



Newsletter



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David Garmont

February 2019

TV Licensing scam

Dave Ayliffe advises us of a new email scam purporting to come from TV Licensing, which tells you that if you do not renew your licence right away your service will be interrupted.

The email comes from @TVLicensing-BCC-Customer Service-852128900, the last number may differ. The email gives a box to click on to continue the renewal process. Do not click on the box. Ignore this message and delete it.

The TV Licensing web site at <https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/faqs/FAQ288#> gives more information on what to look for.

Those of us who are over 75 get a free licence.

Apology

There were a few minor problems with the Swindon U3A computer system over Christmas. This may have affected the links to contacts shown in the Newsletter and the What's On. If you tried to contact a group organiser using this route and did not receive a reply then it is possible that your enquiry didn't get through to the relevant group organiser. If you believe that this has affected you then please let us know at newsletter@swindonu3a.org.uk and we will ensure that you are put in contact with the organiser.

Management Committee Report for November

The management committee has responded to requests from group organisers to clarify the period of closure in the summer when the U3A doesn't pay the groups' accommodation costs. It has been decided that this period will be shortened as from next summer and will now only be the month of August that will not be paid for. This would seem a simpler and fairer way to cover this period. If your group continues through the summer you will now only be asked to self-fund the month of August. The money collected will still need to go through the U3A to be paid to the venue you are using.

Bob Carvey

Chair's Report for December 2018

The committee is delighted that a number of people, many new members, have contacted the committee expressing an interest in joining the committee and working with the events committee. A meeting to discuss how these new people can best be supported in working with the committee has been arranged for Friday 11th January.

The 2019 workplan for the committee was agreed. A copy of the plan will be available on our website in the near future.

A number of other meetings designed to provide training for members in various roles were arranged. More information about these will be in the next chair's report.

Avril Muirhead

Chair

Inclusion and Accessibility

As well as the Health and Safety role I am now responsible for Inclusion and Accessibility. As such and to help me in this role I would like to gain Members' views regarding any issues they have while attending U3A activities. These may include but are not restricted to the following:

At the venues that we use.

Wheelchair access, hearing loop system, aids to help the visually impaired just to mention a few.

Visits and holidays.

Being able to go on trips and holidays using the vehicle supplied. Wheelchair access and having support whilst on the visit/holiday.

Inclusion in various groups.

Being able to take a full and active role in the group.

Please do let me know your experience of any of the above or anything else not covered above. Any suggestions on how we can improve the running of our U3A will be considered by the committee and hopefully actioned.

Any comments/suggestions please contact me by clicking on my name.

Dave Maggs

Monthly Meetings

Ellendune Centre, Wroughton
on the 2nd Monday of the month at 2.15pm

11 February 2019

A Room with a View

Gillian Monk

Gillian Monk, formerly of Havelock Street, will tell us all about your eyes, and how to look after them properly and why they need to be regularly checked.

11 March 2019

The Motor Trade 1950 -1980

Alan Nix

An illustrated talk on the way in which the development of cars altered our social habits, combining interesting local pictures of the 1950-80 period covered.

8 April 2019

My Journey to the Weakest Link Linda Dowsett

The personal experience of a contestant of appearing on "The Weakest Link", how a TV programme is made and how "mean" is Anne Robinson in reality.

13 May 2019

The British Honours System

Ashley Jones

Presentation about the interesting facets of the British Honours system, including some of the lesser-known awards and some well-known recipients. Advice on how to successfully nominate worthy individuals and how to initiate the process with a strong chance of success.

The Loss of the Titanic and a Wiltshire Family

The Monthly Meeting on Tuesday 12th November 2018 was given by Lieutenant Commodore Geoffrey Carr.

Mr Carr talked about the Goodwin family, who sailed on that fateful liner; Frederick and Augusta and their six children, Lillian, Charles, William, Jessie, Harold and Sidney. Frederick, born in 1870 and Augusta, born in 1868, eloped to get married in 1894 and for a while lived in Edmonton in North London. Fred was a caring man, not only looking after his immediate family but also his mother and handicapped brother. He was a compositor in the printing trade, having undertaken a six year apprenticeship, and although this was a good job, circumstances made the family leave London and move to Melksham in May 1907, where the children went to St Michael's School, Canon Square. Fred and Augusta then made the decision to make a fresh start in America. But why did Fred give up a good job? Unfortunately, the printing trade was then governed by Chapters (Unions), which meant a closed shop to anyone not part of a Chapter.

In 1912 the family bought second class tickets to sail on the SS New York for the sum of £46.18 (£5K in today's money). However, there was a problem with coal stocks, and the passages were transferred to third class tickets on the SS Titanic, sailing on the 10th April 1912 from Southampton.

The SS Titanic and her sister ship, Olympic, were primarily immigration ships made at Harland and Wolff shipyards in Belfast, taking people to America and part of the White Star Cunard Line, sailing under a British flag with a British crew. J Bruce Ismay was the Managing Director of the White Star Line and sailed on that last journey.

There are several myths about SS Titanic that have to be dispelled. Firstly, the strapline the 'Unsinkable' Titanic was not strictly true; the strapline was 'as far as possible' the liner was unsinkable.

Another myth is that the Titanic was in a race to cross the Atlantic in the fastest time possible. No such race was undertaken. The Olympic had survived a collision the year before, and had further collisions after the Titanic sank, but continued to work.

The Titanic had life boats to accommodate 1178 people, even so this took care of only 52% of the 2207 people on board and only 30% of her total capacity. The crew's cry of "Women and Children

first” in the lifeboats was not understood by the many non-English speaking passengers, and some thought that the cry was “Women and Children only”. In any case, it was thought more prudent in the case of a collision to stay with the ship rather than take to the lifeboats, which is why many people remained on board. Then as now on cruise ships, launching lifeboats is a very hazardous operation.

1912 was the worst year for icebergs on that route. Ships encountering icebergs sent out warnings to other ships in the area and the Titanic Captain, Edward J Smith, was aware of the hazard. 90% of an iceberg is below the surface of the water, therefore extremely difficult to see even with the naked eye, which was used in preference to binoculars at this time. This particular iceberg couldn't be seen until it was only 500 yards away.

There were 16 watertight bulkheads on the SS Titanic, and having hit the iceberg, five of them were open to the sea. The distress signal CQD was sent out, followed by the more up to date SOS signal. The SS Californian was within 10 miles of the Titanic, and although distress rockets were seen by the Californian, the messages and rockets were at first ignored. At 02.40 Captain Lord, who, on being asked if he wasn't going to check on the Titanic that was now in sight, said, “No, I don't think so, she's not making any signals now”.

The myth that third class passengers were locked in below decks isn't true. The barriers separating the classes were only waist high, therefore there would have been no difficulty in climbing over them. The Titanic broke in two and most survivors died of exposure in the lifeboats. There were 712 survivors out of 2201 passengers and crew.

As regards the Goodwin family, there weren't any cabins big enough to accommodate the whole family. When the ship hit the iceberg, Augusta would not leave her husband, and the children would not leave their mother.

Many years later the grave of an unknown child was found in Nova Scotia. Forensic investigation found that it was the body of the youngest Goodwin child, Sidney Leslie. The child has since been buried in St Michael's Church in Melksham.

The sinking of the Titanic meant an end to discrimination between classes on board liners and in future enough lifeboats were to be provided for the number of passengers on board.

Drusilla Attwood

Proposed New Quiz Group

We are planning to set up a new quiz group for Swindon U3A members to be based in the Royal Wootton Bassett area.

I would like to have at least 2 other members to join me in helping with this group. Especially those who are experienced quizzers and who would also be prepared to run a quiz once or twice a year.

There will be a charge of £1 per entry to cover administration costs.

We would meet on the first Friday of each month between 2pm and 4pm.

If you are interested in helping run this group, or wish to join, please contact me for more information by clicking on my name.

We would be looking to start in the spring.

John Turner

Use It or Lose It – Living Longer, Living Well Gorse Hill Community Centre

The March course is now fully subscribed. Anyone wishing to be added to the waiting list should contact Marla Carroll – see below.

Use It or Lose It – Living Longer, Living Well

This 3-session course deals with ways in which we can help ourselves stay mentally and physically active in older age. We hope to run this course again in Autumn 2019 but may be unable to do so unless we can recruit new presenters.

As a new presenter you would have access to all the materials currently in use, plus input into the continuing development of this popular course. You would be working as part of a team and you'd never be asked to present alone.

If you are interested in joining the team please contact **Marla Carroll** by clicking on her name. We really do need you!

Sue Carvey

Travel Group J

Trip to Birmingham on 29th November 2018

We started off from Swindon on a wet and windy day, but at 10:40 on arriving in Birmingham the sun was nearly out.

The bus dropped us a couple of minutes from the Birmingham museum and art gallery; well done organisers, just perfect. We entered the impressive building and headed straight to the Edwardian tearoom. What a lovely room to receive refreshments, especially tea from the enamel tea pots, reminding us of the rich industrial heritage of Birmingham.

The museum presented many exhibitions but too many to see in one day, so we concentrated on the Staffordshire hoard, the stained glass windows and the art galleries; especially the pre- Raphaelites.

Museum ticked, the Library of Birmingham was next. Another impressive building but this time very new. Up to the ninth floor to see the panoramic view of Birmingham city. Also on this floor was the Shakespeare room designed in the Elizabethan style with carvings, marquetry and metal work representing birds, flowers and foliage. The room is filled with memorabilia of Shakespeare's work and a copy of his death mask. We were hoping to go to level seven to the Secret garden which is outside, but, due to the wind, was closed.

Off to the canal for a short walk and lunch on the canal side, but no time to dawdle before we hit the Christmas markets. A great day out with plenty to do and we were well informed by the group, so that we could make the most of our day in Birmingham. A big thank you to Ann, Carol, Jenny, Jean and Joan.

Fiona Meredith

Canasta Group Christmas Lunch

Bob Pixton took the adjacent photograph during the Canasta Group's Christmas Lunch at Swindon College.

He wonders if any one else took informal images of their group celebrations, which could be published in the Newsletter.



Front Cover Photos

While on the subject of photos, there has been no response to my appeal for pictures of Swindon landmarks to put on the front cover of the Newsletter.

Any photos can be sent to me at: newsletter@swindonu3a.org.uk

Geoff Bryan

Lecture on Robotics

Coleview Community Centre - Saturday 23rd February at 11.00am

Professor Peter Childs from the Dyson School of Design Engineering, Imperial College London is giving a lecture to Swindon U3A members on Robotics and how it will change the way we live in the near future.

Topics he will address will include,

Do robots have to mean a reduction in jobs?

Can robots and humans work together?

Can robots enhance the energy efficiency of our homes?

How do robots support healthcare?

The lecture will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by an opportunity for discussion.

We hope to see you there.

Avril Muirhead

U3A Monday Morning Short Mat Group

9.30am to 11am at the Haydon Wick Leisure Centre

The U3A Group 6 Monday morning short mat bowls welcomes new members and, as Group Leader, I would be pleased to provide further information or just turn up on the Monday morning and we will introduce you to a lovely pastime in a warm and friendly atmosphere. You do not need to be a U3A member to come along and give it a try but, if you decide to join the group, then Membership is a requirement.

No previous knowledge is needed. Please contact me by clicking on my name below. I look forward to hearing from you or meeting you.

We are a new group that started in September with the help of Tony Coleman and already we have gelled together and one of our members is arranging a lunchtime meal at a Brewers Inn in January.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year to all in Swindon U3A

David Poulton



Mamma Mia Sing-a-long!
Monday 25th March at 2pm,
Lawn Community Centre, Guildford Avenue Swindon SN3 1JL

A new singing opportunity this year for everyone. The first Mamma Mia film will be screened in March.

This is a real feel-good film, as you'll know if you've already seen it, or will soon discover if you haven't!

We've purchased the Sing-a-long version so you don't need to know the words but we're sure you will already know the tunes!

~ Tea and cakes will be served during the interval ~

This is a trial which we hope you will enjoy and if popular we will repeat in the future, possibly at different venues and if there's enough demand then we may also screen plays, opera, ballet or anything else members would like to see.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend, as there will be an overall limit on numbers.

You can contact either **Margaret Goldie** or **Martin Preston** by clicking on one of their names.

Barn Dance Callers' Workshop on Saturday

23rd March 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Liden Community Centre, Barrington Close, SN3 6HF

If you would like the opportunity to practice barn dance calling for Swindon U3A in a friendly atmosphere and under the guidance of Mike Courthold, a professional caller, then please register your interest. A microphone and Coomber PA system will be available.

Preference will be given to regular barn dancers. For further information, please contact **Frank Rutzler** or **Rosie Jarvis** by clicking on one of their names. Thank you.

Winter Warmer

The Spanish dance "Winter Group" led by Trish Miles-Crust and Linda Marriott continue the "practise" sessions on the 5th and 19th February and 5th and 19th March. These practise sessions are suitable for beginners and improvers or just come along for a taster and enjoy a splash of Spanish sunshine.

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11:30, fortnightly at Gorse Hill

For more information, contact **Linda Marriott** by clicking on her name or go to Spanish Dance on the Swindon u3a website, or via 'contact GOs' on SUCAS

Travel Study Group J
Visit To Museum of London
Thursday 21st February 2019

The Museum of London documents the history of London from prehistoric to modern times. The museum comprises a series of chronological galleries containing original artefacts, models, pictures and diagrams with a strong emphasis on archaeological discoveries and London's cultural and social life. The museum is the largest urban history collection in the world, with more than six million items.

Departure Times and Pick Up Points

8.00am Ellendune Centre - Wroughton

8.10am Marriott / Piper's Way Roundabout (Bus Stop outside Intel)

8.15am Coate Water Bus Stop (opposite Sun PH)

4.00pm Depart for Swindon

Cost £20pp, includes coach and driver's gratuity. Entrance to the Museum is free.

Any members wishing to have a day in London without visiting the Museum are welcome. The Barbican and St Paul's Cathedral are a five minute walk from the museum.

Catering: The museum has two cafes and a restaurant. There is also a Lunch Hall where visitors can enjoy their own packed lunch.

All members welcome. To make an enquiry about this trip please click on Ken's name below.

Ken Ivie

Travel Study Group C & G

Visit to Coventry – Tuesday 26th February 2019

We will be dropped off and picked up at the Coventry Transport Museum which has free entry. Within easy walking distance you will find lots of places of interest where entry is also free. These include: the Herbert Art Gallery, the Old and New Cathedrals, the Guild Hall, the Lady Godiva Statue, the Peeping Tom Mechanical Clock, the Shopping Precinct and many places to eat.

A guided tour of The Holy Trinity Church has been arranged for 2.45pm with the opportunity to see the recently discovered Medieval Doom Painting of the Last Judgement.

Departure times and pick-up points:-

8.15am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton

8.30am Ashington Way, West Swindon

8.45am Matalan, Greenbridge.

2.45pm Guided tour of the Holy Trinity Church.

4.00pm Depart for Swindon

Cost £20pp includes: coach, donation to Holy Trinity Church for the guided tour and driver's gratuity.

All members welcome. To make an enquiry please click on Sylvia's name below.

Sylvia Blacklock

Travel Study Group J

Thursday 4th April 2019

Visit to Oxford. After coffee and shortbreads at the Randolph Hotel, our Blue Badge Guides will take us on a morning walking tour in the "Footsteps Of Chief Inspector Morse", we may also learn a little about Lewis and Endeavour. There will then be time for lunch and to explore the city, the Colleges, the Ashmolean Museum, the Bodleian Library or the Botanical Gardens for example.

Departure Times.

Ellendune Centre 8:30am

Pipers Way (Intel Bus Stop) 8:40am

Coate Water (Bus Stop opposite Sun inn) 8:50am

Depart for Swindon 4:30pm

Cost approximately £27.00 to include Coach, Driver's Gratuity, Coffee etc, and Guides.

Enquiries and bookings to Barbara and Peter Davidson, Tel. Swindon 520595.

Polar Exploration – Part 2

Arctic Geopolitics: History, Geography and Present Circumstances

Benson Parish Hall, Benson, Oxford OX10 6LZ

Thursday, 4th April 2019

This is a continuation of our enquiry into the political and climate change effects within the Arctic. This next study day will focus on sovereignty and how it affects all aspects of exploration. We are delighted to welcome back Dr Robert Headland and Lt. Commander John Ash, both from the Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI), part of the University of Cambridge. They will continue their enlightening lectures and elaborate on trade via Northwest Passage plus inform us about the state of play over claims to territory and fossil fuels.

Provisional Programme

Dr Robert Headland will lead the morning sessions. He is a biologist with the British Antarctic Survey, and advisor to several expeditionary organizations and departments of government.

- 10.00am Registration and refreshments
- 10.30am Unveiling the Arctic
- 11.30am Short break
- 11.45am Conflict and conundrums over Arctic sovereignty
- 12.45am LUNCH

Lt. Commander John Ash (RN retired) will lead the afternoon sessions.

- 1.45pm Arctic shipping and maritime sovereignty
- 2.45pm Short break
- 3.00pm Sledge dogs and sovereignty: the Sirius patrol
- 4.00pm CLOSE

Polar Exploration – Part 2

Application Form

Please Complete In Block Capitals – One Form Per Person

I would like to attend the study day on Thursday, 4th April 2019

Full Name

Email.....

Telephone number

Fee £12:00 to TVN members, £14:00 for non TVN members This covers the full programme for the day plus tea or coffee and biscuits on arrival and a buffet lunch.

I enclose a cheque for £.....made payable to: U3A Thames Valley Network

I certify that I belong toU3A

If you have any special dietary requirement for lunch, please specify here:

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I would like to receive details of future TVN events by email YES / NO

(New data protection regulations require you to consent to your email address being held by TVN. Without it we cannot retain it or send you information for any event other than this one.)

Signed.....Date 2019.

Applications together with your cheque should be sent to:

Mrs Margaret Sherrington, 53 Cumnor Hill, Oxford OX2 9EY

or email with any queries to msherrington1@aol.com

Acknowledgement will be sent by email, unless a stamped self-addressed envelope is provided.

The Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tay

William McGonagall, 1878

BEAUTIFUL Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tay!
With your numerous arches and pillars in so grand array
And your central girders, which seem to the eye
To be almost towering to the sky.
The greatest wonder of the day,
And a great beautification to the River Tay,
Most beautiful to be seen,
Near by Dundee and the Magdalen Green.

Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tay!
That has caused the Emperor of Brazil to leave
His home far away, incognito in his dress,
And view thee ere he passed along en route to Inverness.

Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tay!
The longest of the present day
That has ever crossed o'er a tidal river stream,
Most gigantic to be seen,
Near by Dundee and the Magdalen Green.

Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tay!
Which will cause great rejoicing on the opening day
And hundreds of people will come from far away,
Also the Queen, most gorgeous to be seen,
Near by Dundee and the Magdalen Green.

Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tay!
And prosperity to Provost Cox, who has given
Thirty thousand pounds and upwards away
In helping to erect the Bridge of the Tay,
Most handsome to be seen,
Near by Dundee and the Magdalen Green.

Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tay!
I hope that God will protect all passengers
By night and by day,
And that no accident will befall them while crossing
The Bridge of the Silvery Tay,
For that would be most awful to be seen
Near by Dundee and the Magdalen Green.

Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tay!
And prosperity to Messrs Bouche and Grothe,
The famous engineers of the present day,
Who have succeeded in erecting the Railway
Bridge of the Silvery Tay,
Which stands unequalled to be seen
Near by Dundee and the Magdalen Green.

This is the first of three poems by William McGonagall about the Tay Railway Bridge. The first bridge was completed in February 1878, provoking McGonagall to write this poem. The bridge collapsed on 28th December 1879 and McGonagall wrote his better known poem, "The Tay Bridge Disaster". The bridge was rebuilt and opened on 20 June 1887 and McGonagall wrote "An Address to the New Tay Bridge". William Topaz McGonagall has the reputation of being the World's worst poet.

Geoff Bryan

Concert Goers invite you to the Opera!

Gaetano Donizetti composed his tragic opera, Roberto Devereux when he was at the height of his fame as a prolific writer of operas. Devereux, Earl of Essex and Elizabeth 1's lover, is accused of treason, a victim of court intrigue and politics of late 16th century England. Elizabeth's attempts to save him are frustrated when she finds he loves another woman....

This is one of Donizetti's finest and most affecting operas, containing some of his best vocal writing and spine chilling melodies. Raw and emotional, it pushes romantic opera to the limits of melodic expression.

Welsh National Opera's critically acclaimed production includes awesome wonders of set, costumes and special effects. Its dramatic intensity and striking design is guaranteed to leave your heart racing!

The good news is that you can join the Concert Goers on Friday evening, 12th April, when we will be taking a trip to the Hippodrome, Bristol, to see this production.

The cost, including coach travel, will be £44.00 per person.

This has been priced on 30 people attending. If 40 people sign up, there will be a rebate on the day.

Please contact:

Cindy Matthews or **Nina Stimson** by clicking on one of their names.

Royal British Legion (Wroughton)
Visit to National Memorial Arboretum
Tuesday 2nd April 2019

The National Memorial Arboretum is Britain's year-round national site of remembrance at Alrewas, near Lichfield, Staffordshire. It is a spiritually uplifting place which honours the fallen, recognises service and sacrifice and fosters pride in the British Armed Forces.

It's not a cemetery. It's a place of life, represented by the 30,000 trees planted here, where older and younger generations alike can wander and wonder.

Covering 150 acres, the Arboretum has something for everyone. For some it's a wonderful place to stroll and enjoy the trees; for others it's a peaceful and beautiful place to remember loved ones, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The trees and the more than 300 dedicated memorials on our site make the Arboretum a living tribute that will forever acknowledge the personal sacrifices made by the Armed Forces and civil services of this country. Importantly, the focus isn't totally military. There is a large area devoted to Police who have fallen while on duty, as well as other areas devoted to the Fire and Rescue and Ambulance services. National charities representing those who have died in particular circumstances, including children, are also to be found in the Arboretum grounds.

There is a restaurant / cafe where main meals or light snacks can be purchased and plenty of areas to enjoy a packed lunch for those who wish to enjoy their own food.

Departure Times and Pick Ups.

- 8.30am Ellendune Centre, Wroughton
- 8.45am Bus Stop, Coate Water (Opposite Sun PH)
- 4.00pm Depart for Swindon

Cost £21 pp includes coach and gratuities.

Contact **Ken Ivie** by clicking on his name.

Travel Group J
Visit to Worcester
Thursday 16th May 2019

A visit to Worcester including admission to the re-furbished Royal Worcester Porcelain museum which includes tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival and an introductory video presentation.

In addition to the Royal Worcester museum there are lots of other places for you to enjoy including Worcester Cathedral, the Guildhall, Greyfriars House (National Trust) and many more all less than 10 minutes walk from the museum.

Departure times and pick-up points:

8.30am Ellendune Health Centre, Wroughton

8.45am Coate Water

4.00pm Depart for Swindon

Cost £25.50 per person which includes the entry to the museum including tea/coffee biscuits etc, coach and gratuities

All members and friends welcome.

Contact **Jayne Bellamy** or **Mike Carvell** by clicking on one of their names.

SWINDON MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

MODRAIL 2019

9th March 2019 10.00 am to 4.30 pm

at STEAM Museum

www.swindonmodelrailwayclub.com

Top Quality Layouts - Demonstrators - Trade Support
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January Sale 2019

From 16th January 2019 to 14th February 2019 we are offering a very special offer of a Three Course Lunch inc. Tea/Coffee for £6.50pp

To make a reservation email: faithmarles@swindon.ac.uk
Or Tel: 01793 498244

If you are looking for a venue to meet over coffee and a cake/pastry then come along to our Barista Coffee Shop.
Open from 10am each day.

Thank you for all your past and continued support so that our students can train in a realistic working environment.
Do not miss out — make your reservation today Tel: 01793 498244



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14th February 2019

Items for the April Newsletter must be received by
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Geoff Bryan

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We should also like to point out that any views expressed are not necessarily those of the organisation or of the Editor.

Life President Norman Richards

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