



The latest from The Everyman Club

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8th May 2018



Our final meeting of the season took place on Tues 8th May, when our guest speaker was Andrew Lidster from The Nation Trust. Andrew took us through a family history story of The Massingberd family explaining how through some difficult times they managed to maintain Gunby Hall near Skegness. He explained how some of the people who inherited the estate came from the female line but when the married Massingberd was maintained as part of their name. As always with families some were more diligent on maintaining the estate than others who just wanted to take advantage of any money or privilege. The family included artists and musicians. In fact music seems to have been an important part of Gunby Hall history. As for the Hall itself, it replaced the former family medieval manor house which used to be at Bratoft. As steward of Gunby Hall, Andrew was able to show us the development over the centuries, right up to the time it was handed over to the National Trust in 1944. This was prompted by the threat that it was to be demolished to make way for a runway extension, but once in the hands of The NT it could not be touched. He brought us right up to date with details of the hall now and events which take place there. A fascinating history of the nearest NT property to Grimsby.

10th April 2018



Our guest speaker for April was the broadcaster, writer and adventurer, Nicholas Crane, he of the rucksack and umbrella, on his programme Coast. The topic for his talk was “The British Landscape”. A tall order, I thought, especially when he started in 4500BC! However one and a half hours later we were up to date. At each stage of our islands’ evolution Nicholas was able to explain what caused the change, when it happened and the effect. He even mentioned the tsunami which separated us from mainland Europe. Our first Brexit and it did not take over 2 years! Nicholas was able to point to evidence which exists today of changes in our geography and aided by some excellent aerial photography he brought the whole thing to life. Nicholas was very accommodating and happily chatted to members in the interval and at the end as he signed books for members. All in all a very professional talk much enjoyed and appreciated by members.

13th March 2018



Lincoln poet and historian Nic Lance, was our guest speaker for the March meeting when he informed and entertained us with his talk about the life of Alfred Lord Tennyson. Nic brought it to life with his knowledgeable and easy going presentation style supported by some fine illustrations as we traced Alfred’s life from humble beginnings in The Lincolnshire Wolds through to “making it big” and becoming Queen Victoria’s poet laureate whilst living in the Isle of Wight. We heard about his dislike of school, being bullied and then leaving to become taught at home. Also, his love of long walks in the countryside, and along the coast round Mablethorpe. His relationships with his brother’s and other friends and finding his way to studying at Cambridge, after which he set out with a friend to travel through France to support the Spanish rebels, where he had a lucky escape and made it back to England. Nic told us of some of the loves of his life, but that for many years he was a penniless poet travelling around staying with whoever could provide him with a bed for the night. His breakthrough came when he wrote “In memorium” which became “a hit” in the upper circles and he rose to prominence once the Queen had taken an interest. On the Isle of Wight he had a family and a comfortable

life with the trappings of success. Lincolnshire lad made good. Members thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

13th February 2018



You may well have been to Saltaire near Bradford, but I bet you cannot possibly know as much about it or indeed Titus Salt himself, as Maria Glot. Maria was our very special guest speaker at our February meeting. She said she could talk about this subject for 3 hours and having listened to her entertaining talk for an hour and a half no one would disagree. Maria is not just a speaker, she is an entertainer, full of facts and details about the life and times of Titus Salt and how Saltaire came to be built and what life was like there in the mid 19th century. Maria has researched some 3000 people who lived and worked there over many years. Using this information, she has produced bookmarks which include details of one of the residents or workers. Her anecdotes delivered without notes impressed our members who will regard this meeting as a memorable one.

9th January 2018



Opening the New Year, our guest speaker was Sarah Quill whose talk entitled “Venice in Peril” showcased the work done over the past 50 years to restore important buildings, statues, paintings and artefacts following major flooding in the 1960’s. Sarah is a photographer and trustee of the UK charity Venice in Peril, one of 16 different committees around the world still working tirelessly to raise funds to continue vital work to help preserve important parts of the city. Her illustrated talk highlighted the never ending battle to combat the elements which continue to attack the city. Great work has been done but there is so much more to do if the millions of visitors to the city wish to continue to enjoy its rare beauty. Sarah and her charity are dedicated to and passionate about the cause they are involved in. One can only admire the work of the restorers and conservators. Sarah explained the dilemma between the financial benefits of tourism and the damage it can do to the very fabric of the city. Applying modern techniques and materials is expected to provide a more effective outcome to the restoration work. Sarah’s talk was very well illustrated by her photographs and she expertly shone a light on this little known charity much enjoyed by our audience. More information can be found at www.veniceinperil.org

7th November 2017



Now you see it now you don't, the art of illusion turned out to be a great evening of examples of art which deceives the eye, brilliantly illustrated by Bertie's Surrealist art. Works by Rene Magrit, Salvador Dali right up to works by the graffiti artist Banksy and many more together with images which completely baffle the brain. Examples of Trompe L'oeil used in interior design to fool visitors. Some great vistas which turned out to be scenes painted onto walls. Bertie was knowledgeable and entertaining, including performing several magic tricks before our very eyes!

5th October 2017



Just playing catch up here and reporting on a fantastic first meeting of the new season. Our guest speaker, Denise Hayward gave a very fascinating and informative talk about Thai Silk and in particular used the life story of Jim Thomson a US Army Officer who resurrected and made commercial the ancient art of silk weaving. Denise delivered her talk in a very professional and gripping way supported by some excellent images to illustrate her words. A triumph. Our next meeting is on 10th October when Julie Wetton will explain all about Medical Dogs and how they are trained and used to carry out life saving tasks. Not to be missed