

# LEDBURY & DISTRICT U3A

## Schedule of Speakers at Monthly General Meetings – 2019

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Speaker's Topic</b>
<b>January 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jan Long</b>	<b>Mission to India – with a difference.</b>
Jan is a well-known local historian and friend of Ledbury & District U3A, who visited India and helped with a vaccination program. She tells her story in her usual interesting way, with illustrations, and will, as usual, be a delight to listen to.		
<b>February 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Fool's Gold</b>	<b>Stories with Strings</b>
Fool's Gold from County Durham, play all over the UK, presenting their 'Stories with Strings' show. Their programme reveals the fascinating tales that hide behind the songs, and present engaging videos, stills & animation. Oh! And the music's good too!		
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Graham Short</b>	<b>The Man Who Produces Invisible Art</b>
He's back! Graham is the Royal Engraver & Micro Artist who famously engraved a micro portrait of Jane Austen on 4 new £5 notes in 2016. His talk in January 2017 was so well received that he has been asked to return, so those who missed him then will get another chance to hear an excellent Speaker, with lots more stories to tell.		
<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Philip Caine</b>	<b>Barrow to Baghdad &amp; Back Again</b>
Philip's work took him to many countries around the world, the last 10 years of which were spent in the Middle East. Since retiring in 2015 he has become an Author and Guest Speaker. He will tell us about a career that began in Barrow-in-Furness and ended in Baghdad.		
<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>David Harrison</b>	<b>Monmouth Oddities and Curiosities.</b>
We can look forward to an entertaining, illustrated tour of the county of Monmouthshire and beyond, with characters including Horatio Nelson, Rudolf Hess, Tommy Cooper and King Henry V etc., plus places, items and things of curious interest.		
<b>June 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dorian Osborne</b>	<b>A Penny Worth of Art.</b>
Dorian, the chairman of the Linton & District History Society, will give us a brief explanation of the origin of postcards, and the development of their popularity, especially from the 1880's to 1920's, including the establishment of the Universal Postal Union. He will also show a selection of various postcards covering a variety of subjects and countries.		
<b>July 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dr Alan Welch</b>	<b>From Ledbury to the End of the Universe – Updated.</b>
Alan, a member of our own U3A, returns, after an eight-year gap, to present a fascinating journey from the centre of Ledbury to the 'end' of the universe. He will show us dozens of views of the Sun, Planets, Moons, Galaxies and other astronomical objects, with beautiful photographs, which are not to be missed.		
<b>October 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Brian Draper MBE</b>	<b>The River Wye &amp; its Wildlife.</b>
Brian is a recognised authority on rivers & wildlife and will entertain us with photographs of the Wye and surrounding area and tell us all about its wildlife.		