Lewtrenchard WI October Report

Barbara welcomed everyone to our well attended open meeting with guest speaker, Nick Clyburn... here to talk to us about his life in the RAF and Air Traffic Confusion. We also welcomed Julie (president) and Karen (Secretary) from Lezant WI.

Barbara then handed over to Nick Clyburn to talk about Air Traffic Confusion:

Retired RAF Group Squadron Commander, Air Traffic Controller, Instructor, a man wearing many hats. Born in Brixham, Nick joined the RAF at 16, it takes 7 years to train as an Air traffic Controller, Nick had to train another 10 years later on in order to join Civil Air Traffic Control.

Nick started by showing us an impressive short video of the thousands of flight paths over the UK and the world. It looked more like spaghetti junction in the sky. An eye watering amount of planes criss crossing our skies. He talked about his career, the various aspects of his job, being in charge of hundreds of staff and students. He clearly loved his job in the RAF, but also enjoyed life in Civvy Street. Nick recalled one memorable anecdote; the packet of M&M's signed by President Bill Clinton. A great story. After about an hour, Nick ended his very illuminating talk with a Q&A session, answering many challenging questions from the floor. We highly recommend Nick's talk.



True to form we finished our meeting with delicious cakes and biscuits.

Date & venue for next meeting: Monday November 9, 19:00, Lewdown Victory Hall Crafting with LilyBoo

Dates for your diary:

19th November	Coffee morning @ The Blue Lion
19th November	Food Craft & Skills
	Walks suspended until next spring
21th November	Skittles @ Treburley [tbc]