The aim of The Newark Group is to promote fellowship among the men of the parish. We meet, usually on the third Thursday of each month, in the Good Shepherd Hall at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pyrford. Events may vary from informal dinners with guest speakers on a variety of topics, to 'away-day' visits, a golf day and social events for the parish. We expect to cover costs and, in the event of a surplus, we make modest contributions to local and global charities. Please check with the relevant committee member allocated to each event for details or tickets.

Some events could be subject to a change at the last moment and any information to hand will be provided accordingly in the best possible time. The latest information can be found on our website at www.wisleywithpyrford.org/newarkgroup.htm

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THE NEWARK GROUP

(FOR THE MEN OF THE PARISH)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023 / 2024

2023		2024			
Thursday 19 October	HOW TO ROW THE ATLANTIC Dinner with guest speaker – Chris Martin Chris is a world record setting adventurer and former World Championship rower. He shares his experiences rowing the Atlantic solo and the Pacific as a pair. Committee Contact: John Parker	Thursday 18 January	AI AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY Dinner with guest speaker – John Wyatt John Wyatt is a doctor, author and research scientist and worked as a consultant neonatologist for nearly 30 years. He will talk about the new ethical, philosophical and theological challenges caused by AI and robotics in medical science and	Thursday 18 April	ARNHEM – WHAT WENT WRONG Dinner with guest speaker – Steve Bird Was the attack on Arnhem 90% successful as Montgomery claimed or a total failure as one of the generals who parachuted in subsequently stated. What were the causes of failure and success and should the operation have gone
Thursday 16 November	FIRE ENGINES TO FUNERALS Dinner with guest speaker – Alan Greenwood Alan shares stories about his eclectic business portfolio (from transport, removals and storage to Funeral Director) and his love of vintage fire engines. Committee Contact: Gary Elson	Saturday 17 February	technology. Committee Contact: David Thompson PARISH QUIZ NIGHT This popular event – open to all – returns for another year. Form teams of eight to exercise the grey matter on a wide range of subjects and enjoy a 2-course dinner to sustain your efforts. Funds raised from this	Thursday 16 May	ahead at all? Committee Contact: Tony Williams SAVING THE RHINO Dinner with guest speaker – Dr Jo Shaw Dr Shaw is the CEO of Save the Rhino International and will be talking about her career in Wildlife Conservation and the plight of Rhinos persecuted for their
Thursday 21 December	CAROL SINGING This annual evening of carols sung around the streets of Pyrford is open to all, so bring friends and family to join the happy throng and lend your voices to a selection of Christmas favourites. We'll be collecting for the Woking Hospice as we go. We meet at Pyrford Social Club at 7pm and return at about 9pm. Committee Contact: Peter Austin	Thursday 21 March	event go to the church's charities. Committee Contact: Peter Austin ENGLISH ECCENTRICITY AND CUSTOMS Dinner with guest speaker – Bill McNaught What is an eccentric? Bill's talk looks at the results of a formal study on the subject, gives examples of some of history's strangest people and looks at a variety of odd customs. Committee Contact: Richard Whitehill	Thursday 13 June	much sought-after horns. Committee Contact: Ian Watson GOLF AT WEST BYFLEET GOLF CLUB Another chance to lift the coveted Newark Group Trophy in an 18-hole Stableford competition held at West Byfleet Golf Club. The golf will be followed by dinner, which non-golfers are welcome to attend, at the club. Committee Contact: Peter Austin