



Morning Art Group:

We start the new term on Thursday 18th April.

This season so far has been fun, with interesting results, especially when trying to draw each other! We still have one vacancy if you want to join the fun. We meet in Pyrton Village Hall every Thursday in term-time. Please contact Annette on 01491 614756 if you are interested.

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Coffee & Chat:



We had a good turnout on Good Friday, but the S&S was very crowded with enthusiastic and noisy cyclists! The next meeting will be on Friday, 26th April, at the Spire and Spoke in Hill Road, Watlington at 11.00am, where our usual table has been reserved for us

Local History Group

On 20th March Margaret Peach gave us an enthralling and illuminating talk, with fascinating portraits, on Civil War Royalist Families. It was so interesting to learn what had become of some of the people and families involved. A wonderful tea was provided again by June, and the cakes were so delicious.

On Wednesday 10th April, a week earlier than usual, we went to St.

Mary's Church, Thame where Mrs Rosalie Gibson gave us a fascinating guided tour and shared her very extensive knowledge of the church and surrounding area. We then relaxed with delicious cakes in the sumptuous upstairs of Gloria's Cafe in Greyhound Walk, Thame. We will be in touch soon about our next meeting which will be on 15th May

Red Lion Book Group

This month we read Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman, winner of the Costa Book Awards 2017. Many of us struggled to get into this book, finding it boring or depressing – but persevere – it is worth it!

It is a sad story about loneliness and mental illness caused by tragedy in childhood with an appalling mother and poor children's services, that

only becomes bearable when kindness impacts it. Ultimately the kindness changes everything, allowing psychiatric help and a move towards a "normal" life. Everyone working in children's services should read it!

Second Monday Book Group

Our latest book is 'We are all birds of Uganda' by Hausa Zayyan.

Lunch Group:

10 of us enjoyed a good lunch at the Coach & Horses in Chiselhampton in March. The food was excellent with any problems sorted out in a friendly, efficient way.

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 28th May 12.30-1pm, at Aston's Restaurant, Wycliffe Park, Jones Way, Horsley's Green, Stokenchurch, HP14 3JY. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet by the Notice Board where you will find a selection of the menus to peruse. Also, please advise of any special dietary requirements.

Note: The restaurant will take cash, cards & contactless payments however, they are unable to give change.

For any further information contact; Nina Stonham or June Waterson 01844-281385 email; june.waterson@btinternet.com

Thames Valley Network

The TVN continues to run interesting and varied lectures on Zoom many of which are free to join and others cost just a pound or two. These are some of the "Study Days" to be held on Zoom:

• **Wednesday 10th April** – North Sea Oil Operations. Supporting the North Sea Oil Fields by helicopter. A talk by Ted Peycke at 2.30 on Zoom

• **Tuesday 23rd April** – Bordering on Insanity. Creating an all year round border in your garden. A talk by Timothy Walker on Zoom at 2.30

• **Wednesday 15th May** – Doctors to the Rescue. A talk to be given by a member of Médecins Sans Frontières at 2.30 on Zoom

• **Monday 10th June** – The Korean War. A talk from Chris Parry about the Korean War at 10.30 on Zoom

Do have a look on the website to find out more about what is on offer in the next few weeks:

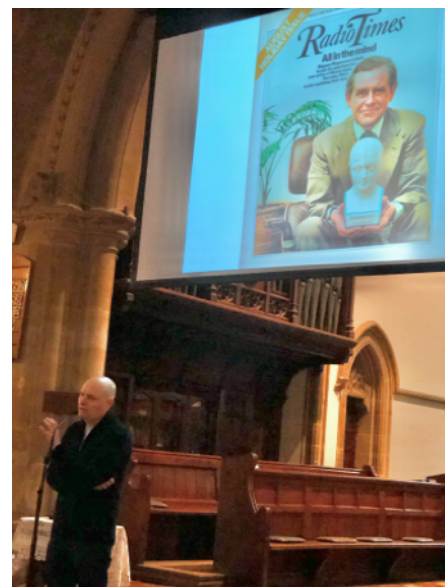
www.u3atvnetwork.org.uk

Writing Group

We meet at 2.30 on the first Tuesday of each month.

At present, we urgently need new members. The writing is purely for fun, so anybody can have a go. If at

all interested, please contact the group leader - Carol Nall 01491 612842, 07792 225461, carolmarynall@gmail.com



Jeff Evans illustrates his talk on TV quiz shows

Open the box or take the money?

Those with longer memories may recall the quiz show Take Your Pick!, originally broadcast by Radio Luxembourg and transferred to television in 1955, one day after the launch of ITV - it was the first game show broadcast in the UK to offer cash prizes. In his recent talk to Ridgeway u3a members on The Questionable History of the TV Quiz Show, the author, journalist and TV historian, Jeff Evans, explained how

programmes such as Take Your Pick! were fundamental to the identity of the new commercial channel and went on to explore the fascinating development of TV quiz shows since the 1950s. Jeff brought the story up-to-date by looking at the influence of shows in the new millennium such as Who wants to be a Millionaire?, and the rise of the celebrity TV quizzer in shows such as Eggheads.

Our next speaker will be Bernard Purrier from Whale and Dolphin Conservation whose talk on Whales and Dolphins promises to give us a fascinating insight into the lives of whales and dolphins and the problems that they face. Please join us on Tuesday 21 May at 2.30 at St Leonard's Church to find out more - non-members (£4 fee) and members (free) are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the talk.

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Bridge Group:

This group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.30 to 12.30. If you are interested in joining, please contact the group convenor: Berly Brown at bkb@tinyworld.co.uk or 01491 613251.