

Hallo again!

Do you think we are nearly there? I'm holding my breath and I'm sure you are too. I've had both my jabs and I expect many of you have too, giving extra peace of mind to ourselves and others. I've no doubt we'll need a booster in the autumn, but we'll cross that bridge when we get to it!

We have our first talk booked for Sunday 27th July at 2.15 for 3.00pm and our timing seems to be perfect because by then we should be able to reduce social distancing. This means that we can fit more of you in! Tea and cakes will be available as always and we have decided to simply ask for donations towards them in order to reduce the amount of handling of cash by those of us dispensing the food. We'll place a box in a conspicuous spot!

Jill has booked our first talk entitled “The Pulham Pigs “with Sheila Moss-King from the Pennoyers Centre in Pulham Market. The Centre holds a fascinating museum devoted to the history of airships at Pulham Market, affectionately known as “Pulham Pigs”, bigger but a similar shape! The basis of the collection was originally assembled by Jill's dad. He was in the RAF during the war and then worked as a chauffeur. He left Pulham when it closed down and became a milk rounds man in and around Harleston. Most of the items in his collection were given to him by his customers who had kept souvenirs from their own time at Pulham. These apparently included one of the original ration biscuit packs taken on board! When Pennoyers opened Jill donated his collection to the centre, forming the basis of their present museum.

Sheila Moss-King lives adjacent to the old airfield and is a trustee of the Pennoyers charity. She has carried out extensive research into the history of the airships. The most famous one was of course R 34 which achieved the first return transatlantic journey. By all accounts it does seem to have been a very comfortable way to travel when compared with what we have to put up with these days, although there was the risk that you might get fried if things went wrong!

We now have a diverse list of speakers booked to carry us right through to Christmas and will be reverting to our previous twice monthly routine as before on a Wednesday and Sunday. More of that later!

We look forward to welcoming you on 27th July; - do come!

Mary T and your fellow trustees.

PS We are still trying to sort out our Pay Pal account, so if you could, please pay on the door. We will get the money from PayPal eventually but it can take a while!