



Welcome to new members:

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GROUPS and EDUCATION

NEW GROUPS FOR NEXT SEASON

'Ideas Sheets' will be available at the AGM/Groups & Talents Day on *17 March* and subsequent Coffee Mornings, so that members can make suggestions for new groups 2004-2005. Do please remember, though, that all groups need volunteer members to coordinate them, and that the emphasis is on 'shared learning'. Groups can be large or small, take place monthly, fortnightly or weekly, and run for just a few sessions or all year round. If you have an interesting idea and/or are willing to run a group or supply a venue, please fill in a sheet or contact the Groups Organiser on 335909. As usual, in the summer all members will have to reapply for all groups, in the interest of fairness for newer members and those wishing to have a change.

LOCAL HISTORY THROUGH THE MUSEUM

Next meeting: *Monday 22 March* starting in the Museum Café at 2.30 p.m. Following the five extremely interesting short presentations we enjoyed last month, this time we shall hear about clay pipes, flint mines, a Franciscan Friary, the Guilds and others. Come along and support your fellow members.

SCIENCE FORUM *Monday 29 March*

Steve Hall from Southampton University Oceanography Department will speak on 'Relations between oceans and climate'.

ANNUAL REPORT

My two-year spell as chairman is now over. Thank you all for making it such a pleasant time.

Overall there has been very little change during the past year as Sarum has been served by a devoted and loyal committee. Sadly Bill Willson had to resign in December for personal reasons, but I want to thank him most sincerely for writing the monthly report to Salisbury Journal, giving an interesting account of our affairs, even though publication was often very delayed. He also took charge of the projector stand. Equipment owned by the U3A can be useful to the members but onerous to look after as there is no storage space at St Francis. Fortunately Ray Thomas has promised to take this on and he also stores our superb portable overhead

projector and excellent screen. Group leaders - remember to make use of them!

The huge professional screen in the hall is privately owned by Mr Gareth Bowen to whom we are most grateful. Another friend of the church John Ricouard, arranges the chairs for us. We all see John Winders dashing in and out with black boxes to enable us to hear all the business of the morning. Thankfully he, and his deputy Alan Bush, will carry on for another year, and so will Ena Baldock who is responsible for recruiting the fine variety of speakers we have, and Clare Edwards who controls the outings and keeps the library file up to date.

The membership continues to grow, thanks to Phyll Mullins, as do the study/activity groups thanks to Jean Lunnon. Even our financial situation is better than last year thanks to Bryan Griffiths.

Other supporters are Bob Adcock running the Sunday Lunches, Lucy Smithson the Book Stall and Mary Cole the major-domo in the kitchen.

I thank them all on your behalf.

PHYLL BABB Chairman

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE are now closed. They are as follows:-

Chairman Peter Tee

Treasurer Bryan Griffiths

Secretary Phyll Mullins

Groups Organiser Jean Lunnon

Ena Baldock

Clare Edwards

Josephine Hawkins

Jenny Mawer

Ray Thomas

John Winders

Hopefully these will be elected at the AGM. Lydia Dungate has offered to be **Newsletter Editor**.

LOCAL NEWS

GROUP LEADERS

Will you please remind all the members in your groups that **subscriptions** are due and should be paid by 31st March to the Treasurer, Bryan Griffiths, or their names will be removed from the list.

TWINNING VISIT

Many of you may know that Salisbury has been twinned with Saintes, near Bordeaux, for some years. As part of the ongoing exchanges a group from Saintes is coming to Salisbury from 18th - 23rd April, and the Twinning Association is looking for help with host families. It is merely a matter of B&B as they will have quite a full programme of visits. If you feel you might like to help I shall be glad to let you have further details.

Peter Tee

NATIONAL NEWS

22nd March the Sci Tech NETWORK meets at the National Museum of Science and Technology, south Kensington, for talks on "Chemical Risks to Life", the new "Ingenious" resource being set up in the museum, and the U3A resources at the national office. Phyll B has details.

SUMMER SCHOOLS in July

Most of these still have spaces so if you are thinking of going it is not too late. Details on the board, or from Phyll B.

U3A AIMS & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

After lengthy discussions at last year's national conference these have been completely re-written in a more suitable form with the new title. They are posted on the board.

OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 6th April Breamore House

Our Sarum visit now has 15 names in the party, but we do need more as that is the minimum number for the party rate of £4, and someone always fails to turn up for various reasons. Please phone Phyll B 504017 if you can join us. Come in your own transport and pay Phyll on arrival. 1.45 for a 2pm start. See Feb Newsletter for more details.

Tuesday 11th May An outing to **Cardiff city**.

Dep. Tesco 8.30am, Coach Station 8.40am, spend the day there as you wish, visiting such places as the City Museum, St. Fagans folk museum or the shops. Depart 4.30pm. Cost £10. To book please phone Rosemary Nicholls on 710260 but not before 22 March.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING SPEAKERS

21st April Paul Mitchell on "Walking Sticks", which he makes.

19th May Political Debate with Caroline Jackson MEP(Conservative), Dave Roberts (Labour) and Graham Watson (Liberal Democrat).

16th June David James on "Roman Salisbury".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are sorry to announce the death of Nia Hickman who passed away on Thursday 26th February.

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

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