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The Third Man. A film noir classic or a cricket fielding position? In this case neither as I'm referring to 'The Cambridge Five' which was the spy ring that included *Donald Maclean* among Kim Philby, Guy Burgess, Anthony Blunt and John Cairncross. While fascism was on the march between the World Wars all five became convinced that Marxism-Leninism, as evident in Soviet Russia was, the way forward. Maclean had been educated at *Gresham's School and the current Head of History there, Simon Kinder*, is an authority on such twentieth century matters. A recent biography of Maclean is symptomatic of revived interest in the Cold War as Russia shows signs of going rogue and the teaching of history seems to be more sympathetic to Marxism. Simon's talk is titled '*A Perfect Partnership – an unlikely tale of Norfolk Espionage and Treachery*' - 7.30 on Tuesday at *The Feathers*.

Chairman **Jimmy Fowell** is firming up on plans for our June trip to Liverpool. This should be fast tracked via Uttoxeter to take in a visit to the JCB empire. Joseph Bamford founded the company in 1945 to make agricultural tipping trailers and it now has 22 plants on four continents and more than 750 dealers worldwide. His son Lord Bamford has reported a record year in 2018 and counters the current Brexit gloom by stating that "the signs remain extremely encouraging for 2019, with many reasons to remain positive for the future, both for our business and the UK, which, after all, is the world's fifth largest economy." This echoes the message given by that other major industrialist and Old Greshamian whose Lincolnshire estate we visited last year, James Dyson. Let us hope that they are right.

Jim



The 'Cambridge Five':

Kim Philby,

Guy Burgess

Donald MacLean,

Anthony Blunt

John Cairncross



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