

September 3rd AGM and Iceland

We combine our AGM with good food and your short presentations on any aspect of our theme country: culture, geography, history, and people – whatever you choose

September 10th **Craft Group**

September 17th 9/11, 25 years on

This is our opportunity to mark the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York on 11th September. Where were you when you heard the news? How has the world changed since?

September 24th **Book Group**

October 1st For the love of reading

In this **National Year of Reading**, let's consider what got you into reading: what was your inspiration? Or did you have an early negative experience? Come prepared to discuss and choose two of your alltime favourite books to tell us about.

October 8th **Craft Group**

October 15th The Stanley Spencer Gallery

Home to the largest public collection of the artist's paintings and drawings, the gallery in Cookham is the site for our group visit. There will also be an opportunity to walk around the village that inspired his vision of a "Village in Heaven".

October 29th Etymology

We will "bite the bullet" and avoid "barking up the wrong tree" this evening when we examine the history behind some of the more common expressions, idioms, proverbs and slang phrases we use regularly.

November 5th **Book Group**

November 12th The Ripple Effect

Inspired by this year's theme country, Iceland, our discussion this evening centres on how one small act can influence, shape and change future events. It could be an act of kindness, or habits and values we pass on to future generations. Come prepared to give us your thoughts and examples.

November 19th Telephone Treasure Trail

This year's event is hosted by Perth NWR and will no doubt tax our little grey cells as always. Quizzers get ready for another enjoyable evening. You might consider becoming a clue holder – check the NWR website for details.

December 3rd Iconic Photographs

Iconic: "very famous or popular, especially being considered to represent particular opinions or a particular time". Choose your photograph and tell us why you feel it is iconic.

December 10th **Craft Group**

December 17th Christmas Party

One of the great food events of our NWR year and an opportunity to relax, chat and feast in good company.

January 7th **Book Group**

January 14th Sporting Personalities

The **BBC Sports Personality of the Year** is an award that has been presented since 1954 and celebrates excellence across a wide range of sports, including athletics, football, golf, and winter sports. Who is your favourite sports personality and why?

January 21st **Craft Group**

January 28th Festivals Around the World

No matter where you go around the globe, everybody loves to celebrate. And when it comes to celebration, festivals offer something for everyone. Whether it's the arts and culture, food and wine, holidays, or religion, what are your "bucket list" picks for the biggest and best festivals in the world?

February 11th Programme Planning and Bran Tub

Come along with your ideas for our Spring/Summer Programme. Possibly followed by a bran tub pick of topics to discuss if there is time.

February 18th **Book Group**

February 25th Unusual Phobias

While most people have heard of common phobias, like the fear of heights (acrophobia) or the fear of spiders (arachnophobia), there are many strange, less talked about phobias. Rare, irrational or just plain weird? - let's discuss!

