

Previous Monthly Meetings

In 2024

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| January | All At Sea with Anette Taylor | Anette's talked of her 30 years' experience as a cruise director and travel manager are fast becoming a favourite on the speaker's circuit. Her knowledge of both ocean and river cruising are second to none and provide the backdrop for the wealth of stories she has accumulated. |
| February | Secret Love with Holly Reynolds | A special Valentine's Day celebration of love songs from the 50s and 60s. |
| March | AGM plus Groups Showcase | As well as the AGM itself, the meeting included a few short presentations in the church and displays in the foyer showcasing some of our groups' activities. |
| April | The Woodland Trust with Ian Retson | Ian is very familiar with our local woods, having surveyed and recorded significant trees in Budden Wood, Quorn and the National Forest. He spoke about the aims and activities of that organisation to care for our precious woodland. |
| May | 'Magic' with John Constantine | John, a professional magician from Leicester, gave an entertaining talk on magic, which included one or two routines for additional entertainment value. |
| June | 'Tea and Empathy' with ZamZam Yusuf | ZamZam Yusuf, a Somalian refugee, shared her extraordinary story of her journey from Somalia to the UK. |
| July | My 25 Years at BBC Radio Leicester with Dave Andrews | An entertaining talk by Dave Andrews about his 25 years working as a presenter, commentator, and producer at BBC Radio Leicester. He looked at some of the high spots (and low spots), interesting interviewees and big events. |
| September | Wearing Tights for the Queen with Andrew Brown | Andrew, a Rutland farmer, spent a year 'wearing tights for the Queen' as High Sheriff of Rutland. Andrew provided an insight into the role and history of the High Sheriff, along with a look into the future of British agriculture. |
| October | A Tasting Journey Through Chocolate with Butterflies Chocolates | The 'Tasting Journey Through Chocolate' talk and tasting involved being told about how the cocoa plant grows, how chocolate is made and the many different factors which affect the end flavours in chocolate. |
| November | How to Read a House with Janet Spavold | We were told how to discover lots of clues to the history of a building just by looking at it – if you know what to look for! |