

## ***Friends Extra! – Please register***

The 'regulars', and some new faces, got together for another social meeting at Severn Stoke Village Hall last Monday. As usual, one of our members – this time Sue Smith – gave a short talk on a topic they have an interest in. Sue's subject was Dementia and its' impact on the sufferers and their family and friends; what help is available and what we can do to assist.

Now that the weather is improving (please!) thoughts turn to activities which can be enjoyed outside. Mary Evans is running a regular Tuesday morning walk round Croome's parkland, and John Chugg is happy to organise a walk elsewhere. The book Group run by Liz Callaghan is going well. As is the Board Game Group run by Roy Box. Trips out to other properties have been suggested, and whatever else people want to do as a group. An art workshop is to be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Christine Dodd has kindly agreed to do our first workshop using pastels, all materials will be provided and spaces will be limited. Bookings taken at the next meeting

But more immediately our next meeting will be held in the newly restored RAF Orderlies Quarters at Croome on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 10.30AM. Michael Forster-Smith will welcome us and Janet Soley will surprise us with words! You don't have to be a member of the Friends of Croome to join in our events, but if you are there are many more benefits to be gained! We welcome any Croome Friend or Volunteer – and your 'partner' if they want to join in – so don't hesitate to come along. Refreshments will be available and there will be a charge of £2 per session.

We have now set up a dedicated email address for Friends Extra members and any one else who would be interested in coming along: [FriendsextraCoome@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsextraCoome@gmail.com) and **we would be pleased if you would register** your interest in being advised of events by responding to that address. You will then get detail of forthcoming events on a regular basis. Of course, if you subsequently decide you don't want to be advised any more just say and your name will be deleted from our list.

Paul Walby