

The Worksop and District U3A's Showcase Event at the Savoy Cinema, 12th December 2013

After months of planning, meetings and liaising with the Savoy Cinema and many other local companies in Worksop, Gloria Williamson's idea came to life!

The Worksop and District U3A's Cinema Group use the Savoy cinema for monthly screenings of popular films. Being an integral part of the Cinema Group, Gloria suggested the December meeting could be used to not only enjoy the classic film "It's a Wonderful Life" but also showcase our U3A.

A team of very enthusiastic volunteers then came on board to make the event the wonderful success it turned out to be. There were endless meetings with the Savoy manager and staff, and U3A members tirelessly approached local businesses for their assistance.

Two local companies, Extreme Hospitality and Greencore were very generous in providing a delicious buffet which was laid out in each of the 6 screens. The Savoy manager also kindly offered to print all the advertising posters and tickets for the event. Additionally, over 50 local companies donated a fantastic display of Raffle Prizes.

In total over 60 of our U3A members were there to help on the day – all dressed in black and white complete with a top hat. The Savoy staff also joined in with this theme, making us all easily recognisable if anyone needed assistance. Even the Savoy manager entered into the spirit of things by making a great Father Christmas!

Many of our 30 individual groups produced a very colourful and interesting display for the 'exhibition area' along the corridors leading to the 6 screens within the cinema. A member of our Photography Group also produced a short DVD showcasing some of our group activities. The music used for this film was aptly named "Young at Heart". This was screened before the main film and looked most impressive on the big screen.

A group of Meeters and Greeters were positioned at the main entrance to the cinema to give our guests a warm friendly welcome, offering assistance where needed. As guests arrived they were also greeted by the sound of our Steel band, 'Steelpantastic' – they played a wonderful medley of Christmas songs.

The team of ushers/usherettes who came forward to assist certainly proved invaluable on the day. They worked alongside the Savoy staff to ensure our 550 guests were **comfortable, well fed and happy!**