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Hello and Happy New Year to Everyone.

2017 has hopefully heralded the beginning of new developments for the community of Open University Graduates, especially in South Wales. The first meeting that I arranged was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute due to a minor accident. However the next planned visit to The Waterfront Museum in Swansea in September went ahead as planned. It was a beautiful autumnal day and we had a very productive meeting, with many ideas being discussed.

The aim is to develop our network in Wales, by arranging visits and meetings that will cover a wide range of interests and venues, and enable us to meet up. So if any of you fellow Graduates have any suggestions please contact me, and I will happily liaise with you. My contact details are at the end of this newsletter and also in the AOUG magazine.

Our next meeting is at the Marriot Hotel coffee lounge in Cardiff. Saturday January 13th. 11 a.m. This is a very central location near to trains and buses. It would be a really good start to 2018 if a good sized group turn up, so please try. It can be for a quick chat and coffee, or if you would like, we could go on to lunch, there are a multitude of reasonably priced places to eat, all near to The Marriot. Hopefully from this meeting we can develop some ideas and friendships. If you can't make it, especially if Cardiff is too far away, then please get in touch and tell me about places in your area that we could visit. Let's try to get around as many areas as possible.

One future possibility is to have a conducted tour of the Millennium stadium. These can be arranged at a small cost. I would welcome your feedback on this idea. There are also a multitude of places of interest we could visit, or even try to set up regular "coffee" meetings with fellow Graduates in your area. So I'm anticipating with interest hearing your ideas.

I am looking forward to your support, and meeting you, if not in Cardiff on the 13th. Then at another venue.

Please e-mail or phone me if you have any ideas or suggestions that will enhance our organisation and in particular Nation 10.

Jude Warren

2018 AGM

This year's AGM/Social Weekend is to be held in the Greater Manchester area at The Norton Grange Hotel and Spa, Castleton, Rochdale from 18th to 20th May 2018. This will be our thirtieth Anniversary year, so why not join us to mark this very special event. Booking forms are available in the Winter edition of OMEGA or via the AOUG website at www.aoug.org.uk. There will be optional visits to Robinsons Brewery and the Hat Works, and a walk around Media City/The Lowry. If you don't know this area, why not explore while you're there, or just take advantage of the spacious hotel facilities. The weekend is open to all AOUG Members and your family and friends, as well as any interested OU Graduates, OU students and OU Staff.

Ideas for Fund Raising

We are always looking to find ways to increase the funds for our Charity. The Yorkshire Region held a 'Friends for the Foundation' fundraising day, raising £150. How about a Car Boot, Sponsored Walks, selling unwanted items on eBay or filling Smartie boxes with pennies, 20p pieces or even pound coins! This idea provided by a member from Region 05 recently resulted in 63 one pence pieces, £4.25 in five pence pieces, £5.50 in ten pence pieces and £12.20 in twenty pence pieces - £22.58!

Future Events

Saturday 13th January. 12.30pm

Meet in the Foyer of the Cardiff Marriott Hotel, Mill Lane, Cardiff, CF10 1EZ (near to bus stops and station) to get to know each other over a coffee, possibly followed by lunch.

Saturday 13th January. 11am

Meet the AOUG Chairman in the famous Ice Cream Parlour for a cup of coffee in lovely surroundings in Conwy at North Wales Garden World, St Asaph Avenue, Kinmel Bay, Conwy, North Wales, LL18 5TU. You will locate me with OMEGA on the table.

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