

## **Wells U3A Social Events**

The U3A strapline is Learn Laugh Live, and the following enhances our lives and encourages plenty of laughter!

Although Wells U3A has many interest groups with opportunities to learn and share knowledge, we are also pleased to organise four main social events annually, which are open to members to get together and enjoy themselves.

This year, 2020, has proved a very difficult year for us all and that includes the U3A committee cancelling or postponing these events since March in order to protect our members. We are optimistic that 2021 will be, literally, a new year, when we can once again offer our members the possibility of participating in the variety of our four events.

I hope the following will give you a taste of these occasions, when we can come together socially, in a relaxed and pleasant environment, making new acquaintances and firming friendships.

### **Charity Quiz Night**

This is a very popular evening held in February. There is good natured competitiveness between the teams taking part to become the winner. We hold a very successful raffle, raising more funds for the selected local charity, with many excellent prizes for ticket holders. This is a very good-humoured, jolly evening, resulting in funds raised for charity.

### **Hog Roast**

Our next annual event is the hog roast held in August. In recent years we have been very fortunate with the weather, enabling us to sit outside under gazebos. I may be biased as the organiser, but we have delicious food, entertainment from the Ukulele Band and access to a bar. This is a thoroughly enjoyable occasion with good weather (!), good food, lively entertainment and the chance for our members to get together for a delicious lunch and stimulating company.

### **Harvest Supper**

As surely as Autumn follows Summer, so our Harvest Supper is held in October. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the food gathered by the farmers in the beautiful countryside surrounding our city. Our members get together for an appetising supper followed by live entertainment to conclude this pleasurable evening.

### **Christmas Lunch**

As we all know, Christmas seems to come round more quickly every year and as soon as our Harvest Supper is over we turn our thoughts to arranging our Christmas Lunch in December. This is held in a local hostelry, with a varied menu. For us, this is the beginning of a merry and joyful festive season.

### **Recognition**

It is important that recognition is given to our members. For these events to be successful we ask for volunteers to help with the arrangements. We are fortunate that we have dedicated members who are very willing to contribute their time and effort to these social occasions. Once again, I would like to express our gratitude to all these willing helpers, without whom we would not have a social calendar.