



MONTHLY MEETING
2pm TUESDAY 28th JULY
at The Gateway, Seaton



THE AMAZING MR. COTTON
A talk by Brian Fernley

That was the name by which Ian Flemming referred to Sidney Cotton when they worked together in military intelligence during the Second World War.



The story of Sidney Cotton is quite remarkable from his early days in Australia, learning to fly in the great war and hunting for seals in Newfoundland. From there he went on to spy for the secret service and develop aerial photography beyond what the RAF was capable of at the start of the second world war. In the post war period, he was involved in gun running for what he believed was a noble cause in addition to being profitable!

Sidney Cotton was a remarkable man who made and lost fortunes many times over and lived a life few of us can imagine.

COMMITTEE

REMINDER: THERE IS NO MONTHLY MEETING IN AUGUST

We need more members on the committee!

Being a committee member simply involves attending a meeting every two months and by doing so you will be helping to maintain our u3a. Extra responsibilities beyond that are optional.

BUT... We really do need someone to take over from Derek as Membership Secretary. He will be on hand to help anyone who is willing to take over and can be contacted through the website.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

Christmas Lunch:

It's still only July, but the committee needs to find out what the majority of our members would like to do so that we can start making arrangements.

The options are:

- (a) A buffet lunch in the Gateway, as we did last year
- (b) Mulled wine and mince pies at the end of the monthly (November) meeting

Please let Claire know what you prefer by 14th August, at clairehross61@gmail.com

GROUPS

POETRY READING

The theme for our poetry-reading group on July 2 was 'Summer'. A good variety of summery poems were chosen, ranging from Shakespeare to John Clare, Robert Frost to Noel Coward. For humour, as always, there were several offerings from Pam Ayres and the 1980s poet Nigel Forde.

We meet at Marshwood at 2pm on the first Thursday of the month for 90 minutes and would love to welcome some new members. Please phone or email Madeleine Watson (Madswatson@gmail.com/0129723357).

The theme for the next meeting on August 6 is 'House and Home'.



PHOTOGRAPHY



New members would be very welcome to join us. We meet monthly on Tuesday mornings 10.00am – 12.00pm at a pre-chosen location to take photographs and then on the last Thursday of the month at the Gateway to display and discuss the results.

For more information, please contact Derek through the Groups section of the website.
