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We recently held our Summer lunch at the Manger Public House in Bradfield Combust. The food was mainly good, but the helpings were much too large for some people. Maybe somewhere else next time? The number attending was 16 including 4 guests so we had a good time. I cannot help but think back to the days when we had over 30 people at venues like Nowton Village Park House, Ashlar House and the Cricket Club with Roff Caterers for the latter.

Outings also are restricted by numbers - we were able to hire a coach in our own right back in former days. The Post Office Sorting and Distribution Centre when we went underground was one such occasion.

Meanwhile, our next outing will shortly be booked with a local coach company and we shall go along with members of the public. Sue gave us a choice of 4 venues, the one with the most selections, coupled with availability of seats will be the one. At the moment, it looks like Sandringham House and Gardens, then on to Hunstanton. More details from Sue shortly

Times change however and many clubs such as ours are suffering a drop in numbers, although I do understand that U3A does well.

We now have David Gray arranging our Speaker Programme, easing the load on Sue. For our meeting on 14 August, we will have had Pat Church talking to us about being a projectionist and his role at the Abbeygate Cinema. Then on 9 October, David has engaged Andy Abbot, former photographer for the Bury Free Press, to talk to us. Thanks both to Sue for her time prior to this and to David for taking on the role.

For our future as a Branch, it is important that we have volunteers stepping up to the mark for these positions, so thanks again to everyone involved with the running of the Branch.

Apologies for those of you that have read this before, but it will have been sent out earlier as my local Newsletter for August. Meanwhile, keep well everyone and hopefully will see you soon.

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