

# Reply for better times in future

**F**OR the single and unattached, finding like-minded individuals to socialise with can be really tough, especially if you're a successful professional with a hectic schedule and little free time.

With more and more disillusioned by speed dating and personal ads, social and introduction agencies have become a popular way of meeting new people and they often have a personal touch that other dating methods lack.

When Anne Stringer and husband Roland acquired Burton Latimer-based RSVP Introductions in May 2006, they quickly realised that nothing beats the personal touch when it comes to bringing people together.

"We liked the fact that, despite RSVP Introductions having a large, active membership, the staff always retained a personal, friendly approach that you usually only find in small family-run businesses," says Anne. "They took great care to ensure that individuals were well-matched and that the events were relaxed and fun for everyone."

Since 1992, RSVP

Introductions has brought together over 14,000 people through social events such as dinners, dances, walks, canal trips, racing days, ten-pin bowling and weekend mini-breaks.

"Over the last few months we've focused on increasing the range of events for the agency's two divisions – RSVP for 25-55 year olds and Better Times for the over 55s," adds Anne. "With about 45 events a month for RSVP members, even the busiest person can squeeze one of our enjoyable evenings into their busy schedule.

"On the other hand, if someone's retired and doesn't have to worry about getting up for work on a Monday morning, our UK and Europe mini-breaks are perfect for socialising at length in a relaxed, informal environment. We are one of the few agencies in the country that recognise retirement is the perfect time to meet new people and visit new places and we're very keen to build up this side of the business."

For more information on RSVP and Better Times, phone Anne, or any of the RSVP team, on 01536 420231.



*New owners Anne Stringer and husband Roland – looking to increase the range of monthly events for members.*