



Welcome to new members:

Mrs. Hinton, Ian Leaky, Janice Sanders, Barbara Coleman.

Letter from our new Chairman

As your new chairman I would first like to pay tribute to my predecessor.

Phyll Babb has been at the very heart of U3A, at National level where she served on the National Executive for three years and is still responsible for the on-line courses and, perhaps more importantly for us at local level, as she was a co-founder of Sarum U3A in October 1994, and has since been active in every capacity: as Chairman for two periods, each of two years, Group Organiser, Group Leader and as a group member. In every sense therefore she embodies the spirit of U3A; and for this, on your behalf, I would like to say how much we appreciate all she has done for us over the years. I would also like to acknowledge our debt to Cyril Gordon of Salisbury U3A, who, during the past eleven years has taken members of all three U3As on Village Visits. Cyril has meticulously planned our visits to innumerable villages, (including 119 churches, he informs us) and we are immensely grateful to him for his expertise and enthusiasm. Thank you Cyril.

Finally, as summer approaches, as group activities will be reduced, but the monthly coffee mornings will continue, we can look forward to another varied programme in the autumn. In the meantime, wherever you are and whatever you are doing, I wish you well.

Peter Tee

GROUPS and EDUCATION

Croquet Group Weather permitting croquet will recommence at the beginning of May and continue until September.

JOINT U3A ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

Spire U3A are setting up a new local archaeology group. Anyone interested can attend an introductory meeting on Tuesday 27 April at 10 a.m. in the Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Road.

GROUPS 2004-2005: KEY DATES

In fairness to new members and to other members wishing to try different groups, places on all groups are applied for and allocated on an annual basis as follows:

April: Many groups will be offered again, but we are now making a last call for suggestions for **new** groups and for new volunteers to be Group Leaders/Coordinators.

May: The September 2004 – September 2005 programme will be finalized.

Late May: Each paid-up Sarum U3A member will receive a copy of the new programme, a description of group activities and a Groups Application Form. Members can apply to join up to 5 Sarum U3A groups, stating their priority preferences.

By late June: Members return their completed Groups Application Forms to the Groups Organiser.

Late July: Members are informed whether they have been allocated a place on their chosen groups or put on a waiting list or (rarely) that there is no possibility of obtaining a place. Group Leaders are given the list of members in their group, (including any on a waiting list) and in due course they make contact regarding starting dates and other arrangements.

September/October: We inform Salisbury and Spire U3As of any vacancies in our groups, and they inform us of any in theirs. Those wishing to join groups in a U3A of which they are not a member contact Group Leaders directly at this stage.

These are the rules! In practice, most members are able to join most of the groups they apply for, cheery groups are formed, learning shared and many friends made.

Jean Lunnon, Groups Organiser, Tel: 335909.

NEW GROUPS

It is good to have fresh possibilities for sharing our learning, so please think seriously how **you** can contribute to our U3A. Some of the suggestions received so far are: PLAYHOUSE THEATRE GROUP, LOCAL HISTORY THROUGH GEORGE HERBERT, MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES (based on Howard Goodall's book) and THE STORY OF CHETTLE HOUSE. If you are interested in any of the above, please sign the 'Ideas Sheets' at the April Coffee Morning or telephone the Groups Organiser on 335909. We are still very much open to any other ideas, but please remember that no group can run unless a member volunteers to coordinate the activities.

LOCAL HISTORY THROUGH THE MUSEUM

At the March meeting we once again enjoyed fascinating presentations given by members. This group has now finished after its two terms and won't be renewed for a while, but there is nothing to stop members arranging to gather in the Museum from time to time to explore other areas and for the traditional chat over tea! A different local history group based on the life and times of our local poet, George Herbert, will be offered for September.

Alternative Healing Discussion Group

We started this year with a general discussion on non medical healing and then tried some out ourselves. We combed each other's aura(?) and doused various foodstuffs to see if they were good for us. (Chocolate isn't) We tried relaxation through meditation in December to calm down the pre Christmas stress, and nearly went to sleep. We also discussed Bach flower remedies and other herbal remedies, including Sai Baba's Sanjeevini. Reflexology session had to be postponed due to us succumbing to various nasty bugs (! *Editor*). We will also look at Reikki and Tai Chi etc. *Editors Note: Let us have some more reports. Leaders, badger your members. These are so interesting. E-mail preferred*

OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 11th May Cardiff now full

Tuesday 8th June "La Traviata" at the Mayflower Southampton with W.N.O. sung in Italian with subtitles.

Depart Coach Station 5.30pm and Tesco's 6.00pm
Price £24

Wed 15th June By special request a second visit to the playhouse for a tour with Alan Corkhill. Meet in foyer at 10.30am.

Price £3 incl coffee and biscuits!

Gardening Group visits

Mon 26th April Furzey Gardens Minstead

Depart Coach Station 1.15pm Tesco's 1.25pm

Leave Furzey Gardens 4.30pm

Price £6.75 (£4 if R.H.S. member with card)

Mon 14th June Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens

Depart Coach Station 9.30am Tesco's 9.45am

Leave Abbotsbury 4.30pm

Price £12.50

Mon 12th July Kingston Maurward, Dorchester

Depart Coach Station 10.00am Tesco's 10.15am

Leave Kingston Maurward 4.30pm

Price £10.50 (£7.52 if R.H.S. member with card)

N.B. Lunch is available at Abbotsbury and Kinston Maurward and tea at Furzey Gardens.

For all the above book through Rosemary Nicholls on 710260 after 22nd April

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING SPEAKERS

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

16th June David James on "Roman Salisbury"

Advance Notice National Conference

23rd, 24th August Leicester

(For your Information)

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

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