

December 2019



Diaries 2020

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Reserve Fund

We have £1,500 to spend.

We want members to decide how this should be spent.

Suggestions by January. Latest date 24 /1/ 20

Voting will take place at Meeting on 3rd February 2020

Your next speaker

January 2020

Anne Marger. OBE



Anne is a retired headteacher of a Devon primary school. Her work with VSO in Nepal is inspirational. She is largely responsible for changing attitudes to the education of Nepalese girls. Anne talks about her fascinating work and travels.

GROUP NEWS

Art Appreciation

This month we had a presentation on Lee Krasner and Jackson Pollock. Our presenter began by setting the work of this married couple who were Abstract Expressionists, in relation to the way it had grown up. The roots were in Cubism and Fauvism and these two genres were influenced in turn by Cezanne and Van Gogh and Gauguin.

Both our subjects were accomplished artists taking subjects from their sub-conscious with free spontaneous and personal interpretation. Jackson Pollock had always been deeply troubled and Lee Krasner gave a lot of herself to try and look after him. She managed to keep painting around his neediness and after he died she continued to work and also take on large public works.

We left feeling we had a much greater understanding of their work and even liked some of it! We start the New Year with the Arts & Crafts Movement and a look at the lives of William Morris, Edward Burne-Jones and Gabriel Rossetti - their friendships and influences on each other.

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Rising Green
by
Lee Krasner

Summertime
by
Jackson Pollock



Baking

Well, unlike the Kent lorry park we decided not to stand Down our preparations for a no deal Brexit and went ahead to practice our Tins, Cans and Packets baking theme and it was a great success.

It should have been no surprise that corned beef made a long overdue appearance in many of the recipes. May be it is one of those ingredients that we feel we shouldn't eat but the recipes of corned beef and baked bean pie, corned beef flan with cheese and corned beef potato tartlets were absolutely delicious! and to company this foody nostalgia we had a shredded beef pie with wonderful pastry and a thin base mushroom pizza which was divine..all the more so as Richard thought he had seriously compromised his high culinary standards by using a processed passata!

Pudding completed the Brexit feast with a plateful of rather large Japanese sweet bread rolls filled with aduki bean paste and a delicious fruit loaf made and served in a tin can which must rank as one of the best contemporary presentations we have ever had!

Well done everybody!

Our next meeting is Christmas baking on December 4th. (no mince pies allowed!)

Contact Jenny Wheeley 01579 351662

Bookworms

It's been a topsy-turvey sort of time lately. We have been reading still, but with people away and others busy we have had quiet meetings.

To carry us over the Christmas/New Year we have 2 books. The "Birthday Boys" by Beryl Bainbridge, and "Purple Hibiscus" by Adichie. These are two completely different books. One a fictitious? Account of Scott's ill-fated journey to Antarctica and I quote " A sensitive and touching story of a child exposed to early religious intolerance."

On a lighter note we are celebrating New Year by holding our January meeting at a New Year lunch.

Contact Hilary Howarth for more information
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Crime Fiction

The next meeting is on November 28th. It has been decided that members will take turns chairing each meeting while I shall take a step away but still be responsible for holding members' contacts and emailing information.

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Events and Outings

Eight of us visited the Dingles Heritage Fairground at Lifton in November and we had a great time . Riding on the Noah's Ark, Carousel Horses , Ghost Train the Rocket Ride and causing mayhem going the wrong way round on the dodgem cars (Malcolm)! Spent lots of money on the slot machines , well £2. The lunch was also enjoyable and great value for money. The fairground and transport museum was a must for the men and the tunes on the Hurdy Gurdy Organ were possibly older than us but nice to hear all the same.

No events on in December but looking forward to our visit to the new Barcode Mall in Plymouth and trying the indoor crazy golf on January 23rd..

After a recommendation from a member that it is well worth a visit I am in the process of arranging a visit to the Tamar Bridge exhibition, with a meal afterward down at the Ferryman Inn, in February , date to be confirmed.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE .

Mary Hardy

Contact Mary Hardy 01579 382575, Facebook and website or sign up sheet at the Monday

Humour

There will be no meeting of the Humour Group in December but we will reconvene in January 2020. On behalf of the Humour Group may I wish all members of the U3A A Very Happy Christmas.

Contact Helen Redden 01579 382612

Said Hamlet to Ophelia I'll draw a sketch of thee, what kind of pencil shall I use, 2b or not 2b?

I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and sky, I left my shoes and socks there, I wonder if they're dry? Spike Milligan

Jazz Appreciation

At our November meeting we enjoyed listening to some old favourites and a couple of new musicians, namely Dorothy Donegan and Sammy Rimington. The December meeting will be on Wednesday 11th at 2pm at Christine's as usual. We shall be getting into the Festive Spirit with some Christmas Jazz.

New Members always welcome, please contact

Rosemary 01579 370578 is you need any information.

Opera

The next meeting will be December 12th All-day Christmas Special including lunch,

from 10.30am,

A lighter offering, Porgy and Bess by George Gershwin

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Philosophy

October's meeting was mind blowing as we discussed possible implications of artificial intelligence from Turing to Google's quantum computers. We all sincerely hoped that such incredible technology would not get into the wrong hands. At the next meeting we aim to agree a new programme to start us off on January 30th, which will be our first session in the New Year. There will be no meeting in December,

All new members warmly welcomed.

Next meeting on Peter Singer November 28th
10am Town Hall.

Meetings in the town hall, last Thursday of the month
10 to 12am.

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Scrabble

From November 2019 the day and time have changed.

Meetings will be Sunday once a month 2pm until 4pm

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Scribblers

We meet on the afternoon of the third Thursday in the month. This month we wrote short stories focused around a wedding photograph taken in the 1920s.

For me, this meant a lot of research about life at the time which I enjoyed - and learned a lot too.

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Strollers

Strollers gathered for a delicious lunch at the Old School in November and our thanks go to Pauline Husband for arranging a most enjoyable afternoon. This month we will be visiting Cotehele to see the Christmas Garland, the Carkeel Garden Centre and Windy Ridge. I would like to personally thank Lesley Cheetham for her support over these last few months in overseeing the running of the group, which continues to grow not just in numbers but also in friendships.

It has been a real pleasure each Monday morning to enjoy the continued good humour and camaraderie of our Members as we ambled across the miles and explored the scenery together, enjoying a much needed cuppa and chat to send us on our way. We will be holding our next Strollers Programme Meeting at Louis Tea Rooms at 10:00 am on 13 January and hope that you will come along with a few new ideas and suggestions as to how the group will proceed in 2020.

Please contact Pauline Abbiss 01579 386850

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas



Ten Pin Bowling

Our next ten pin bowling will be on Thursday 16th January 2020. Meet as usual in the Callington free park at 11.30am for car sharing to Trethorne.

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Reminders from Lucy Thomas.

Pub Lunch Group. The next pub lunch will be at The Royal Inn, Horsebridge on 6th January.

Game On. Christmas Bash at Lucy's on 15th December. Bring a plate.

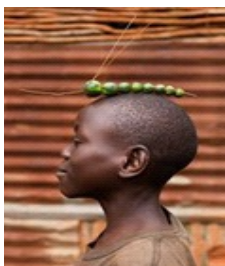
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Our speaker in November was Tommy Hartwell

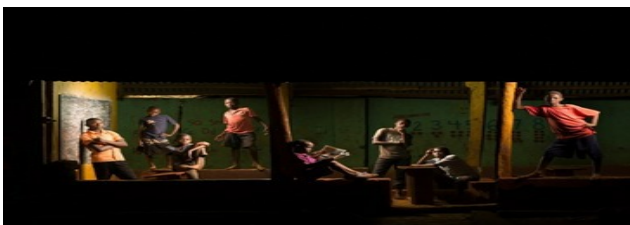
Our guest speaker for November was Tommy Hartwell a local commercial photographer. He began by telling us how his passion for photography started, when younger and both keen to travel and with a healthy interest in extreme sports he worked on a whale watching boat in New Zealand. Impressed by a video of killer whales chasing dolphins he thought how much more imposing it would be to have a 'still of the moment' when the predator first captures its prey. Later he was able to freeze the moment and produce a stunning photograph



Subsequently he visited Jinja in Uganda on the northern slopes of Lake Victoria, famous for not only being the source of the Nile but the adrenaline hotspot of East Africa, here he took photographs of white water rafting and The Bujagali Falls later to be submerged by a dam constructed by the government in 2010. He met many of the people of the village of Bujagali, who would later become friends, in particular Tony who liked to run and later completed half marathons, Adam whom he photographed at nine and later as an adult and David who would become his assistant and translator. After deciding his future was in photography he began a degree course and in 2017 for his final project, through the friendships forged on his previous visits, he returned to work with the NGO SOUL Foundation, who provides Medical, Educational and Cultural support to villages in the state of Jinja Uganda. Tommy has built trusting relationships, over the years with each of his subjects, believing that engaging in interacting honestly with every person is the key to making the image work. He introduced us to the delightful villagers both at work and play, the boy nicknamed, 'Bestie' who showed him a creature he had made and was photographed with it on his head and who would later agree to be painted yellow (sun) and red (blood) which on a black background to symbolise the country. Other photographs showed smiling boys riding the waves and playing in the Nile after school, and the women gathering on their verandas on Sunday.



In particular the Night School which is attended by pupils from outside the village, who work in the daytime .



He returned in 2018 and began a more ambitious project, using the same procedure of taking single portraits. Having watched the bore hole day after day, he decided 'this was life', but also a time when all the children come together socially play at the end of a hot Ugandan day. Although the first attempt did not go well and he had to abandoned it, he tried again two days later and with the help of some 'Sweetie Bomb' lollipops and David holding a light stand he pulled the image

In 2019 he worked again with SOUL capturing more evoking photographs of life in the village, such as the fire department, working from his newly constructed 'banana leaf studio'.



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Next newsletter will be available

6th January 2020

Due to the holidays all contributions by 16th December please.

Please email to rosemary@shatford.co.uk

Any Photographs need to be as jpg.

Thank You

