

GENERAL HISTORY

Our meetings started with a new “theme” in October based on aspects of significant change or "revolutions". As Heather, our daughter who lives in Berlin, was here on Thursday 5th October we did a joint session about the dramatic changes that have taken place in Berlin over the last 60 years or so. This was followed up in November by Don Scott telling us about James Polk, 11th President of the USA. Not well known as US Presidents go, he achieved a remarkable amount in a single term. It was during those four years that the current boundaries of mainland USA were established with Canada and Mexico, the power to declare war transferred to the Presidents, a reduction in tariffs achieved and a unified hard currency dollar established for the whole country.

Future meetings will look at the development of printing and literacy in the 19th century, agrarian revolutions and changes in domestic arrangements. Our normal meeting time is the first Thursday in the month at 2.00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Malcolm Kimber.