

Wolston WI welcomed David Fry from the Marton Museum of Country Bygones. Helped by a slide show David began by telling us the museum was started by Leamington man George Tims who was an avid collector of all things rural and of items no longer in use. Starting in garden sheds at his own home and spreading into his house, he was offered space by the local Vicar before again moving to outbuildings offered by a local farmer. Mr Tims was then able to open his museum in 1964. 1980 saw the museum moving into a purpose built building beside the cricket ground and pavilion where groups of visitors are able to get pre ordered refreshments when visiting. The museum now houses over 3000 items ranging from horse memorabilia to harvesting items, seed fiddles, old shearing machines, police memorabilia, a stuffed otter in glass, 'Marton' railway signs, thatching tools, the list goes on! The museum is run totally by volunteers and takes an active part in village life, taking items to Galanos House in Southam to help dementia patients reminisce. Doing a Victorian Day with local school children, lending items to local art galleries - Leamington and Compton Verney. The museum is also open on the Heritage weekend in the Summer. David finished off his talk by showing various items from the museum for us to guess what they were. These ranged from a thatcher's wire twister, a candle wick trimmer, a 'rounded' flat iron for pressing lace, to a brush for top hats, an egg weighing machine, sugar beet cutter and a trap for tawny owls, not used since the 1840's I hasten to add. David was thanked for a very interesting talk and a visit is definitely on the cards. Our knit & natter zoom meeting met again in April. As we gradually come out of 'Lockdown' plans are being made of having 'physical' gatherings, the first being a walk through the Bluebell Woods mid May followed hopefully by lunch at The Royal Oak. A visit to the Marton Museum is definitely on our wish list for the Summer plus a possible private visit to a stately home. We also hope to be selling cakes at The Garden Walkabout. We will be in our usual spot at the Manor House so please come and see us. It will be sometime before things return to some sort of normality but it is heartening that we are able to make a start.



We were reminded recently that the NHS are in constant need of various items ranging from hats/cardigans/bonding squares/blankets for premature babies to twiddle muffs for dementia patients to face mask connectors and scrubs bags for nurses. These can be knitted/crocheted/sewn. Here are some of the items done by members. If you would like further information or any patterns please use the contacts below.

Our next zoom meeting will be on Thursday 13th May 7pm. Resolution discussion followed by a talk by Laura Burdett - Working as A Script Supervisor in the film & TV industry.
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