



STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN RETIREMENT

U3A

(UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE)

Newsletter No 2

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We send the good wishes of all Branch members to our Chairman, Barry Reynolds, for a full recovery from the illness which has made life so difficult for him in recent months. We miss him very much.

Since our first newsletter in December 1990, the life of the Branch has gone steadily on, providing special interest groups and holding regular monthly open meetings for men and women of retirement age, at which we have learned about the finer points of bee-keeping; how electric power came to the area; how to research family history; life in Rhodesia before 1980; and the working of a Red Cross Branch.

All monthly meetings are open to anyone who is interested and a warm welcome is assured. Future meetings planned are:

June 19th - Being a Royal Butler : Christopher Dovey

July 17th - Suffolk highways and the Stow Relief Road : Mr Peek

SEPT 18: ~~August 21st~~ - Annual General Meeting

All meetings are held at 2.30 p.m. at the Youth and Resource Centre, Childer Road, Stowmarket (612252).

Interest Groups - Warmest thanks go to the convenors and leaders without whose enthusiasm, expertise and time there would be no groups. These meetings are always during the day and are usually held fortnightly. Some groups have now closed for the summer and for the best information it would be advisable to telephone the Branch Secretary on Stowmarket 676007.

"Town and Village Walks" is a new group, led by Harry Miller, which has so far prepared for and accomplished walks round Needham Market and Stowmarket. This group meets to study the chosen town one week before the walk takes place, so that walkers are better able to appreciate what to look out for. Future plans are:

June 18th & 25th - Woodbridge

July - Bury St. Edmunds: the Abbey

August - Debenham

September (Sunday pm) - Colchester

If you would like to join this group, please ring Harry Miller on Stowmarket 613158.

"Playreading for pleasure" is another new group which will be starting soon. An initial meeting, to measure response, will be held at the home of Mrs Olive Thomas, 5 Millfield Avenue, Stowmarket at 2.30 p.m. on Monday July 8th, and all interested will be very welcome. It is not intended that this group should develop into an active dramatic society!

Support - We express our gratitude for generous financial and practical assistance in setting up and developing our activities to the Community Education Service of the Suffolk County Council, to the New Horizons Trust Project (sponsored by Save and Prosper Educational Trust), and to the trustees of the Stowmarket Relief Fund.

The committee and interest group leaders have tried during this first year to meet the demands of our lively-minded members, of whom there are currently 28. It has been a journey of faith and we look to the first A.G.M. on August 21st for an assessment of our travels.

U3A Annual National Conference

The Annual conference of the U3A will this year be held on the campus of York University from September 2nd - 4th. The local committee decided to defer representation until a future conference, by which time we expect to have had greater experience of the U3A movement.

Branch Constitution

A constitution has been adopted which meets the requirements both of the U3A and of the Charity Commissioners with whom we are now registered. This constitution will be available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting.

At the same meeting, audited accounts will be presented.

Committee 1990 - 1991

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If you would like further information, please contact any member of the committee.
We look forward to seeing you.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name (Miss/Mrs/Mr) _____

Address _____

Phone number: _____

I wish to become a member. I enclose my annual subscription of £5.
(Cheques made payable to STAR)

signed _____

Please send with remittance to Mrs Olive Thomas
5 Millfield Avenue, Stowmarket