



Speakers for Weston Turville u3a General Meetings February – November 2022

24 February 2022 – Rugby Club

Robert Maxwell – Pushed or Suicide? – Roger Mason

Robert Maxwell was born in great poverty in Eastern Europe. He became a British Member of Parliament and a very rich and controversial businessman. He committed massive frauds and robbed his companies' pension funds. Shortly before the discovery of the frauds he fell from his yacht and drowned.

Was this an accident, was it murder or was it suicide? The lecture gives an account of his life and frauds and tries to answer the question posed in the title.

24 March 2022 – Rugby Club

Tales from the Elizabethan Underworld – A Warning to Country Folk
– ***Graham Harrison***

An often light-hearted examination of some of the cons, swindles and outright thievery practiced on unwary visitors in 16th century London. Both shocking and amusing – and you thought the city was dangerous now!

28 April 2022 – Rugby Club

“An Actors Life for Me” – Jeff Rozelaar

Amusing anecdotes from experiences on the stage and on film sets.

26 May 2022 – AGM & Bake Off (10 Year+ 2 Anniversary Event)

No Speaker

23 June 2022 – Rugby Club

The History of Nancy Wake – The legend of the White Mouse – Paul Barwick

“The Legend of the White Mouse” tells the story of inspirational WW2 spy Nancy Wake. A remarkable woman who lived with the daily threat of torture and death at the hands of the Gestapo. Her incredible courage and strength of purpose is an awe-inspiring tale set against a world set on fire.

We follow her exploits as an agent of the famous SOE (Special Operations Executive) in occupied France where she operated with the French resistance. Nancy became one of the most decorated Allied service personnel of the war. We explore her life, lived to the full and salute her tremendous bravery.

28 July 2022 – Rugby Club – Hog Roast

No Speaker

25 August 2022 – Rugby Club

A Regional Speaker – The National Arboretum

22 September 2022 – Rugby Club

The History of the Silver Screen – Tony Earle

Through the ages people have dreamed of moving pictures culminating in elaborate Victorian slide shows. It was not until the 1880's that 'Movies' arrived. From those early days to modern time. Illustrated Talk with film clips and audience amusement.

27 October 2022 – Rugby Club

The RNLI “it’s not all at sea” – Colin Brown

The presentation explains how the modern RNLI continues to provide the world’s finest marine rescue service entirely funded by voluntary contribution and predominantly using volunteer crew. The PowerPoint presentation includes short video clips, pictures and sound to ensure you obtain the very best understanding of RNLI operations, equipment and training reinforced with stories of real rescues.

24 November 2022 – Rugby Club

'Secrets, Sex, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court, 1660 to 1830'
– Sarah Slater

Sarah delivers this talk in one of her beautiful costumes and talks about all the naughty bits of history you would probably not have learnt about at school! She discusses royal mistresses, prostitution, sexual diseases of the time and the methods used to prevent STDs and unwanted pregnancies. Warning, this talk is not for the prude, it is fun but rude!