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Unfortunately, Harry Bingham could not be with us at the end of term but his mother who lives locally stepped in. Those who heard Elizabeth Bingham tell us about the History of Church Kneelers only recently, were delighted to share the talk again with a fuller audience. The art of making cross stitch covers for individual or long altar-rail kneelers came back into fashion in the last century and were designed to reflect local and national history. Unfortunately, congregations no longer kneel routinely, and beautiful hassocks and their record of the past are being lost forever. Despite author Harry Bingham not speaking to us in person, "Bookshelf" will soon be reading the first in his series of Fiona Griffiths detective novels.

We enjoyed our afternoon Special Interest Groups. "What the Papers Say" always triggers a good discussion, and "Scrabble" stretches the grey cells. "Gardening" learned about Gelli Uchaf Garden near Llandeilo and the "British Constitution" group was asked "Does the British Prison System work?", which resulted in a lively discussion umpired by Robert East.

We are now on our Easter Holidays until 18<sup>th</sup> April, but you can still visit the Theatr Brycheiniog for coffee!