

Memory Café Update 20

As at 11th March 2019

As usual the sun shines on the righteous and we had a delightfully sunny morning, albeit a bit chilly around the nether regions due to the strong wind. To add to the sunshine spirit, we were entertained by UKE-3A, the ukulele band formed from the Royston U3A. They gave us a heart-warming programme of songs for 45 minutes, with most of us singing along (when we could remember the words!). They included an Abba song and had there been the “Dancing Queen” we might have had a few dancing on the tables.



To conclude we had a few poems including “My Satnav” by Pan Ayres read by Neil Heywood, “Warning, When I am an old Woman” by Jenny Joseph read by Thelma Groves and the “Owl and the Pusseycat” by Edward Lear read by David Izod.

WARNING

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me.
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.

I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens .
But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.

We had eighteen guests and 20 volunteers and a good time was had by all. I would like to thank Wenna Hills, Julia Bell, Peter and Barbara Mitton, Peter Homent, Howard Peacock, Carol Read and Spider, Neil Heywood, Karin Weston, and Steve Higginbotham.

But a special thanks go to the UKE-3A band of Cathy Carlin, John Bishop, Len Bell, John Bennett, Tim Shepard, John Ledden, John Fowl, Lizzy Bet, with apologies to names any that I did not get on my list!

David Izod

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