

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

In this month's newsletter we have information about the next Open Meeting which is for **members only** and some updates from the groups.

MEMBERS ONLY (OPEN) MEETING:

We have made appropriate arrangements to be able to go ahead with our **Open Meeting on 1st. November at 2pm in the Church Room. "Painting Wild Places", a talk by local artist Tony Foster.** For nearly 35 years he has worked in the World's wildernesses - mountains and canyons, rainforests and deserts, the Arctic and the Tropics. The attached poster provides additional information about what promises to be a fascinating insight into his adventures.

To ensure that the Church rooms are as Covid-19 safe as possible the current plans are that:

- The talk will be open to **members only**.
- The chairs will be set 1 metre apart so numbers may be restricted.
- The committee kindly requests that, unless they are exempt, members wear a mask until seated and when they move.
- Refreshments **will not** be served.
- The above arrangements are subject to change should Covid-19 guidance change.

GROUP UPDATES:

The Art Appreciation Group has resumed its programme of visits:

- The Box Plymouth on Tuesday 14th September
- Falmouth Art Gallery on Tuesday 19th October to see 'Unholy Trinity', An exhibition of work by Lucien Freud, Adrian Ryan and John Minton.
- Truro Museum on Tuesday 16th November for an exhibition by local artist Tony Foster entitled Fragile Planet.
- Lastly a Christmas dinner has been provisionally agreed for Monday 17th January at the Chatham

The Bird Watching Group had advertised their programme for the 21-22 season on the webpage. Their outings for the remainder of 2021 are:

- 17th November: Swanpool, Falmouth
- 15th December: Camel Estuary from Old Town Cove

The Group Contact for the Bridge Group reports: "The summer brought split views regarding how to play so we restarted bridge in gardens for the summer while continuing the B.B.O. sessions until members found themselves busy with other outdoor activities and voided their computers. We are finishing garden sessions at the end of this month and setting up play with B.B.O. and Zoom in October. There will also be a trial of one table indoors following all government recommendations. If anyone would like to join either of these bridge sessions, please get in touch as we are happy to welcome you and expand our numbers.

The Electric Dynamos Bike Group has kept pedalling. Their last ride was a 22 miles ride from Porfell to Talland Bay. Unfortunately the group is full and cannot accept new members at present.

The Family History Group report that "Having reviewed the situation & with the winter months approaching, we are continuing our meetings by Zoom commencing in October. A programme, including 3 speaker events, has been planned to take us through to February 2022, when it is hoped we can resume physical meetings from the Spring onwards. However, we are also looking at possible new venues to cater for our increased numbers.

The likely format will continue to be a bi-monthly speaker event alternated with a "sharing session" about our various research experiences on intervening months."

The Garden Visits Group managed 7 visits this year and their last outing in September was to South Bosent Garden near Dobwalls. Members will soon be planning their programme of visits for 2022.

Since the first lockdown, the i-padders have been using Zoom to meet up in the comfort and safety of their own homes. They have their Zoom meetings on most Tuesday mornings at 11am. They have made it a cuppa and biscuit time! If they want to ask questions or make suggestions about their iPads they have the opportunity. Otherwise, they just enjoy themselves putting the world to rights. New members would be made very welcome. They have discussed returning to meeting as we used to but have decided to stay as they are for now.

Fourteen members of the Lunch Group a lovely lunch on 29th September at Cloisters, the restaurant at the College in St Austell. They are lunching again in October at Lanhydrock Golf Club.

They are hoping to have a coffee meeting in November to organise our lunches for the next year. We will advertise the list in our next update.

The Photography Group has settled into a pattern of two zoom meetings each month and one outing to a near-by location.

- The next regular Zoom meeting, known as Platform Meeting, is on the 21st October when members will be sharing pictures on the theme of "Water".
- The next Photography Extra meeting is on the 6th December, the first Monday when the group will show their experiments with the free iPad and phone Apps demonstrated at the last meeting.
- The October outing is to Respryn on the 28th of the month.

The Strollers need a group contact to help with organising one "stroll" per month taking place on the last Friday of each month. The walks are 2-3 miles along a gentle terrain (i.e. no hills).

The Strummers Ukulele Group are back! Meetings start at 2pm every Monday in Scout Hut.

The Wine Appreciation Group will continue with a regular fixture of 3pm on the last Monday of the month in November and January.

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