



## **Issue No.22 Post Pandemic Newsletter March 2024**

Welcome to the March Edition of the u3a Sutton Bridge Newsletter.



Photo courtesy of Roger Jennings, Photography Group leader, we still have just a little way to go now before we get to Spring!

### **Interest Group News**

#### **The Archery Group**

On February 5<sup>th</sup> Ted Atkinson, much loved leader of the Archery Group, was interred at St. Nicolas Church, Lutton.

The ceremony took place at the graveside; conducted by Fr. Jonathon Sibley and attended by Ted's family, friends, neighbours, u3a Sutton Bridge members, including the Chairman, and past and present members of the Archery Group who had contributed to a floral tribute, see below, which we thought that Ted would have appreciated. The apples in our targets were always Ted's lunch or so he said!



## SWIG 1



### SWIG 1 January 26th 2024 Report



## SWIG 1 Group Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2024

Our First meeting in this New Year was hosted by Jim. His theme was Aged Wines and Wines bought at Auction! Fay was not with us as she was on holiday. We missed you Fay.

Jim explained that when buying at auction there is always the risk that the wine will not be good depending on how it's been looked after and stored. Jim made his bids online and therefore did not get to examine the bottles at all. This made our anticipation all the more great.

Our first tasting was a Champagne, Louis Bernard Champagne N/V Epernay France. This well established champagne made by Chanoine Freres had unfortunately not been stored well and had started to oxidise. It was still drinkable but had a yellowish colour. It scored a 6/10. This had a guide price at Auction of £24-30. Jim paid £12.

Our next tasting was a Prestige Calvet 2010 Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon from Bordeaux. Cliff had a 2023 vintage chart regarding wines and the year they were made and told us that this was classed as an exceptional year for this wine. Meaning all growing conditions had been really good. This wine from the Bordeaux region of South West France was well met and scored a 7/10. With an estimated Auction price of £18, Jim paid £9.

Our next wine was Chateau La Tour de Mons 1979 Margaux, again from the Bordeaux region. This wine is grown in a single block vineyard surrounded by a wall, which is unusual. This vintage has been performing better than was expected. Unfortunately for us this too had not been stored well and was brownish in colour and slightly oxidised, which was very disappointing. It scored a 5/10. Jim paid £13.00. However it can be found on internet sites at around £60.



Our final wine was one that Jim had been keeping for some time. We were privileged that he decided to share it with us. The wine, Amarone della Valpolicella 2011 was made on the family estate of San Cassiano located in the Italian province of Veneto in the famous Valpolicella region. Jim had lots of wonderful tales to relate about his experiences when visiting this vineyard, and the current owner. This scored a resounding 9/10 and everyone agreed it was indeed a real treat.

Jim provided excellent cheese and biscuits etc to accompany the wines. Our thanks to him for an interesting evening. Not sure any of us are brave enough to buy at Auction just yet !!

We finished the evening sampling a favourite wine of Paul's called Jammy Red Roo and also a liquor that Paul had made. He had previously that day attended the " Beer Wine & Bus Pass" interest group and so he could be forgiven for not recalling exactly what was in the liquor !! Apparently it was delicious. I was driving so had to decline.

All in All it was a very good evening and we all learnt lots.

Our Next meeting is on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, when Frank will be hosting.

Cheers

Sheila Palmer

### **The Beer, Wine & Bus Pass Group**

On Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> more than 20 of us boarded the infamous 505 Bus and arrived at our destination, The Wildfowler at Terrington St. Clements. We welcomed two new members to the Group, Ray and his wife Laura and welcomed back Jackie who is now well on the way to recovering from Hip Replacement surgery and looking very active, almost Sporty!!



If you would like to join the next Bus Pass outing, it will be on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. at a venue on the 505 Bus Route; we shall be meeting at 3.00pm and leave for home at 5.00pm, then please contact me for all the details. Alcohol consumption is not compulsory, having a sense of humour though.....

Chris Livesey,  
BW&BP Group Leader



## History Group Dates for 2024

Hello everyone!

**We meet at: The Market house on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 10.30am – 12.30am**

Here are the details of our **2024 programme** to share with you.

We would be delighted if you would like to join us, just let **Janet our Group Co-Ordinator** know - [jjork54@hotmail.com](mailto:jjork54@hotmail.com) and she will add your name to the list!

**Here is the programme for 2024 so far!**

**Venue : The Market house on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 10.30am – 12.30am**

**On the 22 January** we welcomed Graham & Tony, and during and after tea, we did a quiz about the 1960's!

As someone in the group mentioned, if you remember the 60's you weren't really there! That sentence, summing up the 60's has been attributed to Grace Slick, Paul Kantner, Dennis Hopper, George Harrison, Robin Williams, and Timothy Leary among others in that decade .....

However, delving into our history, comedian Charlie Fleischer wrote in June 1982 a two line article in the Los Angeles Times "If you remember the '60s, you really weren't there"

Apparently it took all of the 1970s to recover from the 1960s and create the quip, so until further citations are located, looks like Charles Fleischer gets the credit for that one!

**February: Tim Machin** from local Long Sutton District Society will be with us to give a talk on 'Long Sutton Market Place' on **Monday 26th February 2024**

Then, after tea break, taking us into the second half we have a tape to listen to, courtesy of John Crossley, that is evocative of an era, if not location, we are all familiar with.

**March: Ray Howard**. Will be joining us, and telling us all about 'The Formation of the Modern Police Service'. on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Then, after tea break, taking us into the second half we have another memory provoking tape to listen to, once again, courtesy of John Crossley, that we will all be able to identify with to one degree or another.

**April : Frank Heinrich-Tiller** will be regaling us with 'The History of Lloyds London' on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

With its roots in marine insurance, Lloyd's was founded by Edward Lloyd at his coffeehouse on London's Tower Street in 1688. The establishment was popular with sailors, shipowners, and merchants, and Lloyd catered to them with reliable shipping news. Lloyd's coffeehouse soon became known as a good place to purchase insurance to cover ships and their cargoes against the perils of the seas....

Then after tea break, Q&A's and if John is available, perhaps he can be persuaded to share another tape that will no doubt, promote more discussion and memories.

**27<sup>th</sup> May : Spring Bank Holiday – No meeting**

**June: Steve Short** will be at The Market House to entertain us and introduce us to **Harry Houdini** on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Harry Houdini is probably the world's most famous magician and escapologist. Born Erik Weisz in Budapest in 1874 he moved to The States with his family in 1878

Steve is a full time professional speaker, entertainer and, magician and for more than 30-years has entertained on cruise ships and appeared on television and radio, so should be an interesting morning!

**July: Steve Bacon** Steve has an impressive professional résumé as a speaker/presenter and when he visits us at the Market House on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** he will introduce us to the character of Nehemiah Bacon, Resurrectionist (grave robber).

We will discover how he benefits medicine and maybe Steve will disclose the seedier side of this trade!

**26<sup>th</sup> August – August Bank Holiday – No Meeting**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept** – To be confirmed

**After September 2024** – Jackie & Eileen will have done this for a year and perhaps someone else is chomping at the bit to have a go – in which case we will graciously step aside. Just let Janet know if you're interested.

**28<sup>th</sup> October** – To be confirmed

**25<sup>th</sup> November** – To be confirmed

**23<sup>rd</sup> December** – To be confirmed

### **The Dining Group**

Some members of the dining group met for lunch at the cafe inside The Emporium. The last meal there was in 2022 and again we were not disappointed. Three of us enjoyed beef stew and dumplings and the others managed the all day breakfast and chicken curry.

Another venue to which we will return.



Maureen Sinclair-Currie

## Book Group 1

Interestingly the last two books which have been read by Book Group 1 have been low scorers in our review range of 1 - 5.

Lingering by SJI Holliday scored an average of 2 1/2 so between 2: finished but mediocre and do not recommend and 3: interesting but an average read. This all means we cannot enthusiastically recommend the book to u3a members looking for a good read.

Factory Girls by Michelle Gallen came as a surprise to us. There was a wide divergence of views about this book. If you persevered with it, some interesting themes emerged but some in our group objected to the swearing throughout. The scores ranged from 1 to 4 with an average of 2. So we are not recommending it.

We are hoping for better reading next time....

Diane Scott, Group Leader

## Baking Group

January's baking group meeting was hosted by Nanette. Thank you, Nanette, for doing this. The group, which was rather depleted owing to holiday commitments, was treated to a lemon meringue pie. They had a varied discussion despite the absences and departed with a great recipe.



February's meeting was hosted by Fay who tried out a Weetabix loaf cake recipe. Thank you Fay. This was much enjoyed, with Fay's variation of course.

Photos of the cakes are above.

Diane Scott, Group Leader,



## Next General Meeting

Our next general meeting will be at The Market House in Long Sutton on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 1.30 pm and the meeting will start promptly at 2.00pm.

Our Guest Speaker will be **Jane Wright, Supporter Engagement Officer (East Midlands & East England)**

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Looking forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes

Chris Livesey, u3a Sutton Bridge Newsletter Editor