

## AGM

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend the AGM on 11<sup>th</sup> February. 44 members attended and following the meeting were treated to musical entertainment provided by Mr. Richard Churchley.

## Membership

During the AGM opnocs new membership scheme was introduced. Membership would be £2 per annum and entitle those who signed up to discounts on trips, the quarterly newsletter and other relevant information. To date 74 people have registered as a member of opnocs.

## Funding

Funding from Birmingham Council has been extended until the end of June. This is because of a delay in assessing applications from consortia to deliver Universal Prevention Services in Birmingham. Opnocs is part of a consortium led by Birmingham Multi Care.

## Ageing Better update

Opnocs is a partner of the Sparkbrook Ageing Better Hub. The bid, led by Narthax was submitted on 8<sup>th</sup> April. Narthax is based at St. Johns Church, Sparkhill. . £250,000 will be available to provide activities and services in Sparkbrook. A further £400,000 will be made available further consultation with older people and the formulation of an Action Plan. As opnocs is based in Sparkbrook we should be able to apply for pockets of money to provide activities for our members.

## Grants

Opnocs has received a grant of £1,850 from Comic Relief Local Communities. This will allow opnocs to continue the

provision of computer classes for older people. More information to follow. Also, Opnocs has just received notification of a successful bid for £900 from Sport Relief Community Cash. The grant will be used to provide mini trips for less mobile members. In the past we have taken members for afternoon tea at various local venues.

## Trips

Firstly, thank you to all our members who sent in their preferences for trips. Any preferences not included for 2016 will be held on file to be considered at a later date.

The following trips have been arranged and booking forms are enclosed.  
26<sup>th</sup> May Bridgnorth and Severn Valley Railway.

16<sup>th</sup> June Bath

More trips will be arranged later in the year.

## Balsall Heath Library

The library is running free computer classes on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

Learn how to browse the internet safely, set up an e mail account and much more.

Either pop in or phone the library 464 1962.

## Contacting Opnocs



Tony and Phil can be contacted on 464 1890. If your call is unanswered you will be re-directed to the admin

office where you can leave a message. They will take your details and pass this on.

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