



## August 2021 Bulletin

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 1.45**

We are looking forward to welcoming local historian Christoph Bull for our next meeting on the 10th of August.

This month we are **ASKING EVERYONE TO JOIN US FOR 1.45 P.M.** as at that time Heather from the Art Appreciation group and Di from book group 3 will tell us a little bit about their groups before we introduce Christoph who will be telling us about

### **'GRAVESHAM'S ANCIENT PARISHES'**

*(This will of course include Meopham)*

Christoph last spoke to us in 2015 when his informative lecture about Pocahontas was well received by all our members so do join us on the 10th. I am sure you will not be disappointed.

Topic: Meopham U3A Monthly Talk

Time: 10 Aug 2021, 2:00 PM

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## NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

### Modern Jive Dancing

**Modern Jive Dancing** will restart on Monday 6th September 7:30 pm Christ Church Hall, Gravesend DA12 1NR. The group will be led by Alan and Lynn Scott.

Subsequent meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

#### Modern Jive Beginners Class

As before we will play music from your youth along with some more modern tunes as we learn some of the modern jive moves, sometimes called "walking jive". Everyone can learn this dance style even if you have 2 left or right feet, no rhythm or have never danced before. It's easy to look good at a party - now we are allowed to go to parties again!

#### Re-starting Dancing

As it's been well over a year since our last group meeting, we plan to start from the beginning, walking through the basic moves, hand positions etc. As previously this is always a beginner's class which means you can miss a class or two and still be able to pick up without being left behind. We will have hand sanitiser for everyone and remember if you have a temperature and/or any symptoms please do not join a class, some dancers may be vulnerable and we want you to consider everyone to keep our group safe.

#### Couples together

Usually we change partners during the class and later during freestyle as it's the best way to learn how to dance. However we accept that some members may be still cautious therefore we are happy for couples and friends to stay together during the class for the first few classes, or to change partners as usual.

#### Joining Class

Please reply to [alanscottmr2@hotmail.com](mailto:alanscottmr2@hotmail.com) to let Alan know if you would like to join this group.

### MEN'S SINGING GROUP

The men's singing group have a gig at a Gravesend care home in September.

They are very keen to recruit 1 (or 2) new members in advance of that. If you are interested please contact David via our website or at [davidb35ga@yahoo.com](mailto:davidb35ga@yahoo.com)

## SINGING GROUP

On the day following what had been heralded in the press as 'freedom day' the Singing group met for their first face-to-face sing-along since the start of the pandemic. The weather smiled on us and the group met in glorious sunshine to sing, laugh, gossip and eat cake. We all enjoyed hearing each other's voices again and even had a go at some harmonising and singing some rounds. All of which were given the thumbs up by an eavesdropper.

The group took the decision to postpone their return to the Tin Tabernacle until the start of the new season in September and Heather (S) and Marion kindly volunteered to host the August meetings with fingers firmly crossed that the weather is as kind to us again.

If anyone would like to join the singers please contact Anne-Marie. No previous experience or expertise necessary just the desire to stretch your vocal cords.

Anne -Marie can be contacted at [anne-marie@usuk.co.uk](mailto:anne-marie@usuk.co.uk) via the singing group page on our website.

## MEOPHAM u3a AGM 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021

After a successful virtual and postal AGM last year your committee intends to do the same this year....just in case things should change again.

Notification letters and forms will be sent out 9<sup>th</sup> August and all nominations must be in by latest 14<sup>th</sup> September. More details can be found on our website.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewals have been coming in thick and fast already and over 200 of you have already renewed. This is a good indication of a vibrant and growing u3a that is going to thrive in the future.... and one that is well worth being an active member of for the bargain price of £10.

Please remember to send in your year's subscription before the 31<sup>st</sup> of August and don't forget to include an **S.A.E. for your membership card**. A renewal form can be found on our website.

Please spread the word to neighbours, friends and family about our u3a and encourage them to join too.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF GRAVESEND AND MEOPHAM**

If you had your Covid vaccinations at The Woodville Halls in Gravesend the chances are you met a member of the Rotary Club of Gravesend and Meopham who were acting as stewards and chaperones at that centre. This is just one example of the work that Rotary members do in our community.

Alongside this newsletter is some more information about other ways that Rotarians offer support within our community and the ways in which they raise funds for national and local charities.

If you would like to know more or to become part of the group please contact them directly and they will be delighted to talk to you.

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