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Membership Notes

We welcome Shirley Burkett, Ann Duncan, Geoffrey Hull, Allan Kime and Christine Ravn to our Group.

We are now back to 350 members but we still have about 30 waiting to join us.

Could I please ask that you collect your Membership Cards from me at Coffee Mornings or, if you cannot manage to get there, make arrangements for a friend or another course member to collect them for you. I still have hold of about 100 of them. All those who gave me a SAE at renewal will have received them. It may be necessary for all renewals in the future to include a SAE so that I can disperse them.

I would welcome some help from Course Leaders to ensure that all their members have them.

When you get them, please, please use them – at least at Coffee Mornings and on visits!

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From the Chairman

Dear Friends

It's the Sarum U3A Annual General Meeting this month and three of our committee members are retiring. They are Gill Hinton (Business Secretary), Jean McFarlane (Minutes Secretary) and Judith Copeland (Newsletter Editor). I'd like to thank them for their splendid work over the past few years and wish them well.

I also finish my 2-year term as Chairman but hope to stay on as the new Business Secretary.

Also nominated for election to the committee are Jenny Mawer (Chair) and Gwyn Doran (Minutes Secretary). Frank Doran has agreed to become Newsletter Editor outside the committee. I'm sure they will all do a great job.

My last two years as Chairman have been a wonderful experience, working with such a talented committee (and all the other helpers) and a delightful membership.

Finally, thank you for laughing at some of my jokes at Coffee Mornings.

With best wishes
Gordon Pardy

Coffee Mornings

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00 am

Wednesday 21 March at 10.30 am

AGM -

then Felicity Herring telling the story of Lady Elizabeth Butler, a British painter, one of the few female painters to achieve fame for history paintings, especially military battle scenes including the Crimean War and the Battle of Waterloo.

Wednesday 18 April at 10.30 am

Gordon Lewis will be presenting "Ferrets for Fun", an entertaining illustrated insight into the history of these sometimes-misunderstood creatures, featuring live ferrets on stage that members will be able to stroke and feed. It is likely that ferrets have been domesticated for at least 2,500 years. They are still used for hunting rabbits in some parts of the world today, but increasingly they are kept simply as pets.

Come and learn all about them and see how they even featured in Renaissance Art and Egyptian sculpture.

Groups

Strollers

Thursday 29 March

Please meet at Woodfalls Post Office, opposite the Old Inn Public House, at 10.30 am for a stroll in the New Forest.

If you can come, please ring Marilyn Hunter by Tuesday 27 March on 07786 302006

Striders

Thursday 5 April

Broadchalke and Ox Drove

Please meet at the Church and Village Hall Car Park, Broadchalke for a 10.00 am start (GR 043 252). Turn left opposite Pub car park on right within 200 yards.

This is a 5-mile downland and valley walk in the beautiful countryside around Broadchalke. It is mostly on tracks or well-defined footpaths, 1 fairly steep gradual incline and 5 stiles (easy ones). If you would like to join us and have some lunch in the Queens Head afterwards, please contact Marilyn Howard on 01722 743486 by Tuesday 3 April.

Look forward to seeing you.

Walking Group
Thursday 29 March

Grovely Woods from Great Wishford

Please meet at the Royal Oak, Wishford (GR ref SU 080353) for a 10.00 am start. This is a 5-mile moderate walk on woodland paths and downland tracks and should not be too muddy.

If you would like to join us and have lunch in the Royal Oak, could you please contact Marilyn Howard on 01722 743486 by Tuesday 27 March.

Computer Group

Our Group was originally scheduled to continue until July but, because of a change in circumstances, the last meeting will have to be brought forward to April.

Please note therefore that the current programme will finish on 11 April. All being well, I hope to run the Group again starting in October.

Neil Russell

Croquet

The 2012 Croquet season will start on Wednesday 4 April and run until 26 September inclusive.

Please assemble at the croquet 'lawn' on the South Wilts Sports ground near Skew Bridge in Wilton Road, from 1.30 pm. The cost, payable in cash, is £10 to join for the season and £1 each time you play. We play golf croquet, not association croquet.

Coffee, tea and snacks may be purchased from the bar at the Golf Centre and we can use the facilities there.

If you would like to attend as a visitor (once per season) from Sarum, Salisbury or Spire U3As, and see if you want to join, please come and pay £1 on the day.

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Rummikub – not an alcoholic drink nor a cuddly bear. It is an easy to learn game which is very enjoyable to play.

The Rummikub group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00 pm in Alderbury Village Hall. This will carry on through the summer.

Everyone is very welcome to come along – you need bring nothing but yourself.

Maureen Pardy

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Science & Technology

Monday 26 March

Harnham Memorial Hall

Watersmeet Lane, East Harnham

£1 on the door to cover costs : Just turn up.

"Ejection Seats" with John Eatwell. The history of Martin Baker and his seat.

Sarum Visits

London LEZ Charges

At our Coffee Morning in February a number of members commented on the obvious difference in costs between the London visits (2) and others, for instance Cardiff.

All four operators, and this unfortunately includes clients who are charities, are being hit by what is known as the LEZ charge. This relates to 'emissions' from vehicles entering the Low Emission Zone, of which London is one. From January 2012 buses and coaches over 5 tonnes (ie with more than 8 seats) need to meet the Euro IV standards for particulate matter. The LEZ charge for coaches that we hire for our visits is £200 per day, which equates to an additional cost of some £7.86 per seat (if the coach is completely filled, more if not).

Given the above, once I have recuperated from my operation and having discussed this matter with Gordon, I shall be looking at other coach companies' charges for our Visits this year. So it may be that I can make some reductions – and I will keep you posted.

Visit to Floriade, Holland: September 2012

We are having quite a bit of interest in this holiday, so I would urge those of you who feel they may like an early autumn break, to give me a ring to discuss.

Our Editor: You all know that this is Judith's last edition of our Newsletter; the Visits section extends our grateful thanks to Judith for the many ways she has helped us achieve our input (usually at the last minute!) and we wish her well in what she does next (probably have a good rest!). Many many thanks Judith; what are we going to do without you?

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