

WETS

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 6th November, 1999 at Buckfastleigh Town Hall at 2.p.m.

Agenda

Chairman's Report

Treasurer's Report

Election of Officers & Committee

Election of Auditor

To be followed by the Members' Meeting - see below.

This Newsletter starts off with a plea from your Chairman - what can you, the Members, do to help your Committee provide Newsletters?

Your committee is in urgent need of help. We are only too happy to supply you with Newsletters but we need some help in filling the pages.

I know I have said this before but it deserves repeating - any Society is only as good as its members. The most interesting and rewarding Societies to belong to are those where every member is involved, and there is a constant interchange of ideas and always something going on.

We have suggested in the past that the Newsletter could be used as a vehicle for advertising wants or anything we want to sell. We do have a list of members collecting interests but this needs to be updated - please write to Alison and she will update the list.

We have managed to put together the Roadshow for the coming season but when you are organising something like this you need to think far ahead. Could

any of you who have not so far contributed anything set your minds to providing 8 sheets on a theme of your choice for the Roadshow for September 2001.

We cannot do all this and keep an interesting Society going on our own - come on let us have your thoughts - letters to the Newsletter so that some discussion is started would be one way to keep an interesting Society under way.

I will start the ball rolling - anybody got any interesting items - handstamps - covers etc., illustrating Women that I might want to buy. I can give you an example of how something you know nothing about turns up. Norman had a postmark packet the other day and there was a special handstamp commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the launch of Women's Weekly. The start of a magazine for women in the 1920s - I had never come across anything to do with women's magazines before, now I shall look. If people do not know what you collect how can they help you.

Don't forget to bring something with you to show in November and if I can come to terms with my new computer I'll do something with my Women to bring!

We have fixed the date of our next Annual Day - March 25th, 2000 and our speaker will be Mr. David Cox - the subject Birds.

We also have the date and speaker fixed for 2001. You will have to wait for details until November 6th - it will be worth waiting for.

Happy collecting until we meet in November (make sure you are all there), and get cracking and contribute your bit

to WETS.

Mary Claydon (Chairman)
COMPETITIONS

For anyone who is interested in entering competitions seriously the Secretary has a copy of notes from *Pacific 97 and Israel 98 Thematic Seminars*. This an eight page document which is mind-blowing in its complexity (this comment is the view of your non-competitive Secretary) However, if there is anyone out there who would like a copy I shall be very happy to supply one.

WETS ROADSHOW

The new version goes on its travels starting with Dawlish Club. We also have bookings from Kingsbridge, Mid-Devon and Torquay for the rest of 1999.

So far in 2000 we shall be going to Bideford, Tiverton and Minehead. Would your Club like a visit from us? A letter or telephone call to the Secretary will secure a booking.

We even have a tentative booking for 2001 at Dorchester.

DIARY DATES

6th November 1999 at Buckfastleigh Town Hall 2p.m. - 5p.m. Members Meeting including short Annual General Meeting.

25th March 2000 Thematic Day at the Dartmoor Lodge, Ashburton - the Speaker will be David Cox showing Birds.

REMINISCENCES

All of you must remember Barrie Floyd

who collected a theme on Agriculture; he showed some very imaginative material. He also came to some of our meetings in Buckfastleigh Town Hall and, as a dealer, provided us with a very good choice of goodies to buy for our own themes.

Recently he was in Malaysia and from there he sent regular letters to his friends, usually with a few interesting bits and pieces on approval or just out of the goodness of his heart. A recent letter from him quoted, of course, the address at which he and his wife are staying in Kuala Lumpur, but also his email address. So, we sent him an email acknowledgement and had a further message from him by the same means. Frankly, I find it fascinating, even daunting, that a few minutes play on a computer and a few more seconds contacting our "server" (the chap who provides our Internet connection) gets a message to Malaya which is read within a couple of hours (or even minutes) of being sent and results in a reply that comes back just as quickly.

Barrie did mention in his reply that it would have made an astonishing difference to history if facilities of this kind had been available when Malaya was administered at a very long arm's length from London and the mails took anything up to six months in each direction.

How about a theme on email?

This space reserved for members contributions.

Would you believe it, this font is called Scribble!

Get scribbling.