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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dear Members

Please could I ask you all a couple of questions?

- Do you enjoy what Sarum U3A has to offer?
- Do you appreciate and take advantage of the activities which are arranged for us all?

If the answers are "yes" this is the moment to help to continue the things you enjoy by joining your committee. Participating in this way is not onerous and it keeps Sarum U3A going.

The AGM is on 20 March, so contact Gordon Pardy at the February Coffee Morning or on 01722 504295 for a nomination form.

Thank you and best wishes

Jenny

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members are invited to the AGM which will take place at 10.30am on Wednesday 20 March 2013 at St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury. Nominations for the Committee should be returned to Gordon Pardy at the February Coffee Morning or to him at 35 Bishops Mead, Laverstock, SP1 1RV by 20 February.

Any motions for the AGM should also be forwarded to Gordon by 20 February

The Committee looks forward to seeing you at the AGM

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00am

Wednesday 20 February at 10.30am

Chris Rogers—Flights of Angels

Architectural Historian Chris Rogers will be speaking to us. Chris is a tutor at Marlborough College Summer School which is where I met him, his knowledge and enthusiasm are boundless. This lecture looks at the development of stained glass in the 19th century. Augustin Pugin began renewed interest in stained glass, but it was the pre-Raphaelite painters who took the art of stained glass to a new high, and in this lecture we will look at the work of Edward Burne-Jones and his immediate circle.

Wednesday March 20 at 10.30am

John Bowman : Oman - Jewel of the Middle East

John spent over 35 years working in construction management in the oil & gas industry, retiring at the beginning of 2011. His work took him and his wife all over the world but in particular the Sultanate of Oman where he worked on four projects totalling 11 years between 1979 and 2011. During this time he saw the Sultanate evolve from a poor and desolate place to a 'first world' country with excellent schools, medical facilities, road network, 21st century new towns, villages etc, etc.

It is a fascinating country, populated by wonderful people

Viv Johnson

BUSINESS SECRETARY

This month the Notice Board features a range of interesting material:

1. Details of services the Third Age Trust has set up to help members interested in self-publishing.
 2. A flyer advertising the third edition of "iPad for the Older and Wiser" and listing all the other titles in the Older and Wiser series.
 3. A flyer advertising the Third Age Trust annual Staying Sharp event entitled "Enrich Your Future" which will be held at the Royal Society on Wed 22 May.
 4. The Minutes of the Third Age Trust AGM held in Cirencester on 12 Sep 2012.
 5. An overview of all the insurance policies provided by the Third Age Trust for U3A's, and an accompanying cover note.
- Gordon Pardy.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

I regret that I will be unavoidably detained in Southampton General Hospital at the time of the next Coffee Morning. I promised that I would leave 2 Membership Application Forms with Vivien Johnson together with Membership Badges in holders for the most recent new members

Those who have not yet collected their 2013 badges will have to wait until the March Coffee Morning that I hope I will be able to get to, DV.

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GROUPS

Groups for 2013-2014

One of the many successes of Sarum U3A is the diverse range of subjects covered by our group leaders to whom we all owe a big debt of gratitude. To continue this success we need to continue this diversity with even more different and varied groups. **If you have an interest/hobby that you think might be of interest to others, please offer to start a group.** You may contact us at any time by phone: 01722 322116. If unavailable please leave a message on our answerphone.

Mike & Pauline Watts

Groups Organisers.

Walkers

Thursday February 28

Please meet at the church car park (EX 118 SU 041254) in Broad Chalke ready to start at 10.00am.

This is an adaptable walk and there are ways of avoiding the mud. So, we can walk 4 to 4.5 miles, mainly on good tracks over farmland with extensive views and kissing gates, from Broad Chalke (nearly) to Fifield Bavant and return along by the watercress beds.

Please phone Irene and Alan on 01722 322289 by Tuesday February 26 if you would like to join us and have lunch in the Queen's Head afterwards.

Monday Morning Art Group

A new year, a new interest! If you have always wanted to paint but have not had the time, now is the time to start. Our group has a very wide range of ability so beginners are very welcome. We are happy to share our combined skills with you. The group is friendly and supportive and the Harnham Scout hut is warm. We would love to welcome you into our group.

Phone Linda or David on 01722 710599 if you would like to join us, or just turn up at 10am on a Monday morning.

Rummikub

Rummikub takes place on the first Wednesday of the month in Alderbury Village Hall at 2pm. This group continues throughout the year. Other board games are also available for interested people.

Rummikub is easy to learn and keeps the brain active. The people who currently play are a very jolly bunch. So, if you would like to join us, please come along.

Maureen Pardy

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Visit to Winchester 12 December 2012

On a freezing December morning fifteen of us ventured by minibus to Winchester. The frost encrusted verges en route were picture perfect. On arrival we were led to St Swithun's Church which is situated at first floor level above the Kingsgate.

Free time enabled us to saunter around the expansive Christmas Market, admire the architecture and browse the shops before seeking nourishment in a warm location and warm surroundings.

Meeting later in the Cathedral we had a short but interesting tour - our guide belonged to Winchester U3A. We were taken to the Crypt to see Antony Gormley's statue which stands in water. We were shown Jane Austen's memorial (bones below), a relatively new shrine to St Swithun (bones lost) and the location of six mortuary boxes (bones contained) currently removed to the Lady Chapel for examination. These are believed to belong to past monarchs including King Canute. For me the highlight of the visit was viewing the Winchester Bible and other illuminated scripts in the Library - breathtakingly beautiful.

Attendance at the Pilgrims' School end of term carol concert beautifully sung brought to an end our varied and most enjoyable visit.

Daphne Torok.

Salisbury U3A Science & Technology Group

This group meets informally on the last Monday of the month at Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Lane, East Harnham, at 10.00am. £1 to cover hall hire. Just turn up.

February 25.

Working with metal

With Mike Day.

Salisbury & District U3A Visits

Please see the Notice Board for information on visits, notably Wednesday May 15 to Chartwell in Kent, Churchill's home for many years.

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CONTRIBUTIONS

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