

The Singing for Pleasure Group

The Singing for Pleasure group goes from strength to strength and I don't mean just in numbers although we do now have 40 members on our register – no, I mean the group has grown in stature and confidence in the way they sing and perform and in the style of music that is addressed. Every Friday morning sees an almost 'full house' of singers and each occasion is characterised by confident singing and fun.

Following our very successful U3A Entertainments Evening (U3AEE) last November the group has started the new year with a new repertoire that embraces old English songs, the classic Ave Verum Corpus [Mozart], the wonderful 'All in the April Evening', 'The Happy Wanderer' and more. Following the November U3A Entertainment Evening we would have liked to amaze our member colleagues at the Christmas Lunch with some new Christmas music, but, the way the time panned out we has just the one week to rehearse and so had to rely on well-known Carols. However, at the start of the new year we reviewed everything and came to the conclusion that it is a very difficult last quarter of the year whereby everybody is either preparing for Christmas, or are involved in events and such-like and not a good time to hold an entertainments Evening.

Having discussed the matter with the singing group and gained the encouragement of the U3A committee we have decided to trial an U3AEE in the summer season and have chosen to hold the event two days after mid-summer's day on June the 22nd. The evening will be lighter, it will be warmer, and it will encourage people to come out and people's spirits will be lifted. I have already sent out a message to the groups for entertainers to focus (if possible) on summer topics. So, we will see how it goes! Then next Christmas lunch you will be amazed!

Another appeal for men to join us. I don't know what it is that puts men off joining the group, but, we just cannot attract them. You don't have to have a great voice, nor do you have to know how to read music, all you need is a love of singing and a sense of humour! That's not asking too much is it?

If you would like more information please have a word with Tony Westlake (01548 531562) or Peter Bolt (01548 852529).

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