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Note we now have Charity Status.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Welcome to all new members who receive this newsletter for the first time as members. To those who have been used to the old format we hope you like to the new one. The aim is to make it clearer to read and easier to carry around with you. We hope you will show your friends and perhaps persuade them to join. Although we let Peterborians know of us through the local newspapers, radio and leaflets and posters in libraries, we know most new members are introduced by existing members.

As I write, towards the end of November, we have almost reached the membership we had at the end of the USA year. We would like to reach 200 this year. This sort of number, other USAs have found, enables them to initiate ventures which are not possible with smaller numbers. Above this number we might have to look at our administration but I am sure that generally speaking the more members we have the more activities can be arranged.

Olive Alderman has co-ordinated the groups and courses continuing and starting in the new year. I thank Olive for all the time and effort she has put into the programme. Now that the New Year is prepared we have to start looking for courses to start around Easter time. If you have any ideas, particularly if you can help co-ordinate or even lead a group please contact Olive on 0733 571565. In order that Olive would have time to co-ordinate courses she has relinquished the editorship of the newsletter. Ann Williams is now editing it, starting with this issue. We have co-opted her on to the committee and she will always be pleased to hear from you or receive your contributions. She can be contacted on 0733 252916.

The monthly meeting continues to be our main meeting point. It is also the place where members can communicate with each other between newsletters. The Cambridge Branch of the British Red Cross sent a splendid speaker, Margaret Ryan, for our September meeting. She gave a potted history of the Red Cross and a well illustrated explanation of its international activities and even how they give aid locally. When they are appealing for funds please remember their charity does start at home even though we tend to hear of only their international work in the press. Dee Brecker told us about Community Wild Life Projects in Peterborough at our October meeting. She too was both informative and interesting. Ann Williams is now looking for speakers for our monthly meetings, so if you know of any, or better still, would be willing to speak yourself please contact her on 0733 252916. Ann would also like your ideas for monthly meetings, we do not always have to have a speaker, other

events can replace speakers.

May I take this opportunity to wish all a happy Christmas and a full, active and interesting 1994.

Paul Parker

MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETINGS

All Monthly Meetings are held at the Peterborough Museum, Priest gate, Peterborough on the last Thursday of each month, (except December, July and August) from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Come and hear about the latest developments, meet other members and pool ideas. It is also our main means of communicating with members between Newsletters.

- 27 January 1994** Guest Speaker: Mr Brian Holdich on 'My Indian Journey'. (Illustrated)
- 24 February 1994** Guest Speaker: Mr Graeme Lowndes on 'My Work for TV News'.
- 31 March 1994** Guest Speaker: The Trading Standards Officer on 'Consumer Rights'.
- 28 April 1994** Guest Speaker: Mr R Walker on 'Historic Churches and their Conservation' (Illustrated).

COURSES

Important Points

1. Anyone wishing to attend a course or group **must** contact the tutor/group leader beforehand. This is especially important as some groups may be limited in number.
2. There is no limit to the number of courses/activities you may join.
3. There is no fee for attending groups, except Tap Dancing where a small charge is made to cover the hire of the hall. The provision of maps, notes, coffee, etc. may incur a nominal charge.
4. **Group Leaders** please keep a register of those who attend. Notify Bretton Woods (0733 261467) if a class is cancelled or suspended.

Course Codes and Abbreviations

- (X) A continuing course where membership is closed to new members at present.

- (O) An existing course but open to anyone.
(N) A new course open to any one.
(Rpt) A past course now being repeated for newcomers.

MONDAYS

Discussion Group. Leader: Ann Roser, 0733 262738.

- (N) Come and have your say in a relaxed friendly way... varied subjects.
Initial meeting at Ann's home in Longthorpe, Monday 10 January at 2.00pm.

Opera Appreciation. Leader: Geraldine Deaver, 0733 260355

- (O) Please contact Geraldine for full details of the kind of course and the dates, time and venue.

Start To Paint In Oils. Tutor: Robin Dare, 0733 260994

- (N) A six week introduction to painting in oils designed to give experience in the handling of the medium. Sessions are to be held on Mondays, 1.30 pm - 4.00pm., beginning 10 January in the Art Room at Bretton Woods. For further details contact Robin. It is essential you do this in advance.

Needlework. Tutor: Mrs S C Dunkley, 0733 61266.

- (N) An experienced teacher of embroidery, dressmaking and lace making. Mrs Dunkley is house bound, but would enjoy having a small group (max. 5) interested in such handicrafts on Mondays (or Thursdays), 1.30pm. - 3.30pm. in her centrally located flat in Peterborough. Please contact her in early January for further details.

TUESDAYS

A Good Read. Group Leaders: Mavis Middleton and Peggy Scott, 0733 262222 (Peggy).

- (O) We meet in members' homes to read, discuss and most of all enjoy novels. If you enjoy reading, stimulating discussion and friendly company whilst pursuing a common purpose you will relish the opportunity to join this group. We meet on Tuesday mornings 10.30am. - 12 noon, recommencing 11 January.

Countryside Walks. Leader: Mary Crunkhorn, 0733 547116

- (O) Walk every Tuesday morning starting at 10.15am. For further detail see

later in this Newsletter.

French Conversation. Tutor: Magda Bruce-Rahmany, 0733 333408

- (X) The group will continue this course on Tuesday mornings 10.00am. - 11.30am., recommencing on 11 January in Bretton Woods. (A possible new course for beginners: See under FRIDAYS.)

Family History. Group Leader: Olive Alderman, 0733 571565.

- (Rpt) Who are you? Come and find out! We meet on Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm - 3.30pm. in Olive's home in Werrington, commencing 11 January.

An Introduction to Psychology. Tutor: Carol Williams, 0832 274435.

- (Rpt) A most interesting course in Carol's home in Oundle, commencing 11 January, 6.00pm. - 8.00pm. It is planned to last four weeks.

Wine Appreciation. Tutor: Roy Matthews, 0733 64032.

- (N) Commencing on 11 January. There will be six fortnightly meetings up to Easter, from 7.30pm. to 9.00pm. Initial meeting in Roy's home in Stanground. We aim to taste and discuss various types of commercial wines.

WEDNESDAYS

Antique Furniture. Group Leader: Ray Duller, 0733 202369.

- (N) On alternate Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm.- 3.30pm. at Bretton Woods, beginning on 12 January. Ray will share his knowledge of small pieces of antique (1840 -1930) furniture . It is essential to ring him, especially if you have a piece of furniture you would like to bring.

History - The Year 1940. Tutor: Barry Williams, 0733 252916.

- (N) "Remember it well!" - or do you? There will be three sessions, fortnightly, on Wednesday afternoons, 2.00pm. - 4.00pm. at Bretton Woods.
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| [1] | 19 January on 'Evacuees'. |
| [2] | 2 February on 'Dunkirk'. |
| [3] | 16 February on 'The Blitz'. |

Collectors Club. Leader: Gillian Smith, 0733 260483.

- (O) Take a trip down memory lane: postcards, stamps, matchboxes, etc. with Gillian in her Westwood home. Initial meeting on Wednesday afternoon 12 January, 2.30pm. - 4.00pm, and monthly thereafter.

Discussing The Unexplained. Hostess: Olive Alderman, 0733 571565.

- (N) Nothing to fear... initial meeting on Wednesday 12 January, 2.00pm. - 3.30pm. at Olive's home in Werrington, and thereafter possibly at other members' homes in turn. The course was born from conversations during a Luncheon Club lunch in November. Many people have strange experiences and dreams - come and talk to others who have had similar sensations.

Tap Dancing. Group Leader: Margaret Wren, 0733 332446.

- (O) We meet on Wednesday afternoons, weekly at the United Reformed Church Hall, Westgate (opposite Queensgate bus station). It's great fun and good exercise. A charge is made for this enjoyable course to help pay for the hire of the hall. Phone Margaret to find out when it recommences in January.

THURSDAYS

Self Awareness/Self Development. Tutor: Kathleen Chambers, 0733 343273.

- (O) Recommencing on Thursday, 6 January at Kathleen's home, 10.30pm. - 12.30pm. "We grow as human beings if we know how to explore where we are, understand where we want to be, and act upon how to get there, and facilitate the exploration, understanding and action of others. Unable to do so, we are left only as life's observers, and not as life's participants." Places are limited.

Local History. Leader: John Knight, 0733 261467.

- (O) This very popular course will recommence on Thursday, 13 January from 2.15pm. - 4.15pm. at Bretton Woods. It will explore many aspects of local history of Peterborough and the surrounding areas.

Hair Pin Lace. Tutor: Elsie Sismey, 0733 380343.

- (N) Commencing on Thursday 13 January, 3.00pm. - 4.30pm. at Elsie's home in Castor. It will run fortnightly. Places are limited.

Needlework. Tutor: Mrs S C Dunkley, 0733 61266.

- (N) See Mondays for details of this.

A Stroll Through The Musical Alphabet. Leader: Paul Parker, 0780 782976.

- (O) From Abel to Zingarelli, we listen to music aided by a few notes and perhaps an introduction. Some of the music is well known, some new

to most of us. Join us on the last Thursday of each month, at Paul's home in Nassington at 2.15pm. for a couple of hours. Recommencing on 27 January with composers beginning with the letter G.

FRIDAYS

How To Run A Group. Tutor: Joan Marsh, 0733 231948

(Rpt) Initial meeting at Joan's home in Orton Longueville, on Friday 14 January, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. This is an ideal opportunity for those who have the knowledge and skills, but are not used to leading groups, to get advice and gain confidence. Numbers are limited.

The Development Of Country Dance. Leaders: Vera and Ian Paul, 0733 267001.

(N) On Friday afternoons at Bretton Woods from 2.30pm. - 3.30pm. It will run weekly, commencing on Friday 21 January. The course will cover the development of the country dance and there will be an opportunity to participate in older country dancing.

PLUS..... (days not yet fixed).

First Aid For The Retired. Tutor: Jeff Law, 0733 391162.

(N) A four-week course covering emergencies, bleeding, burns and fractures. Please phone Jeff for details of dates, time, and venue after 1 January.

French Conversation For Beginners. Tutor: Magda Bruce-Rahmany, 0733 333408.

(N) If sufficient members want it, Magda is willing to start a new course. Please phone her early in January if you are interested.

Play Reading. Group Leader: Shirley Godfrey, 0733 265165.

(N) Shirley is happy to hold play readings, initially in her home in Lonthorpe. Please phone after 1 January if this interests you.

Drama. Preliminary Organiser: Pat Low, 0733 269598

(O) Previous and new U3A members who are interested in forming an active drama group are invited to an exploratory meeting at Bretton Woods Community School on Tuesday, 18 January at 2.00pm. to work out a possible programme and venue for future meetings. Pat has been asked to lead this initial meeting only. Please contact her.

COUNTRYSIDE WALKS

Leader: Mary Crunkhorn, 0733 547116

All walks start at 10.15am, on Tuesdays. Distances: Between 3 and 5 miles

- 1 December: WIMPOLE HALL:** Another walk at Wimpole in a different season around the lovely park land. Leader: Terry Green, 0733 243429.
- 28 December: NO WALK:** See visits section.
- 4 January OUNDLE:** A New Year walk around Oundle. Park and meet at the former Riverside PH at the roundabout at the Oundle bypass. Leader: Paul Parker, 0780 782976.
- 11 January BARNACK:** Park and meet at the Church, Barnack. Leader: Mary Crunkhorn, 0733 574116
- 18 January WARMINGTON:** Park and meet at Eaglethorpe on the verge of the road leading to the mill. This is on your right just before the Red Lion PH on the Peterborough/Oundle road, A605. Leader: Mary Crunkhorn, 0733 574116
- 25 January BURGHLEY PARK:** Park and meet at visitors' car park off Barnack Road, Stamford. Entrance by the Pilsgate Lodges. Leader: Mary Crunkhorn, 0733 574116.
- 1 February YAXLEY NO. 2:** Park and meet at the Broadway Shopping Centre, Yaxley. Leader: Mary Crunkhorn, 0733 574116.
- 8 February GLINTON/PEAKIRK/NORTHBOROUGH:** From Peterborough take the old Lincoln Road straight through Glington. About 1/2 mile after the Glington cross roads take the first turning right immediately before the Nine Bridges and park on the grass verge. Leaders: John and Hilary Corner, 0733 252316.
- 15 February CASTOR:** Park and meet at The Royal Oak PH, Castor, courtesy of the landlord. Leader: Reg Burton, 0733 380532.
- 22 February BOURNE WOODS:** Park and meet in car park off Bourne/Colsterworth/Grantham road. (Turn left at the traffic

lights in Bourne from the Market Deeping Road. Keep going down by Westbourne Park and Police Station on right to open country. At sign for Colsterworth/Grantham keep going round the bend in road. Entrance about 300 yards from bend on your right and about opposite 'No Public Access' sign on your left.)
Leader: Terry Green, 0733 243429.

- 1 March** **ORTON MERE:** Park and meet at Orton Mere Car Park.
Leader: Mavis Butler, 0733 266711
- 8 March** **UFFINGTON:** Park and meet at the Burghley Park, Car Park, Stamford. See 25 January for details. Leader: Keith Webb, 0733 64346
- 15 March** **WOODNEWTON:** Park and meet at the White Swan PH (by courtesy of the landlord), Main Street, Woodnewton. Leader: Paul Parker, 0780 782976.
- 22 March** **BARROWDEN:** Park in the village and meet by the village pond. Leader: Reg Burton, 0733 380532.
- 29 March** **SAWTRY:** Park and meet in Judiths Lane car park, Sawtry.
Leader: Terry Green, 0733 243429.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

(new and continuing)

LUNCHEON CLUB

Co-ordinator: Pat Low, 0733 269598.

The club meets at 12 noon on the first Friday of each month - different venues (e.g. Paul Pry Inn and Tom Lock Inn). this is a relatively new venture. Twelve came to the first one in October, fourteen in November. Good company, good food - phone Pat Low for details and venues.

SCRABBLE

Co-ordinator: Dorothea Talbot, 0733 322362.

This continues weekly at Ken Stimson School in Werrington. We meet on Thursdays from 1.30pm. - 4.00pm. Beginners most welcome - friendly company - please bring your own board.

WHIST DRIVE

Co-ordinator: Bill Rowley, 0733 579284.

One Day Only: meet on **Saturday, 12 February** at 7.30pm. at Bill's home in Werrington. Half-time refreshments (£50p). Places limited. Phone Bill if interested.

...what about?

BRIDGE

A few people have said they would be interested in setting up a regular (weekly/fortnightly?) scheme. To start with 'social' bridge players only (i.e. not absolute beginners and not competition/tournament players). Phone Barry Williams to discuss possibilities on 0733 252916.



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NEW YEAR PARTY

FRIDAY, 14 JANUARY, 7.00 - 10.30pm.

AT BRETTON WOODS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

IN THE COMMUNITY THEATRE

A chance to meet fellow members, and bring partners and friends, to see tap dancing, join in a country dance of two, play or watch scrabble and whist.
Book with Pat Low on the booking form by Monday 10 January.

Cost £4.00 including refreshments and coffee. Bring your own drink.

BOSTON AND YORK

The visits to Boston and York were enjoyed by the thirty or forty who came on them. Some even climbed the many stairs up the Stump of St Botolph's Church in Boston. Many were surprised by the number of historical buildings in Boston especially the one that housed their excellent museum. We had chosen a market day which interested many. York, although it took three hours each way including stops, had so many places of interest that most of the participants would like other visits there. It would certainly good to go when the weather is warmer so that we could walk round the walls.

Pat Low

1994 VISITS

Co-ordinator: Pat Low, 0733 269598

[a] LOCAL

We hope to arrange a visit to the Post Office Sorting Department in Peterborough. Details later.

[b] COACH TRIPS

We are now starting to think of possible coach visits for 1994. It has been suggested that these should take place, once a month, from April to October, and could be day or half-day visits. They do not have to be of the same format of those in 1993. Suggestions already made include Norwich, Windsor, Kings Lynn and Wells-next-the-Sea, Constable Country and Colchester. Some members have suggested a three-day, two-night, visit to Bath. This last would of course be more expensive. But it is your views and ideas we want so phone me!

Keep Tuesday, 24 May free. It is hoped to arrange a coach to Sheringham Park. At this time of year it is a marvellous show of rhododendrons and azaleas. The plan is that those who wish to do so can walk through the park and then along the coast path to Sheringham; the visit is to be arranged for a Tuesday for that reason. Others, who do not wish to go on the walk, will be given some time at Sheringham Park, Cromer and Sheringham. Further details and costs will be given at a later date.

Longer visits to Germany & France are a possibility; Viersen and Bourges, Peterborough's twin towns come to mind. Nothing can be planned until we have an idea of numbers, so please phone me if you are interested.

A Special... get some fresh air after the Christmas festivities!

**EXPLORING LONGTHORPE: Friday, 31 December 1993
at 1.30pm.**

Leader: Ann Roser. 0733 262738

Explore Longthorpe and its history – Holywells, Thorpe Hall, Rowing Club Course, etc. Please wear stout shoes, though walking will be on paths only. About 2½ miles. Meet at Bluebell Woods (corner of Thorpe Road and Holywell Way, almost opposite the Fox and Hounds pub). Refreshments at Ann's afterwards (50p). Please phone if coming.

WHAT ABOUT... THE FUTURE

Early in the New Year Jeff Law, our Membership Secretary, will be analysing you replies to his questionnaire on members' interests. (If you did not receive one please contact him on 0733 391162 after 1 January). As a result we shall try to set up some new groups, but one or two things are obvious already:

1. Would anyone undertake to run a **Theatre Visits Club**? There is a lot of interest and we have a coach company willing to help organise such trips. If you feel you could do this please contact Olive Alderman on 0733 269598 or Ann Williams on 0733 252916.
2. Where are the computer experts, economists and geographers among you? Are you too shy to come forward and give the rest of us the benefit of your expertise? There is much interest in these matters.

If it is a question of wondering how to organise a group, why not join Joan Marsh's 'Group Leadership' course for some practical help: see under the Friday courses.

LETTER COLUMN: MEMBERS' OPINIONS

With this new style newsletter it would be good to have a wider contact with members. So what about sending letters or brief comments on your activities, courses you are on, trips you have made or any subject you think others may be interested in. I cannot, of course, guarantee publication and length could be critical - probably 100 words would be ideal. Contributions to: U3A, Bretton Woods Community School, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DF, marked "LETTERLINE".

Ann Williams