

## Tiptree and Tollesbury Branch WEA Secretary's Report for the year 2020-21

20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 1.00pm

### Introduction

Despite Covid it has been a busy year! We have remained active and have continued to do courses on zoom however despite getting to terms with zoom we are looking forward return to face to face.

### Accommodation

We thank all the volunteers who manage the refreshments, prepare the hall for the course today. Thank you for all your contributions in the Essex Federation News.

### 2021- 2022 Courses

#### **Autumn 2021:**

Roger Cooke: Representation of the People Part 2 15<sup>th</sup> September

Andy Beharrell: Plants Politics and Economics 5<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Spring 2022:**

David Prynne : From Mandarins to Commissars: China in the 20th Century 12<sup>th</sup> Jan

### **Day schools**

Margeret Mills: A Vanishing World 20<sup>th</sup> April

### 2022- 2023 Courses - possibles

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Choice</b>	
<b>Autumn</b>	This course explores daily life in a medieval village using documents which survive in today's archives.	Kate Jewell	Russian Women Shaping History & Culture	Marina Burrell	An Historic Tour of East Anglia	Stephen Poulter
<b>Spring</b>	Myths and tales from Babylonia and beyond	Ben Pestell	Asking the Big Questions	Janet Berenson	Geoscientists and their influence on modern science	Bev Fowlston

### Reminder Other Matters

WEA have given us telephone and email contacts so that our personal ones are more protected.

New telephone number: 01621 735817 Tiptree and Tollesbury branch

Email: [Tiptree.branch@wea.ac.uk](mailto:Tiptree.branch@wea.ac.uk)

Committee Members have continued to attend the WEA Essex Federation and WEA Eastern Region Council meetings, when possible, all of which have been on zoom. The secretary is a member of the Essex Federation and helps with their web site

**Meetings:**

- Tiptree and Tollesbury Committee 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb
- Essex Federation (EF) Meeting's 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov (AGM), 14<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb
- Eastern Regional meetings: WEA AGM 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 14<sup>th</sup> March.
- Drop ins sessions (Eastern region): 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Membership to WEA:**

- For a while now WEA have put on Thursday evening lectures at 5pm using zoom for one hour. They are hugely popular and often fascinating topics and worth a listen. For details to be a member go to <https://www.wea.org.uk>. (Front page scroll down and click on " Become a member" Cost £15 per year. Free to volunteers.

**Essex Federation one day schools (Face to face):**

- Robert Walpole: the first Prime Minister? David Cooke 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Life & Death Of The Boy -King Tutankhamun April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022
- October 2022 – TBA – Subject will be celebrating Shackelton's 100 years since his death.

Please refer to EF website for more information on **walks** (Colchester, Mersea, Harwich, Clare, Thaxted and Bury St Edmunds) and other courses: <https://wea-essex.org.uk/>

I look forward to seeing you in the Autumn term.



Secretary Tiptree and Tollesbury Branch WEA 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Essex Federation (EF) Essex Fed website <https://wea-essex.org.uk/>

# **Tiptree and Tollesbury WEA**

## **Chairman's report for AGM 2021-2022**

Another strange year for our local WEA branch.

All classes and committee meetings have been via zoom/canvas.

This new way has enabled us to continue learning and meeting and to make new friends from outside our area.

However, we are very aware that this disadvantages some members who do not have easy internet access. We hope to resume face to face sessions in September.

In September 2021 Roger Cooke offered us The History of Parliament Part 2 over 8 weeks.

In October 2021 Andy Beharrell gave us Plants, Politics and Economics over 10 weeks. Each week he chose a different plant to show us how it had influenced our world.

In January David Prynne developed our knowledge of China bringing us into the Twentieth Century over 8 weeks. This course gave us a welcome relief from COVID news and later the war in Ukraine.

All 3 courses provoked plenty of discussion.

I am very grateful for the huge amount of work Anne Mossman, our secretary, puts in to ensure we have a thriving local branch.

Also our treasurer Jenny Manning who ensures our books are in order and bills paid.

Diana Webb and Mike Bell continue to offer much helpful advice at committee meetings.

Finally thank you to all the students who continue to support Tiptree and Tollesbury WEA.

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## **WEA Tiptree & Tollesbury branch AGM 20 April 2022**

### **Branch treasurer's report**

Autumn Term 2021 started online with Roger Cook's 8 wk course, Parliament part 2, attended by 14 students and with a bank balance of £2,553.60. Also that term, Andrew Beharrell's 10 wk Zoom course, Plants, Politics and Economics, attracted 16 students. All fees were paid centrally and a Branch Credit Note for £166.40 was paid from WEA into our account by electronic transfer. We paid a donation by cheque for £12 to St Peter's Parish Magazine for advertising which was shown on an earlier statement.

Our Spring Term 2022 online course, From Mandarins to Commissars with David Prynne, was attended by 25 students and a Branch Credit Note for £204.80 brought our balance to £2,924.80 at 30 March 2022.

I was able to report no additional transactions to the Spring Branch Return.

Jenny Manning

Tiptree & Tollesbury Branch Treasurer