



REDBOURN

Registered Charity 1156462

September General Meeting

Wednesday 16th September at Redbourn Village Hall

Our talk wss titled –

Grace Darling & Saving Lives at Sea - James Taylor

Dr Taylor, a former curator of paintings, drawings and prints at the National Maritime Museum, gave an interesting talk about Grace Darling's daring rescue of survivors from the wrecked steamship Forfarshire off the Northumberland coast in 1838. He also covered the artistic contribution that helped keep her story alive in the public eye, as well as her role as a "poster girl" for the RNLI and the first woman to be awarded their medal for gallantry.

Interest Groups – Currently, we have over 50 groups, with more coming on stream each year, so there is lots of choice. Most groups are able to welcome new members, but if you wish to join a group that is listed as being currently full, please contact the Group Leader direct, or our Groups Coordinator, Lynda Abbott, via or 01582 792975 or 07803 037758

Theatre and Social events

See Diary dates below where there are many events arranged for you to enjoy.

Please contact Annette via annette.cotter@icloud.com or 07940 560402.

Canterbury Christmas Market is one of the most magical seasonal events in Southern England and perfect for a festive day of Christmas shopping, tasty treats and soaking up the seasonal cheer in a truly beautiful setting. It's spread across several key shopping streets in this ancient City thus allowing you time to enjoy the atmosphere and have lunch. Of course, no visit is complete without the Cathedral - the mother church of the Anglican faith and the scene of so many

national events. There is an entrance charge of £18 (not included) but well worth every penny! Tours too can be pre-booked via their website. To reserve space on the coach, please email annette.cotter@icloud.com stating how many seats are required. As this is likely to be popular, priority will be given to Redbourn U3A members.

Pick up times as follows:

08.30 near the Fire Station, Dunstable Road

08.45 the bus stop by the Old School, opp the Cricket Club car park.

Return to Redbourn c18.30 subject to traffic!

Once confirmation is acknowledged by Annette, please send £22pp to the Redbourn U3A account as follows:

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Diary Dates 2026

24th October – The BIG Quiz

5th November – ‘Sinatra the Musical’ (sold out)

26th November – Coach outing to Canterbury Christmas Market. Guided tours of the Cathedral a possibility. (Almost sold out!)

7th December – Annual Christmas Lunch at the Golf Club

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

Next talk *Wed 21st October* Passports, Assassins, Traitors & Spies - Martin LLOYD

Martin worked for HM Immigration for 24 years, and will be talking about how the actions of a group of assassins brought about a change in passport regulations, how the unmasking of a spy caused a modification in passport design and how, for one man, the passport itself turned into a killer.

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

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