

November 2018

Dear Friends Extra

We are delighted to report that over 40 people very well attended the first coffee morning and forum. Cake and lovely refreshments were kindly donated and enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who went to the trouble of making and bringing them. Janet Williams gave a very interesting short talk on her bees; we all left knowing a little more about the worker bees and their amazing colony.

There were several ideas, a board game group, a book group and walks in the park and well as an outing to Bristol for an art exhibition. If anyone is interested in joining the book group please would they contact Liz Callaghan for further details. elizabeth.callaghan@virgin.net I have asked if Liz can have a discussion group in the RAF canteen at Croome, Jayne has said she is very happy to accommodate one large table for 8 and will generously give everyone 20% discount on food and beverage. So do get in touch with Liz if you are interested, you can decide which book to review and get reading over Christmas.

Roy Box brought some board games and would very much like to start a small group, I am hoping that he will come to the next meeting and be able to expand on the games he can offer and plans can be made

The idea of walks seemed very popular, Mary Evans who is a volunteer and garden steward is happy for anyone to join her as she walks around the park on a Tuesday morning. It would be lovely if someone came forward to lead some short walks in the New Year, perhaps ending with a pub lunch.

We are looking into the possibility of a garden visit group for next year, so please let me know your thoughts on that one.

Paul Walby had kindly agreed to do the communications and put reports and messages in the 'What's on at Croome' etc. we will look into have our own dedicated email address

The next meeting is booked for a Wednesday this time on the 5th December, as before at Severn Stoke village hall at 10.30. Once again all offers of cake would be most welcome. Perhaps we could all find and wear our Christmas jumpers just to start the Christmas mood.

Heather Greenhaigh has very kindly offered to give a short 15 minute talk on working the Education Department at HMP Long Lartin. If you would like to give a talk, tell some anecdotal stories to start the meeting or have any ideas your suggestions would be welcome.

At the next meeting we can do a rota for doing teas and coffees, setting up

the tables etc. I have to say a big thank you to everyone, all was cleared away and washed up in a very short time.

I had a sneak preview of the new building, which should be up and running in March. It looked to be a very welcoming space and the perfect place for coffee mornings, meetings and other activities. So something to look forward to, perhaps we will have things a bit more up and running by then so we can make full use of it.

Next time I think it would be a lot easier if everyone pays £2 when they sign in, that will cover the cost of the hall and refreshments.

I am going to ask Janet Williams if she would bring some of her honey to sell, perhaps we could have a small sale table and if you have anything to sell, be it from you allotment, a jar of jam, a cake or other goodies that are reasonably priced perhaps it's worth a try, the money would of course be yours

We very much look forward to seeing you on the 5th of December

Kind regards

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