

Stamford u3a – Chairman’s E-bulletin – April 2024

This Bulletin is actually coming to you from your current Vice-Chairman as Roland is off on his holidays, and it got me thinking about why that position is so-called. Am I actually the Chairman of all things to do with pride, greed, sloth and any of the other deadly sins? I might quite enjoy supervising lust, for instance, and I might even join in with a bit of gluttony. But no. There’s also no connection with the tool which holds things in a firm embrace, despite my wish to keep a tight grip on our finances. In fact the definition comes from the Latin *vicis*, meaning in place of or in succession to, and is, as you will all no doubt have realised, the ablative case of that noun. As my father-in-law frequently said, “The Benefit of a Classical Education.....”. So now you know!

To more immediate concerns: I’m afraid the Travel Group’s latest day trip to Chiswick House on Wednesday, 8th May has had to be cancelled. I’m guessing one reason may have been the cost, which was mainly driven by the coach having to enter the London Congestion Zone, which greatly increased that part of the expense. I have to say we are having difficulties in attracting many members to come on some of our trips, and with the size of our membership it is a little disheartening when these arrangements are made, only for cancellation being necessary because not many people want to go. We are planning a rather cheaper day out at the National Memorial Arboretum on Wednesday 17th July and details can be found below and on the website. Suggestions for future destinations which will attract members are always welcome.

And positive news of a new Group – Victoria Valentine is starting a Philosophy Group at 10 – 12 o’clock on Tuesday 16th April at Stamford Library, with participation being free and you’re welcome to bring your own refreshments. Being philosophical, who knows what will be discussed?! You are welcome to contact Victoria on 01780 765868 or victoriavalentine@hotmail.com for information. She plans to meet every third Tuesday of the month, same time and venue.

I was also going to mention the Mayoral Variety Show which was to be put on at the Corn Exchange on Thursday and Friday evenings, 18th and 19th April, celebrating local poetry, music and theatre. Unfortunately it has now been postponed, but it should be worth a look when it is rescheduled.

The next Monthly Meeting is once again not on the first Monday because that’s a Bank Holiday, so on 13th May we shall hold the AGM, and information about that will come to you separately. We are then to be entertained by the Singing for Pleasure and Ukelele Groups, and it’s great to hear the efforts of any of our Groups, just as it was good to see the work of the Art Group at the April meeting. Many Groups are now switching from Winter to Summer mode, exchanging talks with outdoor visits, and that’s a sign that spring will surely lead into summer with hopefully drier and warmer weather to come.

With best wishes,

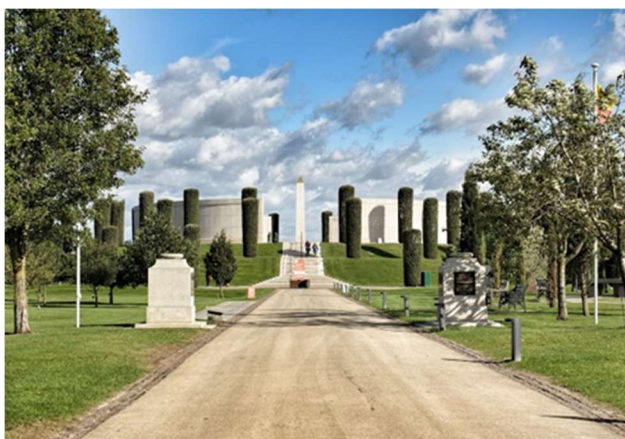
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Travel Group



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The National Memorial Arboretum – Wednesday 17th July 2024

Our summer day trip will be to this nationally important site in Staffordshire which has a wonderful collection of memorials of all kinds, not all military, set in open parkland with thousands of trees, together with pavilions telling many stories of past conflicts and those who fought in them. We will have a 15-minute introductory talk on arrival which will help us to make the most of the day. There is a large restaurant and it is possible to ride on a land train around the site (at extra cost) and there are also available for hire mobility scooters by booking on 01283 245100.

The cost is £25.00 which includes the coach, all fees, and a gratuity for the driver. Please complete the form below and give/send it to me, Beverley, or Roland.

My/our pick-up point is: Stamford Bus Station (08.30) The Danish Invader (08.45)

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Name(s).....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Phone no.....Email.....

I/We wish to be picked up at: Stamford Bus Station (08.30) The Danish Invader(08.45)

I/We enclose a cheque payable to Stamford u3a for £25.00 per person, or a direct credit will be made to Stamford u3a's account no. 00655135 at Lloyds Bank Sort Code 30-98-02, stating name & reference NMA. Or Contactless/card payments will be available at meetings. Payment by 8th July please.