

Hot Off the Press April – June 2024

General Notices

Chair: Rene Whitlock
Secretary: Kay Gardner
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General Meetings

Meetings are held at St Barbara's Church, Rochester Road, Coventry, CV5 6AG on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:15pm.

Speakers at the General Meeting

Thursday 18 April – Ann Harrison, "Call me Auntie" – Foster care

Thursday 16 May – Roger Browne. The Great American songbook. Fascinating lives of composers such as Gershwin, Cole Porter, accompanied with music on piano.

Thursday 20 June – Silver time Legal. Talk on Tax, Care and the new Guy

Tea Rotas at the General Meeting

April – Book Club 1

May – Book Club 2

June – Bowling

Notes from the Chair

Looks like the first signs of Spring are here at last, with snowdrops appearing. I always like the Spring because we hopefully can look forward to at least some warmer and brighter weather after months of cold and gloom.

General Notes

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Could we please also ask you to make a note in your diary when you make a payment.
Thanks.

Social Events

The following information regarding day trips for 2024 is to be confirmed. If Rene puts your name on any of the lists for these trips, please make a note in your diary to avoid confusion. Thanks.

Thursday 25 April – Tewkesbury.

Thursday 25 July – Althorp Estate, Northamptonshire.

Thursday 26 September - Hanbury Hall (NT), nr Droitwich.

Regarding the holiday to Warners Holme Lacy House in the Wye Valley on 1st July for 5 days (4 nights), please note that there is a waiting list for single rooms, but there is availability for at least 1 twin room as 2 people have dropped out, so please let Rene know asap if you can fill this vacancy.

Group Activities

Art & Craft Appreciation. Contact Margaret

Friday 5 April. BMAG Gas Hall Pre Raphaelites to Arts and Crafts Movement, cost £4.00 concession.

Tickets can be bought in advance or on arrival if available. The train time is provisionally the train stopping at 9:45am from Coventry, arriving 10:15am. Meeting outside the Departure Board at 9:30am, to be confirmed nearer the time. Also, an email will be sent out on Tuesday 2nd April confirming the trip or not according to train situation.

Wednesday 1 May. Leamington Art Gallery OPEN Exhibition. Local artists

Meet in the cafe about 10:00am and go round the exhibition from about 10:45am

June date and venue to be confirmed, but probably Wolverhampton.

We are still considering the alternative ways and best time of year to visit Leicester.

Book Club 1. Meet 10:00am. Contact Margaret

Thursday 18 April, Book tbc. May and June, dates and books tbc.

Book Club 2. Meet Tuesday morning every 4-6 weeks. Contact Sue

We have places if any members would like to join.

Bowling. Meet 2:00pm. Contact Graham

Bowling Group will be bowling outdoors at The War Memorial Park every Thursday afternoon from April 4th onwards (unless there is a General Meeting that week). We hire all the equipment at the park.

Meetings: 4, 11, 25 April; 2, 9, 23, 30 May; 6, 13, 27 June.

Club Games. Meet 10:30am. Contact Rene

This group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Hearsall Golf Club, from 10:30 a.m. We can stay for lunch if we want to. The games are usually snooker, dominoes, triominoes, scrabble, card and board games etc., and we all have a bit of fun.

Meetings: 8 April; 13 May; 10 June.

Craft. Meet 10:30am. Contact Sue

We meet on the second Monday of each month at The Memorial Park Visitor Centre. £2 per session to cover room hire. Tea and coffee included. We try a different craft each month and have done card making, quilling, printing, Tunisian crochet (which was new to all of us!), pottery and many other crafty makes.

We are a friendly crowd and would warmly welcome any new members to our group.

Meetings: 8 April, Needle felting; 10 May; 10 June.

Current Affairs. Meet 2:00pm. Contact Irene or John

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday in the month at Hearsall Golf Club. We discuss anything that has been in the news in the past month. Please bring a controversial news item to discuss. New members are welcome.

Meetings: 16 April; 21 May; 18 June.

Film Club. Contact Rene

If you know of any good films you would like to see and are looking for someone to go with, please contact Rene and she will try and make up a little group. This could be at Warwick Arts Centre, the Odeon cinema in Coventry city centre, or the cinema in Leamington Spa Centre.

French Conversation. Meet 10:30am. Contact Rene

This group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Visitors' Centre, War Memorial Park, for two hours. We are hopefully a very friendly and informal group, welcoming new members who are looking to practise and improve their French. Generally speaking, it is 'O' level French standard.

Meetings: 3 April; 1 May; 5 June.

Geography & History. Meet 10:00am. Contact Cathie

Meetings are on the 3rd Monday in the month at The Visitors Centre in the Coventry Memorial Park. There are now spaces in the group and anyone wishing to join please email Cathie.

Meetings: Mon 15 April. David Fry, Coventry Canal

Mon 20 May. Anne Langley, History is all around us.

Mon 17 June, Trip.

IT. Contact Martin

If you have any problems with your mobile phones and tablets, please contact Martin either by phone or email him and he will be happy to meet you on a one-to-one basis to talk it through.

Italian for Beginners. Meet 1:00pm. Contact Felicia

This new group has now started and meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Room 71 at the Belgrade Theatre.

Meetings: 10 April; 8 May; 12 June.

Music & Movement. Meet 2:15pm. Contact Rene

We now need more members for this group, so please try and come along to see if it's what you are looking for in the way of exercise with music. It is held at the Albany Social Club in Earlsdon Street until about 3:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Please note, the venue for this Group may change to St Barbara's Church meeting room, same date but starting at 10:30am.

Meetings: 17 April; 15 May; 19 June

Painting and Drawing. Meet 1:30pm. Contact Roger

We meet on alternate Wednesdays at The Visitors Centre in the Coventry Memorial Park until 3:30pm.

Meetings: 10 April, 24 April; 8 May, 22 May; 8 June, 29 June.

Photography. Contact Nick

We are hoping to start up a new Photography Group, which will start if we can get at least 6 people interested, so please contact Nick if you think this might be for you.

Poetry Appreciation. Meet 2:00pm at Margaret's house. Contact Margaret

Meetings: 16 April; 14 May; 18 June. Theme tbc.

Psychology. Meet 11:00am. Contact Keith

We meet at Hearsall Golf Club in Earlsdon on the 4th Tuesday in the month for around two hours. This group remains very friendly despite differing opinions being aired. New members always very welcome.

Meetings: 23 April; 28 May; 25 June.

Quiz. Meet 10:15am for 10:30am start. Contact Vivien

We shall continue to meet on the 3rd Monday in the month at the United Reformed Church in Warwick Row. The cost is £2 per person and this includes refreshments.

Meetings: 15 April; 20 May; 17 June

Rambling. Meet 10:00am. Contact John

You are welcome to join us on rambles (5-7 miles) which start at 10.00 am. Please phone the leader to confirm details. If you wish to lead a walk, please give details to John for inclusion in the next programme.

Scrabble 1. Contact: Lesley

This group now needs more members.

Scrabble 2. Meet 10:30am. Contact Vivien

This group now meets in Room 71 at the Belgrade Theatre (which is on the ground floor next to the café).

New people wishing to join us would be made very welcome. Remember we play for enjoyment and fun.

Meetings: 25 April; 30 May; 27 June

Table Tennis. Meet 10:15am for 10:30am start. Contact Rene

We meet on the 2nd Thursday in the month in St Barbara's Church Hall for one hour.

Afterwards we go to one of the cafes in Earlsdon Street for lunch.

Meetings: 11 April; 9 May; 13 June.

Walking Group. Meet 10:00am. Contact Janet

We meet every other Thursday (unless there is a General Meeting that week). We walk in the countryside around Coventry. Each walk will be about 4 to 4.5 miles long. New walkers are very welcome to join.

Meetings: 11, 25, April; 9, 23, May; 6, 27, June.