

Tetbury Advertiser – October 2026

Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to..... well, not Bangor, Bradford on Avon, and while we didn't stop for lunch on the way and it did cost a little more than a pound you know, it was a beautiful day (my apologies to Fiddler's Dram!). Our August outing was a great trip on the 'Barbara McLellan' from Bradford on Avon quay cruising slowly along the Kennet and Avon Canal through the lock to the Avoncliff Aqueduct and back. A cream tea was included with scones baked by several of our members, jam and some seriously good clotted cream. The staff on the narrow boat were great, providing both tea, coffee and the occasional glass of Prosecco as well as an interesting commentary on the canal and the sights along the way. And we couldn't have asked for better weather. Despite a slightly overcast sky as we left Tetbury, the sun had come out by the time we reached Bradford on Avon so many of us were able to disembark at the aqueduct and walk across to enjoy the view and wave at those who stayed on board as the crew turned the boat around for our return trip.

In a complete contrast, the speaker at our September meeting was author Barry Faulkner with his talk on 'The major heists and the geezers what done 'em'. As the only member of a London family that didn't take to a life of crime thanks to his mother's aspirations for him, nevertheless as a child he was witness to some of the London underworld after WW2, where the likes of the Krays flourished and crime was 'organised' almost on an industrial scale.

Now that Autumn is arriving fast, although the trees in my garden seem to have temporarily stopped shedding leaves, we are back to our usual monthly pattern. We will be having a small harvest supper at our October meeting on Monday the 12th, following a talk by Ali Warren on the history of bread. We've also asked members to contribute items for the local food bank in the spirit of harvest festival.

The next coffee morning at The Snooty Fox will be on Monday the 26th of October at 10.30am.

Other activities are flourishing too: the third 'Wine and Waffle' evening was held at the beginning of September, the Craft Group has re-started after a summer break, and a second book club had its first meeting. The Garden Group went to Westbury Court Gardens, and I should be able to include a report in the next issue on a trip to Kelmscott Manor that is planned late in September.

And so is membership. We're thrilled at the number of new members who have decided to join us. As a committee, we are determined to provide a varied programme of speakers, events and groups to address as wide a spectrum of interests as we can and provide an environment that is both welcoming and relaxed – but you won't know until you try us!

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