

# Add-Venture in Learning Newsletter

## Summer 2020

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### CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Hello Members:

This lock down period has, of course, been one full of anxiety. It has also been one where our opportunities to be adventurous, especially physically have been greatly diminished. The AddVenture in Learning Committee are very disappointed that we have had to cancel our courses in Weston-Super-Mare, Norwich and York, but hope that we may be able to reschedule these for next year.

I have been Chairman of AddVenture in Learning for the past five years. I think that the time has now come for me to step down and so I won't be standing at the forthcoming AGM, which we will be holding as a virtual conference in August. I have a number of other voluntary commitments which keep me very occupied and I don't think that I can devote the time to AddVenture that it deserves.

I wish the charity every success for the future and hope to be taking part in future courses.

Stay Safe

Andrew Hodgson

### COURSES FOR 2020

CLASSICAL MUSIC MEDLEY – This course which was scheduled for the end of March was the first to be cancelled just a few weeks before it was due to take place. We had everything ready and 30 people scheduled to attend. It is hoped that we can run this course in 2021.

NORWICH PAST AND PRESENT – which was due in June, has also been cancelled and everyone who had booked should have been notified and refunds made where requested. This course had been organised by Sandra Walster who had spent many hours getting everything organised. So well done to Sandra, who must be very disappointed. We have now re-booked the accommodation for 16 - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY IN YORK – which was scheduled for August this year has also now been cancelled. Well done to Eleanor Tew for arranging this and who must

also be disappointed. This course will also be rescheduled for August 2021 with the exact dates to be confirmed.

If you have booked for York you will be contacted by committee member Mary Goodlad with regard to refunds if required.

Mary Goodlad 0114 2492023, email [sistergoodlad@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sistergoodlad@yahoo.co.uk)

Please note that although bookings are normally made with Isobell Phillips she is only accessible by phone or text at the moment as she is unable to use a computer during lockdown.

#### AUTUMN BIRD MIGRANTS AT GIBRALTAR POINT SKEGNESS

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. (3 nights)

Organised by Karen Colebourn

Hopefully this course will still run but obviously it is too early to be sure at present.

At the time of writing it is fully booked but depending on the hotel and coach availability we may be able to take a few more bookings. So if you are interested please contact Isobell by phone or text to put your name on the waiting list. Isobell 07731 867931

COST – Student £320 Guide £240

To include hotel accommodation in single ensuite rooms (doubles available) , breakfast, packed lunch, evening meal and transport for outings. There is a station at Skegness.

FITNESS LEVEL – This course will involve a degree of fitness to walk on uneven ground and stand around listening to the birds.

Gibraltar Point is a National Nature Reserve on the coast in Lincolnshire. In autumn we will hear various migrants and flocks of waders appearing at high tide. We will be going out early each morning and taking a late breakfast at the reserve café and having a packed lunch. We will be discovering other areas of wildlife interest in the afternoons.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting was scheduled to take place during the York course in August. We are now trying to find ways of holding a virtual AGM.

As you will see from the Chairman's letter Andrew is standing down. Also our Secretary Doreen is resigning although she will continue to manage the website and Braille copies of the newsletter. This leaves us with a much depleted committee which means more tasks for the remaining members, so we are looking for further help so we can hopefully keep Add-venture in Learning going in future.

Our committee meetings are held about 4 or 5 times a year by means of telephone conference calls (easily set up) as well as email contact between members.

Please could you consider if you, or someone you know, would consider undertaking the following. We aim to have a committee of both sighted and visually impaired members.

- Ordinary committee member
- Chairman
- Secretary – Currently involves preparing meeting agendas and taking minutes, keeping the membership list up to date and emailing out newsletters. These tasks can be re-assessed.
- Someone who can assist the current publicity officer by putting publicity on social media

Please contact Andrew or Doreen to find out more if you feel you can help.

We are always looking for ideas for future courses. This does depend on viability in finding suitable accommodation and costs involved. We have lots of ideas that do not come to fruition mainly because of finding group accommodation at an affordable price and being in an accessible place for those using public transport.

## **NEWSLETTER FORMATS**

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