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The annual lunch, attended by 50 members was held at the College of Food on 3rd March.

A New Members Meeting providing a welcome and information on u3a was held at The Court Oak, Harborne on 23rd March. Liz gave some historical background on u3a and explained its three guiding principles. Jane outlined social events; Howard Price spoke about groups currently available and the benefits of joining in while Chris Bluck explained our website. It was attended by a dozen new members who introduced themselves to each other and addressed the personal application of the u3a logo 'learn-laugh-live'.

The Annual Summer Coach Trip arranged to tour Anne Hathaway's Cottage and to spend a day visiting Stratford unfortunately did not go forward due to lack of sufficient interest. Members are warmly invited again to contribute suggestions for future trips.

In early August, in place of a general meeting, a traditional afternoon tea was held at Saint Peter's Church Hall, Harborne, using outside caterers, Pickles. The hall looked summery and inviting with the doors open to the garden and its seating. We would like to thank Jennie Earl for her table flower arrangements. It was a relaxed and sociable afternoon enjoyed by forty three members.

The Quiz was held on Friday 13th November in the hall at St Faith and St Laurence Church, Harborne. Forty three members risked the date and the heating problems and seven teams competed. Thanks go to Sue Lawlor and the helpers who kept us supplied with drinks and cake even while supporting the desperately outnumbered Billy No Mates Team. The winning team, Outnumbered, gradually edged into the lead with 51 points. The winners had been closely hounded by three teams up to the last round: Blond Bombshells, last year's victors at 49, Blue Sky at 48 and Strollers at 46. Disputes over answers were fortunately bloodless and in the end, inconsequential. Honourable mentions also go to Odds and Ends and Nomads.

Liz Price and Jane Street

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