

JUNE 2023

In June we had an interesting and informative presentation by Lt Cdr John Scivier RN(Rtd) who has supported many charities over the years and currently represents the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as a volunteer speaker. (See link for John's Bio)

We were informed that even at the local Botley (All Saints) church is designated as having three War Graves of local casualties, one being David Sawley (aged 24) the son of the local Rector who also tragically lost his other son in WWII.

In our local u3a area, research shows 21 war graves at Durley, Botley, West End, Hedge End and Curdrige cemeteries. With 773 at the Netley Military Cemetery in the Royal Victoria Country Park.

Web site reference: <https://www.cwgc.org>

MAY 2023

In May we had Nick Brazil detailing his '*A Balkan Railway Adventure*' with his screen presentation of his exciting travels by train across Europe through beautiful scenery to Split in Croatia.

APRIL 2023

For April we had an inspirational and interesting presentation on his life and Guide Dogs by Tom McNulty who until September 2020 was one of the Senior Regional Managers for the Macular Society. He has asked us to pass on his sincere thanks to all members for making him, his guide dog Toby and his friend Paul so welcome and for the generous donations in his collection bucket. These amounted to £129.35 which he has paid to the Guide Dogs charity.

(See link for Tom's bio)

MARCH 2023

In March we heard about the Natural Wonders of Iceland – Gerald Ponting's recent tour with photographs of many spectacular sights, mountains, volcanoes, glaciers, wild flowers and more.

FEBRUARY 2023

The meeting in February included an informative talk by Chris Flatman from Mountbatten Hampshire, based in West End. This is Hampshire's oldest and largest hospice, proudly serving the community for more than 45 years. The presentation included details of the valued work that volunteers offer their facility; without which they would struggle to provide the support given to those in their care and their families.

(See link to website)

JANUARY 2023

January's meeting received an interesting talk from the Gosport National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) and was well received. The NCI is a voluntary organisation set up in 1994 to restore a visual watch along UK shores after many small Coastguard stations closed.

(See link to website)