

STAR PROGRAMME TO MARCH 2017

Monday 7th November 2016 2-00 PM in the Keyworth Methodist Hall:

Mike Davey will be giving us a talk with the Title

‘Plant Genetic Manipulation: A Simple Introduction’

This talk is a Simple Introduction to the techniques employed in the Genetic Modification of plants.

The talk provides an unbiased overview relating to the potential benefits and limitations of this technology together with a discussion of the public perception for this approach for crop improvement.

Monday 5th December 2016 2-00 PM in the Keyworth Methodist Hall:

A small panel of STAR Group Members will offer answers to prepared questions on items of scientific or technological interest similar to a Brains Trust.

The Panel will take questions a few weeks in advance and research them and hopefully provide some answers. Each Panel Member has a listed main specialisation against his name. We will also endeavour to answer questions that do not fall within our area of expertise (but this can't be guaranteed).

We need all STAR Group to participate by sending questions to Chris Mason (at christhedad@hotmail.co.uk with the Reference *Panel Question*) well in advance to enable time to research answers.

Panel to include:-

Chris Mason (Chair): Sub-Sea Fibre Optic Telecommunications

Steve Mayers: Healthcare - Pharmacy – Health Issues.

Robin Wilcockson: Chemical Engineering

Paul Roebuck: Chemistry – Rocks and Minerals - Physics

Graham Payne: Microbes – Bacteria – Microbiology

Sam Boote: Astronomy – Physics – Mathematics

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Monday 2nd January 2017 2-00 PM in the Keyworth Methodist Hall:

NO MEETING DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD.

Monday 6th February 2017 2-00 PM in the Keyworth Methodist Hall:

Sean McGinley – From Canal & River Trust will be giving us a talk on the Canals, Rivers and other items like the Anderton Boat Lift. This will discuss the history of canals and their construction.

Come along and find out more.

“Canals & Rivers”

Monday 6th March 2017 2-00 PM in the Keyworth Methodist Hall:

Keith Ball (Friend of David Highley) – From BGS.

Radioactivity is the engine that drives Earth processes and is expressed at extremes by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions but also in more subdued and hidden ways. Naturally occurring radioactive elements and their measurement are described and applied to problems in geology and health (especially that of radon).

Note: Keith’s wife, Margaret, is a STAR Group Member.

“The Radioactive Earth”