

PORTSDOWN U3A BUILDINGS APPRECIATION GROUP NOTES FROM FEB 2019 MEETING

Visits proposed Stained Glass - I couldn't get through to the contact, but Pam volunteered to try again, possibly for 28th May. At present, we have 12 people (the maximum possible) on the list but 1 or 2 may not be able to come, so if you want to go on a waiting list for this, please let me know. Date t.b.c.

Chichester Cathedral Architecture tour. The proposed date is 23d July; we can do either morning or afternoon. The majority wished for a morning session, to avoid homegoing traffic, and we agreed 11 a.m. would be a good time. (I have emailed the staff to confirm this). The stone masons are busy with the restoration, so it was suggested they may be able to get the Clerk of Works to come instead - which I have requested. This could only be a brief visit and so please think of some pertinent questions to ask to make it worth his/her time!!

South Downs lunch David has kindly arranged this for us on the 19th March at 12.15. Deposits of £10 were collected and receipted - there will be a small additional amount to pay, depending on the number of courses, drinks and coffees you consume! (n.b. the U3A lecture on 'Keeping Safe online' is on at 2pm on that day, so do bear this in mind when planning transport).

Old Portsmouth walking tour This will be on Tuesday, 14th May, meeting our guide, Andrew Negus, at 10.30 .am. at the dockyard gate and finishing at The Point. I have not arranged lunch - too complicated! A fee of £5 per person is needed , so please make sure you pay this to me at or before the General meeting on 17th April.

Membership Renewals Julie was available to collect these - anyone who still has to pay can do so at the next General Meeting on 20th March, or via myself, if you give me a cheque for £16, payable to 'Portsmouth u3a' and an s.a.e. for the return of your new card.

Gift Aid If you pay tax and think you may not have signed the appropriate form, I have some spares. This enables us to claim back some tax, which can amount to a goodly sum for the U3A. Thank you.

Former Co-op dairy site in Drayton Colin told us that this is finally being developed and he has spoken to the developers, who are not local! They would like ideas for naming the site. They are giving a demonstration on their proposals on 7th March in the afternoon/evening at St. Phillips church, Hawthorn Crescent.

Pevsner books Colin mentioned that the publishers' website is a useful one _ www.yalebooks.co.uk and they offer a discount of 25% at the end of each year for subscribers to obtain their books. They do not 'bombard' you with info!

NORMAN CASTLES We have almost come to the end!! Mary, Helen and Janice gave us some comprehensive information on decorations, windows and roofs respectively , as they relate to

Norman Castles. Thank you, everyone

I felt that perhaps we might like a change from the format of research on separate features. I proposed we each take a cathedral with known Norman features and look at what these are, how they were made, and with what, and what survives in each building - and anything else of interest that you want to add! I now have a list of which you have 'bid' for, which I will add separately. There are one or two more if anyone else wants to 'bid'!

In addition, and to assist our researches, Jill kindly produced a 'List of church architectural terms' for each of us and has also said that, taking the adjacent church as an example, she will guide us around in March.