



NEWSLETTER November 2018

- Friends News -



Children's Halloween Evening

As this edition of the newsletter is being “put to bed”, members of the Friends’ committee are working feverishly to complete preparations for this year’s Halloween event—our premier fund-raising event of the year. Many other members are also preparing for the evening, where they will be marshalling, acting and manning a number of ghoulish games that we put on for the visiting children (and adults!). The committee would like to thank all of those who are giving their time and effort to make this event the success it most surely will be.

Talks

We now have a full schedule of interesting talks arranged that will take us right up to November 2019, thanks to the sterling effort of one of our committee members—Anthony Poulton-Smith. A list of these can be seen at the end of this newsletter.

- Talks -

The Perils of a Public Speaker

**By Penny Wheat at The Globe Inn, Lower Gungate
On Thursday 29th November 2018 at 2:00 pm
(following the monthly lunch club meal)**



Penny Wheat



What's inside the mysterious box?

Penny taught silversmithing and jewelry at Stafford College for 36 years and has recently retired.

This will be an amusing, light-hearted talk based on her many years' experience of giving talks to Staffordshire's WIs, Townswomen's Guilds, Probus, Rotary Clubs and other groups. She will be displaying LOTS of items during her talk, including jewellery and silver items, drawings and craft items made by prisoners, and a huge treasure chest containing...well, you will have to wait and see, but comedy is certainly involved! The talk will be lavishly illustrated and very lively—don't miss it!

Bournville—Its Chocolate, Canals, Buildings and People

By Bob Booth at The Globe Inn, Lower Gungate

On Thursday 31st January 2019 at 2:00 pm

(following the monthly lunch club meal)

Bob Booth is chairman of the Bournville Society. He is a former principal lecturer at Wolverhampton University, involved in 3D computer design, and has taught in the USA and Hong Kong, but his passion for Bournville is clear from the many talks he has given about the Bournville Garden Village, the Cadbury chocolate factory, the surrounding canals and buildings and the people who live and work there.

Albrighton Pottery

By Annette and John Christophers at The Globe Inn, Lower Gungate

On Thursday 28th February 2019 at 2:00 pm

(following the monthly lunch club meal)

Annette and John, of the Albrighton Pottery, have been making pottery for over 50 years and in this talk they offer a fascinating insight into the history of pot-making in the pottery that is situated in the pleasant village of Albrighton in Shropshire.

What Really Did Happen n the Dark Ages?

By Dr Trevor James at The Globe Inn, Lower Gungate

On Thursday 28th March 2019 at 2:00 pm

(following the monthly lunch club meal)

The Dark Ages, more accurately called the Early Medieval Period, stretched from the decline of the Roman Empire, around the 5th century AD, to about the 10th century AD. The term “Dark Ages” was meant to reflect the lack of records, and therefore knowledge, of events, during the period.

Dr Trevor James is Editor of *The Historian* and has been the *Director of the Young Historian Project* for the last 22 years. He has presented many talks on historical periods right up to the early 20th century, and in this talk he will shed some light on what actually did happen during the Dark Ages.

- Trips, Social & Other Events -



Festive Meal

Friday 18th January 2019

Bolehall Manor, Amington Road, Tamworth

For this year's post-Christmas meal we will be dining at the Bolehall Manor. The price is £27.50 per person, which includes an excellent carvery meal and a surprise entertainment!

We are meeting at 7:00 pm to sit down at 7:30.

You will find a booking form at the end of this newsletter.

- Reviews -

Never Too Old to Rock and Roll

A talk given by Vince Eager on 27th September

Vince Eager was a leading performer on the 1950/60's Rock 'n Roll scene. In his talk, Vince gave his audience a feeling for what it was like to be part of this scene, humorously recounting many behind-the-scenes goings-on when he was performing with the likes of Billy Fury, Marty Wilde, Cliff Richard, Eddie Cochran and many others. And this was only part 1 of his 2-part talk—perhaps we will learn more at a later date!



Friends Events for 2018/19

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| 27/10/18 | Children's Halloween |
| 22/11/18 | Trip to Oxford & Waddesdon Manor Xmas Fair |
| 29/11/18 | Talk "The Perils of a Public Speaker" |
| 09-10/12/2018 | Trip to the Thursford Xmas Spectacular |
| 18/01/19 | Festive meal |
| 31/01/19 | Talk "Bournville , chocolate, canals, buildings, people" |
| 02/02/19 | Trip to York for the York Ice Trail |
| 28/02/19 | Talk "Albrighton Pottery" |
| 28/03/19 | Talk "What really did happen n the Dark Ages?" |
| 26/04/19 | Talk "Local murders of the 20th century" |
| 26/04/19 | AGM |
| 10/05/19 | Talk "The battle of Waterloo" |
| 14/06/19 | Talk "The Holbeche family of Warwickshire" |
| 12/07/19 | Talk "A thousand years of Knowle" |
| 09/08/19 | Talk "The Meaker Brothers" |
| 13/09/19 | Talk "The etymology of clothing" |
| 11/10/19 | Talk "Painting with light" |

Contact Details

Where booking slips are included with the newsletter, if return details are not included on the form please complete and send them, with payment, to:

Sue Evans, 48 Barbara Street, Tamworth, B79 7EJ

If you do not have a booking slip or would like more details about a trip, you can contact Sue by phone on **01827 55916** or by email at

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If you have any questions or suggestions regarding newsletters, please contact Roger Ashford by phone on **0790 0088960** or by email at

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Membership queries should be addressed to

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For any other issues, contact **admin@tamworthcastlefriends.org**

Friends Website: **www.tamworthcastlefriends.org**

Booking Forms

Festive Meal at Bolehall Manor, Amington Road, Tamworth

Friday 18th January 2019, 7:00 pm

Please reserve _____ places for me at this event at £27.50 per person.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I enclose a cheque for £_____ made payable to **FRIENDS OF
TAMWORTH CASTLE AND MUSEUM**

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