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Deadline for November 2023 newsletter - Monday 16th October



MONTHLY MEETING

4th Oct

Steven Schmidt - Speaker

Lace Production in the Erewash Valley: A Hidden History.

Machine lace production was over-shadowed by coal and iron production, and a textile industry producing items from hosiery to fully fashioned garments. So, why was lace production so important to local economies from the 1700's onwards?

Roger Kidd - Speaker Finder

VOLUNTEERS

Setting Up: Rob Leam, Sue Parkin, Barbara Ingall.

Refreshments: Linda Lambert, Janice Matthews, Georgia Hanson.

Signing In: Delia Terry, Diana Pidgeon.

Meet and Greet: Christine Reynolds, Lorna Stirland.

Many thanks to our volunteers. It would be really helpful if you could arrive between 9.00 and 9.15 am.

Doris Fellows, Volunteer Coordinator

RESERVED SEATS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

At the monthly meetings, there will be reserved signs on some of the front seats, so that it will be easier for any who are especially hard of hearing, or have eyesight issues, to enjoy the speaker. Please feel free to sit on one of these seats if it would be of benefit to you.

Janet Lander

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

What links Tai Chi, Goth weekends, crisp packets, string bags and bubble wrap? . . . Not a lot you might think, unless you were at the September members' meeting.

Our speaker, Elaine Clark, first relaxed us with a few tension-relieving tai chi exercises, before showing us her other passions. She designs and makes stunning outfits from – well - rubbish: crisp packets; bubble wrap; plastic string bags that fruit and vegetables are sold in; ring pulls; garden ties; in fact, anything, really. She makes the outfits for her and her family to wear, and display, at Goth Weekends held in Whitby. During the question session she was able to enlighten us about different Goth styles of dress, from Victorian mourning wear, through the spectrum to Steampunk.

What an amazing, and enlightening speaker.



Ann McGillivray



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CREATIVE CRAFTS

Four cot quilts made by Janet F. They will join all the knitted items to be sent to PUMA (Plymouth Ukraine Medical Aid) and forwarded on to Ukraine.

Margaret Naylor



WANTED

We are looking for someone who usually uses Zoom to attend the monthly meetings and who would be willing to act as a Zoom Controller, admitting those who are using the link. Training provided if necessary.

September Poem

The Last Rose of Summer

What if it was really the last rose of summer?
We prune and assume that it will come again.
The gardens die back at the turn of the season
and nothing of beautiful blossoms remain.

As the rain and the snow fall on dank and dead gardens
and winter progresses, we idly suppose
that sooner or later fat buds will appear
and we'll see once again the glorious rose.

What of a beautiful bride at her wedding
A bouquet without roses may not smell as sweet.
A dozen red roses on Valentine's day will
delight a young miss, make her heart skip a beat.

White roses to take to a loved one departed
bring comfort and peace to those lately bereaved.
The beauty and joy of a lovely rose garden!
The lack of these treasures we cannot conceive.

So look on your lovely last rose of the summer
Take in all its beauty and send up a prayer
that no harm may befall such a glorious presence;
that it blooms once again, so delightful and fair.

Pat Potter Oct, '21

BOARD GAMES

Board Game Group are looking for more members to join us at the Hayloft on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 1.30 to 3.30.



You can just turn up or ring Pauline on 01159 383530.

Pauline Dawkins

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The Photography group continues to meet monthly at Brinsley Parish Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.00am.

We have also continued to have group outings for opportunities to use our cameras as a group.

In July the group went to Codnor Park Reservoir and in August to Butterley Railway and Reservoir.

Thank you to our member Ray Andrews for the candid photograph of the group taken at the start of the walk at Butterley.

New members are welcome, we range from beginners to very experienced, but we all have an enjoyable time helping each other.

Group contact:- 07977109451/01773786004
Barbara Sherwood



GROUP INFORMATION

If you have ideas for new groups or need further information contact:

groups.coordinator@eastwoodu3a.org

Art Appreciation: meet in Brinsley Parish Hall, 3rd Monday @ 10:30 am. Contact Helen 01773 710 743

Bird Watching & Wildlife: meet 3rd Thursday @ 10.30 am. Contact Paul 07986 037 871

Board Games: meet in the Hayloft, 2nd and 4th Monday @ 1.30 pm. Contact Pauline Dawkins 01159 383 530

Book Group: meet 1st Monday @ 11.00 am in Eastwood Library. Contact Sue 01773 717676 or Pauline 01773 788366

Café Culture meet in various venues on the 2nd Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. **New members welcome!** Contact Margaret 07828 155 086

Canasta: meet in the Hayloft, 2nd and 4th Thursday @ 11.00 am. Contact Nina 01773 717 770

Church History: Contact Marianne 01159 134 077

Coffee & Co: meet in various venues on the 4th Wednesday @ 11.00 am. Contact Barbara 01159 468 721

Coffee Mates: members have a choice of dates each month. Contact Andrea 07927 660 408

Creative Crafts: meet in Rumbletums 2nd Wednesday 1-2.30 pm and 3rd Thursday 10.00 – 12.00 noon. **New Members welcome!** Contact Jackie 07580 340 014

Creative Writing: **New members welcome!** Contact Chris 07891 032 300

Family History: meet in the Hayloft on the 4th Monday, 11.00 – 12.30 pm. Contact Diana 0115 9 169 343

French Conversation: meet in the Hayloft on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am. **New members welcome!** Contact Pauline 01773 788 366

Gogglebox: meet in the Hayloft on the 3rd Tuesday, 11.00 – 12.30 pm. **New members welcome!** Contact Janet 07889 976 342

GROUP INFORMATION

History of England: meet in the Hayloft, 1st Thursday @ 10.00 am. Contact Janet 01773 770 183

National Trust: meet in the Dog & Parrot on 1st Monday each month @ 10.00 am. Contact Yvonne 01773 712 530

Pétanque: : New venue will be announced asap. Contact Colin 01773 715 493

Photography: meet in Brinsley Parish Hall on 3rd Tuesday @ 10.00 am. **New members, beginners & enthusiasts all welcome.** Contact Barbara 01773 786 004 or 07977109451

Psychology: meet in Rumbletums on the 4th Wednesday @ 1.00 pm. Contact Jim 07977 415 072 or Diana 01159 169 343

Pub Pals: Contact Janet 07961 832 864 or Rob 07845 177 500

Social Trips: Day trips out to various locations. Contact Sandra tel. 07930 752 808

Spanish: meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday 11.00 - 12.30 pm @ Julie's Tea Rooms. **New members welcome!** Contact Paul 01159 133 449

Theatre Group: meet in Dora Phillips Hall, Eastwood on 2nd Tuesday 1.00 – 3.00 pm. Contact Marianne 01773 717 500

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Walks, 5 miles: meet on Tuesday 3rd October 10 am Colliers Wood Car Park / or Engine Lane near the carpark Contact Roger Reynolds for further information 01773 788169/07879492779

War Babies & Boomers: Contact Ann warbabies@eastwoodu3a.org

Whist: meet at the Hayloft, Giltbrook on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2.00 pm. Contact Glenis 01773 715 040

Wine Appreciation: meet in the Hayloft on the 1st Monday @ 7.00 pm. Contact Chris 07779 375865

NEWSLETTER POSTAL CHARGE

Members who are not on the internet and would like the newsletter posted to them can do this by paying £10 on top of their annual subscription. This is less than the true cost but it reflects a commitment to receiving it.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this month's newsletter. Please send your contributions for next month to:

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GROUPS COORDINATORS

Anne's Groups	Madeleine's Groups	Marianne's Groups
1. Board Games	1. Art Appreciation	1. Bird Watching
2. Coffee Mates	2. Cafe Culture	2. Book Group
3. Creative Crafts	3. Church History	3. Canasta
4. History of England	4. Coffee & Co	4. Gogglebox
5. Pub Pals	5. Creative Writing	5. Petanque
6. National Trust	6. Family History	6. Photography
7. Strollers	7. French Conversation	7. Social Trips
8. General Gardening	8. Psychology	8. Theatre
9. War Babies and Boomers	9. Radio Waves	9. 5ml Walks
	10. Spanish	10. Wine appreciation
		11. Whist

HISTORY OF ENGLAND

History of England is studying Queen Victoria at the moment. 1819 -1901.

She became Queen at the age of 18 and moved into Buckingham Palace becoming the first royal to do so. Her name was Alexandrina Victoria. After marrying Prince Albert, she gave birth to nine children: Victoria, Edward, Alice, Alfred, Helena, Louise, Arthur, Leopold and Beatrice. Victoria was great grandmother to Elizabeth II.

Prince Albert was a great organiser: he designed the Crystal Palace, recreated the Scottish Balmoral House and The Isle of Wight Osborne House.

Come and join us the first Thursday of the month at The Hayloft, Giltbrook at 10 am.

Janet Kirk



GENERAL GARDENING GROUP

Nine members and friends of the General Gardening Group enjoyed a visit to Coxbench Hall Gardens near Belper, on Wednesday 13th September. We were welcomed by the gardener, Rich, who showed us round the extensive grounds. He was very informative, showing the work he has undertaken to re-establish stonework and native hedges. He explained an ongoing problem with long-established invasive plants like ground elder and bracken that had been introduced by several previous owners of the Hall but was slowly creating beautiful garden beds for the care home residents to enjoy.

At the end of the tour, we enjoyed beautiful cakes and refreshments provided by the cook, Amy.

It was a very enjoyable morning for all concerned.

The group held its last meeting of the year on Friday 15th September. It recommences in April 2024.

Ann McGillivray



ENGLISH IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU DRIVE IN PARKWAYS AND PARK IN DRIVEWAYS.

IT'S ALSO THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU RECITE IN A PLAY AND PLAY IN A RECITAL.

YOUR FINGERS HAVE FINGERTIPS BUT YOUR TOES DON'T HAVE TOETIPS.

YET, YOU CAN TIPTOE BUT NOT TIPFINGER.

THE WORD **QUEUE** IS JUST A **Q** FOLLOWED BY FOUR SILENT LETTERS.

JAIL AND PRISON ARE SYNONYMS. BUT JAILER AND PRISONER ARE ANTONYMS.

WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY CAR, IT'S CALLED A SHIPMENT. BUT WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY SHIP, IT'S CALLED CARGO.

