

# Kingfisher Chronicle - 2007-2008

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## Presidents Ramblings

At our meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March our V.P Colin Smith gave us a most interesting talk about his family tree which he had been researching. Researching family genealogy has become a very popular hobby in recent years and there are many internet websites covering this subject.

Colin's family had been traced back to approx 1540 in Feckenham, Worcs. and the original names appeared to have been Mogg and Allcock. Colin also gave us a brief history of Feckenham village and his ancestors who lived there.

Apparantly, originally there had been a jail house in the village which seems to have been used to house prisoners confined for forestry crimes such as poaching etc. The clearance of the local forest in the seventeenth century had eventually led to the jail becoming unnecessary.

Colin circulated a list of possessions dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1758 left by one of his ancestors – William Mogg. This was fascinating to members and provoked much discussion about the various items and their values shown on the list. It was noted that of the total of £18.13s 0d a sum of £4.6s.4d had been deducted for burial charges!

Well done Colin – I do like a good talk involving history – we must have more of them!

On the 11<sup>th</sup> March our guest speaker was Gordon Forrest (aptly named) who gave us part two of his talk on "Wildlife Conservation in Worcestershire". This was a welcome return to my first speaker as President as Gordon had already given us part one of his talk on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.

This was another excellent talk by Gordon (he really knows his subject) supported by a great selection of colour slides.

He returned us to Chaddesley Corbet wood and showed us a selection of pictures of various fungi (including mushrooms, some more dangerous to eat than others, it was worrying to note that David Metcalf seemed to know the difference) as well as some exceptional studies of birds, badgers, foxes and deer.

Gordon took questions as he gave his talk and as a result gave us even more information as he continued. He is the kind of speaker who could be listened to for a whole evening and he really knows how to transfer his enthusiasm for his subject to his audience.

Next, I would like to inform members of the clubs 20<sup>th</sup> Charter Night Dinner and I give details of this event on the attached sheet.

Past members whose addresses are on record, have been notified together with eight local Rotary Clubs and Inner Wheel. A private bar will be provided in the function room at this event.

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<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No meeting – Bank Holiday</b>
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	AGM
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April 8 <sup>th</sup>	M Townsend to arrange
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Unknown
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	D Tyrrell to arrange
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hospital Visit (D Strain)
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No meeting – Bank Holiday</b>
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Club Assembly
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Morrison's collection
(sat)	

## Raffle

The editor won the raffle last week and in a fit of unknown generosity gave the prize to the speaker. Doctors have been called as this is the second time this has happened!

All contributions to this newsletter welcome by email to [J.scott@btopenworld.com](mailto:J.scott@btopenworld.com) or even snailmail will do.