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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dear Members,
I imagine that over the last weeks you, like me, have been looking over the list of groups which will be running after the summer.
What a lot of interesting possibilities but it does make for some hard choices. And what a help in making our choices the very successful display of groups' activities at the last Coffee Morning was. Well done the group leaders and their helpers.
Thank you Mick for producing the list of groups (with, of course, help from Pauline) and thank you also to the members who have volunteered to lead a group (and in some cases more than one group).
We are all delighted to see that we are joining with Spire to run some outings. Lacock and Devizes sound a great beginning. Thank you to David and the Spire members of the sub-committee. I'm sure the visits will be very popular so don't forget to book your place early. I'm hoping there will be space for me.
Best wishes
Jenny

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00am

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.

Wednesday July 17th

Now! This is not something we hear about every day!

We are lucky to have Richard Death from Sarum Morris to speak to us about the ancient tradition of Morris Dancing, its possible origins, music, extraordinary characters and rituals.

The city of Salisbury has one of the oldest documented references to Morris Dancing dating back to 1564. Sarum Morris was formed in 1982 and is a mixed Cotswold Morris side of both men and women dancers. In spring and summer they dance at folk festivals, country fairs and pubs around Salisbury and southern England.

Viv Johnson

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The next edition of "U3A News", which is posted to all members, is due in June. All Sarum members up to number 498 should receive it. If you do not, please let me know.

Since I have to submit postal addresses for this, it is important that all changes of circumstances are reported to me as soon as possible.

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GROUPS

ERROR in GROUPS PROGRAM

Please note there is an error in Group 55 it should read **1902** & not 1962. If you have already submitted your request sheet but wish to join this group in line with the new information please contact us.

Mick Watts, Groups Organiser.

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UK HOLIDAYS GROUP

Recently the group has made a couple of visits which follow up discussions which have taken place over the last months.

Inspirations by our leader Daphne Torok and one of our members Faye Symington meant that we went on a visit to the Shard in London and also a trip to Alresford and Hinton Ampner House.



What a contrast between the two trips. The Shard with breathtaking 360 degree views of London from the highest building in the heart of London. Alresford, a typical English country town with excellent places to have coffee and lunch and a leisurely walk along the river and to look at a host of individual interesting shops. Then on to Hinton Ampner, refurbished in true Georgian style after the fire in 1960, set in wonderful English countryside.

Two contrasting visits to finish off an interesting year of presentations and discussions about good places in UK for having a holiday.

The group continues next year but with a name change to UK in Focus – don't miss it.

SIMPLE BUT SPECIAL GROUP

We held the last meeting of the Simple but Special Group at the end of May.

As usual members brought the ingredients for an interesting 3 course lunch which we then cooked and ate together. The sessions have been an opportunity to try out recipes which we have thought looked good but were nervous of trying out other than on cooks who themselves enjoyed experimenting with new ideas and new tastes and flavours. We had been hoping that the weather would have been kind enough for us to eat outside but unfortunately not. The menu for the day was:- Egyptian Fruit soup followed by Cyprus Chicken and Rice with Pea, Green Bean and Cashew in a Honey and Mustard dressing and for dessert Pineapple and

Ginger fruit salad.

A real feast for our taste buds and a successful trial for new recipes which blended well into a first class lunch.

CHURCHES and PUBS GROUP

On the 8th of May sixteen of the group went to Edington, a small village with a very large monastic church. The Priory was endowed by William of Edington who was born in the village and whose successful career led to him becoming the Chancellor of England. Building work started in 1352 and the Priory was consecrated in 1361. The design is partly decorative and partly perpendicular. The church is over 150 feet long and consists of a nave with aisles on each side, a central tower, transepts and a chancel. The central ceiling is very decorative; there are five altars, one of which is from Imber church, and a set of ten bells. The west end has two large matching doors, thought to be provided so that the two bishops who consecrated the church, the Bishop of Salisbury and the Bishop of Winchester, could enter the church simultaneously. Interesting marble memorials contain sculptures of the children of the families kneeling one behind each other in a row. The main altar has a statue of the poet George Herbert who was married in the church in 1629.

The local pub, The Three Daggers, was very welcoming. We were given a large room upstairs to ourselves and served from an interesting menu which included a 'local's lunch' with 2 courses for £8.50.

Walking Groups

Walkers

Thursday June 27

Please meet at the Black Horse pub (Ex 130 grid ref SU 135 379) in Great Durnford for a lovely walk of 4.5-5 miles in the Woodford Valley, starting at 10.00 am. It is quite hilly countryside around Wilsford and Lake but the pace will be gentle and mostly on good tracks. The distant views to Stonehenge and Lake House will reward us for some rougher paths, stiles and mud by the river - if it has rained by then. Please phone Irene and Alan on 01722 322289 by Tuesday, 25 June if you'd like to join us and have lunch in the Black Horse afterwards.

Striders & Strollers please note:

Due to the short notice I have had about going away very soon, it has not been possible to obtain info from these groups about their July walks. Perhaps the members can contact each other with their proposals. Editor.

History of Jazz

The word "Jazz" conjures up scenes of wild abandon and noise to many - and pleasurable memories to others.

The aim of this group is to study the basic beginnings in the 1800s, following the American Civil War, and continuing to the 2nd World War. We learn how things progressed with the invention of recording devices. We individually present our studies of the characters who have been prominent in this section of the music world, and it is surprising how much social history comes to light. DVDs and CDs are used where appropriate to illustrate the styles and talents of the players.

Naturally, although we try to keep within the limits of the time stated, many performers have copied styles and have re-presented them up to the 1960s, and indeed to the present time, so we cannot exclude them.

Jazz players look for their own interpretations of a theme, much as Bach and Mozart did in their time. They performed in theatres and coffee houses, whereas jazz players entertained in dance halls and "dens of vice".

We all appreciate entertainment but don't necessarily know or understand the social backgrounds of the performers. We try to give consideration - why not join our monthly endeavours?

Jim Watkinson.

VISITS

Proposed Joint Visits of Sarum and Spire U3As

Wednesday September 11th

Coach from Salisbury to Devizes; morning tour of Wadworth's Brewery, and afternoon 2hr boat trip on the Kennet & Avon Canal. Estimated cost £29.50, excluding food and refreshments.

Wednesday October 9th

Coach from Salisbury to Lacock Abbey, village, etc. Services of Blue Badge Guide around the village during the morning, and after lunch, free time to explore the gardens or visit the Fox Talbot Museum. Estimated cost £20, excluding food, refreshments, and entrance fee. (National Trust members free; others group rate £9.10 per head).

There will be 15 places each for Sarum and Spire, so please book early if you wish to come. Further information from David Morriss on :

01722 711216, or david.morriss@zen.co.uk

Salisbury & District U3A Outings

Please see the Notice Board at the Coffee Morning for information on these outings.

Contact John Ewington on 01722 500699, or

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OTHER

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 June 24th

Bore Hill Farm Biodigester, Malaby Biogas Ltd, with Thomas Minter.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Readers will no doubt realise that this edition is presented earlier than usual. Regrettably, various family problems have conspired to arrive simultaneously and the upshot is that the only opportunity for my wife and I to have a break is now.

Contributions for the July Newsletter should reach me no later than midday on **Tuesday July 9th**.

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