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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Dear Members

As I, like many of you, am off to spend Christmas with some of my family (Houston, Texas my destination) I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

I would also like to thank all of you for making Sarum U3A such a welcoming and friendly coming together of people. This reputation is a credit to all of you and long may we maintain it.

With Best Wishes for 2013
Jenny

COFFEE MORNINGS

Please note that coffee is served from 10.00am

Wednesday 19 December at 10.30am

Tristan de Vere Cole tells the story of Augustus John, the flamboyant Welsh painter, draughtsman, and etcher, born in 1878. By the 1920's he was Britain's leading portrait painter and painted many distinguished contemporaries including T E Lawrence, Thomas Hardy, W B Yeats, George B Shaw, Tallulah Bankhead, and Dylan Thomas. Arrive early to ensure getting a seat.

Wednesday 16 January at 10.30am

We have a treat to liven up our New Year Party in the form of The Music and Amazing Instruments of Nick Crump. He is frequently referred to as "following in the footsteps of Gerard Hoffnung", being a versatile musician with a flair for inventing unusual new instruments. The first one to grab the attention of the unsuspecting public was the bog-horn. It is an instrument made from a brand new toilet bowl made by Armitage Shanks and tuned to Bb.

There are also the tuned downpipes which are played with padded bats, plus the 30 stringed bath harp made from a new Twyford's enamelled steel bath. What's not to like!

New Year Party Coffee Morning 16th January

Tickets for the New Year Party will be on sale at the December Coffee Morning. Alternatively, on receipt of a cheque for £5 made payable SARUM U3A and a stamped self addressed envelope I will post tickets out to you.

My address is Mrs V Johnson, 33 Church Street, Amesbury. SP4 7EU

Viv is our new Speaker Secretary. Welcome Viv!

BUSINESS SECRETARY

At the Notice Board this month, as well as a photo of the Sarum U3A Maths Group in action, there is information on the two National Summer Schools taking place in July and August 2013 at Telford and Cirencester respectively.

There is also a flyer advertising next year's U3A event at the Royal Institution on Monday 25 March. Tickets now available at £18.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

If you wish to renew your membership without the bother of writing a cheque, this is how to do it.. Please contact your bank/building society and ask for a standing order for £11.00(one person) or £21.00(a couple) to be paid on 10th January each year into the following account:

NatWest Bank plc,
Blue Boar Row,
Salisbury.

Account Name: Sarum U3A

Account Number: 78565340

Sort Code: 54-41-19

Members who have provided an envelope for their new Membership Badges will receive them in the next week. Wear your badge with pride and we will never again have to rack our brains for your name!

I recently received an email from a Sarum member, in the form of a "circular" to several people.

Unfortunately it was not sent "bcc" (blind carbon copy) so a whole list of addresses became available to people with "evil intent" on the web. If you want to copy something to several people at the same time, please remember to use "bcc". I can help you if you need to be reminded how to do it.

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GROUPS

Monday Morning Art Group

We have a couple of spare places and would welcome new members. It is a small, friendly group, with a wide ability range. We have no tutor but offer friendly advice if you need it!

If you would like to join us, please phone Matt Braban on 01722 336735.

Striders

Thursday 3 January 2013.

Please meet at Longridge, Church Street, Winterbourne Stoke, SP3 4SU at 0945/1000 hrs, the home of Elizabeth and John Summerhayes. The walk will be approx. 5 miles from Shrewton to Winterbourne Stoke in the Till Valley. Elizabeth will provide a "Light Lunch" at Longridge. Donations for "the Berwick Guide Centre heating update" will be welcome. Please phone John on 01980 to confirm your

attendance on 1st or 2nd Jan.

We will catch the bus from Winterbourne Stoke at 1024 hrs for Shrewton.

Please bring your bus pass.

The following article was held over from last month due to lack of space.

Ravishing Rioja

In late October twenty five intrepid U3A members and friends braved the Bay of Biscay ferry crossing and arrived refreshed at Santander set for a coach drive to the first of five winery visits in the magical wine region of Rioja. This corner of the Basque country has long been a centre of viticulture where visitors disappear below ground to tour wine cellars and reappear to take guided tours of vineyards. In October the grape harvest is pretty well complete and the leaves on the vines are turning from green to red and yellow. Inside the wineries the wine making process is in full flow and the smells are alluring. A three night stay in the old capital Logroño with its 50 tapas bars was a perfect base for visits to the five wineries in surrounding towns, each with their own story to tell and wines to savour. Add to that some glorious multiple course lunches and dinners and you have a trip to remember.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for the January Newsletter should be sent to me by midday on **Tuesday January 8.**

It will help your trusty Editor if you can possibly send your contributions as attachments to your cover notes as this allows me to cut and paste straight to the Newsletter and thus save much time. Thanks.

Here's wishing all our Members a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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