



Welcome to new members:

Eliza Bates, David and Nannette Green, Mike Hiles and Simone Mattinson.

GROUPS and EDUCATION

LOCAL HISTORY THROUGH THE MUSEUM

No meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Monday 26 January 2004. We shall explore more areas of the Museum and also plan members' contributions to the February and March meetings. In the true 'shared learning' spirit, volunteers choose a theme, object, painting etc. to talk about for five to ten minutes. The choice is vast and there are many useful background books in the Wiltshire Studies and Arts sections of Salisbury Library (upstairs, near the newspapers). We hope members will participate in this way, extending their own knowledge and everyone else's.

TALENTS AND HOBBIES

At the AGM on 17 March 2004, there will be an opportunity for our Groups to present exhibitions about their activities, but also for individual members to bring along examples of their doubtless many talents, such as crafts, wood carving, painting, photographs, collections etc. Please let me know if you wish to contribute.

Jean Lunnon

U3A HEALTH CARE RESEARCH GROUP

The objects of the group will be

1. to act as a medium for the collection of patient views and problems to be drawn to the attention of the Health Authority and
2. to obtain information about local health care developments to be passed back to local U3A members.

All those interested are also invited to attend a special workshop in the Education Centre of SDH, on *Tuesday 27 January at 4.30pm*, an informal but informative

meeting, with finger food, about health care research.

To reserve a place in this worthwhile research project, preferably for those who have been inpatients or outpatients at SDC, please contact Eric Gould of Spire U3A.

SCIENCE FORUM *Monday 26th January at 10am* Roger Kent on 'Friendly Farming'.

LOCAL NEWS

THANK YOU TO BILL WILLSON who has written our Journal Reports for nearly two years. He has had to retire through pressure of a new project.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2004

These are due on 1st February, £21 for a couple and £11 single.

Please send a cheque to the **TREASURER**, Mr. Bryan Griffiths, and **NOT** to the Secretary.

Alternatively you may pay Bryan cash at the December and January Coffee Mornings. He will not be at the February meeting; if you have not paid by the AGM he will assume you do not wish to continue your membership. Hopefully these will be very few as the more the merrier, and the wider the choice of activity groups!

LIBRARY FILE

This is a reminder that information about all three Salisbury U3As is in the Salisbury Reference Library under '370 Education'. There are copies of Newsletters, Sources and U3A News. If you wish to place information there please contact Clare Edwards on 328240.

OUTINGS and ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 14 Jan **Hampshire Living Museum Milestone** at Basingstoke. This is

a 'look back in time' museum with the complete AA vehicle collection and early shops. There is a restaurant. Cost £10. Lots of places left.

Pick up Tesco 10am and Coach Station 10.15am Depart Basingstoke 3.30pm.

Wednesday 11 February Tour of **Salisbury Playhouse** with Alan Corkhill, after coffee and biscuits. Cost £2.50

Thursday 26 February Stephen Sondheim's **Sweeney Todd** at the Watermill Theatre, Newbury - a spectacular actor/musician version. Pick up Tesco 12.30pm, Coach Station 12.40pm. Cost £17

Please call Rosemary Nicholls on 710260 to check availability and obtain instructions for sending cheques.

NATIONAL NEWS

SUMMER SCHOOLS in July, with a choice of 26 courses, are getting booked up so apply soon if you would like to attend. There is a lovely report in the recent Salisbury Newsletter from Elizabeth Tindall (331407), who did Calligraphy there last year.

Monday 26 April

U3A EXPLORES SCIENCE at the Royal Institution, London. Ask Phyll B about details. There are plenty of places at present.

REPORTS FROM GROUPS

WOODCARVING

Thinking some of the men of our group might like a course with some practical input I undertook to start a course in woodcarving. I re-arranged my workshop, knocked up another workbench, scrounged some vices, borrowed some additional chisels and gouges and waited for all the men to queue up to participate. It didn't happen. I do however have three enthusiastic ladies who have worked merrily away so my efforts have not been wasted. Now seven sessions and three sticking plasters later they have nearly completed their first masterpieces - some small leaf shaped dishes.

Allan Bush

LIFE AFTER CAROLINE

Caroline Bradfield, our Water Colour tutor for many years, took a well-earned rest last summer, so it was agreed that the class

would become something of a self-help group.

We were fortunate that Thelma Jay and Shirley Trevis agreed to become conveners and it has been very successful. We meet on Friday mornings at the Deaf Centre. Caroline produces a subject and returns in a fortnight to view our interpretations, and make friendly, useful comments that are much appreciated.

Formerly a Sarum group we are now half Spire and eighteen strong. It is not all work! Yes, we do have coffee and a chat, and enthuse about each other's work, and there is always an element of surprise as no two paintings are alike!

Joan Tee

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 21 January 2004

NEW YEAR PARTY

This will be the January Coffee Morning. To cover the cost of food and a drink entry will be by ticket, costing £3, obtainable from Olive Cork, tel. 504425, or at the December Coffee Morning.

Wednesday 19 February Coffee Morning

Keith Richards, the Chairman of the National Executive Committee, is coming from London to meet us and to talk about 'Shared Learning Projects'.

Wednesday 19 March ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by talks and exhibitions about our Study Groups. Be prepared to nominate the new committee. Details will be in the January Newsletter.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

If anyone is selling a small car please get in touch with Anna Taylor, tel.744553, who wants one for her daughter.

NOTE CHANGE BELOW.

Please send all contributions for the **January** Newsletter by the **Wednesday before** the meeting to the Deputy Editor:

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