

# **BWRG 2026 AGM Report from BWRG Social Secretary**

## **Jasmit Phull JP**

Regular Coffee Mornings took place at David Lloyd's with excellent speakers and I take this opportunity to thank David Lloyd's Bar Manager Lee Noridge for allowing us to use the Adult Room at David Lloyd, free of charge. There has been good attendance throughout. Please do attend these interesting talks. Come and renew friendship with old friends and make new friends and enhance the beauty of Burton Waters through friendship. The Events are generally well attended. I would like to thank all BWRG Committee Members and the Residents for their support, not forgetting to thank our excellent speakers. I have thoroughly enjoyed organising the Coffee Mornings and the Events and look forward for everyone's continued support. New ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

### **SPEAKERS AT COFFEE MORNINGS**

#### **Professor Peter Selby**

'A Doctor from Gloucester' - Every child knows that Dr Foster went to Gloucester. But the best known doctor from Gloucester should be Edward Jenner, a Gloucester GP who probably saved more lives than any other person in history by pioneering smallpox vaccination. His story, the story of a Doctor from Louth, how they influenced George Washington and Napoleon Bonaparte and how smallpox was eradicated.

#### **Chris Potts**

HMS Glamorgan, a crew member's vivid memories of action taken by the destroyer during the Falklands campaign, the only ship to survive a devastating Exocet attack, loss of life and sacrifice made, and what it means to the Falkland Islanders today

#### **Andy Eccles**

Andy's presentation topic was 'From Liverpool to Lincoln'. He spoke about his 22 year career as an Air Defence RADAR Operator in the Royal Air Force, ending his time at Royal Air Force Waddington.

#### **Dr Jerry Coulton - Assistant Professor of Criminology**

'If you want to keep a secret, you must first keep it yourself (Orwell, 1949)'

Talk about privacy and cyberveillance

#### **Evelyn Freer**

A talk about the experience in Sri Lanka during Tsunami - 'A Tsunami and Saris'

#### **Captain Tim Hiles**

A talk on 'Fear of Flying'

#### **Wing Commander Steve Griffiths MBE**

'My Days as a Spy' - Steve joined the RAF as a cadet at RAF College Cranwell in 1966. After graduating as a pilot, he became a flying instructor and, after a tour of duty teaching new pilots, he then flew operationally on the Vulcan bomber as an aircraft captain, display pilot and instructor. He worked as a staff officer in London, Oslo, Stavanger and Mons, Belgium. Perhaps his most interesting job was a posting to Berlin where he undertook military espionage duties. It is this that he will tell you all about.

### **Wing Commander Steve Griffiths MBE**

By popular demand Steve Griffiths was invited again to give a talk on 'My experience as the Vulcan Pilot'

### **Nicola Roesch**

spoke on 'Paralympic Torch' - During the London 2012 Paralympic Torch relay Nicola was nominated and chosen as a community champion to carry the Paralympic Torch

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

#### **'A Charity Whisky Tasting'**

Some BWRG Residents attended 'A Charity Whisky Tasting' at Lincoln's Historic Guildhall in aid of the Mayor's chosen charity SSFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association)

#### **'Visit to the Sikh Temple in Leicester'**

Several residents travelled to Leicester and enjoyed the 'Langar' (free lunch) at the Gurudwara (Sikh Temple)

Everyone had the opportunity to watch how to tie a turban. Peter Selby did look very smart in his blue turban. If needed, this visit can be organised again

#### **'BWRG Residents' Visit to Lincolnshire Energy from Waste'**

Several residents enjoyed the very informative guided tour by Sally Hood, Education and Administration Manager, Lincolnshire

#### **'Visit to Lincoln Guildhall'**

Several residents attended the Lincoln Guildhall. Richard Storey, the Mayor Officer of Lincoln Guildhall explained the history of The Guildhall which has been standing since Roman times.

Everyone had an opportunity to take photos and some residents also tried sitting on the Mayor's Chair. He also explained the history of the roles of the Mayor of Lincoln and the Sheriff of Lincoln.