



## Association of Open University Graduates in the East of England. (06)

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A few months have passed us by as well as a few very interesting trips. Waddesdon Manor near Aylesbury is superb! The formal gardens with fountains were lovely but the rolling natural landscape of the outer grounds was superb, covered with daffodils and beautiful old trees. The Manor itself was built in the 1870's in the style of a French Chateau! I wish more than just three AOUG members could have come and enjoyed the lovely day and weather!

The visit to George Bernard Shaw's House was very different to the above! His house, at his own request has been kept exactly as it was when he lived and died there. It was like being in a 1950's time warp! It also took me back to my own childhood! This 30<sup>th</sup> June we are visiting Bletchley Park, the National Codes and Cipher Centre and home of the world famous Enigma Code!

Our forthcoming events will continue with visits to Wrest Park, Silsoe near Luton on the 21<sup>st</sup> July. It is an English Heritage property with 18<sup>th</sup> century gardens. On 1<sup>st</sup> September is a visit to Hatfield House, and 3<sup>rd</sup> November the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great in the City of London. It really would make it very worthwhile if more of you could come to these events, although I do realise people are very busy these days. Our coffee mornings at The Peahen on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 9<sup>th</sup> October and our Christmas Lunch there on 1<sup>st</sup> December will also be taking place.

Our recent AGM/Social Weekend in Liverpool was both interesting and entertaining. I was privileged to witness a very strong statement from 93 year old Olga Camm, the Founder of our Association, concerning the future of the AOUG. How very sad that she was to die shortly afterwards. The AOUG has lost its Mother figurehead. We also realised that the paucity of new members joining the AOUG could cause serious problems with our association. We desperately need more OU graduates to join. Do any of you have any ideas how we could recruit new members? Please email/phone me, or our Chairman, with ANY ideas.

Could you please notify me of any changes to your email or postal addresses. I will always contact you via email, if possible, as the cost of postage is now very high.

I'm still hoping for someone from Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk to offer as Local Contacts. This only entails providing venues, dates and meeting times for events in your area for your fellow AOUG members to attend. It is always pleasant to meet fellow OU graduates when new friendships can be forged. Please contact me if you are interested. Two ladies from Essex have volunteered to be Local Contacts. They are Lilian Ellis, [lilian.ellis@tesco.net](mailto:lilian.ellis@tesco.net) 01268 551018 and Jane Sealy, [janesealy@mac.com](mailto:janesealy@mac.com) Mob 077128 37914. Please contact them with any ideas you might have.

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