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Newsletter November 2011

Chairman's Report

Hello again

Welcome to the November 2011 newsletter. The nights are drawing in and it really is beginning to feel like winter now, so it's time to come out and enjoy some company. I am delighted to report that the new jazz group has begun with a swing and is meeting once a month on a Monday morning. We are still working on the table tennis so if anyone is interested in batting that along please contact Rod (details below).

We apologise for the change in programme for the November monthly meeting. Andy Robertshaw was called away in connection with his work at the Royal Logistic Museum so we enjoyed a talk about Scotland Yard by Steve Roberts instead. The December meeting will be at The Ash Centre (please note change of venue) from 2.00 and will include a little treat to go with the afternoon cup of tea. January and February will be at St Peter's Hall as usual from 2.30.

Jane Morgan

This year's committee as listed in the Ash Branch was voted in at the AGM.

Monthly Meetings

15th November - Steve Roberts' talk is entitled 'Tales of a Scotland Yard Detective'. He will describe how he became a detective in London's East End and his work in the Flying Squad and the Kidnap and Specialist Investigation Unit.

6th December - Chris Howkin's talk has a suitably Christmas theme - 'The Story of Holly'.

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17th January - Maureen Rose will be talking about her work as a Royal Dresser.

21st February - Simon Gilbert's talk 'Another Opening Another Show' is an anecdotal account of his life in and out of the worlds of musical theatre and opera.

Visit to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre - Monday 6th February 2012

The cost of the trip includes coach fare, a visit to the exhibition, guided tour of the theatre, demonstration of Elizabethan dressing and tea and biscuits.

Actual cost is dependent on numbers - approx. £25

Please contact Ann Adey as soon as possible (01252 232477) but by 30th November to reserve your place.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Heather Hicks who has been appointed the National Adviser for Family History.



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News from the Groups

We now have 26 groups all of which are flourishing, although Creative Writing, Painting and Art for All and Scrabble groups would love a few more members.

The Book Circle, Reading Group, Bridge and Lunch groups are looking to expand and it is hoped that at least a second lunch group will start in January.

The new Jazz Group under the leadership of Bea Hebben has got off to a good start and we have a new leader, Derek Monds, and coordinator, Irene Cummings, for the Healthy Walking Group.

A number of members are interested in a table tennis group but a few more would be needed to start it. If you are interested or have any other queries, or would like to join any of the existing groups please contact Rod Dengate on 01483 423699,

Using the Internet at Meetings

We now have access to a 3G internet dongle which can be used to connect the U3A laptop to the internet for group presentations. Your group leader will know about this facility which costs £2.95 for a single session.

Photo Competition

Just a reminder of the subjects for next year's photo competition so that you can be looking out for suitable chances to snap that winning shot. Glyn Morgan, the judge, has given us three categories; "Local Architecture", "On My Feet" and "Open".

Footpath Work Party

Keen to preserve the local amenities for walkers, and at the urging of John Richards, 15 members of the Rambling group recently turned up at the Normandy crossroads car park and embarked on a path-clearing and sign-post-erecting exercise under the direction of Surrey County Council staff. We had good fun and an unexpected bonus was that the tennis club generously supplied us with cups of tea. A similar work party is planned elsewhere in Surrey next year (hopefully near a tennis club or similar source of refreshment).

Victoria Hall

The committee running the Victoria Hall in Ash are looking for more volunteers to join them. If you think you could help please contact Dave Brown 01252 657682 or Ian Chant 01252 544195 for more information.

Radio Frimley Park, Frimley Park Hospital

Radio Frimley Park is a charity run entirely by volunteers. It provides the dedicated in-house radio service for Frimley Park Hospital 24 hours of every day.

If you would like to give a little of your spare time to assist Radio Frimley Park to provide this service, and you are interested in volunteering for its own sake, rather than what you think it might do for you, please do contact us.

So, what sort of opportunities might there be at Radio Frimley Park? Well, more applicants want to be presenters than anything else and there are some such opportunities. But we also need people for lots of other facets of our work - most importantly, ward visitors to maintain that essential link between the studio and the patients - good inter-personal skills essential!

We also need people with clerical and office-type skills, fundraisers, and engineering assistance to help behind the scenes to ensure that all our equipment works, and to fix it if it breaks. Increasingly, with improvements in technology and changes to the way programming is delivered, we also need people with I.T. skills.

Mostly, if you have got some spare time at your disposal and the right mindset, we can find you something to do, which will help Radio Frimley Park fulfil its purpose.

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