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Dear Mayor,

Annual Town Meeting 6.4.2017

Report from Café Scientifique Henley

Science talks and associated discussions through a question and answer forum are now well established in Henley with over 50 events now successfully completed. All sessions are open to the community for the price of a drink, coffee or beer/wine, and an audience of between 70 and 90 are attracted each time to be entertained by knowledgeable and enthusiastic speakers. In the recent past year the varied subjects have covered Air Pollution, Precipitation and Floods, Quantum Mechanics, Origins of Life, Human Evolution, Ancient Trees and Faraway Planets. The 50th event was held at Gillotts School with the key speaker being an ex-pupil Marcus du Sautoy, the Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science. The talk about his latest book 'What We Cannot Know' enthralled the audience of 200 including several pupils. It however does seem to be a pity that so many top scientists seem to be very anxious about the effect of Brexit on their International community with many currently working in Britain.

Thanks must go to Henley Hockey Club where the events are held and to our sponsors Quintessa and Richard Way Bookshops. Cafe Scientifique has also been pleased to be able to sponsor Henley College science awards from the donations it receives.

It would be good to see some councillors in attendance at some stage .

David Dickie
Judith Phelan
Co Hosts