

Partridge Group 2014

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
8 th January	Barry Brooks	A scene-setter for the remaining sessions: Design your own religion/society; what do you look for in politics/faiths/ethical-moral philosophies? <i>Workshop session run by Barry</i>
15 th January	John Popper	"The core of the session will involve comparison of my two spells of monastic life in Thailand 8 months and Spain 4 months; semi monastic life in a Buddhist community in Cambridge for 7 years and non-monastic life in Little Abington for the last six years. In making this comparison, I will focus in particular on friendship, spiritual friendship, group pressures and genuine communality, individualism and individuation and what lifestyle conduces to both truth and freedom.
22 nd January	Clare Delderfield	Humanism. Clare came from a conventional C of E background, became a Humanist, and now leads Humanist funerals. As a working wife and mother, school governor, Charity Trustee , and musician, Clare can describe how Humanist ideals inform what she does in a practical daily life.
29 th January	Peter Brunning	Shinto ("The Way of the Gods"): the indigenous spirituality of the people of Japan. Come and hear what I've found out!
5 th February	Peter Miles	Magical Mystery tour – a search for the true religion
12 th February	Denis Alexander <i>Emeritus Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, St Edmund's College, Cambridge</i>	The Origin of Life - a Christian Perspective. "Scientists have been unravelling what Life is and how it works for much of the 20th, and all of the 21st Century. Many questions remain unanswered, but perhaps the most intriguing is "how did it all start?" We have a kind of understanding, going back millions of years, of the Evolution of plants and animals, but those first steps from atoms and molecules to "Life" are still subject to debate."