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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dear Members

I'm sure we are all looking forward to the group displays, which for many of us help us to decide what groups we would like to join for the upcoming year. We have now had the possibilities, although with so many interesting options it is not easy to decide which groups to join. Thank you Mick and Pauline for organising all that – quite tricky to put all that together.

We have to thank Anna Taylor for all her hard work in getting up and running the display which we all so enjoy - getting group leaders to contribute; then organising where each group has their display; and finally persuading groups to talk about what they have done in the past year.

As you may know, some of us from Sarum, and also some from Spire and Salisbury, are involved in the Shared Learning Project with the Museum. It will be featured at a meeting in October and I have agreed to make a presentation looking at the project from the point of view of the participating U3A members.

Best wishes

Jenny

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00am

Wednesday May 15th

An exhibition of craft groups and leaders' reports.

Wednesday June 19th

This month let me introduce **Judy Grant, Educational Guide, The American Museum, Bath.**

Founded by Dr. Dallas Pratt and John Judkyn and opened in 1961.

We will be taken through the history of America, from its early settlers to the twentieth century. With its remarkable collection of folk and decorative arts, the Museum shows the diverse and complex nature of American traditions. The only museum of Americana outside the United States, it was founded to bring American history and cultures to the people of Britain and Europe.

GROUPS

From Mick Watts, Groups Organiser :

Please see the attached Groups information appendices at the end of this Newsletter.

Striders Walk, Thursday 6th June

Please meet at the footpath end of Middle Street, Harnham for 10.00am start. OS map 129295. We will cross the Netherhampton Road, walk up to the Racecourse beside S Wilts Golf Course. Then walk across farmland, past the Chalk Pit and wend our way down to Harnham into Upper Street and back to our cars. Lunch will be at the Victoria and Albert, Netherhampton. Please contact Angela Turrall on 01722 336627 if you would like to come on this walk.

Walkers Walk, Thursday 30th May

Please meet at the Radnor Arms, Nunton for a level walk of 4 miles around Nunton and Odstock, starting at 10.00. Grid ref 158 262 OS explorer 130. Only one stile, but one short section is across the water meadow so if wet just beforehand there could be a rather wet section to traverse. Lunch afterwards at the Radnor Arms. Please phone Janet on 01722 333064 by Tuesday 28th if you would like to join us.

Fine Dining Group

Time for a good meal again so 9 'Fine Diners' ventured out on Friday April 12th but this time only as far as Anokaa's in Fisherton Street. This is an Indian Restaurant with a difference – in fact the name Anokaa translates as Unique and Excellent and it advertises a 'contemporary Indian Cuisine'. The food is prepared with the usual blend of tasty spices and herbs but without any hot chilli ruining the subtle herbal flavours. The food is presented on the plate more in a Western(contemporary!) style than the typical Indian Restaurant – ie. It is not swimming in ghastly coloured sauces. This is definitely not a restaurant for dieters – the portions were substantial but far too good to leave any on the plate. We had arranged a 2-course set menu for just under £20 with 4 dishes per starter and entrée with a choice of

lamb, duck, chicken, salmon, and a vegetarian, all uniquely cooked. They do have an excellent value Buffet or £9 should one prefer this more energetic option.

To summarise, the food was excellent and everyone marked this very high (well above our average score) but overall this restaurant came out slightly lower than par, probably on comparative assessment of value for money and ambience. If you want a high quality meal with the exotic taste of India then Anokaa is a guaranteed treat of an Indian meal with a difference.

Bryan Griffiths

SARUM U3A VISITS

We are planning a joint visit to The Salisbury and South Wilts Museum with Spire and Salisbury for the **'Rex Whistler: A Talent Cut Short'** exhibition on **Tuesday 18th June**. Visits will be both in the morning and afternoon. We have been allocated 17 tickets so places are limited.

If you wish to buy tickets or would like further information please contact David Morriss on 01722

711216 or david.morriss@zen.co.uk

Salisbury & District U3A Visits

Please see the Notice Board at the coffee Morning for information on these visits.

Contact John Ewington on 01722 500699, or

john.ewington@ntlworld.com

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.

Monday 20th May

iPads and how they work.

With James Samson.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for the June Newsletter should reach me no later than midday on **Tuesday 11th June**.

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