



The latest from The Everyman Club

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26th June 2020

Amid the continuing uncertainty about Coronavirus, social distancing and even whether the College and hall will be open, with sorrow the committee have taken the decision to cancel the 2020/21 season of The Everyman Club, and review the situation for the 2021/22 season. As soon as circumstances permit, we will arrange an Extraordinary General Meeting so that we, and you the members, can discuss and decide the future of the Club. In the meantime, please keep safe. We will be in touch again when we are able to announce the EGM

13th March 2020

It is with regret, but probably not great surprise, that we are cancelling the April and May Everyman meetings in the face of the Coronavirus situation. The May meeting would have included the AGM. That will be postponed and a new date notified as the situation develops. This website will be updated with any new information and we have set up a new email address coronavirus@everymanclub.co.uk for questions about the club during this period - our facebook page is updated with the same information.

10th March 2020



For the March meeting of the Club the members and guests welcomed speaker Judy Williams who gave a talk entitled 'Bess of Hardwick'. What a wonderful treat! Chairman Ann introduced Elizabeth, Countess of Shrewsbury, and out she stepped looking magnificent in authentic Elizabethan costume. She then outlined her life in the style of Bess who was a notable figure in Elizabethan society. By a series of well made marriages, she rose to the highest level of English

nobility and became the second richest lady in the land after Queen Elizabeth 1. Judy made us feel that we had met Bess and then she gave us a guided tour of Hardwick Hall where she had been a volunteer for 22 years.

11th February 2020



At the last Everyman meeting Steve Lovell took us on a very interesting journey around Cuba. His enthusiasm for the island was obvious. He did not just look at one aspect of his subject. He is a keen nature and bird lover so we were treated to some photos of spectacular birds and flowers. He went into some detail about the history of the island and talked about the amazing classic cars he hired to get around Cuba. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening

14th January 2020



The Everyman Club greeted 2020 with a visit from an old friend of the Club, John Pilkington who gave a talk entitled 'Eritrea and Ethiopia, Retracing a Victorian Expedition'. John took us back to 1868 when Queen Victoria's government mounted an extraordinary bid to rescue a small clutch of European hostages in the Abyssinian highlands. They built a Red Sea port, then a railway across the coastal plain and finally brought in 44 Indian elephants and took on 26,000 local people to serve the soldiers and carry their heavy guns into the heart of Africa. One hundred and fifty years later John has followed their route, partly on foot and with a donkey to carry the baggage and compared Eritrea and Ethiopia then and now. He found today's

inhabitants spirited and energetic, living in dramatic and extremely challenging lands. It was history and adventure combined!

5th November 2019



For our final meeting of 2019 we had a topical subject. As Christmas approaches we welcomed Caroline Holmes, a Garden Historian as well as a lecturer, broadcaster and design consultant with a talk entitled "Step into the Christmas Card". For the last 150 years Christmas cards have been adorned with Nativity scenes, holly, ivy, mistletoe, rotund Father Christmases, stockings and trees. They have ranged from sacred to profane; have covered plant symbolism, cards echoing the Nativity with animals, shepherds and kings, New Year wishes and cartoons. So what on earth do Christmas Cards portray - are they tasteful or tasteless? Caroline explored these ideas using beautiful slides of ancient religious paintings, mainly from monastic books and Renaissance art, alongside more modern interpretations of Christmas symbols. Needless to say fashion plays a part and we are left with choosing whatever portrays our feelings. In the present day the permutations are endless! Wishing all our members and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th. January 2020 with a talk by John Pilkington entitled 'Eritrea and Ethiopia'.

8th October 2019



For our October meeting we had a talk by Denise Heywood entitled 'Sir Stamford Raffles'. This was Denise's fifth visit and it was good to welcome her back. Denise is an art historian, author, photographer and journalist. She worked in Cambodia in the 1990s and has been a scholar of Southeast Asian art ever since. Raffles, whose name is synonymous with a luxury hotel rather than the greatest Buddhist temple in the world, was the enlightened colonial administration of Java, Indonesia. He discovered the 8th century temple of Borobudur, hidden under volcanic ash, in 1814, acquired wondrous artifacts in Java, such as shadow puppets and textiles, which are now in the British Museum and founded Singapore, the most important trading port in the East.

10th September 2019



For the first meeting of our 58th. season we had a most interesting talk by Professor Joyce Hill entitled 'In and Under the Vatican'. Joyce was privileged to have a private visit to the excavations beneath St. Peter's. She gave us an insider's view of this remarkable city state and an outline of its history. We were also told of her exploration of the excavations showing how they related to Constantine's 4th century basilica which was built above them and how the present St. Peter's relates both to the basilica and to the excavations. Professor Hill is a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic speaker who got our new season off to a great start. Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 8th and the speaker is Denise Heywood with a talk entitled 'Sir Stamford Raffles'.