

## Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary

This month's talk was by Paul Reynolds, the Education Officer for Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary near Looe. Wild Futures is an internationally recognised charity (obtaining charitable status in 2001). Wild Futures is now in its 50th year and works to improve the life of non-human primates.

Wild Futures is dedicated to:

- Promoting the welfare and conservation of primates
- Offering a home for life to primates in need of rescue and rehabilitation
- Working to end the trade in primates for any purpose and abuse of primates in captivity
- Conserving and restoring natural habitats in the UK and abroad through funding support, education and sustainable practices

Wild Futures began life in 1964, as The Monkey Sanctuary, offering refuge to woolly monkeys rescued from the pet trade following a rapid growth in the popularity of keeping exotic animals in the 1950s and 1960s. Len Williams (who established the project) recognised that monkeys are social beings and unsuitable for keeping in isolation in small cages so he established the project in Cornwall.

The Sanctuary started breeding monkeys for release into the wild but in 2001, the Monkey Sanctuary ended its breeding programme for the woolly monkeys for many reasons, including the occurrence of the Hepatitis B virus in the colony. The Sanctuary took the decision to return to rescuing monkeys from the pet trade, which was, and still is, legal and thriving in the UK.

In 2001 Frosty, the capuchin, was the first non-woolly monkey to live at the Sanctuary. Frosty was soon joined by a growing group of capuchin monkeys taken from lives of isolation and inadequate care as pets. Today these monkeys form cohesive social groups who live in specially designed territory where they can climb, play and rest with their monkey companions whilst being assured that their complex needs will be met for the rest of their lives. The Sanctuary is now home to three species of monkey, 37 in total and has plans to expand its rescue work to offer homes to more monkeys in the next 10 years.

When the monkeys come to the Sanctuary, they exhibit severe physical problems such as dental problems, skeletal deformities, missing digits and weight problems as well as psychological problems such as head twisting, self-harming, swaying and starving themselves. After being rescued, many of these problems disappear allowing the monkeys to become much more normal.

The talk was fascinating, heart-rending and heart-warming. The passion for his work was seen clearly in the way Paul explained the aims and work of the Sanctuary. Obviously the story has no end until all non-human primates have a wild future. Paul ended with an appeal to go online and support Sheryl Murray's bill to end the primate pet trade.

Marian Watson  
Speakers Organiser



## Group Reports

### ■ Allotment

Two allotments are being cultivated.

Contact Ann Martin (384246)

### ■ Art

The Group meets on the last two Thursdays of the month. For more information:

Contact Tony Walpole 01822 833082

### ■ Baking

Thank you to Mary for hosting our baking with citrus meeting. Although there were only a few of us we again had a wide variety of bakes including a sourdough, madeleines, biscotti, lemon biscuits and a clementine cake, with not a lemon drizzle in sight! Our next meeting is on Wednesday June 4th, 10.30 at Maire and Richard's when we shall be trying baking using vegetables!

Contact Jenny Wheeley 351662

### ■ Bird Watching

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Yarner Woods, Bovey Tracey

Five of us went to Yarner Wood, near Hay Tor, where we enjoyed sunny weather amongst beautiful scenery listening to and watching a lot of birds. We started with a highlight before we began the walk! We spotted a pair of Greater Spotted Woodpeckers feeding their young that were in a hole in a tree. Every two or three minutes one of the birds returned to the nest to feed the noisy and hungry chicks. We also ended on a high note when we spent nearly half an hour in a hide watching birds on feeders about four yards in front of us. We watched Blue Tits, Great Tits, Coal Tits, Long-tailed Tits, Siskins, Blackcaps, Nuthatches, Chaffinches and of course GSWs still gathering food for their young. A young squirrel appeared on the scene and spent time eating up scraps and then climb into a small tree close to the nut feeder but it was just out of reach. On the pond just beyond the feeders we could see three Mandarin Ducks and a Grey Wagtail.

On Tuesday June 10th we will be going on Summer Walk, venue yet to be de-

cided. Meet in the FCP at 9.00am. For more information

**Contact Keith Lane 370713**

## ■ Bookworms

This month we read Case Histories by Kate Atkinson. The book is the first in the series featuring Jackson Brodie, a private detective whose own life appears to be more muddled and tragic than some of his clients.

Kate Atkinson often mixes up her characters so that their lives unexpectedly cross over with each other and this book is no exception. As Jackson Brodie sets off to sort out 3 different cases we all found it confusing at times, trying to follow who was who and doing what. However, there are clues within the text and we had a lot of fun discussing what we thought these were.

Of course, some enjoyed the book more than others but we agreed the author draws her characters very well and everyone finished reading it. A good 'page turner'.

The next meeting will be on June 20th.

**Contact Carol Dowell 01579 382158**

## ■ Bridge

Bridge Group meets 7.30 pm. at the Cricket Club every Tuesday except the first Tuesday each month.

**Contact Roy Burrigge 389018**

## ■ Computer Group

The next meeting will be on 19th June at 10.00 in the cricket club.

The topic will be keeping your windows machine clean and looking at some windows tools. This is suited to those with limited experience. If time allows we will have a look at the new U3A website.

**Contact : Peter Watson 384509**

## ■ Cornish Art & Literature

We had an excellent visit to Morwenstow on Wednesday 21st May. The weather was kind and the walk to Hawker's Hut had a wonderful backdrop of blue sky and sea.

After an excellent lunch at the Rectory Tearooms we visited the Reverend Hawker's Vicarage. This is now a B & B so many thanks to Jill and Richard Welby who own the vicarage. Jill showed us the Hawker memorabilia she has collected. We visited his study



where he wrote his poems, books and sermons. It was wonderful that all has not been lost of Hawker's history and Jill Welby is still collecting items where they still exist. She also provided afternoon tea.

We visited the wonderful old church with ancient pews, etc. We saw the area of the churchyard where Hawker buried the seamen washed up who could not be identified. He gave them a Christian funeral. Many thanks to Ruth Desborough for organising this interesting and beautiful day.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 13th June to Launceston Town Hall to see Edward Woodward's last film, A Congregation of Ghosts, the story of Frederick Densham the vicar of Warleggan. This is part of the Charles Causley Festival.

No meeting on 9th June.

**Contact Anita & Tony Bowden  
Joint Co-ordinators 350668**

## ■ Crime Fiction Appreciation

In April, 10 members gathered to discuss our latest reading. Among books borrowed previously were those by Mari Jungstedt, Louise Penny, Elizabeth George, Michael Connelly and Stella Rimington. New books and authors discussed were by Jo Nesbo, Donna Leon, Janet Evanovich, Nicci French, Peter Robinson and Mark Billingham and a new author, Boris Akunin. Our tea time treat was an excellent fruit cake, provided by David Barnett. June's meeting will be Thursday 26th, at 2pm.

**David Seward 384631**

## ■ Digital

There was no meeting in May, instead you were all out taking photos for June's slideshow, weren't you? Email me, or bring along on a memory stick, up to ten of your chosen images for a slideshow at the next meeting on June 18th, 10 am. to noon at the Cricket Club. There is no set subject for the slideshow but im-

ages should ideally have been taken during May. Brownie points will be awarded for those taken on 21st May 2014 and extra brownie points awarded for images showing a "different viewpoint"!

**Contact: John Wheeley 351662**

## ■ Family History

Family History at Eileen's,

**Contact: Eileen Sturt 350639**

## ■ Flower Arranging

Flower Arranging group date TBA.

**Contact: Eileen Sturt 350639**

## ■ Food & Wine Lunch at PL1

The Food and Wine Group visited the Plymouth City College Training Restaurant, PL1, on Tuesday 20th May. Twenty six of us enjoyed a very nice three course lunch for a very reasonable £10 each, extremely good value for food of such good quality. The college also has a coffee shop/bistro which serves light meals and snacks at equally competitive prices. Although only open in term time, the college is a most convenient place to eat when in town.

I hope to arrange a buffet lunch in the next few weeks, possibly with a Cornish or West Country theme. Ideas for future activities welcome.

**Contact Maire Warwick 350711**  
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## ■ Game On

Our games group has finished for the season and will reconvene in the Autumn, date to be advised.

**Contact: Jenny Wheeley 351662**

## ■ Handbells

**Contact Maire Warwick 350711**

## ■ History

For details,

**Contact Josephine King 350890**

## ■ Italian

The group continues to meet every month in the Cricket Club. More details from:

**Sally Thomas 01822 832017**

## ■ Jazz Appreciation

The May meeting of the Jazz Group was attended by a smaller number of members than usual, due to holidays, but the mix of tracks played was, as always, across the board, including, Tubby Hayes, Dave Brubeck, Horace Silver,

Coleman Hawkins, Ken Mackintosh and Stacey Kent. Good listening once again

**Contact David Seward 384631**

## ■ Music Appreciation

The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 3rd.

**Contact Pat Ferguson 384402**

## ■ Needlework

Normally meet on the second Thursday of the month.

**Details from Ann Martin 384246**

## ■ Opera

Opera will return in September

**Contact Carol Dowell 382158**

## ■ Philosophy

The philosophy group for beginners started on Thursday 24th April in the Cricket Club. We are working from a Stephen Law book called 'The Complete Philosophy Files' and learning about different philosophers before attempting to apply their theories to the text. Anyone interested please contact:

**Doreen Johnson on doreen.johnson@onetel.com**

## ■ Play Reading

For details:

**Contact Jean Rose 350029**

## ■ Poetry

We continued our theme of romantic poetry with readings of favourites from Byron and Shelley. We also read some poems written for children.

Then we looked at the life of John Donne (1572-1631) who is considered to be the founder of the Metaphysical Poets. His poetry covers a wide range of secular and religious subjects – some about true love, some cynical about inconstancy and some hymns depicting his own spiritual struggles. Faith and reason are perpetually in conflict in his verse as he struggled with philosophic doubts and anxiety.

We discussed and chose our short list of poets and poems for the WW1 meeting and will be fine tuning our readings and timings between now and then.

The next meeting will be on June 13th.

**Contact Pat Ferguson 384402**

## ■ Science & Technology

Ray Lawrence stood in for Tony and presented a couple of videos on "The Planets" from the TV series of that name. With eight 50 minute episodes on each

DVD we were able to enjoy two of them, and hough over 10 years old in fact held up well in terms of clear explanation and good CGI effects.

**Contact: Tony Atkinson 370433**

## ■ Scrabble

The group, led by Lesley Cheetham at her home, meets in the evening on the third Wednesday of each month.

**Contact Lesley Cheetham**

## ■ Scribblers

We shall continue to meet at 3 Grenville Close, Callington each month until further notice. New members are always welcome.

**Contact : Anne Cooper (acting coordinator) 382267**

## ■ Singing for Pleasure

The 'Singing for Pleasure' group will meet on the 12th & 26th May at Callington Methodist Church - ample car parking.

**Contact Rosalind Bunkham 383171**

## ■ Strollers

Our programme for future walks is on the U3A website.

**Contact: Pauline Husband 350379**

## ■ Table Tennis

Why not come along and give it a try! We meet once every 4 weeks for a couple of hours of good fun and exercise. All equipment is provided and you don't need to be an expert, just enthusiastic. You can check the website or ask for details.

**Contact Ray Geatches 350638**

## ■ Travel

There will be no meeting of the Group until 11th September. The evenings are too light and many of the members will be off on holiday.

**Contact Meg Bassett 383731**

## ■ Walking Group 1

Dates for walks are on our website and at the monthly meetings.

**Contact: Phil Rowland 348912**

## ■ Walking Group 2

**Contact Lucy Thomas 350018**

# Study Day

On Tuesday 14th Oct, we will be holding a Study Day in the Town Hall. The theme is 'Food for Thought' and we

have arranged for a number of speakers to give presentations that day. In what we hope will be a lively day, there will be a presentation on Cornwall Food and Farming, one by Riverford Organics, a practical demonstration by Alison Gribble and one on healthy eating by the Plymouth University. The cost will be £13 a ticket, which will include a buffet lunch provided by Shirley Floyd. Bookings will be taken from June's monthly meeting.

## Future Meetings:

**June** - Gig racing by a member of the Cotehele Gig Racing Club

**July** - My Life as a Beefeater by John Keohane

**August** - no speaker; WW1 commemoration by Callington U3A groups

**September** - My life as a monk by Kevin Grant

**October** - My life in the theatre by Elaine Clifford

**November** - The fishermen of Port Isaac by Geoff Provis

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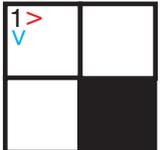
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