

Ravenshead u3a Magazine

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Anne and Terry ready to welcome visitors

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Welcome from the Editor

Following weeks (months?) of planning the day finally arrived. And it began early as volunteers met at the Village Hall from 7.00a.m. to await the arrival of the main marquee. Crash barriers and signage had to be put up, displays had to be assembled and tables and chairs were carried out to the refreshment and performance areas, whilst inside the hall the recording studio was set up. After a final check volunteers were assigned to their respective roles and we awaited the arrival of our first guests at 10 o'clock. The sun was shining and all was set for what turned out to be a great day.

Editing and co-producing this commemorative magazine with Terry has been great fun and brings back lots of memories. We have had so many photographs to choose from and it has been difficult selecting and organising those which we hope provide a memorable record of the event. Thanks to all those who took photos on the day including myself, Terry, Andy, Maria, Margaret and other members of the Photography for Fun Group as well as the official Trust photographer Peter Alvey.

Terry and I hope you enjoy looking through this magazine and maybe you will see yourself within these pages.

Judith Moore, editor, Terry Moore, desktop publisher



Thoughts from the Chair

Those of you who came to the Ravenshead Village Hall on Wednesday 2 June will know what a successful National u3a Day we celebrated, with wall-to-wall sunshine all day, well over 200 visitors through the gates, and some great conversations face-to-face, the first for many months. All members and visitors received a special June edition magazine which was put together to celebrate the day and promote the u3a movement. Copies are still available so please ask if you haven't already received one.

The Mayor of Gedling Borough Council and his wife, Wendy, came along and a few other VIPs including our Regional Trustee, Jean Hogg, who wrote on our Facebook page "Brilliant event. Thanks for making me so welcome. Definitely a highlight of my time as Trustee!"

The Third Age Trust (our national body) sent a professional photographer, Peter Alvey, who stayed with us all day and took lots of photographs. We had two extra volunteers in the shape of media and TV students from West Notts College who helped with the taking of photographs and videos. They enjoyed themselves and were grateful for the opportunity to learn in a real live event.

We could not have had such a successful day had it not been for the hard work put in by our large group of member volunteers and the wonderful visitors, guests and members who came along. Very many thanks to all who helped make the day so special and memorable.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the photos in this special August edition of our magazine which Judith and Terry Moore have kindly produced to commemorate our u3a day and thank you to all the members who have shared their photos.

Maria Gabrielczyk



...Setting up, an early start...



Carol attaches the hand made bunting. *"If it doesn't move it's getting buntinged!"*



Trevor and Paul prepare the visitor lists for NHS Test and Trace



Jan and Terry finalise their displays whilst Andy checks the PA system



...nearly ready, last minute checks...



Maria rallies the troops outside the Village Hall



Irene readies the Craft Group display



Terry sets up the laptop for slideshows of the PFF Group

Ready for action



Visitors and guests arrive



Jean Hogg, Regional Trustee, and Peter Alvey, Trust official photographer

Maria greets more guests



Mayor of Gedling, Meredith Lawrence and his wife Wendy



Gedling councillor, Martin Smith

John Butler interviews...

Inside the Village Hall our publicity officer John Butler set up a temporary studio where he interviewed several guests and visitors. John has posted those interviews to our media platforms.



John interviewed the Mayor of Gedling, Meredith Lawrence, Trust photographer, Peter Alvey and u3a Regional Trustee, Jean Hogg.



Cameras at the ready...



Peter, Andy and Terry confer



Maureen and Terry get to grips with the technology



Charles captures the moment



Joe and Elliott, media students from West Notts. College, help out on the day



Nice to see you...



To see you ... nice!



The Ru3a Guitar Group performs...

U3Acoustic, led by John Bewick, entertains with a selection of popular songs throughout the day and the audience joins in



Their "World Tour" continues!



The Folk and Country Dance Group performs...



Jan Fraser introduces the group and the dancing begins!



...and the band plays on...

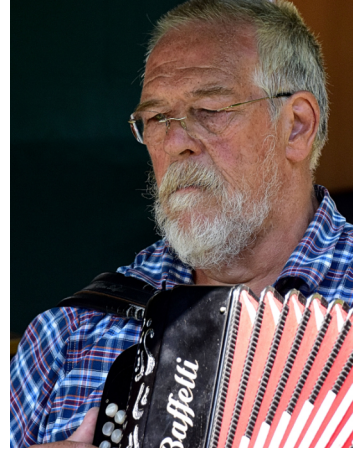
The Jolly Beggars band plays for our Folk and Country Dance group and were in fine form, not only playing for the dancers but entertaining in their own right with additional pieces from the Playford dance book



Alex on flute.



John on violin.



Brad on accordion.

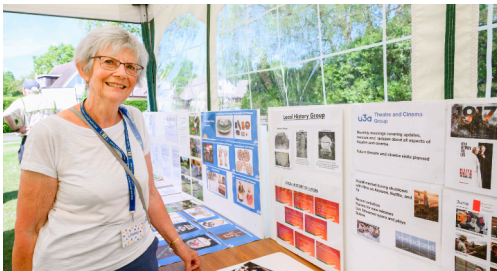


Interest Group displays

Interest groups showcase their activities in the display marquee



Throughout the day visitors enjoy looking at the various displays



Refreshments...

In the side garden visitors are offered free refreshments served by our wonderful refreshments team and enjoy the chance to meet and chat at last!



A good time was had by all!





Thank you to everyone, volunteers, members and visitors who helped make this u3a day celebration so memorable. We hope to see you all again next year.