



April 2021 Bulletin

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 13th April 2021

MERCY SHIPS

Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need

In low-income and lower-middle-income countries, nine out of ten people have no access to basic surgical care. This charity hospital ship sails directly to these people to offer the medical care they need – for free. The Mercy Ships crew of the *Africa Mercy* is led by a team of volunteers from up to 40 nations, all of whom give their time and expertise for free.

Since 1978, medical missions by Mercy Ships have worked in more than 56 nations, providing services worth over £1.2 billion that have helped more than 2.8 million people. Their current focus is on sub-Saharan Africa.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE THEN

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87831156358?pwd=NEJKQVJQckwvYTBByYTdZNmVNVnFPUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 3115 6358

Passcode: 023227

INTO THE FUTURE

It is beginning to look as if some of our groups, especially those that meet outside, will be able to start to make tentative plans for later on in the year. Please send any information that you want shared in the bulletin to crdcu3a@gmail.com and contact Gus meophamweb@gmail.com about adding the details to our website.

Thank you

NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

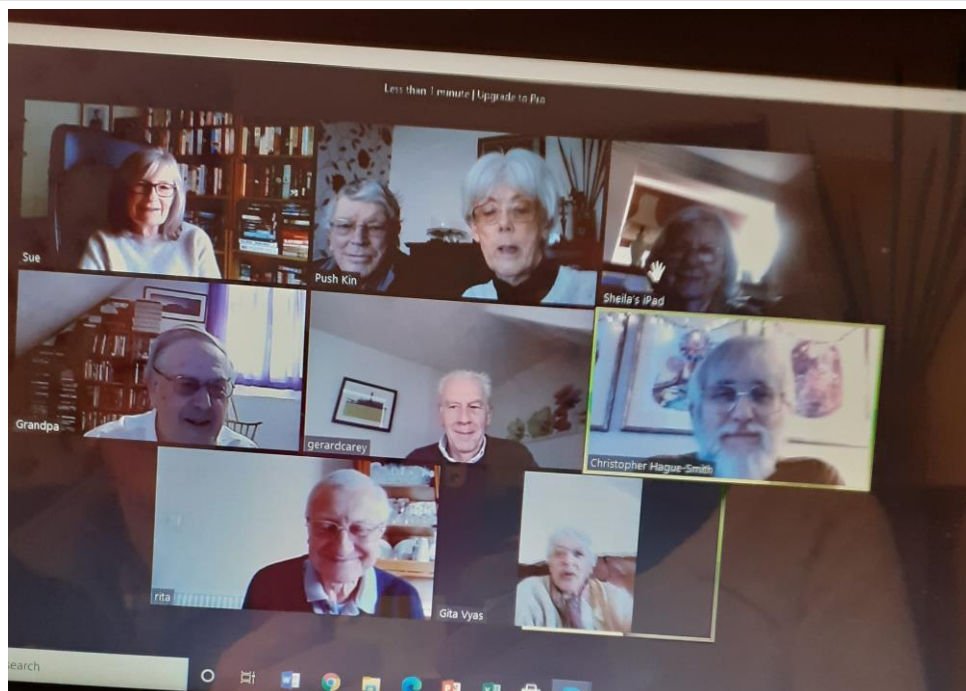
MEOPHAM U3A SINGERS

The Singing group continues to meet twice a month (1st and 3rd Tuesdays) via Zoom and we pride ourselves that we've become quite proficient in using this. The meetings are a chance for us to have a chat together as well as giving us the opportunity to keep our vocal cords working.

This year we've each been choosing eight songs we'd take to a Desert Island (à la Desert Island Discs). It's been fascinating listening to each other's choices, hearing the stories behind the selections and singing along to a few of them.

Like most people we are counting down the weeks until we can hopefully all meet up again face-to-face. It will feel strange to be back in the same room together and getting used to hearing each other singing.

Anne Marie



Our Italian group are still meeting via zoom.

Thanks to Ann for the picture.



PAINTING AND DRAWING GROUP

More of the art work from this very talented group can be found on our website.

MEOPHAM U3A IN THE COMMUNITY

A number of Mu3a members are Street Champions. The Street Champions are a network of residents who have volunteered to improve the environment in their local area.

Street Champions volunteer to litter pick and report environmental crimes to help make our area a cleaner, greener place to live. If you are interested in adopting a street or area, please visit www.gravesham.gov.uk and fill in the online form. The council will provide the necessary equipment and special orange rubbish bags for you to use.

Special mention needs to be made of Chris Tucker who recently cleared along the A227 towards the Tollgate roundabout, Dave Denman who tackled the rubbish on Nash Bank and Sue Bennett who is our local Keep Britain Tidy representative.

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