

LEDBURY & DISTRICT U3A

Schedule of Speakers at Monthly General Meetings – 2018

Date	Speaker	Speaker's Topic
January 18th	John & Annette Christophers	Six Thousand Years of Clay
<p>The speakers from Albrighton Pottery will present a light-hearted talk beginning with the earliest urban settlements through to the industrial revolution in Stoke on Trent. There is a hands-on component for the audience, which should bring on some smiles.</p>		
February 15th	Jo Golby	Between Stairs – the life of a Lady's Maid
<p>Jo Golby (formerly Carter) who has been an Official Guide at a number of Stately Homes, including Warwick Castle will present, in full costume, a look at the life & expectations of the Personal Maid to her Ladyship, her role within the household and her relationship to other staff & family. We will also learn about the wearing of stays and the language of the fan.</p>		
March 15th	Roger Ide	A Scientist turns to crime
<p>Roger Ide is a (semi) retired Forensic Scientist, who took early retirement from the Home Office and set up a Consultancy specialising mainly in fires, explosions and certain types of murder. He comes to us from Sutton Coldfield U3A with his presentation explaining how Forensic Scientists link criminals to crimes, murderers to victims and vehicles to scenes of accidents. (Expect some gory photos).</p>		
April 19th	Dr Mark Baldwin	WW2 Codebreakers
<p>Dr Baldwin is a specialist in WW2 Intelligence & Codebreaking and has published 8 books on this subject. He has been travelling the delivering presentations on various 'Secret War' topics, focussing particularly on Enigma & Bletchley Park. He has his own original Enigma machine, which he will bring with him to enhance his talk.</p>		
May 17th	David Baxendale	Your Handwriting can betray you
<p>David Baxendale was a Document Examiner in the Home Office Forensic Science Service for over 20 years and later Director of a Private Laboratory carrying out similar work. David is, like our Speaker in March, a member of Sutton Coldfield U3A, where he is both Vice-Chair and Editor for the monthly newsletter. Here David will give an illustrated explanation of the forensic identification of handwriting from some real life cases.</p>		
June 21st	Kath Reynolds	Goose Grease & Brown Paper
<p>Kath Reynolds calls herself a 'collector of stories'. She was a Librarian for 27 years before taking on the role of Adult Learning in Stoke on Trent. Since leaving that post she has been largely self-employed, giving talks all over the country. Kath's talk is a light-hearted interactive reminiscence of kitchen cupboard remedies from pre-NHS days.</p>		
July 19th	To be Advised	Guide Dogs for the Blind
<p>A Representative of 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' will be coming to tell us some of the amazing stories of those who have had their lives transformed by the work of the Guide Dogs, and talk about what it is like to be blind or partially sighted. Prepare to be entertained, educated and inspired. There will be an outing to the Dog Training School in May of this year.</p>		
October 18th	Alan Reade	ICE Lecture - Turnpike Roads & Milestones
<p>The Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) celebrate their bicentennial this year and have sent one of their illustrious members to give us a talk. Alan will be giving an illustrated talk entitled 'Turnpike Roads & Milestones', giving the history of road improvements 1750 - 1830, Milestones, Toll Houses and Finger Posts.</p>		