

## U3A ANNOUNCES MOODY BLUES PRIZE DRAW WINNER



Ilkley & District u3a is delighted to announce that **Bernard Moran from Yeadon** is the winner of the prize draw for tickets to the Moody Blues tribute concert. Bernard's name was drawn by Richard Bradley, Chair of the Friends of the Kings Hall & Winter Gardens (pictured left). When contacted over the Jubilee weekend Bernard said, "I saw the details of the draw on Twitter and decided to enter. I'm absolutely delighted to win and look forward to what I'm sure will be a super night of musical memories."

John Hancock of Ilkley & District u3a commented, "We are most grateful to Bradford Theatres for providing the prize. Moody Blues songs are the background to our youth so u3a members and their friends made nearly 100 additional visits to our website just to enter the draw."

Bernard and his friends will watch the concert from a newly refurbished box. Richard Bradley explained that the Friends of the Kings Hall had recently completed some work to improve the comfort and finish off the venue.

### *Richard Bradley makes the draw*

Richard said, "Eight local companies sponsored the refurbishment of the boxes, which was completed over lockdown. They were repainted, new carpets laid and new bespoke chairs made. These chairs are unique for our venue, of a very high standard, and much more comfortable than the previous ones. While doing this refurbishment we also paid for the front of house and staircases to be re-carpeted and new signage throughout the building."

He added, "Most notably the only person to pay twice for the box refurbishment (since 15 years ago) was Alan Titchmarsh."



Without the Friends starting over 20 years ago it is questionable whether these venues would still be here in Ilkley. By joining the charity and pledging just £2 a month you can support this valuable amenity and invest in its future. Search for Friends of Kings Hall & Winter Gardens Ilkley (<https://friendskhandwg.org>) and look for the Support of Friends link.

Thanks to the Friends of the Kings Hall and Bradford Theatres, this venue is now attracting an increasing number of performers drawn by enthusiastic audiences. The Moody Blues tribute concert on 23 June is only one example. Search Bradford Theatres ([bradford-theatres.co.uk](http://bradford-theatres.co.uk)) for more events, the Friends of the Kings Hall ([friendskhandwg.Ilkley.org](http://friendskhandwg.Ilkley.org)) to get involved with this ongoing project, or look up Ilkley & District u3a ([ilkleyu3a.org](http://ilkleyu3a.org)) to be sociable in your retirement.