

March 7th

World Book Day

This day is an annual celebration of the joy of reading. Choose an author or book that has been important in your life in some way and tell us your story. If you wish, also bring a book for a book swap.

March 21st

Shakespeare Evening

We toasted the Scottish bard recently, so why not give another home-grown bard his own celebration during Shakespeare week? Research any aspect of his life or work to add to our discussion. Performances are permitted, nay encouraged!

March 28th

Book group

April 4th

Saints Alive! (or Dead)

In tune with our NWR theme of 'Courage, dear heart!', let's present our own choices for brave, deserving 'Saints', whether it be from religion (your name saint perhaps?) or from any other walk of life.

April 18th

Life and Food in the Middle East

A talk and demonstration by our guest speaker on her experience of living, teaching, cooking and eating in the region, including a few typical dishes for us to sample.

May 2nd

The National Gallery - 200 years

Another wonderful anniversary – on 10th May, the National Gallery will be 200 years old. To mark the Bicentenary, we shall have a short background introduction, after which please tell us about *your* favourite art piece from the collection.

May 9th

Book Group

May 16th

Murder Mystery Evening with Henley

We are keeping this one a mystery until nearer the time!

May 30th

Hughenden Manor

National Trust Day Out

Set in an unspoiled Chiltern Valley, Hughenden offered a restful retreat from the pressures of everyday life for Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli and his wife Mary Anne. It promises a great day out for us too with Italianate formal gardens, walking trails, book shop, shop and café!

June 13th

An Embroidery Sampler

Our interest was spiked at the Royal School of Needlework Show at the Fashion and Textile Museum last year, but we are lucky to have in our group our own RSN member and expert needleworker, who will bring along some of her RSN project pieces and give us an insight into the hard work, care and skill involved in their creation.

June 20th

Book Group

June 27th

Blenheim Palace

Icons of British Fashion

On until 30th June, this exhibition in the rooms of Blenheim Palace features design icons such as Lulu Guinness, Vivienne Westwood, Stella McCartney and Zandra Rhodes, to name but a few. There is also a celebration of Winston Churchill in honour of the 150th anniversary of his birth and the house and gardens to visit. More details on this day out will follow.

July 11th

A Nanny's Tale

Have you ever wondered how the other half – and their children - live? Having worked as a nanny for many wealthy clients across the world, our guest speaker will open our eyes with anecdotes from her working life.

July 25th

Annual Pub Walk

Details will be provided nearer the time.

August 1st

Book Group

August 8th

Programme Planning and Afternoon Tea

Come along with your ideas for our Autumn/Winter Programme and bring your contribution of cakes, scones or biscuits for a traditional afternoon tea.

August 22nd

The Immigration Conundrum

A balloon debate in reverse. Would you let this asylum seeker into your country? You are an asylum seeker from a country of your choice and must make your plea to enter the UK. A panel of our judges will decide whether you are successful!

September 5th

AGM and the Caribbean

Our annual meeting will be accompanied by an exploration of the 13 countries of the Caribbean and, as usual, food and drink will be involved! Choose a country to tell us about and bring along a regional dish.

September 12th

Book Group

Craft Group: Craft group will continue throughout the programme.

