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Newsletter – March 2024

Dear Members,



Apologies for the lack of a February Newsletter, due to both Yvonne and myself being incapacitated. When writing this letter, I couldn't resist this cartoon which I saw on Facebook. I leave it to you to decide which one is me and which one is Yvonne! Many thanks to Margaret

who stood in at short notice to Chair the February meeting in the Town Hall, when a large crowd of members and visitors (80?) turned up to hear about Charles Ashbee and the Arts and Crafts Movement.

The Speaker at the March Meeting was Dr Jim Ellis, who gave us a very personal and different insight into the Falklands War. He focussed on the logistics of assembling the Task Force and transporting troops and equipment. He missed a trip on QE2 and travelled on a converted Sealink Cross Channel ferry, arriving in the Falklands two days after the Argentinian forces surrendered!

Our Annual General Meeting, which preceded the talk by Jim Ellis, was Chaired by Margaret. There were no questions as all the reports and nominations had been put on the website prior to the meeting. Yvonne said how much she valued the u3a and hoped that it would continue to thrive under the new Chair.

The Committee and Officers were re-elected with the exception of Yvonne who resigned as Chair and Michael Rowe who was elected to the Committee and to the post of Chair. Yvonne hopes to continue as Groups Co-ordinator after her move to Moreton in Marsh.

Another piece of welcome news was that one of our newer members, Steve Ball, has volunteered to become our Website Administrator and he has already started to update our rather neglected website. He sends out a plea to all members of Interest Groups to look at the information of the website relating to their Group and to let him know of any changes that are needed. Also, he is desperate for some up to date photos of Group activities, which he can use to show the general public what a lovely lot we are and to make them want to join in the fun!

Our Speaker on 3rd April will be Priscilla Frost from Oxford, speaking about Thomas Willement, a renowned maker of stained glass who worked in the early 1800s. There are some lovely pictures online if you just Google his name but I don't have room for them today. Do come along if you are able and bring your friends!

Best wishes, Christine

Chipping Norton u3a Secretary

