



REDBOURN

Registered Charity 1156462

Notes and Information from the Chair

November General Meeting

Wednesday 19th November at Redbourn Village Hall

Our talk was titled –

‘From a Hard Place to a Rock’ – by Timandra Slade

Two members of Timandra's family were fighting with the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in the summer of 1940. Both were, separately, captured by the Germans, but both managed to escape. Together with fellow officers they made their way through France and into Spain, where they were again captured by the authorities. Their final destination was Gibraltar, where a Vichy French bombing raid on 'the Rock' took place - sadly, not all of the party made a 'home run'.

Christmas Lunch – 1st December

This event will be attended by 83 members and one guest, so a great response once more. No further applications can be accepted, but you may go on a waiting list in the event of any cancellations, although you will need to accept the menu selected.

To avoid obstructing the clubhouse, please do not enter the building before 12.30

All enquiries please to Val Brown, via vabrown50@gmail.com or 01582 793174

Coffee Morning for new Members – Tuesday 18th November 11-12 noon

This was probably our biggest coffee morning in years, with 19 new members in attendance. And with seven trustees in attendance, to guide and advise, members commented on how useful and enjoyable the occasion proved to be. Thanks to everyone for coming and making their individual contribution to this learning event.

The Big Quiz – 25th October

The Big Quiz was a great success, thanks to the organising effort of Annette Cotter, but there was a bit of a squeeze for the 66 participants, so next year there will be just 10 tables of six.

The collection in support of the work of Redbourn Community Group, raised a handsome total of £210, gratefully received by their Treasurer who has sent his thanks to everyone for their generous donations.

Theatre and Social events

Annette is busy preparing frequent social events throughout 2026. See 2026 Diary dates below. So, lots of entertainment for you to look out for and enjoy!

Please contact Annette via annette.cotter@icloud.com with your suggestions on what events you might like her to consider.

Interest Groups – Currently we have 52 groups, with quite a few more in the pipeline, so there is lots of choice. Most groups are able to welcome new members, but if you wish to join a group that is advertised as being currently full, please contact the group leader direct, or our groups coordinator, Val Brown, via vabrown50@gmail.com or 01582 793174

Diary Dates for 2025

27th November – Coach outing to Winchester Christmas Market (All tickets sold, with waiting list)

1st December – Christmas Lunch at Redbourn Golf Club. (No further applications accepted)

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Diary Dates for 2026

12th February – ‘Red Shoes’ ballet. MK Theatre

April/May – Hampton Court Tulip Festival (TBC)

May – ‘To Kill A Mocking Bird’ MK Theatre (TBC)

Summer – Visit to a Royal Garden (TBC)

August – Coach Outing, destination to be decided

Wed 17th December

The History of Christmas Music - The Willson Consort

For our December meeting we are pleased to welcome The Willson Consort. Led by Lynn

Willson we shall be entertained by a speaker (Lynn herself), who will guide us through a

fascinating history of Christmas Music, interspersed with performances by the six-strong Willsc Consort, who will be forming Christmas music through the ages, from Renaissance to the present day.

Our Christmas General Meeting will involve warmed mulled wine and mince pies, as well as an opportunity to win one of many good prizes in our FREE Christmas raffle!

Finally – if you have any issues or are unsure who to contact, please reach out to me.

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