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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dear Members,

I am writing this rather earlier than I usually would but tomorrow I am going to Malta on an Archaeology trip and so also hoping that there will be some sunshine to make me forget about all the rain we have been having. One really bright note is the numbers of people attending the monthly Coffee Mornings - they have gone up - and that is certainly apparent when I look down the Church from where the speakers stand. It must be great for them to see the enthusiastic attendance of members for their talk.

I am hoping a great number of people will be buying their January Party tickets at the November Coffee Morning so we have an idea of numbers.

Now, an invitation - I had been booked to go to the South West Regional Conference at Sturminster Newton on November 16. I am unable to go as it is the date for my sister-in-law's funeral. If anyone would like to take my place, please come to talk to me at the coffee Morning.

With best wishes

Jenny

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00am

Wednesday 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 - a raconteuse extraordinaire!

Wednesday 19 December at 10.30am

Tristan de Vere Cole gives a talk entitled *Augustus John, a personal reminiscence*. Flamboyant bohemian artist Augustus Edwin John OM (4 January 1878 - 31 October 1961) was a Welsh painter, draughtsman, and etcher. He was celebrated first for his brilliant figure

drawings, and then for a new technique of oil sketching. His work was favourably compared in London with that of Gauguin and Matisse. He then developed a style of portraiture that was imaginative and often extravagant, catching an instantaneous attitude in his subjects. Don't miss this fascinating account of the life of the "King of Bohemia"

Gordon Pardy.

BUSINESS SECRETARY

By popular demand, *On This Day in History* is returning, this time relocated to the Notice Board at Coffee Mornings. Do you ever wonder when Voltaire was born, or when Quentin Crisp died, or when the first untethered hot air balloon flight took place? Then wait no longer. All will be revealed at the Notice Board.

Also on the Notice Board this month, candid photos from the recent Sarum U3A Rioja wine holiday. Spot people you know listening attentively to experts in vineyards and wineries. Observe fellow members eating huge meals in sumptuous surroundings. Wonder at the grandeur of the Cantabrian mountains.

On a more serious note, each month the Third Age Trust sends out various documents for information. This month at the Notice Board there will be Discussion Paper 4 "Making Communications a Priority", a flyer for the U3A Founders' Lecture on 9 April 2013 in London; an advert for the newly available Drama and Theatre Handbook; and a paper on In Depth Study Groups for U3A members who wish to devote much more than the average two hours per month to their group activity.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

I have submitted the name and address of all members up to membership Number 470 to the printers so that all subsequent editions of Third Age Matters can be posted to them. This is a magazine sent free of charge to all U3A members four times a year. Please let me know if you do not get the next edition at the end of November.

Thanks to all of you who have already submitted their Renewal Forms for 2013 membership. I re-attach the appropriate forms to this Newsletter for those of you who have lost, forgotten or just ignored them last month!! Can I please repeat that, if you have previously signed up to Gift Aid your subscription, you do not need to repeat it each year.

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GROUPS

Striders

Thursday December 6th 2012

Please meet at the Harvester Inn, Old Sarum car park at 10am. A five mile walk along the sheep drove to Little Durnford and Woodford,

Please phone Pat Cliff 01722 710308 if you would like to stay for lunch.

Ian and I have been away for two months and I would like to say thanks to the members of the Striders who have helped to keep everyone walking.

Strollers

The Strollers walk for the **15th November** – meet at the Black Horse at Hurdcott for 10.30 start. OS Map 130 grid ref 1680/3360. The A338 will be closed for work to the railway bridge between Ford and Hurdcott so access will have to be via The Roman Road at Sarum coming off at the roundabout for The Winterbournes. Please call Liz Kemp on 01722 414514 to say if you are joining the walk and if you will be staying for lunch.

WALKING GROUP

Thursday 29th November.

Please meet at Dinton Village Hall car park Bratch Lane (off B3089) Grid ref SU016314 OS Explorer 130, for a 10am start.

A pleasant ramble of about 4 1/2 miles on field tracks and paths, with a few stiles with one or two ascents and descents. (unfortunately owing to the recent weather conditions may be a bit muddy) Through Baverstock towards Grovely Woods. The return is across open landscape with pleasant far reaching views. Please ring

Marilyn Howard on 01722 743486 by Tuesday 27th if you would like to join us for the walk, and if you wish to have lunch afterwards at the Wyndham Arms.

SARUM U3A VISITS

Winchester Christmas Market

Wednesday 12th December

This is the last Sarum U3A visit this year. It starts with a guided Highlight tour of the Cathedral at 11.00. This can be followed with a visit to the tiny St. Swithun's Church. The well established Christmas Market is in the Historic Inner Close of the Cathedral. There is the option of a self guided walk to St Cross Hospital which follows the footsteps of the poet Keats passing through scenery which inspired his "Ode to Autumn". The route is along the river and takes less than thirty minutes each way. The Pilgrim School is presenting a concert at 15.30 after which we will return, arriving back at about 18.00.

The cost for the day is £18. Booking forms are available at the coffee morning or by ringing 01722. 504295.

Maureen Pardy

ANNOUNCEMENT

SALISBURY SAMARITANS are looking for more volunteers. In particular, they would like to recruit volunteers who would be willing to support callers during the night hours between 10pm-1am and 1am-7am. This is the time when the need is the greatest, as Samaritans are the only helpline available at that time. This may be particularly convenient for active retired people. The requirement is 18 hours every five weeks.

If you are interested in finding out more, please phone: 05603-120-206 or email recruitment@samaritansofsalisbury.org.uk

(Normal Samaritan duty involves a 3 hour daytime shift every week, and one night duty every 5 weeks. If you feel this may suit you better, please contact Salisbury Samaritans as above.)

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for the December Newsletter should be sent to me by midday on **Tuesday December 11.**

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