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Hello Members!

This is the first Newsletter from your Executive Representative, Jean Grout, and I hope you will find it of interest. It is to simply let you know briefly what events have happened in your Region and what future events will be coming up. All details will of course be published in OMEGA under Diary Dates. Any news from The Open University which will be of interest to members will also be recorded in these Newsletters; this is a way of keeping members 'in touch' with their Executive Representatives and the AOUG between deliveries of OMEGA.

The first event we had was an interesting conducted tour of St. Albans Abbey. A happy Christmas Lunch at The Peahen in St. Albans followed, and in February we visited the delightful Wardown Park Museum in Luton, which is surrounded by beautiful parklands.

Looking ahead to the 24th March, we will be visiting Waddesdon Manor near Ayelsbury in Buckinghamshire, which was built in the 1870's in the style of a French Renaissance chateau. On 28th April there is a walk in Ayot St. Lawrence with a visit to Shaw's Corner (George Bernard) and a pub lunch after and members have requested a Coffee Morning in The Peahen, St Albans for a friendly chat and update on forthcoming events which will be on Monday 21st May from 10:30. Looking even further ahead are visits to Bletchley Park on 30th June and Wrest Park, Silsoe on 21st July and another Coffee Morning at The Peahen on 13th August. For any updates on events etc go to our website: www.aoug.org.uk and follow the links.

I am very anxious to recruit Local Contacts/helpers from Bedfordshire, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk to organize events in your own particular county so that more members can enjoy social interactions. All that is involved is to find a couple of local events of interest, contact me with the date, place and meeting time (as in Diary Dates) and I will get it into OMEGA under our Region. If you would like to help your local members could you please e-mail or phone me. Many thanks. It is great fun meeting new members! I can really recommend it!

On a different note, my list of email addresses is VERY limited! Could those of you receiving this Newsletter by post and who have an email address, please email it to me and your phone number! (also very limited!) Those of you who do receive this by email, could you please email me with your phone number and home address? Thank you SO much.

Could I also ask that if in future you do change your contact details could you please notify Cheryl Cowley, Clerical Officer, AOUG, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. T: 01908 653316; email: AOUG@open.ac.uk, and me! Also, if there is anyone with an email address but who would still prefer to receive these letters by post, please consider donating some stamps to help reduce our expenses... with 267 letters to send, postage is high! Very many thanks.

Well! I look forward to seeing and hearing from you all in the future!

My very best wishes,

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