

A Successful Open Day for the U3A!

Despite the rather dismal weather on Tuesday 8th June there was an excellent attendance at Walton Community Centre for the annual Stone & District U3A Open Day.

The event attracted many existing members and newcomers were also welcomed. Distinguished guests included Stone Town Mayor, Councillor Rob Kenney and Mrs Bev Kenney. Hillary Stringer, the U3A West Midlands Region Trustee, travelled from Ross-on-Wye to be present and said afterwards how much she had enjoyed her visit and what a vibrant U3A Stone & District was.

Stone chairman and group leader Ken Fulford led his Gentle Exercise Group through a couple of their routines and soon had the audience involved by inviting them to join in with an impromptu sing a long to the musical accompaniment.

Next the French Group gave a very able and amusing 'Allo 'Allo inspired sketch complete with their very own Monsieur Rene café proprietor, who was on hand to provide any translations if required!

Finally the newly formed Kurling Group demonstrated their abilities. If you thought Curling was all brushes and ice think again! A portable target and a highly polished floor is all you need. The group members soon had volunteers queuing up to have a go, some with more success than others!

In the Chairman's Hall there were many static displays, covering a large number of the activities enjoyed by the U3A members.

Something to suit most tastes is available through the various groups. Examples of members work from the Drawing and Art Groups were exhibited, together with a slide show by the Digital Photography and Media Groups. Enthusiastic Group leaders and members were available to describe the extent of their pursuits be it Bowls, History, Crafts, Crochet, Badminton et al.

A most enjoyable afternoon showing the continuing development of Stone & District U3A.