



REDBOURN

Registered Charity 1156462

Notes and Information from the Chair

June General Meeting

Wednesday 17th May at Redbourn Village Hall

Our talk was titled – Bees and Honey: Tradition, Myth, Symbol & Magic – Peter Smith

Peter is a beekeeper and all-round bug enthusiast. His light-hearted talk was focused on some of the stories that continue to influence us today, and how the different aspects of bees and honey permeate our culture. His presentation was rapid and light-hearted and covered a lot of ground. We learned very little about beekeeping or honey production, but if it were not for the existence of bees all those millions of years ago, apparently, we would not be here now!

Will you volunteer as a Committee Member?

Our next AGM is fast approaching (August meeting) and we need willing members to put themselves forward for election to the committee.

Every organisation needs frequent rotation of Committee Members, bringing new ideas and momentum. Three of our members are overdue for replacement; Secretary, Groups Coordinator & Chair. Any member is eligible to apply, so, if you can put yourself forward for any of these roles, please have a word with me or any Committee Member. Candidates are more than welcome to join us at our monthly meetings to see how it all works. We are a friendly bunch and easy to work with, so come and see for yourself!

More Volunteers needed to join our RUGS Group

Vic Wells has received little or no response for more volunteers to help set up the hall and serve refreshments for our General Meetings. **So, let's try one more time.** It's for just one hour before the meeting and clearing up at the end. You will help only when you are able, to spread the load, so it is not too demanding and the more hands the merrier. Please contact Vic via email wellsvic13@gmail.com to offer your support.

If no one is there to make the tea, then there will be no tea – just saying!

Theatre and Social events

Annette has planned a number of entertainments, taking us through to the end of 2026 and beyond. See Diary dates below where there are so many events 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 going forward.

Interest Groups – Currently we have over 50 groups, with 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 2026

1st July – Coach outing to Sandringham, House and Garden (sold out)

12th September – Coach outing to Duxford 'Battle of Britain Weekend' (50 tickets)

24th October – The BIG Quiz

5th November – 'Sinatra the Musical' (35 tickets published mid-August)

26th November – Coach outing to Canterbury Christmas Market. Guided tours of the Cathedral a possibility. (50 tickets published early September)

Diary Dates for 2027 4th January – Matthew Bourne's 'Cinderella', Sadlers Wells matinee – (30 tickets published early October)

Wed 15th July – our next talk will be

'Rev Henry Small, Rector of St Albans and the Missing £20,000' – by Jon Mein

Appointed Rector of the Abbey Parish in St. Albans in 1817, the Rev Small embezzled some £20,000 from local people. When he was found out he fled to France, and the ensuing scandal made national headlines and questions were raised in Parliament.

Jon will enlighten us on Small's difficult family background and the state of the Church in England in the late Georgian period.

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

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