

**CAER URFA SOUTH SHIELDS U3A**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING**  
**HELD WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**Venue – Armstrong Hall**

**Chairperson's Opening Remarks**

Joyce Smith (chair) announced we now have permission to hold raffles, blind cards etc. to help with our social fund and our first blind card was run at this meeting

The Chair encouraged more members to join both the new and existing activities.

**Speaker**

Bernard Hope gave an informative and very moving talk on 'THE GREAT ESCAPE', not based on the popular film but a true fact finding story from WW2. We gave a vote of thanks to Bernard.

**Chairperson's Report**

After the interval the Chair introduced committee members and informed us of new committee members - Business Secretary- Beryl Marshall and Minute Secretary – Yvonne Richardson

We now have a total of 161 members in our U3A

All the trips/days out seem to be a success and a vote of thanks was given to all group leaders for their good work. However we still need more members to volunteer as group leaders/contact people.

Committee members have been issued with the standard blue+yellow U3A lanyards so they are easily recognised as Committee Members.

U3A diaries are still available, contact Joyce Smith.

## Activity **News**

Tony Kelly (activities co-ordinator) informed us that the next TEN PIN BOWLING will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct (instead of Sept).

Alan Johnson is hosting a JAZZ appreciation afternoon on Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. At 2pm, 102 West Avenue, So. Shields

A new ZUMBA class is to start it will be adapted to suit mature members.

Lilian's monthly dining experience is changing from a Thursday to a Wednesday next month, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wed in the month -10<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Janet Wylie is starting a craft club monthly on a Wed. And so is Joan Murphy on a weekly basis, more information later.

Shirley Stratford is standing down from Local History so a new group leader is needed to take her place. With the winter coming it has been suggested that members may like to STUDY local history, rather than visiting places of a historic nature?

There is to be a social night at The Armstrong Hall on Friday evenings also a New Years Eve party is to be arranged at same venue, more details at the Oct. Meeting.

Bioethics Day at the CENTRE FOR LIFE Newcastle Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. Please phone Tony Kelly for more details

For more details of mentioned activities please visit the CAER URFA website ([www.cussu3a.btck.co.uk](http://www.cussu3a.btck.co.uk)), ring contact from Newsletter or ring Activity Coordinator, Tony Kelly on 4563068.

**Next meeting Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. Of each month**