



In April the Science Group took a trip out to the new Waste to Energy facility being constructed in Devonport Plymouth, to see what it will do when it comes on line in November 2014. To give you a flavour of the visit see the Science Group entry and this Press Release from Jane Ford the Community Liaison Manager for the development:

## Over a million man-hours worked

Work on the EfW CHP Facility in North Yard, Devonport Dockyard, is progressing as planned. Construction work started in August 2012, and now MVV has reached the point of one million man-hours worked on site. This is equivalent to approximately 550 full time working years. With a maximum of around 400 people working on site in the summer months last year, and around 300 on site now, MVV and their sub-contractors have maintained approximately 70 per cent local workforce.

Paul Carey, Managing Director of MVV Environment Devonport Ltd. said, "An investment like ours always has a huge positive impact on the local economy. We order goods and services on a large scale from businesses in the area and this will continue when the plant is operating. We estimate that an additional 70 jobs will be created permanently in the city."



*The intrepid Science Group crew...*

As well as providing positive input into the local economy MVV's investment has achieved national recognition. This year the site has received a Considerate Constructors Scheme award, placing it in the top 7.5 percent of UK sites as judged above and beyond the industry standard. The award will be presented in April.

### Jane Ford

Community Liaison Manager  
MVV Environment Devonport Ltd –  
Contractor to the South West Devon  
Waste Partnership (SWDWP)

## 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

Our April meeting was an Eggstravaganza of Easter goodies! The savoury was Mike's delicious bunny pie and sweets included mini simnel cakes, Easter biscuits and Richard's wicked cream egg brownies! Our next meeting is on May 1st at Mary's when we shall be baking with citrus fruits.

Contact Jenny Wheeley 351662

### Bird Watching

Thurlestone

Tuesday April 8th 2014



We set off in two cars to Thurlestone Bay on an overcast morning but finished our visit in warm sunshine.

Arriving at the seaside we realised how cold and strong the wind was and this, in part, explained why we saw very few seabirds and waders. Never the less we were able to list thirty two species including crows, ducks, tits, finches and, for most of us, the first swallows of the year. So now we know that spring has arrived!! Overall this site is easily accessible, has very good viewing points and has a good cafe and toilets. We will be going back again.

Our next visit will be to Yarnar Wood, on Dartmoor on Tuesday May 13th. Meet in the FCP at 9.00am. For more information contact Keith Lane (370713)

Contact Keith Lane 370713

### Bookworms

Most found the April Book a Booker Prize winner for Arundhati Roy, The God of Small Things, hard going. Set



in Kerala in southern India it is a story of a

dysfunctional family told in a series of flash backs told by Rahel one of twins who are separated by their mother after an incident in their childhood which resulted in the death of their English cousin. It is an insight into the complexity of Indian culture as it struggles to overcome traditional beliefs and practises,. Certainty a book that provokes thought and if not particularly enjoyed by those who completed it many were glad they had read it.

The next Bookworms will be at The Cricket Club on May 16th at 2pm

**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 Burridge 389018**

## ■ Computer Group

At the second meeting of the computer group Ray lead a very interesting discussion about the use of the LINUX operating system and the Raspberry Pi computer.

It is becoming clear that whilst there is great interest in a computer group there is a wide diversity of expectation of the aims of the group.

I would like feed back from members how they would like this group to develop.

The next meetings will at 10.00 am at the cricket club on 8th May and 19th June regarding the future of this group.

**Contact : Peter Watson 384509**

## ■ Cornish Art & Literature

At our meeting on the 14th April:

The subject of Reverend Robert Hawker an unusual and eccentric vicar at Morwenstow and who wrote the famous Song of the Western Men, started our meeting and proved an interesting and stimulating topic. This was followed by Sir Arthur Quiller Couch, author and poet, Jane Bolitho, author from Falmouth, D.H. Lawrence in Zenon, Margaret Merry, watercolourist, who painted Truro and the River Fal and Winston Graham who wrote six books that were turned into films and of course the Poldark series which were televised in the seventies. He lived and wrote in Perranporth for many years.

Our next meeting will NOT be the 12th May but Wednesday 21st May when we will visit the Reverend Hawker's Vicarage at Morwenstow. It is now in private hands but Ruth Desborough has arranged for us to visit with the permission of the hospitable owner.

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

## ■ Crime Fiction Appreciation

At our March meeting, 11 members met for another interesting and informative discussion about our latest crime fiction reading. Books returned within the group included those by Stella Rimmington, Agatha Christie, Michael Connolly and Donna Leon. Among new works discussed were books by Robert Harris, Charles Cumming, Louise Penny and Andrea Camilleri. Several new authors were also discussed – James Runcie, Cristobel Kent and Juan Gomez-Jurado. The tea break was much enhanced by John T's delicious Eccles cakes. May's meeting will be on Thursday 29th May (a week later than normal), 2pm at Cricket Club. If you are interested in joining us to discuss or learn more about crime fiction, please contact:

**David Seward 384631**

## ■ Digital

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st May between 10 am. and noon at the Cricket Club. Topic yet to be decided. I will advise members of the group beforehand by email.

**Contact: John Wheeley 351662**

## ■ Family History

Family History at Eileen's, brought forward to Monday 19th May as the 4th Monday is the Bank Holiday as well as school half term.

**Contact: Eileen Sturt 350639**

## ■ Flower Arranging

Flower Arranging group date TBA.

**Contact: Eileen Sturt 350639**

## ■ Food & Wine

The next event is a trip to PL1, the Plymouth City College Training Restaurant for lunch on Tuesday 20th May. The cost is £10 for three courses. We went a couple of years ago and the food was outstanding. Please contact Maire Warwick if you would like to go.

**Contact Maire Warwick 350711  
maire.warwick@btinternet.com**

## ■ 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

April's meeting was a change from our normal format, as Ruth Desborough gave us a presentation on her long experience of watching live jazz, illustrating her talk with recordings by some of the artists she had seen. She began in the 50s in London, listening to British jazz of Chris Barber, George Melly and Humphrey Littleton. She then had the opportunity to see many of the greats of American jazz, Basie, Ellington, Sarah Vaughan, Sonny Rollins and Lionel Hampton, as well as leading lights in British jazz of the time. Then, in the 1990s, having moved to the West Country, she ran a jazz club in Tavistock for many years and was able to bring well-known British jazz artists down here to play. A most enjoyable and fascinating afternoon of jazz music. Thank you, Ruth. May's meeting, on Wed 14th May, will be a members' choice session. 2.30 at the Cricket Club. If you are interested in joining us,

**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

The last opera of the season was Nabucco by Giuseppe Verdi once more from The Metropolitan Opera House. Told in four acts it relates the story of the sacking of Jerusalem and the Hebrew slaves capture and subsequent escape from Babylon and contains the famous chorus of the 'Hebrew Slaves' which was beautifully sung by the

Met Chorus.

Opera will return in September

Contact Carol Dowell 382158

## Philosophy

A new 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

This month humorous poetry was featured and although there were fewer members than usual much enjoyment was gained from an amber through both modern and traditional works. At the next meeting we will be reviewing the works of 'The Romantics'.

The next meeting will be on Friday 12th September.

Contact Pat Ferguson 384402

## Science & Technology

We took three cars full of members to see the new Energy from Waste plant being built at Camelshead for our April meeting. We were given a good guide around the site after an introductory presentation, and I think we were all most impressed. And I think a few fears might have been allayed. We have all agreed that we would like to go back again after the plant is commissioned in November. I'm sure it will be impressive.

Our next meeting will be on May 12th. A topic will be announced at the Monthly Meeting on the 5th.

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th May at 7.30 p.m. In the Cricket Club. Maire and Richard Warwick will show us highlights of a visit to China, including some non-tourist destinations. This will be the last meeting until September because many of our members will be off travelling. Also, with the light evenings, cricket matches will be on and there's always the possibility of a smashed windscreen from the odd cricket ball!

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

## Future Meetings:

2 Jun: Cotehele Gig Club

7 Jul: John Keohane: 'Life as a Beefeater'

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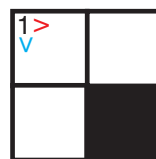
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www.callingtonu3a.org.uk

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# WWI Commemoration Day

I am sure that most of you will have heard that we will have a WWI theme to our August 4th meeting. In case you would like time to check something, this is advance notice that we will have a 'Memory Board' of some kind where we can put up the names and details of family or friends who served in the war. You might like to put just a name or perhaps a little more such as where they served, which regiment they were with, whether they came home or not, etc.

Thank you.

Penny Beech  
Group Co-ordinator

