

Two Musical Evening Events

In June and July 2019, Reigate and Redhill U3A members were entertained by two musical evenings celebrating four song writing icons.



The first event was devised by Edward Marston about the lives and works of Gilbert and Sullivan. The story of how their professional lives developed into such a fruitful collaboration was



narrated and performed by Geraldine Horn, Michael Beach and Mike Cockett and illustrated by songs from Edward Marston, Daphne Fairbrass and friends from the Singing for Pleasure Group 1. Projected photographs and extracts from recent professional performances added an extra dimension and showed their continuing popularity – also demonstrated through the enthusiastic audience participation.



Then it was the turn of Cole Porter and Noel Coward to have their story told through a show entitled '*Mr Porter and Mr Coward*' devised by Michael Beach and narrated by Michael and Geraldine Horn. Porter and Coward never worked together but were good friends in spite of their very different backgrounds and styles of writing. Those different styles made for a very varied evening of wonderful songs, familiar and not so familiar, performed by the Singing for Pleasure group which delighted the audience. At both events, the singers were accompanied by Gina Eason on the keyboard.



As a member of the audience said, "What amazing talent we have in our U3A!".