

At our second meeting at the Severn Stoke meeting hall we had around 30 Friends/Volunteers gathered to hear Heather Greenhaigh talk on her teaching work at HMP Prisons, and the 'characters' she encountered there. Roy Box then gave a short summary of his interest in Board Games. Liz Callaghan told us of the new Book Group that she is forming, she already has several names but if you would like to join her please drop her an email elizabeth.callaghan@virgin.net the idea is to have a monthly meeting in the RAF canteen for chat and book review. After a coffee break several members got involved in different card games while others just socialised. Janet Williams taught Racing Demon which was a huge success. She also sold her delicious local honey.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10.30 Wednesday January 9th at Severn Stoke. As ever, all are welcome, even if you're not a member of the Friends of Croome, or a volunteer. But men, take note: us few blokes could do with support! A larger number of us could tip the diversity scales so that there is more varied avenues to explore... please.

If you have an interest in Croome, either as a volunteer or just an affinity with this intriguing place, the Friends of Croome offer a wealth of knowledge and a sociable attitude coupled with interesting excursions and holidays. Join us! Its open to couples as well as singles, don't be shy.

Thank you to all who once again provided us with Cake and to everyone for turning out on a cold wet December morning. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Paul and the Team