

June 2019



The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 4th June
and will be our
SUMMER SOCIAL

Our Guest Speaker will be
ROGER BROWNE
on
**NEW ORLEANS TO NEW YORK -
100 Years of Jazz**



Doors open at 9.40 am

*** IMPORTANT ***

Please note: All those attending the monthly meetings must sign in at either of the two desks at the entrance to the meeting hall of The Arena. This is necessary so that we know how many have attended and, even more important, **it is required to comply with fire regulations.** If you arrive early, before the signing-in sheet is available, please make sure you return to the desk later to sign in.

Christmas Lunch

Notes from the Chair

Hello, I have a reminder, unseasonable as this may seem, with all the sunshine we have had just lately, Christmas Lunch!!!!

If you want to be part of the Christmas celebrations, with lunch at the Erewash Valley Golf Club on December 16th 2019, I only have 35 places left.

To secure your place, please let me have your £5.00 deposit, unfortunately once all of these places have been booked, I cannot increase the number because the EVGC can only cater for up to 100 places for Christmas lunch.

A reminder of the menu is as follows:



Learn, Laugh and Live!
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Welcome drink on arrival
Sparkling White Wine or Fresh Orange Juice
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**MAINS**

*Grilled Cod Loin with Hollandaise Sauce (GF)*  
~ or ~  
*Traditionally Served Roast Turkey, Christmas stuffing and Rich Gravy*  
~ or ~  
*Portobello Mushroom, Brie, Hazelnut & Cranberry Wellington (V)*

*Chef's Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Roast and New Potatoes*  
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DESSERT

Christmas Pudding Served with Brandy Sauce
~ or ~
Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake with Vanilla Ice Cream (GF)
~ or ~
Trio of Ice Cream
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*Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea and Mince Pies to Finish*

**£20.00pp**

Our next meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, the speaker is Roger Browne, his talk 'New Orleans to New York' celebrates 100 years of Jazz, illustrated with live piano music and anecdotes, which I hope we can all sit back and enjoy.

Kind regards

**Ann Riley**  
**Chair**

# Groups Round Up

## Garden Group April Meeting

The Garden Group met on a bright sunny morning for a guided walk of the Walled Kitchen Garden at Clumber Park near Worksop. Our excellent guide, Angie, gave us a brief history of Clumber.

The four-acre garden has a glasshouse 450 feet in length containing pelargoniums, grape vines and a large palm tree. It was once heated by an underfloor heating system, fired by locally sourced coal, allowing exotic plants to be grown all year round. The pipework is still in place beneath the ornate metal floor grates. The area is divided by pathways and contains vegetables, herbs, fruit, flowers and a rose garden.



The garden holds the national collection of over 100 apple trees from the East Midlands. It also has a national collection of rhubarb, numbering over 135 edible varieties.



The lower end of the garden is accessed by an iron gate to allow colder air and moisture to move out of the garden avoiding the creation of frost pockets which could damage tender plants or reduce the growing season. The gardens are organic and use a raised bed no dig system for many of the vegetables.



We visited when the growing season was just beginning. They will be well worth a visit in the summer when the long herbaceous borders are in full flower.

**Anne Wood**

## Science for All

We commenced our meeting with a discussion, following a question raised by one of our members, who was curious to know why is it when a kettle or pan of water boils that the bubbles always go straight up to the surface of the utensil?

This was followed by the latest news of the largest aeroplane, called the Stratolaunch, that has recently been launched.

It has a wingspan of 117 m (385 ft) or about 6.1 m (20 ft) wider than the length of an Apollo-era Saturn V and about half as long as the Hindenburg class airships.

This would make it the largest airplane, by wingspan, ever to fly.

John S explained the finer details of this massive aircraft together with its intended use. The purpose of the plane is not for normal commercial travel but rather to carry rockets and satellites into high altitudes, then launch those rockets from the plane itself.

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A presentation was seen, given by a lady scientist, whose current work involves an astronaut's First Aid Kit and to find out how medicines work in space and how emergencies can be dealt with on a long flight to outer space. This was linked up with a look at the problems that would need to be solved if it was necessary to carry out emergency surgery either in a space shuttle or on a space station.



On a completely different topic we watched a video entitled, "Are athletes really getting faster and better?"

In spite of drastic developments in the technology of machines, clothing, training techniques, medical and psychological assistance, better dietary arrangements and the added incentive of money it was found that all of these benefits had only marginally improved performances over the years.

The group were able to handle a cycling jersey used in the 1953 World Championships in Dusseldorf in Germany. The material was heavy and the design ill fitting in contrast to the skinsuits of today.

The Pharmacy of the future? Personalized pills 3D printed at home – frightening thought but trials are already underway.

We discussed the proposed ways of fulfilling personal prescriptions in the future and decided that a lot of problems would need to be solved



before this would be safe and easy to maintain.

The idea of a mg/kg dose is a highly desirable one, rather than one dose fits all, but

many safeguards have to be considered as well as the technical devices to produce a single personalized item.

Next month our aim is for each member of the group to bring along a couple of questions which we will then discuss and even perhaps provide an answer! This is not a competition but another means of acquiring knowledge for everyone's benefit.

**Janet Joy**

### History 2

Together with our friends from History 1 group we visited a church, which was new territory for many of us.

### The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Thomas of Hereford, Ilkeston



The church was built to replace an earlier building in the 1920s and 30s, the entrance area being enlarged during the late 20th century. St Thomas of Hereford was Chancellor of England during the 13th century. He was a member of the Cantelupe family who held the Manor of Ilkeston at the time.

A striking Gothic design of the interwar period, the tower with a crown spire is a local landmark.

A mission was established in Ilkeston in 1858, catering mainly for newly arrived Irish industrial and agricultural workers. Fr C. W. Tasker was

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given charge of the mission, and in his letter of appointment, Bishop Roskell wrote: 'there are upwards of 500 Catholics in Ilkeston and its immediate neighbourhood, without a chapel or even a school to meet in, or a single vestment or chalice, or any requisites for Divine service'. To start with, Mass was said in a disused factory on Nottingham Road, while Fr Tasker commuted to Ilkeston from St Mary's Derby. The mission then extended as far as Mansfield.

In 1862 Fr Tasker's successor, Fr McKenna, opened a schoolroom-cum-chapel on Regent Street. During the time of his successor, Fr O'Neill (1867-68), the chapel was extended (1875), a separate schoolroom was built (1876). It was also in 1875 that the church was dedicated to Our Lady and St Thomas of Hereford. In the 1880s and 90s the mission was in the care of Canon McCarthy, who revived the ancient devotion to Our Lady of Dale, with an annual pilgrimage to nearby Dale Abbey. In 1891 Bishop Bagshawe celebrated Mass in the ruins of the abbey and the altar stone used on that occasion was brought to the Lady Chapel at Ilkeston.

On 25 July 1921 Bishop Dunn laid the foundation stone for a new church on the site of the old one. Funds were short, and in the first phase of work only the three western bays of the nave were built, and a temporary brick east wall formed.

The main body of the church was completed in 1930, opened and consecrated on 24 May of that year, housing a shrine to Our Lady and other uses. The total cost incurred by 1930 was £7800; volunteers carried out much of the work (this was the period of the Great Depression and the General Strike) and the parish priest, Fr de Mattos, ensured that the work was paid for as it proceeded, incurring no debt. The building was faced largely with Darley Dale stone.



The church was furnished by degrees. The high altar was of Darley Dale stone. The timber altars to the Sacred Heart and Our Lady were installed by 1930, as was the font, carved by Jack Torr.



New benches, Stations of the Cross, organ frontal and a western porch were added later, in the 1950s.

More recently (2006), the western porch has been replaced with a new and larger porch

The entrance leads into a new area with a spiral stair rising to a new glass fronted western gallery holding overspill seating. The interior of the five bay nave is a single volume. Overhead there is a black and white roof of beam type construction, raised in the high bays. On the north side, one bay houses the organ at the upper level (the gallery front was added in 1951), with confessionals. There is a narrow chancel arch rising to the full height of the nave, flanked by lower pointed arches to the side chapels. The chancel has a similar roof to that of the nave.



Many of us learned a great deal about the Roman Catholic faith and we are indebted to John for his comprehensive explanation and for answering our many questions.

**Janet Joy**

### Rambling

When thinking about a walk in undulating countryside, our neighbouring town of Ripley probably doesn't immediately spring to mind. However, as the Rambling Group discovered on our May walk, the countryside around Ripley is

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not only undulating but is actually quite beautiful. We were fortunate to have the best day for several weeks for our walk and once again enjoyed warm sunshine for the duration.

We set off for a 5 mile circular walk from Ripley Market Place and quickly left the hustle and bustle of the town behind us. The route took us along numerous pathways and over fields and stiles, heading in the direction of Pentrich. We discovered some lovely cottages dotted about the countryside and one house in particular with the most enviable view over the valley below it.



We returned to the town via a pleasant park and headed to the Thorn Tree on the Market Place for our customary post-walk refreshments.

The next walk will be on Wednesday 19th June and will be led by Bridgett and Doreen.

**Dennis Henshaw**

## Canasta

When I became a member of the Ilkeston U3A, almost 3 years ago, I joined the Bridge Group, at which I failed miserably. Then a few months ago I joined the Canasta Group. I'm pleased to say that this is the game for me. I would play every day if I could.

If anyone feels they would like to give it a go then DO! There's nothing to lose. We don't play for money. So it's a win-win situation.

**Sue Widdowson**

## Bowls

Our bowls season is now under way and we have enjoyed 2 sessions so far. I never seem to get any better or more skilful but I have a great time. We currently have 13 people on the list but as only 6 have been to the last 2 sessions there is plenty of room for others to join.

No experience is needed, nor equipment. Just wear flat soled shoes or trainers, or like me, bare

feet! Training and bowls are provided. Anyone interested please ring or text me on 07795 191347 for more information.

**Deb Bond**

## Craft

Apologies crafters! I forgot to report on last month's activities! The groups created a small gift package to hold a mini bar of chocolate. The original idea came from a purchase at a charity fundraising stall. After providing the original for the crafters to look at and various card/paper/decorations, it was amazing how many ideas the group members came up with. The packaging varied in how it was folded and held the chocolate in place. Some ladies wrapped the contents inside too. However every single one was beautiful. I'm never disappointed by how inventive and creative the 2 groups are and by their end products. See for yourself!



This month we made pocket cards designed to be able to pop a book mark, a tea bag or anything else you can fit inside. One suggestion was "Get plastered" and inside were 2 plasters! Once again the groups used the materials available to create unique cards.



**Deb Bond**

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## Table Tennis

Table Tennis had a rest this month. Due to some unimportant elections the Tennis Centre was closed for the month.

**Peter Winfield**

## Calligraphy

The Calligraphy Group has continued to combine art, decoration and calligraphy.

'Every Cloud' has an illuminated silver E and 'To be or not to be' begins with an illuminated gold T, both done by Val H.

The embellished capital M has been decorated by Sue.



**Every Cloud**



**To Be or Not to Be**



**Embellished M**

**Linda McKay**

## Golf

On Monday 6th May 7 members had a Bank Holiday round of golf at Morley Hayes on the Tower Course. A warm and fine day was enjoyed by all. Some good scores were posted by all the players, much improved on our last visit. We were without Bandit and the top score of the day went to Bob Longdon and Ron White, followed by an improvement from our leader Andrew Wright close behind. He was followed by Greg Turner and David Pinney. Sue also improved with her best score to date.

Our next outing is on 3rd June at the Pewitt Course in Ilkeston. This is open to all if you wish to join us.

**Peter Winfield**

## Group Leaders Meeting

In April the Group Leaders attended a meeting at the Hogs Head in Awwsworth, followed by a lunch.

Photograph by Philip Francomb.



# Items of Further Interest

## What's on in Ilkeston?

**Erewash Borough Council has a calendar of events at both the Museum and Victoria Park over the next few months**

### **Museum Events:**

- Saturday 15th June      Steampunk Extravaganza 10.00 am—15.00 pm  
A splendiferous emergence of time travelling Victorians!
- Saturday 29th June      Swing Back to the 40's 10.30 am—15.30 pm Annual 1940's event  
With vintage vehicles, displays, the Festival Swing Dance Society,  
Johnny Victory and much more.
- Saturday 20th July      Beach Party 11.00 am—15.00 pm  
The Beach will be at the Museum throughout the summer holidays

During July and August there are many activities for children. See Erewash Borough Council's Calendar of events.

### **Victoria Park:**

- Sunday 2nd June      Bold as Brass 14.00—16.00 pm. Ilkeston Brass kicks off the Brass Band  
season. Performances throughout the Borough. See the website for  
further details.
- Sunday 28th July      Summer Sounds 15.00—19.00 pm featuring 4 local bands

### **Rutland Recreation Ground**

- Saturday 8th June      Ilkeston Carnival 12.00—17.00 pm

**For more information visit [www.erewash.gov.uk](http://www.erewash.gov.uk) or  
[www.erewashmuseum.co.uk](http://www.erewashmuseum.co.uk)**