



HINCKLEY U3A Newsletter

April 2019

On Tuesday 19th March Ian Rogerson, assisted by Julia, came to our main monthly meeting, giving us a talk titled "Smile Just Say Cheese". He brought with him 18 different cheeses that he put on display for us to try. As a child Ian didn't really eat cheese as his Mother always had a stockpot on the go, and his family were definitely meat eaters. When Ian first started working a colleague offered him some blue stilton cheese to try and that is the first thing Ian can remember about cheese. After that he fell in love with blue stilton cheese and he told us that it was first created in the 1700s. Ian then showed us a very hot cheese called Mexicana and joked that when you eat it the pain goes away after a couple of days. Then we were shown a Welsh Cheddar, a very gentle cheese. You eat them together-the Mexicana excites the cheddar and the Cheddar calms down the Mexicana. In 1974 Ian opened a butchers shop in Loughborough but as his interest and knowledge of cheeses grew he soon had 100 different cheeses for sale. Our country now produces over 700 different cheeses and we are now one of the largest producers of blue cheeses. We were shown a very, very mouldy cheese and told not to be frightened of eating it but Ian joked we might be ill for 2 days. He showed many more cheeses which we were all able to sample later on. At question time Ian was asked what cheese would he choose to take onto a desert island. His response was the Cambazola-a Blue Cheese. Another question he was asked-had he ever made his own cheese. The answer was an emphatic 'No'. So ended a very interesting and somewhat amusing talk as Ian added numerous anecdotes. He insisted on telling us what his Mother always said .1.Always have something to do in your diary.2. When you are there make the most of it.3.Always eat what is put in front of you.

Trips in April

1 U3A History Group Wednesday April 17th trip to Canons Ashby and Sulgrave Manor which includes tea and cake.

2 Aerospace Trip on April 30th

Here are some group reports

Photographic Group

The Photographic group meets in the Carberry room of the Mary Forryan Centre every first Monday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m.. A comprehensive programme is arranged ranging from Camera settings to image composition plus any topic that the members require help with. We also display

member's images that they would like to show the other members including holiday and event photographs. These are usually in the form of projected images from any media provided by the members plus prints. Any subject is welcome. We provide tea/coffee and biscuits at the halfway point at a cost of 50p. In the second half we usually show an instructional DVD covering a multitude of subjects.

During the late spring and summer months we arrange photographic outings to local sites of interest and are always interested in receiving suggestions of suitable venues. We will be exhibiting examples of member's images at the next General meeting on April 16th.

The attached is an example of the notice I send to all members reminding them of the next meeting.



Next Photographic Meeting Monday. 1St April 2019

At The Mary Forryan Centre 2 –4pm

Topics to be covered include Review of members' images including holidays, events, favourite subjects and the topic "Spring ". Prints or memory stick preferred but any media is acceptable.

Any other topics you wish to discuss or present including camera settings and techniques.

Refreshments at half time. 50p each. (Tea / coffee and biscuits)

2nd half :

An up date on our forthcoming exhibition to be shown at the General Meeting on April 16th.

An instructional DVD .

Brett Lawrence Group Leader.

Family History

The Family History Group now has approximately 25 members and is approaching capacity, but space is still available for anyone who can use their own laptop.

Owing to space restrictions, and the number of available computers, the group is split over 2 days both meeting once a month in the afternoon in Earl Shilton (excluding June, July and August). One group meets on the first Tuesday and the second group on the first Thursday.

As interest in family history is growing I am considering running one or two introductory workshops if anyone is interested. These would be aimed at newcomers to the subject who are unable to join the regular group but who would like to start their research. If this would appeal, please let me know using the website contact form.

Sandra Bates

The History of Architecture

The History of Architecture, Painting and Sculpture, what a mouthful, so now it's often shortened to A.P.S. As a group we looked at the art of the Renaissance in Florence and how it was interpreted in Northern Europe and Britain. The group then decided that they would like to investigate the art of the Impressionists which we are now doing with the help of DVDs from the Resource Centre. It will soon be time to choose another topic so why not come and join us and study the art you would like

to know more about. We are a small group and would welcome any new members. Our meetings are held in the afternoon of the third week of the month at the George Ward Centre.

Anne Deakin

From Tom and Janet Berrie

Items of electrical equipment

We own and use several items of equipment, including the PA system for the main meetings, two microphones and three projectors. The Committee has agreed that it would be helpful if we had a list of people who had expertise in repairing such items and were prepared to be called upon either to repair them when they need it or advise on what to do with them if more serious work is required. If anyone would like to volunteer to be included on such a list, would they kindly let the Committee know via the Secretary, giving their name and contact details.

Meditation for All

We have now been meeting successfully for sixth months, and welcome anyone who would like to take time out for quiet meditation and simple reflection. No experience is required. We meet every third Wednesday of the month in rooms 1 & 2 at the George Ward Centre between 12:30 and 1:30.

Architecture Appreciation

We are delighted at the continued popularity and growth of our group, and have now moved to a larger room, the 'Clickers (former IT) Room' at the George Ward Centre, same time and date, ie 10:00 till 12:00 on the third Monday of every month. All are very welcome to join us.

Strollers

Our numbers have dropped during the winter, but we hope that they will increase now that spring is here. Our next stroll, on 18th April will be to Market Bosworth Country Park, which can be accessed one mile off A447, from the B585, which leads into the town, CV13 0LP. We start at the usual time of 10:30. There's a car park charge of £3. A list to sign up will be available at the April main meeting.

April Monthly Meeting on the 16th April

A talk by Simon Gulliver on Midland Landscapes

Finally from Anne

Listen, retain and pass on knowledge that our elders share with us. When the elderly die a library is lost and volumes of wisdom and knowledge are gone.