Welcome Message from the Chair

I am delighted to be writing to you as Chair of the Royston U3A Steering Committee. As a newly formed Group, the challenge now is to ensure we get interest groups started and activities in place very quickly so everyone can begin to enjoy their membership.

U3A is aimed at retired and semi-retired people. To offer a range of educational, creative and leisure opportunities, members share their experience and enthusiasm to lead interest groups.

It is vital that everyone gets involved. The steering committee cannot do it all on their own. For Royston U3A to become a long-term success, the involvement of its members is essential.

The past two months have been quite a rollercoaster since the first thoughts of setting up a Royston U3A happened whilst sitting in Hoggs café in the Corn Exchange.

Here we are nine weeks later with over two hundred members and steadily growing. Quite amazing!

I want to thank my team of dedicated and hard working volunteers who form the steering committee, without whom nothing would have happened. We now need your involvement to set up interest groups with guidance from our Groups Co-ordinator, Reg Hounsell.

I hope you enjoy your membership of Royston U3A.

Jackie

Jackie Gellert, Chair, Royston U3A Steering Committee

Last Month’s Meeting

Buntingford Boost for Royston U3A

Fellow members in Buntingford have given a welcome boost for Royston’s new U3A.

At last month’s meeting, our Chair, Jackie Gellert, was presented with a £250 cheque by Buntingford U3A representative, Jean Devenish. “We are working hard to get Royston U3A up and running and it’s wonderful to have such support from our friends in Buntingford,” said Jackie. “We are really grateful for all their interest and involvement. The U3A is the only national educational organisation in the UK run entirely by its own members and the movement is growing all the time.”
Interest Groups Up & Running

The first six interest groups are already up and running - with boules, book clubs and beginners bridge leading the way.

Another nine are in the preparation stage, including gardening, golf, local history, French conversation, IT and computing, mixed craft, pottery, wine tasting and singing for fun.

Seats are filling up fast for the first Royston U3A excursion to Oxburgh Hall in Norfolk on August 18. And if enough people are interested in joining a keep fit group, discounted fees at Royston Leisure Centre could be negotiated, says Groups Co-ordinator Reg Hounsell.

“I’d especially like to thank everyone who has come forward and offered to lead a group,” said Reg. “The response from members so far has been fantastic but it’s important that everybody makes a contribution as that’s the only way Royston U3A can succeed.”

Anyone for Golf?
We are hoping to start a Royston U3A golf group. If you used to play golf and want to get back into the swing again contact Ralph Gellert: ralphroystonu3a@gmail.com

Trips & Visits
18th August 2015
Oxburgh Hall
Swaffham, Norfolk
Only a few seats remaining. To book, please contact Annette Guttridge on 01763 241818

AGE UK Keep Fit
Age UK is offering FREE gentle exercise sessions at Coombes Community Centre and Royston U3A members are invited along. The first session of the 10 week Healthwise course starts on Tuesday July 28 from 1.30pm to 2.30pm and is run by Susan Johns from Healthwise. If you would like to attend or find out more contact Susan on 07772 173682 or preferably email healthwise.1@ageuk.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary

July
Tuesday 28th 2:00pm
Royston Parish Church
Jenny Oxley, Royston and District Museum Curator, will give a talk on THE HISTORY OF ROYSTON MUSEUM

August
Tuesday 25th 2:00pm
Royston Parish Church
Annette Guttridge will give a talk on HOW THE ROLE OF WOMEN HAS CHANGED OVER THE PAST 100 YEARS

September
Tuesday 29th 2:00pm
Royston Parish Church
David Wherrell will give a talk on A HISTORY OF RECORDED MUSIC

October
Tuesday 27th 2:00pm
Royston Parish Church
Richard Thomas will give a talk on THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

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Getting in the News
If you’re involved in a group why not publicise it in Royston U3A News? Send in a short report of your latest meeting or outing – photos welcomed too – to Pam Dajda at pam@dajda.net or phone 01763 246234