



Fairford & District



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Issue 1

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EDITORIAL

Welcome, all readers, to the first issue of your bi-monthly newsletter.

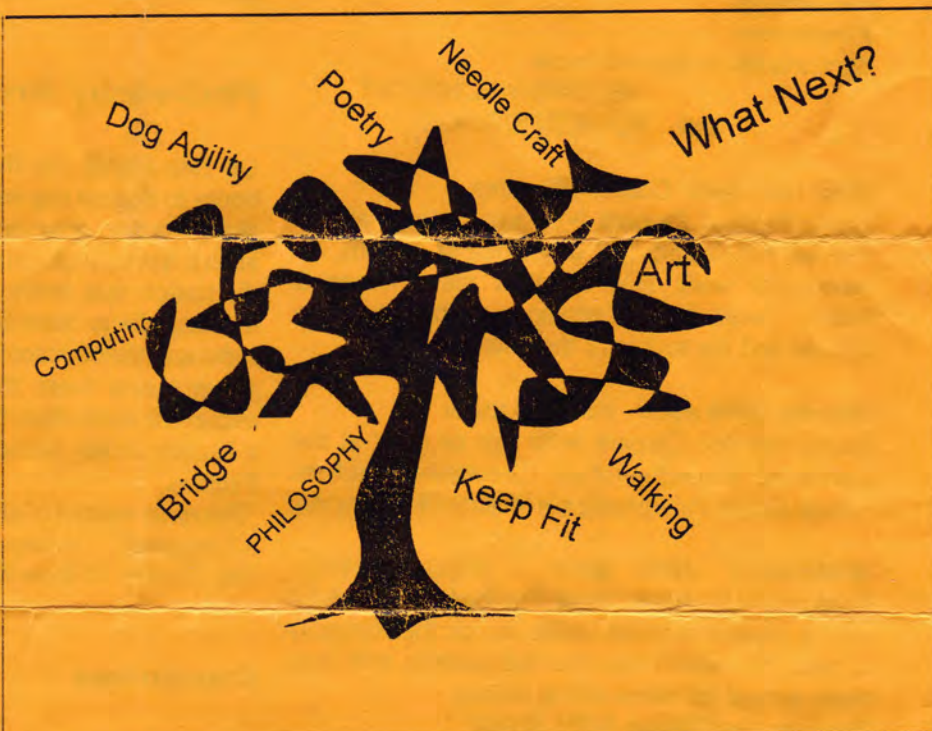
At the time of going to press the new Fairford & District U 3 A has 36 members with new ones enrolling daily.

Our first groups got going promptly after the March meeting and all participants are full of enthusiasm for their particular choices. Thank you, group leaders for starting us off so well. We still need leaders for anything else that anyone wants to start. All you need to do is to turn up at a monthly meeting, pay your subscription and collect a few members to join you.

Remember, the joy of U3A is that no-one is paid; all our talents are shared freely for the enjoyment of all.

Joyce Deane Editor

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We are branching every day

Chairperson's Letter

The U 3 A has come to town, Fairford Town! and what an exciting beginning.

With so much help and enthusiasm from everyone, in six short weeks we have groups starting up almost every day.

The steering committee Members are really wonderful, each giving their talents and time to setting up the Group unstintingly and without reserve, and I would like to take this opportunity to give them my thanks.

It was only last november that I happened to read a report of the U 3 A

Cirencester detailing their activities.

I thought about it and realized that there was nothing in our area for lively, mentally active Third Agers to do. We have clubs for babies, the elderly and teenagers, but what was readily available for the 50 plus with perhaps 25 years life ahead of them, still fit and looking forward to doing things that they had always planned to do when they retired. The U 3 A seems, from the interest shown to be just what is needed.

As Aristotle once said, while sitting in the bath; "Education is the best provision for old age". *Guen Taylor*

Dates for your Diary

1st May

Wartime memories and memorabilia.

Bring yours with you.

5th June

Liza Knockel

The Pleasures & Pastimes of the Cotswold Water Park.

3rd July A G M

Election of Officers & Committee.

Stop Press...

Group leaders needed for

Archaeology

Ballroom Dancing

Gardening & Garden Design

French Conversation (Elementary)

Music

Travel

Whist



Group Reports

Walking with a pub lunch.

Under Geoff Bishop the walking group got off to a fine start on the 10th March with a brisk walk centered on the Sun at Southrop. The much praised daffodils were disappointing this year but the sun was shining.

Please note

Each month- walks will be on
SECOND WEDNESDAY
and FOURTH TUESDAY

Wed 12th April Coates 3½ miles
Leave Fairford Carpark 9-30 a.m or meet at The Tunnel House Inn, SW of Coates at 10 a.m. An interesting walk that includes the Thames & Severn Canal, Eastern entrance to the Sapperton Tunnel and the source of the Thames.

Tuesday 25th April Bibury, 5 miles
Leave Fairford Carpark 9-30 a.m or meet at the Catherine Wheel (uphill on Cirencester road) at 10a.m. Colne Valley walk via Winson & Ablington

Wednesday 10th May Minchinhampton Common -4½ Miles. Leave Fairford Carpark 9-20 a.m or meet at the Old Lodge Inn on the common 10 a.m. The walk is on the high plateau with fine views across the surrounding valleys.
Enquiries Geoff Bishop 01285 851408

Needlecraft

The needlecraft group met on Tuesday at 51 Aldsworth Close and discussed the different kinds of needlecraft, ie knitting, crochet, embroidery, lace-making, dressmaking, tapestry, smocking, quilting, tatting and patchwork to name but a few. We ended up doing patchwork.

If you are interested in any of these crafts, please come along on a Tuesday morning at 10-30 a.m. to the above address or ring me on 01285 712133
Eileen Ferguson

Art

On the 13th March five members met Arthur Harnden in his house to discuss the scope of their activities. It was decided that the group would start with watercolour for the present. Oil painting was a popular choice but because of the difficulty in finding a venue for this method which can be messy, it was deferred. The group met again at Mr & Mrs Cumisky's house on 20th March and embarked on Still Life. No masterpieces yet but hope is high. *Arthur Harnden 01285 712805*

Keep Fit

A successful start and great fun with 6 members. Weekly meetings 10 a.m. -Wednesdays on top floor of the Community Centre, Fairford. Cost 50p each. Please wear loose clothing and bring a mat or blanket to lie on. *Guen Taylor. 01285 712696.*

Philosophy Group.

On 15th March the five members met at Dorothy's house to discuss this wide subject. She explained that she wished to approach this as a guide in practical affairs; a philosophical spirit or attitude to living. The discussion was lively and interesting. At the next meeting she is describing her visit to an ashram in India and the philosophical outcome of the visit. The group meets every third Wednesday at 2-30 p.m except for April when the date is 26th. A quote from a French writer- Nicholas Chamford in 'Maximes et Pensées.'

"The most wasted of all days is that on which one has not laughed". *Dorothy Grobecker. 01285 712716*
The Conifers, 15 Moor Lane, Fairford.

Computers

Three of us met at Bill Moore's House on 16th March. Bill demonstrated his latest computer. Tony who has built his own machine and I with my ancient Amstrad couldn't compete. After an interesting discussion it was agreed that we met from time to time to discuss developments in home computers. Anyone interested -call me on 01285 851408

Other groups

Dog Agility
Bridge
Poetry

No report yet.

