



TOWCESTER

MONTHLY BULLETIN AUGUST 2019

It was a great pleasure to welcome Geoff Lambert and his dog Buddy to Towcester in July. Together they raised £295 for Medical Detection Dogs. Geoff has asked me to pass on his thanks to our members for their generous contributions.

Monthly meetings

Today August 28th Jeremy Rivers -Fletcher will talk about "Early Post –World War 2 Motor Racing" We are promised an amusing and interesting talk.

On September 28th Barry Watson will give his presentation about "The Agony and Ecstasy of a Canal Hotel Boater".

On October 30th Graham Short the world famous micro-artist will talk about "The Hands of Genius".

Don't Forget You can catch a free minibus to the monthly meeting. It departs no later than 1.25 pm. Just turn up at either Sawpits Green or Malthouse Court and climb on board. It will be waiting in the car park at Towcesterians' to return you to Sawpits Green and Malthouse Court afterwards at about 3.30pm.

We are grateful to our Reading for Pleasure group led by Anne Parkes for serving the refreshments today. Next month it will be the turn of Music for Pleasure led by Valerie Hall.

The U3A were well represented at the **Towcester 2019 Flower Festival** which took place in August. Thanks to Jeanette Waite for the beautiful floral arrangement mainly in the gold of the U3A and to the Photographic group for the display of their work in the South Porch. There will be more details and photographs in the Tuba.

News From The Groups

The Cookery Group is having a break during August but will re-convene in September. They meet on the second Monday of every month except August and usually have a group lunch out in December.

The German Language and Culture Group is also taking a summer break. They will re-convene on Friday 6th September.

Our **Badminton group** has a new co-ordinator Gillian Bothamley E mail geebee8@talktalk.net

Folk Dancing Group

We are moving to Towcester Town Hall and have our first session there on Thursday 5th September from 2:00 until 4:00 with a refreshment break half way through. Why not come and join us for some fun and exercise! We meet weekly but you don't have to come every week if you have other commitments.

A number of new members are joining us on the 5th so it's an ideal time to come along as we will be doing some easy dances. Members pay £2 a session when they come along to cover the hire of the hall but your first session is free. You can always come and watch for part of a session if you want to see what sort of dances we do.

Contact: Lynne Tebbenham 01327 352139 or Margaret Ball 01908 542383

Table Tennis is changing its venue and day of the week. Starting on 3/10/2019 the Towcester U3A Table Tennis sessions will take place on the A5 Rangers on Watling Street Towcester. The day will change from Wednesday to Thursday. The first session from 10-30 to 11-30 is for improvers and the second session for

beginners will take place from 11.30 to 12.30. There is plenty of parking at the back of the building which is accessed from Islington Road.

There are vacancies in both sessions. For more information contact Jonna Conquest on 01327 350004
E mail elstrom.conquest@icloud.com

Card Making Val Runnacles has let me know there is a space in the Thursday morning group. They meet the first Thursday of the month. They will be starting Christmas cards in September.

Music for Pleasure has had a fascinating and diverse few months. A full account of their activities will be found in the Tuba. For the future 2nd September will cover Bruckner and Mahler and 7th October will be American Folk Music. New members are welcome to come for a taster session.

The History group continues to meet on the afternoon of the first Thursday of each month in the library. A full account of recent meetings will be in the Tuba. Future topics include September Three Historical Villains. October The History of Northamptonshire Police.

London Explorers 2 were given a tour of the Roman House and Baths in Billingsgate. Full details and pictures will appear in the Tuba.

New Groups

Beginners Badminton Towcester Sports Centre Mondays 12 noon to 1pm.

Beginners Conversational Italian If there is further interest we have 2 members who would like to form a group.

A new sheet for both groups will be put out at the monthly meeting for members to express their interest

Garden Visits

Wed 11th September Lavenham Guildhall and Ickworth Rotunda Both National Trust Payable Now!
Coach £12 Leave 8.30 am.

Wed 9th October Seizincote Gardens £5 Batsford Arboretum £6 Coach £12 Total £23pp
Payable August 28th Leaves 8.30 am.

Friday 29th November Christmas Meal Silverstone Golf Club arrive 12.30pm Menus to follow.

Wednesday 8th January Planning Meeting Probably Saracens Head Towcester

Please see Carole at the monthly meeting or call 01327 352564

Coach Trips The next planned coach trip is Winchester on Monday 25th November. Cost £13 . Depart Towcester 9am Return Departure 4pm See Janette at the monthly meeting if you are interested in this trip.

We are still seeking a co-ordinator for our coach trips. If there is anybody willing to help organise future coach trips or with any ideas for 2020 coach trips the committee would love to hear from you.

Finally

We are very much looking forward to our 10th birthday next year **Does anybody have any early copies of the Tuba, early photos of groups , memories of speakers who attended our early meetings etc. etc** I would be most grateful if you could e mail me with any information which you might have
lucasr1@aol.com Thanks to all for your contributions to this bulletin.

Much appreciated Carolx