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NEWSLETTER - April 2019

Dear Member

The previous newsletter had an attachment of numerous photographs, which I hope you enjoyed. ~~This newsletter has less beautiful but nevertheless very important attachments - the documents for our AGM on Wednesday 22nd May: the Secretary's report, the Treasurer's report, a Nomination form.~~

A lot of work has gone into preparing the ~~attached~~ documents so please read them thoroughly. At the meeting you will have the opportunity to ask questions and/or make comments. Your opinion matters.

The minutes of last year's AGM were sent out last August; copies will be available at the meeting, as will printed copies of the agenda which will follow the customary pattern.

We would be delighted if you would make use of the Nomination form to suggest a Vice President and Council member(s). Cath, who was elected last year, has been an invaluable help in many ways and we would appreciate others to join her. The more the merrier - and, of course, the lighter the overall load.

Photographs are not attached but, before and after the business part of the meeting on 22 May, you will have the opportunity to see all the previously unpublished photographs from the past year, in projected form. This was appreciated at last year's AGM so is being repeated. Also after the meeting there will as usual be an array of tasty nibbles and drinks.

Subscriptions 2019-20 become due at the AGM. The Treasurer requests that you pay by cheque if at all possible as this avoids the problem of lots of change and is more secure for all concerned.

RECENT EVENTS

Quiz Evening, Wed 13th February: Alan Goddard, returning by popular request, is not only a master at setting intriguing general knowledge questions; he also has other tricks up his sleeve for his unsuspecting 'victims', such as blowing up balloons to see how far they will fly and, for the finalists, a yo-yo contest. As you will gather, it was an evening of facts, flights of fancy and fun!

Ceilidh Dance, Wed 27th February: Lesley Sutton led an evening of simple ceilidh dances which were thoroughly enjoyed and enthusiastically performed. Our advertising only attracted three newcomers but our own members certainly had a good time. Home-made cakes in the interval also helped to make the evening as special as it was fun.

Eating Out, Wed 13th March: Lesley & Dick Sutton have perfected the art of choosing a good pub for a social gathering. This year it was decided that lunchtime was more attractive than evening and the Duke's Head at Farnham Royal was chosen for its varied menu and suitable accommodation. Lesley's organisation of the pre-ordering worked smoothly so we all had a relaxing sociable time as well as a very satisfying lunch, served by friendly efficient waitresses. This event will appear on our calendar again!

'Auberge du Chocolat', Wed 3rd April: Anne Scott of the Auberge du Chocolat, based in Chesham, was a lively entertainer, giving lots of facts and lots of samples of different types of chocolate with different origins. We were all pleased that there were further supplies to purchase, just to be able to check at home which one we preferred ... !! A Shared Supper completed a very pleasant evening.

FUTURE EVENTS

May Day Social, Wed 1st May: We have decided against bringing in a Maypole (sorry!) but in other respects you can look forward to an evening of traditional English May Day celebrations - obviously including song, dance, verse and, of course, refreshments. The cost: £4 for members, £5 for guests.

Dance Class Party, Wed 15th May: This needs no introduction! We hope to see all our dancers for our end-of-season fling, with lots of favourite dances and lots of cake. Cost - the usual £3 for members.

A.G.M., Wed 22nd May: For all the details see the beginning of this newsletter and the end of the Secretary's report. We would like a good turnout for an evening both business and social - 8pm start.

Summer Dancing

To maintain both fitness and contact in the out-of-season months, we dance in alternate weeks:

June: 5th, 19th July: 3rd, 17th, 31st August: 14th, 28th

We look forward to seeing our dancers as often as possible.

Historic Oxford Walk, Wednesday 24th July: Alan has chosen a week when we are not dancing for another of his special walks. It's great to get both exercise and information at the same time and, thanks to Alan, Oxford will provide plenty of both. Those wishing to participate will liaise beforehand about sharing transport to the Park and Ride, to minimise costs and to be more sociable!

Garden Party with Afternoon Tea, Saturday 3rd August: Otley Cottage in Windsor Great Park will once again be our venue. Thank you, Joanna and Mike! Our refreshments this year will be an Afternoon Tea with all the traditional ingredients. The garden is lovely and the whole ambience will, as ever, be relaxing and sociable. Arrive between 3pm and 3.30; the cost will be £7.50 for members and £8.50 for non-members. Names and cheques to Carol, please, **by Wednesday 17th July.**

Skittles Evening, Saturday 28th September: Put the date in your diary and book early, (£13 for members) as places are always limited. More details will be in the August newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 22nd May.

Carol Berry, Hon. Secretary