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AUGUST MEETING

We have had to swap the August and September speakers.
Today's Speaker:

Roy Smart

Percy Pilcher - Another Icarus

You will remember Roy's very well received presentation of Amy Johnson last year. This time he will be telling us of another aviation pioneer whose historic and noble quest for flight ended tragically on the banks of the Avon.

JULY MEETING

Dave Moylan - Entertainment of Yesteryear

We were at our July monthly meeting, entertained with an excellent presentation by Dave Moylan of the entertainment and entertainers of days gone by. However some of his jokes and magic tricks were new to me so perhaps had been lost in the mists of time. He did wonder why young girls now, who had not heard of Max Wall, dressed like him? Nothing new under the sun?

Dave's act (rather than presentation?) started with a handkerchief trick. He set the tip on fire but when opened out no fire damage! Then a card trick. Derek, 2 rows in (proof you don't have to worry about sitting in the front row) was asked to shuffle a pack of invisible cards. He was asked to pick a card and he chose the ace of hearts. When Dave showed us his real pack, the ace of hearts was the only card face up. Sue (also 2 rows in) helped with Dave's rope trick. He kept cutting the rope and it kept repairing itself? Dave then picked up his guitar and sang a few songs. The first, a Weston and Lee song "A proper cup of coffee". Then a song "Ain't it grand to be blooming well dead". A Simon and Garfunkel song "Trouble over Bridgewater" and an Egyptian folk song, sang with foot bells! Then of course George Formby "Why don't women like me" from his first film "Boots, boots, boots". George Formby thought when born he fell from the ugly tree and hit every branch. When

the midwife saw him she slapped his father. Dave then told of his favourite comedians of yesteryear. Many like Billy Bennett and Max Miller told rhyming monologues such as "Christmas Day in the workhouse", "The road to Mandalay" and "What was that you just said?". Dave then reeled off many jokes (most too quick for me so I hope you took notes), but some punchlines - Pigs ear transplant- bit of crackling: Died eating curry- not dead, in a korma: Parrot- who is it, it's the gas man; Goat tied to a rock; Fishing and caught a whale; Left a stately home in a will called Sod All; Are my test results back? Change at Crewe, 111 miles from London; Super sex; Liverpool advent calendar, windows boarded up. Some of the jokes were from Al Read, Frank Randle and Enoch and Eli. We were then introduced to Marcel the mind reading mouse who guessed/ knew that an audience member had in her mind 56. The finale was an endless rope that came from Dave's mouth.

The meeting closed with a warm vote of thanks from Norman. There were 34 members present and 5 guests.

Jeff Cox

OTHER S/A U3A NOTICES

Message for Group Leaders

There will be a meeting for group leaders on 18th September at 2pm in the Methodists' New Room. This will be a working meeting with light refreshments to follow. It is important that every group is represented, so if you cannot attend please arrange for a deputy to come.

Jackie Checketts and Norman Heads.

NEWS FROM EXISTING INTEREST GROUPS

Keep Fit Group

The following are the dates for the 2019 Autumn Term classes :

September 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 28 (21 - no class – half term)

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December 2, 9, 16 (14 weeks)

Classes will be held on Monday in the Wesley Hall from 9:30 to 10:30am.

At the moment the class is full but there could be spaces arising so please contact me if you are interested in joining the class.

Joyce Steckel

Ambling Group

The walk on Wednesday 11th September will be around Clifford Chambers.

We plan to take the **No 3 Johnsons Excelbus** Bus leaving:

Wood Street (outside Nat West Bank) at 10:35 am.

Bridge Street (outside BHS) at 10:38 am.

Hoping for good weather !!

Margaret Smith Joyce Steckel and Olive Puzey

NON U3A ITEMS

Thank you to those who have said they would like to attend the upcoming Age Friendly Museums Network Event.

There will be some wonderful case studies being explored on the day including from the local Leisure Centre, Suitcase Stories, and other wonderful initiatives.

There will be a delegate pack available for those to take away on the day, so if you would like to bring along any leaflets about your own organisation or projects, do bring them along and we can distribute these to the other attendees.

There is still time to book your place if you would like to attend - just drop me an email to emma.birks@shakespeare.org.uk

For those who are attending, if you haven't done so already, do let me know if you have any dietary or access requirements for the day also so we can accommodate. I am really looking forward to sharing ideas with you in a couple of weeks and I hope you all have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Arrival and event details:

Date: Thursday 5th September

Venue: Shakespeare's Birthplace, Shakespeare Centre, Henley Street Stratford upon Avon

Arrival Time: 10am for a 10.30am start

The day will include time to look around Shakespeare's Birthplace, lunch and refreshments throughout the day will be free.

End Time: 4.00pm

LIST OF CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norman Heads	Chairman
Marian Heads	Secretary
Stephen Kaye	Treasurer
Sheila Gullick	Membership Secretary
Jeff Cox	Speaker Secretary
Margaret Draper	Minutes Secretary
Audrey Reid	Meet & Greet
Joyce Steckel	Help with Membership
Audrey Spencer	Catering

TEA ROTA

August 28th. Current Affairs
September 25th. Writing for Fun
October 30th. Piano

Note: Group Leaders do not have to preside over the teapot but just need to ensure that there are 2 or 3 volunteers who will. I am always on hand and will provide the necessary items for tea/coffee and biscuits after the meeting. Any problems, contact me.

Audrey Spencer

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday 25th September, 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.
Main Hall, Methodist Church Hall**

Speaker: Kate Bellamy

The Importance of Sleep

Kate's presentation will cover what sleep is, its benefits, what sleep does, types of sleep and tips on how to get adequate sleep. A recent report has highlighted that many people in Britain do not get adequate/proper sleep.

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Copy deadline: For the September issue please let me have all items on **paper** by noon on **Wednesday September 11th** but

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