

National Office Mailing GM/04/12

3rd April 2012 TO ALL BUSINESS SECRETARIES

There are no national enclosures with this mailing but I wanted to bring certain things to your attention and remind you about a few dates.

AGM – Royal Agricultural College Cirencester September 12 In 2010 we had our first ‘stand alone’ AGM at the RAC and it was a great success. We intend to emulate that this year and we have managed to secure facilities at the college the day before to make it a more significant event. This will enable us to hold workshops/seminars on the Tuesday afternoon and give us the opportunity to meet up at our leisure in the evening in comfortable surroundings. For the AGM I have hired a marquee which will provide a more comfortable environment and give us more room; all I need now is for lots of you to come! We are just starting to fill in the detail of the programme and finalising prices, so please register your interest and we will send further information out to you. With regard to the AGM please remember that I need resolutions with a proposer and seconder by 30th April.

Model Constitution for U3As in England & Wales plus Notes on the Model Constitution

These documents are now back on the website. If you had a copy of the constitution before a few minor tweaks please destroy it. Also please read the notes in conjunction with the constitution. Just to make it clear, if you have a constitution that works for your U3A, there is no need or pressure to change it although even so, you may find certain clauses in the new one which you like. However, if you do have an old one i.e. pre 2002 model, I would suggest that you have a look at it and at least discuss adopting it. The Charity Commission has the new model and therefore you should have no problem at all if you decide to adopt it but if you do, please ring me and I will sort it out for you.

Correct Use of U3A Trademark

I circulated an advice sheet last October on the use of the U3A trademark (no. 9 in document downloads on the website), which asked all committees to make sure that the logo was being used correctly and where there were infringements, to take steps to remedy the situation, as soon as possible, but without causing financial impact. I am well aware that some of you have done and thank you for that. However, there are still quite a few infringements on your websites, and I would be very grateful if you could put those right, along with any you might have on your stationery and publications. The correct logo is on the home page of the website and as you will see it, does not have The Third Age Trust on the top. If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Update on Events

May 16th – Edward Elgar Event ‘Master of the King’s Musick’ – Elgar Birthplace Museum Worcester We still have a handful of places left.

May 22nd – The Rhythms of Life – How Our Biological Clocks Tick – The Royal Society London We still have some tickets available. We had a very successful and enjoyable afternoon last week at the Royal Institution and I am sure our annual ‘Staying Sharp’ event, sponsored by The Dana Alliance, with its usual medical focus, will be extremely interesting. More information can be found in the members’ area under events. Photographic Competition Closing Date

May 8th – please keep them coming.

English Heritage

There is now a centralised telephone number for educational bookings with a dedicated educational visit customer services team – 0870 333 0606

30th Anniversary Celebrations and Walkathon Events

We hope to have displays at the AGM in Cirencester so please send photos in if you are organising or participating in any such events.

50+ Awards Voting

You have until 30th June to vote for U3A in the ‘best continuing education provider’ section at www.50plus-Awards.com

Thank you and have a lovely Easter.

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