

PULHAMS BRANCH W.E.A.

REPORT TO PULHAM MARKET AND PULHAM ST.MARY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

APRIL 2018

Despite drastic cutbacks in funding and staffing levels, the WEA continues to provide Adult Education in the Pulhams.

We have delivered 2 new 10-week courses this year, and have been pleased to welcome some new faces to the core group.

In the Autumn we studied Crime Fiction set in east Anglia. Dr Kate Jewell, a new tutor to Pulham encouraged plenty of reading and lively discussion, despite this being a smaller group than usual. The low numbers seemed to be related to illness and travel arrangements, rather than lack of interest. We will be starting our next Autumn course later, in October, so this may work better.

In January Dr Graham Platts, a very popular tutor, delivered a fascinating course on the history of Jazz throughout the 20th century. On cold winter evenings we were treated to music and film from each decade, and a fascinating social history which reflected the tutors' passion and enthusiasm for jazz.

We have booked two courses for next academic year. In the Autumn we will be studying historic domestic Architecture across the British Isles, and in the Spring our subject is Industrial Archaeology, looking at the relationship between craft and industry in our region.

We are grateful to the Brewhouse for providing an ideal and welcoming venue, and to members of the group for help and support with running the sessions.

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