Grainger
Chairman

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FUND RAISING

The profits from the June and July raffles will be donated to MAGGIE’S. Please support this special fundraising effort led by Richard Downing I will give the total raised in the next newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes for the raffle. Please keep them coming. I am looking for volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the general meetings. Please add your name to the rota if you are able to help.

Nicola Dandie

WORDS FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

HAPPY 6th BIRTHDAY!

Yes it really is 6 years since a fledgling Carlton and Gedling U3A was created.

Looking back to 2012, we had about 60 members and ran about half a dozen interest groups – today we have almost 500 members, with over 60 thriving interest groups running almost 80 meetings a month. Our Trips, Visits and Theatre outings go from strength to strength.

The reason for our success has been you, our membership - thank you to all of you.
Our General meeting on Thursday 19th July is also our AGM. We have four vacancies on the Executive Committee and as we have had 4 nominations there will be no need for a ballot. The nominees are Gill Horrocks, Mike Johnson, Sue Morley and Jeanette Buzza. Details of each nominee have already been circulated.

Please remember that only paid up members will be allowed to attend and vote on Thursday but Sue Morley and her team will be in the small meeting room to take renewals before the meeting.

Once again a BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.

Tom Grainger