

# DECEMBER 2018 NEWS

Monthly Meetings in St Peter's Church Wellesbourne CV35 9LS, 2pm for 2.30pm

**On 11<sup>th</sup> December Phil Taylor will take us into the world of Morris Dancing.** Shakespeare Morris Men are guardians of the Morris dances that are associated with the Warwickshire village of Bidford-on-Avon. Through their research the history of the tradition and its importance in the context of the collecting of our national folk dance heritage has been gathered together and the dances brought back to life. Phil Taylor has recently published a book documenting the material gathered together and the part played by Shakespeare Morris in giving the tradition back to both the village and the nation. His talk will illustrate the period from the 1500s up to the present day, showing how things evolved and its influence on national figures, collectors and composers.

**On 8<sup>th</sup> January David Skillen will tell us about *The Fall of the Alamo and the Rise of Texas*.** In 1836 a small group of Texans were besieged and then wiped out by a much larger Mexican army at a mission station in San Antonio Texas. For many Americans the Alamo has assumed a near mythical status in their history and the John Wayne film of the 1960s tells it all. But what did happen there in those 13 days? Let's meet William Travis, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett and see how the defeat at the Alamo led to the state of Texas being formed.



Shakespeare Morris was founded in 1959 and is "The Keeper of the Bidford-on-Avon Tradition."

## Wellesbourne Community Cinema

**24<sup>th</sup> December** did not seem a good day to show a film, so we're not going to, and anyway the choices for December weren't very appetising. See you in **January**.

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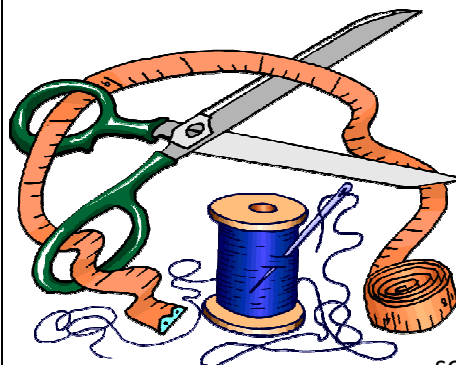
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## New Groups

### Coffee Crafts and Chat

Interested?

Sign up for the new group ...

Doing craft work whether it be knitting, sewing, crochet or something else, is rewarding but

sometimes it's nice to share the activity and maybe a cup of coffee with someone whilst doing it.

We are looking to start a group some time in January, to do just that. So if you think that a few hours spent doing crafts and sharing expertise and chat with others might be your thing then get in touch with Alison.

### New scrabble group



**When** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

**Where** 20 Hutton Road Kineton CV35 0FE

**Time** 10.30am

**Leader** Val Trinder 01926 642436

**Interested (in either Group)? Sign up ...**

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## Apologies

**Art and History...** Apologies from Peter, your Newsletter editor, for failing to include pictures for the Art Group in any edition, and History in the printed edition, of November's Newsletter: they are reproduced here.



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## Our Groups

**Books on Monday** met to discuss Alison Moore's novel *Missing*. Jessie Noon, the heroine of this novel is trying to come to terms with several tragedies in her life and has moved from the Midlands to the Scottish Borders, with a cat and a dog. She is convinced that there is a ghost in the spare room. Although this book has received many accolades by the press and publishers, we were unable to find many reviews from the general public. Our group's reaction to *Missing* was one of puzzlement and irritation. That said, the book engendered a very lively discussion, which often happens when a novel has not been generally liked. Our next read is *A Man Called Ove* by Frederik Backman, along with our Christmas Video and Extravaganza.

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## History - Family

The next meeting will be on **14<sup>th</sup> December** when Fred Turner will tell us about his Great Uncle who was awarded a VC in WWI. This will be followed by Mince Pies and planning our meetings for next year. If you have any thoughts about any other topics or places to go, please let us know.

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Some of our Art work

**History - Local**

There is no meeting in **December**.

On **18<sup>th</sup> January** in the Carr Room we have a talk by Julia Staite called *The History of Fragrance*. She was employed in the perfume industry for 35 years and has a wide knowledge of it. A number of bottles will be part of the talk from her collection of over 300 bottles. She has given the talk on the subject to over 60 organisations and is an accomplished local speaker.

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**iPads and Tablets**

Our November meeting will have taken place when this newsletter is published. We are not meeting in **December** as we thought you deserved a break on Boxing Day. Our **January** Meeting will be on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** and a note will be sent with an update to all those on the group email list.

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**Luncheon Club**

This was our first visit to the newly refurbished Arrow Mill, near Alcester, a most attractive hotel set in spacious grounds opposite Ragley Hall. With ample parking and several dining areas, this hotel is an ideal choice for another visit in the summer. Meanwhile, we still have a couple of places at our Christmas Lunch at Chequers in Ettington, so please let us know if you want to join us as the restaurant requires a deposit and a pre-ordered menu.

**12.45 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at The Chequers,  
91 Banbury Road, Ettington CV37 7SR**

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**Music Appreciation**

Val King welcomed us to her home in Idlicote for our October meeting, where we enjoyed a programme of music which really satisfied our varied tastes. We listened to:

Beethoven – 7<sup>th</sup> Symphony: Allegretto, Presto

Grieg – Piano Concerto: Adagio

Boublil, Schönberg, Kretzmer – Bring him Home

Rimsky-Korsakov – Russian Easter Festival  
Overture

Finzi – Eclogue

Zebel – La Source (Harp)

Saint-Saëns – Fantasie (Harp)

Schubert – Impromptu 899.

Please note there will **not** be a meeting in **December**, as there are quite a few pre-Christmas commitments. Our next gathering will be at **10.00 on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January**, to be hosted by myself at 21 Gloster Gardens, Wellesbourne CV35 9TQ.

- Scott Read 01789 842264

**Rock & Roll and More**

Our next meeting will as usual be at the YHA starting at **2.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. The programme will be presented by Colin Taylor from Alcester U3A. I am sure amongst a varied dip into rock and popular music he will also provide a Christmas theme. Brenda Lee is on stand by with her Christmas Tree. Feel free to bring along any friends and new members for the group.

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**Walking**

On **19<sup>th</sup> December** we will meet at 10am at the King's Head, Wellesbourne to have coffee and to select whatever we would like for our lunch at 12.30pm: anything off the menu from a coffee to a full Christmas meal. We will do a local walk and return to find our lunch waiting for us!

We can park in the King's Head car park and everyone in the walking group is welcome. We pay for our meals on the day.

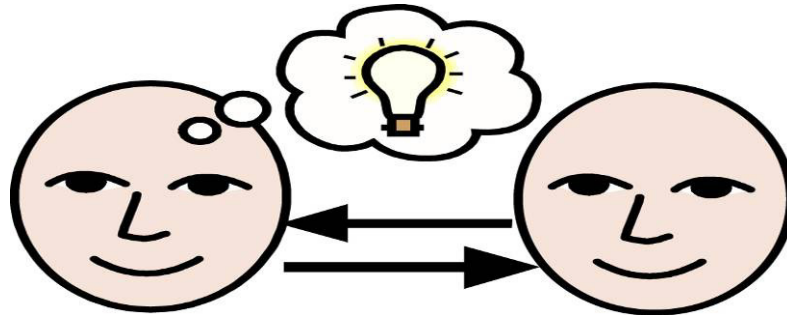
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## OUT & ABOUT with Carol, Chris and Maggie



### IDEAS FOR 2019

The Out and About Organisers are busy looking at the programme for next year's visits. They are planning to include one or two shorter, more local trips for members who don't want to travel too far and find early starts a problem.

#### **WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN AN OVERNIGHT STAY?**

By contrast another suggestion is to plan a visit a bit further afield that would involve an **overnight stay**. Obviously this is a completely new idea and it is no good thinking about this if there is little interest. It would need 30 – 40 people to make such a trip viable.

Have a word with Maggie, Chris or Carol and let them know your thoughts.

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**14<sup>th</sup> February matinee performance at 2.00pm**  
**BELGRADE THEATRE COVENTRY**  
**THE HOUSE ON COLD HILL**

**Halloween may be over but you still have the opportunity to be scarily thrilled!**

Join us for an afternoon's entertainment at this matinee performance of P James' spooky thriller. Joe McFadden (winner 2017 "Strictly Come Dancing", Holby City) and Rita Simons (Roxy, Eastenders) take the lead roles in the ghostly story of the Harcourt family who move into the house of their dreams, that has been empty for the past 40 years. However, their dream home quickly turns into the stuff of nightmares as they begin to wonder whether they may not be the only residents at Cold Hill!

**This is a classic modern supernatural thriller with intrigue and mystery!**  
**Now taking names for the reserve list**



Cost of trip £39 includes entrance, mini-coach and driver's tip;  
Payment by 11<sup>th</sup> December please.

Interested? Please contact

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## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

### A DAY OUT IN LONDON



**This Outing is in conjunction with the Trains, Planes and Automobiles Group, so early booking is advisable**

We will leave Wellesbourne Village Hall In London you have free time to Shop, visit museums or just see the sights.	8.00am prompt
We have arranged to be dropped off near to Covent Garden (Exact details to be confirmed by January.) If you are meeting friends or relatives, the arrival and departure point will be the same.)	Approximately 10.30am
Depart London	4.00pm.


**The cost of this outing:** Coach and Driver's Tip    £13.50  
**Full payment due 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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**Reduced Mobility:** Most public locations are accessible. If any venue is not, please contact the group leader.

Group	Group Leader	Meeting and comment	C&Tea
Art	Kate Parton 01789 841073	10am-12 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays The Bennett Room	Dec'18
Art Appreciation	Jackie Williams 01926 640286	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed various galleries, homes, etc.	Jul'18
Baking with Interest	Linda Yeates 01789 840408	2.30pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Thu (or as agreed); various venues	
Books on Monday	Penny Holbrook 01789 470697 Theresa Finkel 01789 842637	2.30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon at various houses	
Bread-making	Roger Goodman 01295 688199	1pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue, Village Hall Wellesbourne	
Bowls – Short Mat	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	10am-12 every Wed	Sep'19
Bridge Mon (social)	Carol Turland 01789 841295	2 - 4pm every Mon	at Alveston
Bridge Tue	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	10am-12 every Tue	Village Hall
Bridge Thu		3 - 5pm every Thu	(Malt House)
Bridge Fri		10am-12 every Fri	
Bridge for Beginners		10am-12 every Mon, Church Hall Wellesbourne	
Computing Plus	Michael Dane 01789 470491	10am 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue upstairs Church Rooms	Apr'19
Flower Arranging	Jenny Down 01789 841567	10am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed, Carr Room, St Peter's	May'19
Folk Dancing	Maggie Hosking 01789 842776	2-3.30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues, Ch. Centre (in recess)	Oct'19
History 1	Gail Hayes 01789 842686	2pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed, various locations	
History 2		10am-12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon, 2 Huntington Ct Wellesb'ne	Jan'19
History – Family: Intro	Michael Dane 01789 470491	10-11.30am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri, Carr Room, Church Centre	
History – Family: Main		2.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri, Carr Room, Church Centre	
History – Local	David C Ball 01789 840983	2.30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri, Carr Room, Church Centre	
iPads and Tablets	Tony Whiteley 01789 471036	2.00pm 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed, YHA Alveston CV37 7RG	
Jewellery Making	Charles Goodman 01789 841816	10am-12, every Tue, at Charles' home	Oct'18
Kurling	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	7 - 9pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat every month, Alveston V.Hall	
Lang – French Conv.	Jim Brown 07802 411943	4-6pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues, in members' homes	
Lang – German Conv.	Margaret Howard 01789 508831	2.15/3.15pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fridays, 21 Daniell Rd	
Lang – Imp. Spanish	Eileen Newton 01789 470824	10.30 Fntly Weds, 10 Oldborough Dr. CV35 9HQ	
Lang – Fur. Spanish	Steve Desborough 01926 640358	10.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thus, 26 Combroom CV35 9HP	
Line Dancing	Mary Wallis 01926 499128	2.30 for 2.45pm various Weds Alveston V. Hall	Mar'19
Luncheon Club	Ann Eccles 01789 841597 Jill Haran 01789 841702	12.45pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu most months in selected hostelrys around the county and beyond	
Music Appreciation	Scott Read 01789 842264	10am - 12.15, 4 <sup>th</sup> Thu in members' homes	Feb'19
Philosophy	Gordon Russell 01789 470697	10.30am 1 <sup>st</sup> Thu, in members' homes	
Pilates 1	Ros Bott 01789 842440 Sue Moss 01789 842466	9.30-10.30am every Thu, St Peter's Church Rooms, Wellesbourne CV35 9LS	Dec'19
Pilates 2	Lynn Hunter 01789 748286 Lynda Coleman 01789 740755	9.30-10.30am every Tue, Village Hall, School Rd, Wellesbourne CV35 9NH	Sep'18
Pilates 3	Jean Roberts 01789 840729 Mary Lively 01789 841107	1.30-2.30pm Mons excl. Bank Holidays, Village Hall, School Rd, Wellesbourne CV35 9NH	
Pilates 4	Tina Lamb 01789 842060 Gill Thomson 01789 840165	10.45-11.45am every Tue, Village Hall, School Rd Wellesbourne CV35 9NH	
Play Reading	William Howard 01789 508831	2pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed, in members' homes	
Poetry Appreciation	Julie Macbeath 01789 842313	2pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu at Julie's home	
Quizzing	Sylvia Blundall 01789 840463	2pm - 4pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Thu, Carr Room, Wellesbourne	
Reading	Anne Prior 01789 842103	2pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed, 7 Wyvern Close, Wellesbourne	
Recorder	Margaret Howard 01789 508831	4.30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed, 21 Daniell Rd CV35 9UD	
Rock & Roll and More	Tony Whiteley 01789 471036	2.30-4.30 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon, YHA Alveston CV37 7RG	Jun'19
Science, Exploring	Christopher Lamb 01789 842060	10am 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue 8 Brookside Ave Wb'ne CV35 9RZ	Aug'18
Scrabble	Pat Sweet 01789 840276	2-4pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu, Pat's, 10 Redhill Close, CV35 9SP	
Singles on Sat/Sun SOS	Wendy Ironmonger 01789 293377	12.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat Hemmingford's Alveston	Jul'19
Swimming	Linda Dane 01789 470491	10am - 12 noon on Weds & Fris at Walton Hall	
Table Tennis	Judy Badger 01295 688010	2-3.30 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mons, Wellesb'ne Sports Centre	Aug'19
Trains Planes & Autos	Peter Finkel 01789 842637	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu: visits to manufacturers, museums etc	Nov'18
Walking	Brenda Pengelly 01789 841439	9.30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed Wellesbourne VH for 10am start	

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