

Monday May 11th 2026

“It Takes Two” - Janette and Colin Sykes

Review By Jean Brown

As this was the Buxton and District u3a's AGM in this our 30th Anniversary year, we had some very special entertainment after the AGM meeting provided by Janette and Colin Sykes.

(The AGM is minuted separately).

Janette and Colin entertained us with a wonderful mix of songs from over the years. These were mostly in English but included one or two in French (Douce France and C'est Si Bon), both favourites with Janette, who is also our French Conversation group co-ordinator. Both Colin and Janette went on to include references to the groups they both enjoy. Colin was 'Dancing in the Street' - referencing Country Dancing, and Janette sang a version of the old time classic 'I'm Leaning on a Lamppost', made famous by George Formby. (Colin stressed the Ukulele group DO NOT actually play this!) The walking group was serenaded with 'These Boots are made for Walking' and there were also odd word changes to songs to include u3a references.

Colin and Janette interspersed the set with a mix of banter and a few of Colin's renowned jokes - on this occasion everyone a gem. For the finale they chose 'Pearl's a Singer' - a reference to the 30th Anniversary - and finished with the very apt 'Young at Heart', including the amended (and appropriate) lyric 'You can learn, laugh and play when you're in u3a'.

After the entertainment members of Buxton and District u3a who attended the AGM contributed a generous donation of £66 on behalf of Helen Atkin Group Riding for the Disabled Association in Buxton. Janette has sent a sincere thank you on behalf of herself and Colin.