



Open University
Students Association

Weald Branch Newsletter

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Hello again, I am Norman Wright and it is nearly a year since I produced my first ever newsletter for the Branch. Since then time has marched on so quickly that another has just not been possible. However, now that this year's course is almost completed, more of my time can be directed toward OUSA business. Top of the list has been to get this latest newsletter out.

ATTENTION - - WE NEED YOUR HELP

**To Fill the Following
Vacancy**

Weald Branch Chairperson

Salary ----- Hm. Well it is actually an honorary position, reasonable expenses can however be met.

Duties: See over page

Over the past few months, we have, apart from our normal meetings, managed just one venture into the countryside for a "pub walk". Whereas the weather was not very kind, the only two members who ventured out had a thoroughly enjoyable walk across farmland, through woods, and beside the river around Peshurst. We were then lubricated and recharged by 'Speckled Hen & Pub Lunch' at the Leicester Arms public house in the centre of the village.

We were the lucky one's.

Hopefully see you next time

Special Events

News of these will be posted on our website, which may be found by following the link below.

<http://www.wealdousa.org.uk/>

or email to

wealdousa@yahoo.co.uk

Weald Branch Conference

To gain access you need to E-mail 'OUSA Controller' using your First Class (OU) email asking for access to Weald Branch conference area. You should quote:

PI number, First Class user name, server number - 1 or 2 (shown under Your OU Mailbox)



Within 2 weeks OUSA Br Weald should appear on your first class desktop (if not already there).

Once access has been granted then you will be able to contribute too, as well as read messages, in the conference area.

If you experience any problems gaining access simply contact the student helpdesk on: 01908 653972

Alternatively you are invited to contact any Weald Branch committee member:

Norman Wright, Andy Wilson or Chris Merriman

Meetings

All future meetings will be held at the "Humphrey Bean Pub" on Tonbridge high street. Unless otherwise stated members are invited to gather from around 19.00 hours for a 19.30 hours start.

This decision has been made on the grounds that meetings to date have attracted good attendances at this venue.

Wednesday 8th. November.
(2007)

Tuesday 16th. January. AGM

Wednesday 21st. February

Then 3rd. Wednesday of every month.

The newly re-vamped web-site, thanks to our Chris Merriman, is now up and running. Content is not yet overflowing but is being added too regularly. Any Weald branch member is welcome to submit material for the site. Simply send to our Yahoo email address.

The AGM

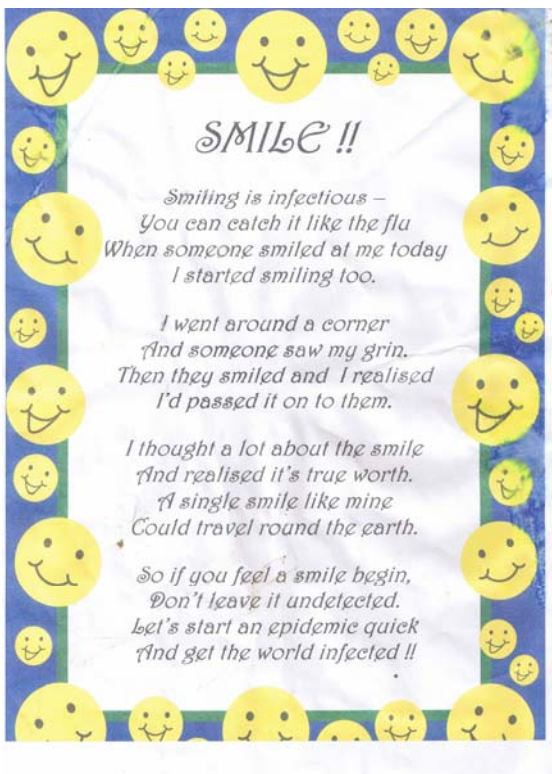
Our January get together at Tonbridge will incorporate the branch Annual General Meeting. As advertised above we are in need of a **Chairperson**. We would be interested in hearing from any member interested in taking on this role. The responsibilities are not too demanding and really amount to ensuring the committee is functioning properly, and that meetings are conducted in an orderly manner. **If** you wish to consult on the requirements in respect of the task please email via the yahoo address shown above.

Meeting date: Tuesday 16th. January 2007 **Time:** 19.00 hours for 19.30 hours start

Venue: The Humphrey Bean Public House, High Street, Tonbridge.

The agenda for the meeting will be:

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| 1. Apologies for absence | 2. Officer reports | 3. Election of Officers |
| 4. OUSA conference 2007 | 5. Any other business | 6. Close of meeting |



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We need ideas for social activities, plus content for our web-site and future newsletters. If you can help please let us know via the Yahoo email address printed on page 1

Responsibilities of the Chair

The chair has overall responsibility for the management of branch affairs and needs to:

- ensure that the activities agreed by General Meetings of the Branch Committee are carried out.
- liaise regularly with the Secretary and Treasurer to see how branch activities are progressing and whether any guidance is needed.
- know the Branch constitution well and be able to rule on the propriety of any planned activity.

Meetings

The chair has a particular role to play at meetings where he/she is responsible for:

- maintaining good order and ensuring meetings are conducted in a business-like manner.
- approving or amending the agenda that is circulated prior to the meeting.
- deciding on points of order during the meeting.
- adjourning the meeting.
- Voting as a member of the Branch
- Exercising an additional casting vote, as Chair, when necessary.

The Objectives of OUSA shall be:

- To foster a corporate identity for its members and all students of the Open University (hereinafter referred to as 'the university');
- To defend the principles of equal opportunity and of open access to the University regardless of academic qualifications or financial circumstances;
- To co-ordinate the organisation of social and welfare activities for its members and all students;
- to promote and represent the educational interests of all students as members of the University;
- to promote the influence of students upon the operation and development of the university;