



COMMUNIQUE - 157

Book Club Report for August 2019

13th September 2019

Dear Residents,

BOOK AND COFFEE MORNING REPORT STARS by Graham Hall



Graham Hall's talk on "STARS" was awesome – awesome in its scope and detail. He took us on a journey from the earliest astronomers to modern day space travel and back again to the Big Bang.

It was interesting and informative but also entertaining as he related stories about the people involved and showed how science, religion and politics often clashed, stalling or redirecting the progress of discovery. Interesting, too, how many scientists, although right in their observations, were disbelieved, while

others got things totally wrong. And what about Einstein who wouldn't believe what his calculations were telling him so fudged his results to fit his hypothesis?

Graham also told us that everything in our universe, including us, is made of stardust – thought-provoking indeed.

It was truly a memorable morning, made even more so by Pru's delightful gift biscuits – a lovely thought and a delicious one too.

Our next Book and Coffee morning scheduled for October, will have to be postponed due to an administrative bungle. But we have two story-tellers and book reviews lined up, so will announce the new date soon.

