

October Mini Newsletter



Hi everyone.

Autumn has arrived and we will soon be looking to our AGM. Please note it is on November 30th at 2.00 pm at the United Reformed Church Hall. All are welcome. Full details will be issued nearer the time, but we will be enticing you with mulled wine and mince pies. It will be your chance to hear what the committee has been doing and ask any questions or give your input. We are always looking for new blood on the Committee to give new ideas. Please let me know if you feel you can contribute by joining the Committee and put something back into your u3a.

Our musical groups are working on a joint event on January 17th at the Woldingham village hall in the afternoon. It promises to be very special. Details will be issued over the coming weeks. Our Social Committee will be meeting in October to develop plans for 2027 so you can look forward to some more exciting events and outings next year.

Now for a scam alert. One of our members received what looked like a genuine email from their mobile phone provider. It informed them they would receive a new SIM card in the post to replace the one they had to improve security. This was nothing to do with their phone provider. The new card would have taken over their phone and any relayed devices so beware. If you receive any messages like this, contact your phone provider on their recognised number to check it out.

Our last talk in the URC Hall was truly amazing in that overused word. It featured an artist who took us on a musical tour of the 60s era featuring him singing, playing the guitar and painting a collage of famous people from that era, mainly pop artists but also John F Kennedy. We are looking to rebook him next year for a different theme.

You will be pleased to know we have invested in a new PA system for these talks. We gave it a trial run, and it was clear, no distortion and had plenty of volume. The artist used his own system which was very similar but more designed for music—ours will do everything but is especially good at speech. When I was disposing of its cardboard container a man came running over and asked if it was for an HK system. I confirmed it was and he said I had great taste! It turned out he used to set up large PA systems so he should know.



Some pictures above of our artist. You can also see our new column speaker in the foreground.

Well, that is all from me.

Paul Knight

Caterham & District u3a Chair