

## “This is Me!” (Apologies to “The Greatest Showman” )

At the January Noggin, we were privileged to hear our first informal and informative talk from Vlad on the subject of his experience on “Boats” (Submarines) whilst serving in the Royal Navy. Well done Vlad.

I took the opportunity to remind Oxmoggers that the idea for Noggin talks etc from an earlier proposal to “invite guest speakers”.

I counter-suggested that within, the Oxmog Membership, we had an eclectic mix of life-experiences and skills and perhaps we should explore these first before inviting “outsiders”.

All in attendance agreed it that the opportunity to share “Who we are” was worthwhile and had the bonus of being just one step towards avoiding the “I had no idea he/she did that, had that skill” syndrome at our funerals - hopefully years from now!!

### **So, to outline the basic principles.**

1. The intention is that this proposal is not confined to “the blokes”. Interesting life experiences are wide in terms of possibilities and definitely not gender centric!
2. The idea is **NOT** confined to giving formal stand-up presentations which some are more comfortable with than others and demonstrating skills etc was just as important and added value to our Community For example;
  - a. Skills in terms of hobbies. Eg Photography, Needlework, wood/metal work, painting, entomology, etc. The idea is that an individual “books” a Noggin “This is Me” slot and physically displays their output from those skills on a table for Oxmoggers to admire and, if appropriate, ask informal questions about “I had no idea you did this. How do you do it?”
  - b. Playing a portable musical instrument.
  - c. Reciting Self written poetry.

I should also state that presenting these physical demonstration of hobbies/skills does not exclude an accompanying presentation if it suits the artist.

3. The “**This is me**” slots would be every other Noggin.
4. **Formal presentations** should be confined to an uninterrupted 20-30mins followed by discussion/questions.
5. Formal Presentation material should be forwarded to Keith Hofgartner in PowerPoint format. He will do the Techy stuff!
6. **Displays of hobbies, Arts and Craft** will be for the individual to bring and set up on a table prior to Noggin start.
7. Volunteers for either or both forms of sharing “This is Me” are to liaise with Ian Snow by email [ianandtinasnow@aol.com](mailto:ianandtinasnow@aol.com) who will agree with them the Subject, style and Noggin date to suit the individual.