LISTENING TRANSCRIPT 2 - CONVERSATION

International Friendship Club

S: Simon; M: Maria


M: Hello. Is this the right number for the International Friendship Club?

S: Yes, that’s right. How can I help?

M: I picked up a copy of your newsletter in the Students’ Union, and I was wondering if you could tell me a bit more about the club?

S: Yes, of course. We set up the club three years ago as a way of promoting international understanding. So we have been established for a while now. And, there are meetings every Thursday evening, during term time that is.

M: Thursday, right.

S: Yes, we usually show a film or maybe run a competition of some kind. But mostly it’s an opportunity for people to get together, relax, make friends. And we also produce a regular newsletter- I think you said you had a seen a copy of that....?

M: The newsletter? Yes, it looked interesting.

S: So you know it’s got loads of information about what’s on in the area and about living in Britain in general. We also have quite a busy social programme with outings to places of interest like London or Oxford.

M: Sounds great.

S: And one other thing to mention. We like to encourage people to attend regularly and play a real part in the club. So we give special certificates as a reward for active participation. It’s something you can put on your CV, for example.

M: I see. And I meant to ask does it cost anything to join? Is there a fee?

S: Yes, membership costs £5 for a term but you can save a bit of money if you pay for the whole academic year. Then it’s only £12, instead of £15. That doesn’t include special trips. But they are subsidised by the university, so they’re not too expensive. The Oxford trip only costs £10, for example.

M: So, how do I go about joining?

S: Right, well I’ll take a few details now if I may, so I can send you a welcome pack. That’s got all the information you need. Then if you’re happy to go ahead, perhaps you could send us a cheque for your membership fee?

M: Fine.

S: OK. So could I have your name please?

M: Maria Lanzerac.

S: Sorry, could you spell that for me?
S: Right. And where are you from Maria? I should be able to tell from your accent but ...
M: Don’t worry. Most people think I’m from Australia but I’m actually South African.
S: That’s somewhere I’ve always wanted to go! Now your address. Do you live in the city?

M: Yes, I’m staying at 47 March Street, Southville.
S: 47 ... Sorry, what was the street name again?
M: March Street. Like the month.
S: OK. So you haven’t got far to come, have you? And how old are you, if you don’t mind my asking?
M: I’m 22. 23 next month, actually.
S: Right. And last but not least, I just need to know what course you’re doing?
M: Art History. I’m on the MA course.
S: Fantastic. Well, I think that’s all I need for now. You should get the pack in the post tomorrow. Just give me a call if you’ve got any questions.