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Chairman's Notes

Dear Members,
As I write this I am really looking forward to seeing the display of the results of the activities of many of the groups. It will show not only the skills involved but the enjoyment that has been had in the past year by those participating. I'm sure it will inspire us all when we come to choose which groups to join for the coming year. A big thank you to all those who are committed to be group leaders and who give us many hours of pleasure. A big thank you to Anna Taylor for organising it for us.
Best wishes
Jenny

Help/Volunteers needed.

Your U3A and all things it does for us needs some volunteers. You could help everything to run smoothly by helping us in one of two ways:-
1. You could join the Committee, give us ideas on how we could improve things and from time to time give a helping hand with something that needs doing.
2. Take on a specific job – there are several that need your skills – but you don't have to join the Committee unless you wish to. Please don't be shy or leave it to others; get involved – your U3A needs you and you will really enjoy helping.
Talk to anyone on the Committee and you will get a warm welcome.

PIANIST NEEDED FOR U3A CHOIR

I understand that Gemma Coles, the present pianist for the choir, is retiring from this position, so will not be available for next "season". As it's a joint U3A venture I wonder if there is a pianist in our midst who might help here?

Barbara Butler might also like some support in running the choir. I do hope we can find a volunteer as it would be sad to lose the choir.

Coffee Mornings

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00am

Wednesday 16 May at 10.30am

Exhibition of craft groups and leaders' reports. This month we are also celebrating the 30th anniversary of U3A in the UK with a specially commissioned cake to be shared by members at the Coffee Morning.

Wednesday 20 June at 10.30am

Clarinetist, jazz band leader and broadcaster Chris Walker introduces the theme of "The Great American Songbook" and, with the help of rare archive audio and visual material, illustrates just how the great songs of the 20th Century were originated and performed.
<http://www.chriswalkertalks.co.uk/>

Membership Notes

I still have a large number of Membership Cards uncollected and, if you do not get to Coffee Mornings, I would be grateful if you could arrange for a friend to collect on your behalf. With the recent exorbitant rise in Postal Charges, fewer members will want to supply SAEs at the next renewal and I will have to find a better way of getting them to you. Can I just remind you that, if you change your e-mail address or any other personal details, you should let me know as soon as possible. I will then pass it on, but only to those who need to know.

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Groups

From the Groups Organiser

GROUPS FOR 2012 -2013

Your new programme will be available at the **MAY** Coffee Morning. If you cannot be there it will be posted to you immediately.

Please return your Application Form to me with your choices **NO LATER THAN** the **JUNE** Coffee Morning.

Thank you,
Linda Farrow.

Walking Group

Thursday 31 May

We had to cancel the April walk owing to lashings of rain as well as a cough. I think everyone was quite relieved but we shall try it again and adapt if necessary.

This will be a relaxing walk of about 4 miles in the Woodford Valley. We shall start at 10.00 from the car park of the Wheatsheaf pub in lower Woodford (EX130/SU 125 352). The route goes up to Salterton, then on the downs, with lovely views of the valley, to Little Durnford, returning over several improved stiles by the river and through sometimes muddy fields back for a good lunch. Dogs may have to be led ½ mile along the road if there are cows with calves in the field in Lower Woodford but we shall check just before. Please let Irene and Alan know if you are bringing a dog and/or having lunch by Tuesday 29 May.

Strollers

Thursday 31 May

Please meet outside the Co-op supermarket in The Borough, Downton, at 10.30 for a stroll to Charlton All Saints. Those interested call Aileen Manchee by Tuesday 29 May on 01722 742368.

Striders

Thursday 7 June

Please meet at Longridge, Church Street, Winterbourne Stoke, SP3 4SU at 0945/1000 hrs, the home of Elizabeth and John Summerhayes. The walk will be approx 5 miles from Shrewton to Winterbourne Stoke in the Till Valley. Lunch will be a picnic at Longridge (a BBQ if the weather is good). Donations for the Berwick Guide Centre heating update will be welcome. Please phone John on 01980 620737 to confirm your attendance by 5 June.

We will catch the bus from Winterbourne Stoke at 1024hrs for Shrewton. Please bring your bus pass.

The equipment used by the U3A croquet section is showing signs of wear and tear! If anyone has any equipment that they no longer use (especially mallets) and would be prepared to donate to the group, please contact Margaret White on 01722 320806, or Marannwhite@hotmail.com

Science & Technology

Monday 28 May

Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Lane, East Harnham. 10.00

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

“Computer Know How” with Joe Henstridge

Sarum U3A Visits

Spencer House and Victorian Houses

This day was considered by everyone to be “amazing” – “beautiful” – “incredible” – (and that was just the lunch!). Such an interesting day, if exhausting for some (me included). I am sure that those who didn’t manage to join us, should be extremely disappointed. Maybe next year....

Glastonbury (25 June) and Cardiff (30 July)

Please come and collect your Reservation Forms for these two visits, if you attend our May Coffee Morning. If not, I will e-mail/post. There are still some places available, although going fast.

August – Great Dixter

The news is that we will be taking a small coach to Great Dixter in early August. If any member has booked has a problem with Tuesday 7th, then it’s not too late to adjust the day.

Holiday (9th – 13th) in September to Holland and Floriade

Our luxury coach with courier/driver is provided by Angela Coaches, who have an excellent name for holidays. Besides the onboard WC there are also refreshment facilities and of course the coach is dedicated to our group for the duration. Please call me as soon as you can to be included. We are lucky to have the benefit of a 4-star hotel, (Dinner,B&B), which from the brochures looks just the sort of place to rest one’s weary bones at the end of a busy day.

Finally, an apology.

Our visit to the Poppy Factory & Musical Museum had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. This was a great shame as it promised to be a fascinating day. However, we will re-book for later in the year if we have enough interest. I am returning cheques to those members who did book; if you wish to be included please see me at the Coffee Morning, or ring me.

Chris Perry,
Visits Organiser. [Tel:01722 781224](tel:01722781224)

Croquet

Salisbury U3A Outings

Please see details of these outings on the Notice Board at the monthly Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 23 May 2012

Bletchley Park

Tuesday 5 June 2012 – NB Date Change!

London – Royal Festival Hall. Queen's diamond jubilee matinee concert.

Thursday 19 July 2012

Visit Cirencester.

Thursday 16 August 2012

Marlborough

Including 3 hour cruise by horse-drawn barge on Kennet & Avon Canal.

Saturday 13 October 2012

15 Day cruise with Fred Olsen Line, Western Mediterranean.

Thursday 8 November 2012

The Mousetrap at The Mayflower, Southampton

Subject to confirmation:

24 September 2012

Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, White Lodge Museum, and Royal Ballet Resource Centre, Richmond.

If you are interested in any outings please contact John Ewington, Flat 5, Arlington House Bourne Avenue, Salisbury AP1 1LS.

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Contributions

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