

Old Cytringanians Newsletter

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It's my pleasure to provide members with an up-date of activities passed and details of events planned for the forthcoming year.

At the lunch-time meeting on October 26th old boy Russell Attwood treated members to his 'all-singing, all-dancing' pumpkin extravaganza. The event proved worthy of its reputation, presenting all things pumpkin together with much useful information for amateur gardeners, and all delivered in a humorous and engaging style.

The next meeting will be held on **Friday March 1st** when Rev Graham Bell, (KGS 1953-55 before decamping to Corby Grammar), will relate the compelling story of his hero, the polar explorer Ernest Shackleton. (booking details on attached form).

This year's annual dinner will be held on **Saturday April 6th** at Kettering Golf Club when our speaker will be Lesley Suddes, whose talk, entitled '**Kettering to Cornwall – a Maritime Journey**', will no doubt reflect aspects of the career referenced in her CV and summarised below.

'From a very happy childhood living near Kettering, attending Kettering High School, (latterly Southfield School for Girls), in 1979 I was fortunate to gain a place at Cambridge to read Natural Sciences. After graduating with a BA/MA in geophysical subjects I spent two years testing a variety of work options before joining the Royal navy as a Instructor Officer. A Naval career followed with a wide variety of roles including training, meteorology, oceanography, MoD policy jobs and time at sea. Some quarter century later, civilian life beckoned in Cornwall where I now live with my husband, Tom, working occasionally as a weather forecaster and broadcaster for Radio Cornwall, but also have a very busy 'second career' with the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) as a volunteer watchkeeper, trustee and national Chairman.'

For the past twenty years we have stored the copious Old Cytringanian archives in a classroom at Tresham College. Late last year we received an invitation from Kettering Civic Society to share their dedicated storage unit located in the town. Given that much of our material is an important part of the town's heritage it appeared a sensible move in the longer term and re-location took place during the Christmas break.

Part of the Society's remit has always been to support local young people engaging in educational activities and a donation of £150 was made towards the costs of County Scouts attending the World Scout Jamboree later this year.

Since my last report I must advise you of the passing of Old Boys CM Tanner and FB Blackwell.

Thanks, as always to David Hall of Rockingham cars for his continued support of our postage costs.

Kind regards

Ian Addis

