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NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Chat

Hello all.

It was lovely to get back to meeting in the Corn Exchange for our October General Meeting. I must admit I was pleasantly surprised at the number of you who came, more than seventy. We had a very entertaining speaker telling us all about Mars.

Having had a makeover since our last visit some seventeen months previously, we were made very welcome and had plenty of room to spread out if we wanted to. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits were provided at the end by the Corn Exchange staff themselves. Something we shall continue to do.

Once again, I was at the jazz night in Baston with our very own U3A jazz group in attendance as well, what a great night it was with over two hours of music.

Also, this month the Old Town Hall has celebrated its 200th Birthday and had a full week of events that included a three-day art exhibition, with our Drawing and Painting Group having a large display of their works. Over the three days there were over 450 visitors who had the option of buying some of the art on display.

Non U3A events for me have been this month, A visit to Bourton-on-the-Water and a steam train day, traveling from Peterborough to York then on to Carlisle. One way was to be pulled by The Flying Scotsman and the return by Tornado. Alas The Flying Scotsman had a brake fault resulting in us being pulled one way by vintage diesel, it was a lovely but wet day.



John

Monthly Meeting

Our speaker this month is Philip Caine and the title of his talk is “From Barrow to Bagdad”

He started out as a Hotelier, has had 30 years working in the oil industry all over the world from the North Sea to working for the Americans in Bagdad.

He is now an author of adventure thrillers (for further information have a look at his website <https://www.philipcaine.com>)

In December we will be entertained by Fools Gold an acoustic music duo

(<https://www.foolsgoldacoustic.co.uk>)

Committee Page

A Note from The Editor

This month's newsletter is rather short, unfortunately, many groups have restarted meetings, but I have not received any reports, so I cannot advertise the good work they are doing on here.

If I don't receive copy, I cannot make it up, so please group leaders let me know what you have been doing and what is planned for next month!

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members during October:
Annette and Ian Batchelor, Wendy Cameron, Sarah Harris, Corinne Howarth and Anthea Wade.
We hope you enjoy the benefits of membership and look forward to meeting you.

Jackie Searl Membership Secretary

Group News

The Railway Group

“Spirit Of Sandringham” The B17 Steam Locomotive Trust

Mr Brian Hall, Chairman of the above Trust gave a presentation covering the objectives, organisation, manufacturing, construction, fund raising initiatives, videos and finally Q's and A's.

The Trust is building a full-size working example of a London North Eastern Railway B17 Express Passenger Locomotive for use on the National Network and Heritage Railways. It is being built using traditional engineering skills and offers training for people in apprenticeships.

There was a very good turnout for a very interesting talk including SciTech members as well as some from The Deepings.

There are opportunities for volunteering with the trust in various ways so have a look at their website for further information. (<https://www.b17steamloco.co.uk/>)

Poetry Group

Our October meeting was based on the letter 'C'. During the first half of the meeting we looked at the work of local poet John Clare (his surname starts with the letter 'C') and after refreshments we each introduced work by a poet of our choice whose first name starts with 'C'. Thus we had poems by Colette Bryce, Carol Ann Duffy, Charles Kingsley and Colley Cibber.

We feel that six is an ideal number of members for the group, but given that, for various reasons, not all are always able to attend, we are willing to consider adding a seventh member. If you are interested in poetry and would like to consider joining us, please contact me.

As the Newsletter was unable to include our short poetry extract last month, from John Betjeman, and as it was so delicious, I'm submitting it again. I hope you will enjoy it:

In A Bath Teashop

'Let us not speak, for the love we bear one another—
Let us hold hands and look.'
She such a very ordinary little woman;
He such a thumping crook;
But both, for a moment, little lower than the angels
In the teashop's ingle-nook.

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I reserve the right to either bring this date forward or retard it if my personal circumstances dictate.