



**Welcome to new members:**

Peter Field, Patricia Taylor-Milton and Doreen Whyte.

**GROUPS and EDUCATION**

**LOCAL HISTORY THROUGH THE MUSEUM**

Next meeting starts in Museum café at 2.30 p.m. on Monday 23 February. Members who have volunteered will give short presentations on Turner in Salisbury, William Longspee, the Council House, John Halle and others).

**GROUPS & TALENTS DAY, 17 March**

We hope that as many groups as possible will provide exhibition material about their activities, even if it is only a poster. Individuals who would like to bring a display based on their own talent or hobby, please contact Jean Lunnon 335909.

**GROUPS 2004-2005**

The planning process for next season's groups programme is already underway. We depend entirely on volunteer group leaders from within our U3A, so **all** members are encouraged to think about coordinating a new group on a subject that interests them. There is plenty of advice and support available, and preparation and venues can be shared. Expertise is not required, just enthusiasm.

**VILLAGE VISITS**

Please note the visit planned for 19<sup>th</sup> February will now be held a week later on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February* Dr Diane Coles CMAR medical research will speak on "Vaccine Research and Development".

**LOCAL NEWS**

**U3A CHRISTMAS DINNER 2003**

Forty members attended the combined U3A Christmas Dinner at the south Wilts Golf Club on 17 December. The Raffle, organised by Bryan and Janet Griffiths, made £55 which has been sent to Saya Peter in Burma for the leper colony.

Thank you to the members for their generous donation of prizes.

**Cyril Gordon**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subs were due by 1<sup>st</sup> February. Membership Cards (which act as receipts) will be issued to all those who paid by the first week in February.

The many of you who failed to pay by then will have to be patient and wait until the Treasurer returns from holiday in the middle of March. However, please send him your cheques to await his return! See last month's note.

**OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES**

*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March* Madam Butterfly by the WNO at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton, depart Coach Station 5.50 and Tescos at 6pm for 7.15pm start. Price £23.50

Rosemary is desperate to sell 10 more tickets so do call her on 710260 if you can go, and take your friends.

*Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April* Breamore House

A visit has been arranged as a follow-up to the talk given last year on Breamore House by Ms Pat Shepherd. A guided tour of the house is planned at the reduced group rate of £4 per head if we can muster at least 15 people. There is no maximum limit.

Make your own way to the house, which is on the way to Fordingbridge, and meet in its car park at 1.45pm for a 2pm start.

There is a 300 yard walk up to the house but cars with a disabled badge can proceed to the house.

The Countryside Museum in the grounds will be open from 1pm until 5.30pm. Light lunches and home made cakes are served in the Tea Shop from 12 noon.

Money will be collected on the day, but it is **essential** you tell Clare Edwards by the **23 March** if you are coming.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

The TRAVEL NETWORK has a list of 16 exciting holidays advertised from May to October. One includes part of a U3A CONFERENCE in Brisbane, Australia!

**ONLINE COURSES** There are new ones advertised starting in May.

FOLK DANCING NETWORK A weekend of dancing and walking has been booked at Halsway Manor in the Quantock hills for May. Details in their Newsletter.

WALKING NETWORK This is the second most popular subject after Music Appreciation. The latest Newsletter offers advice and requests contributions.

THE RESOURCE CENTRE has provided a bold poster and information letter advertising its services and materials. The Esme Fairburn Foundation has given a large sum of money to support its work.

All the above will be posted on the board and Phyll B will have copies.

### ARTICLES FOR SALE

Free to good home. **Printer** "Color stylewriter 1500" for Apple Macintosh computer, little used.  
01980 863248 Irene Power-Leach

*Please send all contributions for the next Newsletter by the **Wednesday before** the meeting to the Editor:  
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