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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dear Members,

I am sorry to start this by letting you know that Chris Perry has resigned as our Visits Organiser. As many of you know she has some health problems. This together with difficulties with her broadband at Broad Chalke, and the fact that she is without her own transport, has made organising the visits more arduous than it should be.

She has done a magnificent job as Visits Organiser and given great pleasure to all who have participated in the visits she has organised.

A BIG THANK YOU Chris from us all.

I am pleased to say that the visits to Oxford and Winchester will take place but with stand-in leaders.

NEXT—We will be needing someone to take over from Chris—a hard act to follow. But, I am sure that there is someone who is reading this who has organising talent and who would like to carry on the good work. Whoever it is will have help and support.

Do please think that if it could be you, talk to any member of the Committee about what it entails.

Best wishes,

Jenny.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00am

Wed 17 October at 10.30am

Linda Turner talks footwear in *Yes, she was a cobbler*, entertainingly describing her experiences as a lifelong shoe repairer.

The cobblers' mantra is well-known - I will heel you, I will save your sole, I will even dye for you.

Enough said!

Wed 21 November at 10.30am

Hazel Docherty, who has led us on a number of our Sarum U3A London visits, describes *Working as a Blue Badge Guide*, the ups and downs, the madness, the unpredictability, the thrill, excitement and surprise of the people and places. When it comes to training guides you can add despair of the clients to the above. I can't wait!

Gordon Pardy

BUSINESS SECRETARY

Advice Sheets

Periodically the U3A Trust issues Advice Sheets for U3A Members on various topics. Recent issues available to view at the Notice Board include **Advice Sheet 10** on Licences (photocopying, digital images, recorded music, DVDs/videos, public performance of music) **Advice Sheet 14** for group leaders/co-ordinators/facilitators, and **Advice Sheet 15** on Shared Learning Projects.

U3A National Chess by email.

The group went live in February of this year. It has grown to over 70 members across the UK with different levels of ability, from just beyond beginners to county level—which means that you can always find someone of similar ability. Basically you have your own chessboard set up and play by sending and receiving emails. The group operates via a page on the U3A Trust website, which holds for every participant: name/U3A/grade/short chess profile, and email address. For more information and advice on deciding your grade email the organiser, Dick Chapman at dick.chapman@ntlworld.com

Please turn over

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Attached to this Newsletter are 2 Renewal Forms for 2013 membership. Form A can be used by those members who have email and pay by Standing Order/Direct Debit. This form can be completed and returned to me by email.

All the rest who do not use email will need to return the other form with their cheques or conformation of a Standing Order.

Payment is not due until January but giving advance notice will, I hope, help many members. If you feel like paying early I am always at Coffee Mornings but I hope that the bulk of Renewal Forms and cheques will be returned at the December Coffee Morning, where a box will be available.

It may be a bit tedious to repeat your personal details each year but it does enable me to maintain an accurate database and gives me a paper copy for filing, so please be patient with me!

New Membership Cards will be available in the New Year but, if you cannot get to the monthly meetings to collect yours, you can always let me have an SAE to post it to you, or you can get a friend or group member to collect it for you.

Since more of us are getting into the good habit of wearing our name badges, I would like to get the new cards collected as soon as possible. I still carry 34 uncollected cards for 2012 and even have cards for 2011 for 6 members!

Tony Munday

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GROUPS

Striders

Thursday 1 November

Please meet at 10.00am in the car park of the Silver Plough, Pitton. GR 214312, OS Landranger 184. This is a walk of app 5miles through varied, attractive countryside to the site of Clarendon Palace. Please ring Gwynneth Doran, 01722 710124, if you wish to join the walk, and if you wish to stay for lunch afterwards.

Strollers

Thursday 18 October

Please meet at Woodfalls Post Office at 10.00am for a gentle 3 mile stroll in the New Forest. Boots or waterproof footwear are recommended. Please ring Marilyn Hunter, 07786 302008, if you wish to stay for a pub lunch afterwards.

Please note that members decided that future walks will be on the third Thursday of every month. We hope that is convenient to all.

Future walks:

November 15, Elizabeth Kemp, 01722 414514

Dec 13, Christmas Lunch

January 17, Sue & George Sargent, 01980 625663

February 21, Viv Spencer, 01725 512133

Walking Group

Thursday 25 October

Meet in the free car park at Old Wardour Castle at 10.00am. (To find CP follow Eng Heritage SP from Ansty). Walk app 4 miles with 7 or 8 modern stiles in good condition. Lunch afterwards at Barford Inn, Barford St Martin. Please ring Marilyn Beattie on 01722 320216 by Tuesday Oct 23 if you would like to join us.

Science & Technology Group

Last Monday of each month at Harnham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Lane, East Harnham. Starts at 10.00am.

Just £1 to cover costs. No membership required, just turn up.

Monday 29 October

ENVision - measuring the surface of Venus, with Chris Cochrane

Sarum U3A Visits

Oxford, Ashmolean Museum

Thursday 25 October

Recently redeveloped for £61m and integrated with the 1845 Museum. Afterwards to the Pitt-Rivers. Entry to both is FREE so cost is £25.

Winchester, December 12

A Highlights Tour of the Cathedral in the morning, followed by a Carol Service with the Pilgrims' School singers in the afternoon. Cost is £18.

Contributions

Contributions for the November Newsletter should be sent to me by midday on **Tuesday November 6**. Frank Doran, Editor.

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