



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dear Members

The last month seems to have been a stay at home one for me although I know that quite a few of you have taken the on-coming of autumn to take a holiday before the chillier weather sets in. I'm sure you have returned to the groups you have signed up for with recharged batteries.

In the last week I have been representing you all at two "get-togethers" of U3A's in this region which stretches from Bath to Pewsey and Salisbury to Chippenham. They were excellent opportunities to share experiences, both good and more challenging, and share solutions to any difficulties.

The regional conference had discussions on finding ways to ensure the inclusion of older and less mobile members in group activities. We should try to make sure we are thinking to achieve this.

I was also asked, this time representing all the 3 Salisbury U3A's, to make a presentation, with Adrian Green – the Museum Director, describing the Shared Learning Project (SLP) in which members from all our U3A's are involved. We have contributed to the creation of supplementary exhibits in the new Wessex Gallery and the packing up of the exhibits in the 2 Galleries which the Wessex Gallery is replacing. An excellent opportunity to demonstrate our participation in an SLP and contributing positively to the local community.

Thank you to all members who are involved – an enjoyable, instructive and worthwhile experience which is still on-going.

Best wishes
Jenny

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00am

Wednesday 16th October

This month we have Steve Oakes, a tireless supporter of the RSPB. He will be speaking to us about the Miracle of Bird Migration.

Wednesday 20th November

Roger Watson is curator of the Fox Talbot Museum at Lacock. His talk on early photography is entitled "Capturing the Light"

Viv Johnson

BUSINESS SECRETARY

The Third Age Trust has carried out a major re-vamp of its website. It is now easier to navigate and is packed with information about the U3A movement. There are articles and online videos from U3As around the country, news about events and competitions, subject advice, the Roll of Honour (worth a look), guidance on how to borrow DVDs and CDs from the Resource Centre and much more. To have a look click here:

www.u3a.org.uk

Gordon Pardy

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The renewal date for subscriptions is, for some strange reason, 10th January and for the next year the amount remains as £11 for one member and £21 for a couple at the same address.

If you do not already pay by Standing Order, this may be a good time to arrange this with your bank in order to save yourselves the bother of completing and sending one of the increasingly rare things called a cheque!

Do it now while you think about it.

The U3A details to give to your bank are;
NatWest Bank Plc, Blue Boar Row, Salisbury.

Account Name: Sarum U3A Account Number:
78565340

Sort Code: 54-41-19

Please use the name that you show on your membership badge and the starting date as 10th January. Please ensure that you have not already got one in place.

I will be sending out renewal notices in next month's newsletter to those members who do not use e mail.

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GROUPS

Striders

Thursday November 7th,

We are meeting at Fritham car park SU 142 233, near the Royal Oak pub, for a 10 o'clock start, a 5 mile walk hopefully not too wet under foot, walking towards Holly Hatch and over the heathland of Fritham Plain.

If you would like lunch please phone Pat Cliff on 01722 710308, a couple of days before.

Walkers

Thursday October 31st

Please meet at Highcliffe Castle Car Park, Christchurch, at 10.00am, for a walk to Mudeford, catch the ferry to Beach Café for tea/coffee, followed by a walk around Hengistbury Head. Return to Highcliffe for lunch.

If you would like to join us please contact Marilyn Hunter on 07786 302 008 not later than Tuesday October 29th.

Strollers

Thursday October 17th.

Please meet at the Old Castle Inn, opposite Old Sarum monument, Castle Road, at 10.30am for a walk around Old Sarum and the Avon Valley Path. Please contact Marilyn Hunter on 07786 302 008 if you will be joining us.

From the Appreciation of Trees Group:

Trees are those awful things that drop leaves and sticky stuff on our cars – aren't they? They are all over the place and we tend to ignore them in our busy lives until the day when we become aware that the sun is shining on them and we notice the beauty of their forms and colours.

Remember the time, perhaps long ago, when we carved our initials on the trunk in those wonderful woods..... or the beautiful paintings or poetry or those botany lessons at school, not to mention the Latin classes.

I started the Group over two years ago not knowing anything specific about trees but having a love of their beauty at all times of the year. I quickly gathered more members with a wealth of knowledge of species, Latin names, skills with cameras, water-

colours and folk-lore. We have visited the Close and Parks around the city which revealed a multitude of varieties. Moving further out we had an interesting morning in Garston Woods, guided by an expert, which we plan to visit again – we've travelled to Hillier's Arboretum & Stourhead also.

This session we have ventured into Wilton House Gardens and journeyed out to Pepperbox Hill. Plans are to visit the Cemetery in London Road (there are some huge trees there) and walk the riverside from the Maltings to Five Rivers. We have shivered our way around Victoria Park – which is to be avoided so the Winter programme is flexible – even though the trees in their bare state have a beauty to be recognised. Our plans are simple and we share transport when necessary. Our eyes have **been opened**.

Jim Watkinson – Group Leader

Science and Technology Group

This group meets informally on the last Monday of the month at Harham Memorial Hall, Watersmeet Lane, at 10.00am. There is a small charge of £1 to cover hall hire, etc. Just turn up!

Monday October 28th.

The Pros and Cons of GM Crops.

With Sylvia Parrett.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for the November Newsletter should reach me no later than midday on **Tuesday 12th November**.

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