



Overton and District Newsletter 16



Autumn Catch-up

We have had an exciting year so far and are looking forward to 2019. Now is a good time to look back over the U3A year so far.

September This meeting was especially well attended as our speaker was Charles Cardiff, one of our members, who gave us a fascinating talk about his 'Extraordinary Childhood' which was accompanied by



fascinating photos of him and his family through the various stages of childhood and the places where they lived, particularly in Italy. His experiences of education were very different from most of ours as initially he was home educated, went to a local school in Italy, Prep School in England and finally to Eton and Oxford whilst the family lived mainly abroad. Thank you, Charles, for this insight into your formative years.

October We were delighted to welcome back Elizabeth Gowing and this time the title of her talk was 'The Silver Thread'. She is an excellent speaker, using no notes and showing wonderful

photographs to illustrate her experiences. Her talk took us from the mines in Dante, to



the prizes stolen in the wars of the 'nineties'. She explained how the silver is lifted from the earth, and showed photos of craftsmen

producing lacy creations from dull sticks of raw material and spoke of the brave new generation of women working fragile miracles with hard metals to secure their independence.

November



Our extra Extra-Curricular talk 'A Family Tribute to a Fallen Soldier' was given by Geoff Davies, another of our members, and attracted a large audience who were

fascinated by Geoff's story which began in the 1960s when he saw the old family bible from 1850 which included letters about his fallen uncle. He went on to tell how the family paid tribute to their great uncle at a memorial event at his graveside in Boulogne and at a Commemorative Dinner. We heard about all the obstacles he had to overcome, especially those to do with ensuring that a bugle was sounded as part of the event which was attended by family members from various parts of the world.

Monthly Meeting This was meant to be a talk given by Tony Harris 'Behind You and Backstage Antics' which we thought would



get us in a festive mood. However, disaster struck and we received a phone call to say that Tony was at a standstill on the M3 due to an accident and there was no way he could be with us until 11.30am!



But Valda Stevens quickly came to our rescue and showed us some wonderful and intriguing photographs of Overton from long ago. With her in-depth knowledge of the village

she was able to point out how Overton had developed over time and where we could still see evidence of how it was in the past. All those present enjoyed her talk and were very appreciative of her stepping in at the last minute.

Wednesday 19th December -

10.00am



Our speaker will be Susan Howe

All Things British-eccentrics, heroes and tea!

"a witty and well-informed speaker with a wondrous way with words"

Susan has been our speaker before and her talks are always informative and entertaining – just the thing for our Christmas meeting.

Please join us after the talk for seasonal refreshments



A Facebook Page As more and more people use social media the committee have decided to set up a Facebook page in the New Year as

another way of keeping up to date with what is happening in our U3A. Members of the group will be able to post items letting other members know about past and future events and what has been happening in their groups. To join you will need to be Facebook member and we know that quite a few of you are already are as it is often a good way of keeping up with family and friends. It will be a private page and posts can only be seen by other U3A members belonging to the group. Once you are a member of Facebook you will need to message Lizzie Lewis to ask to be a member. I know that some people are 'not into' social media and there is no compulsion for you to join. It is just another way of communicating for those who wish to do so. There will be further information in the next Newsletter.

The Committee wish you:



Please see next page for information about January's and our next extra-curricular talks



Monthly Meeting

New England in the Fall

Paul Whittle: a well-known and respected speaker on cruise ships his talk promises to be interesting.



Wednesday

16th January - 10.00am

Extra-Curricular

Britain on Film: Coast and Sea

Images from the 20th Century



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Monday 4th February - 2.00pm

