

LEDBURY & DISTRICT U3A

Schedule of General Meetings – 2020

Date	Speaker	Speaker's Topic
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January 16th From Time to Time The Whys & Wherefores of Tudor Life

Our first presentation for 2020 will be by two ladies (one from Worcestershire and the other from Gloucestershire) who will be giving us a costumed presentation of the lives of ordinary folk in Tudor times. They use the 16th century speech of two women from the middle and lower classes, and bring us the sounds and sights of the past – the good, the bad and the ugly!!

February 20th Fran Sandham Solo walk across Africa

Critically acclaimed author and public speaker Fran Sandham gives an engaging account of how he took on the challenge of a lifetime, by walking across Africa solo from coast to coast. His 3,000-mile walk from the Atlantic on Namibia's Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean near Zanzibar was the first time on record anyone has crossed Africa solo entirely on foot by this route.

March 19th Martin Turner The National Memorial Arboretum

Martin Turner, one of the most experienced and knowledgeable of the dedicated Guides at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, will give us an illustrated talk about the numerous memorials for a variety of organisations and some of the interesting background information about them.

April 16th Emma Barran-Scott Sweet Heritage

Emma Barran-Scott from Birmingham, who has a Masters in Heritage Management, brings us her talk 'Sweet Heritage' about the history of sweets with particular reference to the West Midlands. Reflections on how sweets and chocolate are important to us and our social history.

May 21st Paul Barnett Light in the darkest hour – Dunkirk's Little Ships

Paul Barnett returns with another of his very interesting talks. Set amidst the carnage of defeat, a flotilla of hope set sail on 26th May – 4th June 1940, to assist in an Army's determined escape to fight again.

June 18th Kath Reynolds Food Glorious Food

Kath Reynolds is back after two years, this time to present an interactive PowerPoint presentation, looking at the advent and impact of convenience foods in our diet. From Fish Fingers to Angle Delight; Camp coffee to Chianti in a basket; Spam to Salmon Paste. All the things we have loved...and some we have hated.

July 16th John Butterworth A Hotel with a Famous Guest List

John Butterworth MBE, who has been a Journalist for 44 years and a Newspaper Editor for 28 years, will tell the story of an amazing hotel through the many characters who have stayed there, including Charles Dickens, Charles Darwin, Niccolo Paganni & Benjamin Disraeli, Morecambe & Wise, The Beatles & Cliff Richard.

October 15th Fool's Gold Stories with Strings – Bang up to the Elephant

By popular request, we have the return of Fool's Gold from Co. Durham. Steve & Carol will present their latest programme of well-known and original acoustic music, loosely within the folk genre, all with fascinating stories & images.