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MEMBERS and visitors were treated to an informative and entertaining talk given by Muriel Siviour at its monthly meeting in the Cleve **Hotel** on May 6.

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Mrs Siviour shared experiences of a trip to **China**, taken by her and husband Dean.

This was a planned farming tour, which ensured these tourists went to some places not seen by regular travellers to **China**.

Mrs Siviour said she loved **China**, found it to be very clean given the population density, and that she would gladly go back again any time.

They visited Tianamin Square experiencing vast crowds of people, and went to museums, which were a great education but not a word of English was spoken to help answer questions.

They also visited the famous Emperors Palace in the Forbidden City built in 1406.

This palace was a structure which took 40 years to build and the whole city area covered 72 hectares.

Beijing is a city of some 22 **million** people. It is a very old city and parts of the original are being preserved, while other parts are being demolished to make way for modern structures, both **commercial** and **residential**.

Car use is discouraged, but movement is taken up by vast numbers of scooters and motor bikes.

In parts of the country they found that modern new **apartment** blocks were not being used as people preferred their older cheaper accommodation.

Eco gardens were sighted having been established from converted waste water.

The rural part of the tour showed very large cattle feed lots where up to 80,000 cattle at three sites were kept for three months before processing.

Some of this meat was exported to Germany.

A visit to a large **dairy** showed an enterprise where 2000 cows were milked three times a day. Interestingly no fresh **milk** was available, but it all was **sold** as long life **milk**.

At a trip to a jade factory the visitors learnt that jade from Cowell was imported for processing.

Naturally a visit to the Great Wall of **China** was part of this very special venture.

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