



## August 2022 Bulletin

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

**3Rs**

**9th August 2022**

**St Johns Church**

**2pm TO 4pm**

The 3Rs meeting on 9 August at 2pm is your opportunity to renew your membership in person, to look at what groups are on offer and talk to group representatives face-to-face.

It's also a very good opportunity for potential members to see what is on offer and the benefits of joining Mu3a. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours.

**Once you have renewed your membership you can sign up for groups.**

Where possible groups will display some of the things they have been working on, not only for the current members to see but also to encourage for members to join a new group or two.

The 3R's meeting is also an opportunity to suggest new groups for the forthcoming year.

Here are a few possibilities:

- Meet-at-the-Weekend
- Archaeology
- Writing
- Maths for grandparents
- Dealing with Clutter
- Chichester Summer school 2023
- Art Appreciation 2
- Machine embroidery

**REFRESHMENTS FROM 2.30**

## CAN'T MAKE THE 3Rs?

Please renew your membership by post before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. A membership renewal form is attached to this bulletin.

Please go to the mu3a website, <https://www.meophamu3a.org.uk/groups> and send an email to the group contact of any group you belonged to 2021/22 to let them know that you either wish to stay in the group or that you will be leaving.

If you would like to join a new group then please also email the group contact to ask to be added to their mailings and to find out details of the next meeting etc.

Group contacts really appreciate an email from you as it helps them to keep the group details up to date and saves them sending messages to those who no longer wish to be included.

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Although I had known about the u3a for some time it took me a few years make the decision to join. Even then I didn't realize what was involved or how much I would go on to enjoy it.

Now, 4 years later I find myself the Chair at Meopham u3a. Hopefully someone far better qualified for the role will take over from me next year, but before I depart I would like to help Meopham u3a survive and prosper.

To that end I am launching "**Secret too Good to Keep**" Campaign.

From what I can gather the majority of new members join through word of mouth. So let's start with every member committing to telling at least one neighbour, colleague, friend or family member how much you enjoy your membership and suggest they come along to a monthly meeting to find out more.

Social media can also help. While I'm sure we will have very few members who post on Tik Tok or Instagram we must have quite a few Facebookers. Several years ago Gus Reid kindly set up a Meopham u3a Facebook Group. Today there are just 7 members! So please take the opportunity to join the group and then share details of some of the great meeting you've attended. Then, anyone researching us will get a far better impression of us.

I'm sure many of you will might think this is a reasonable idea now, but then forget about. So please try and make at least one contact in August.

Mike Chantry

### Advance notice:

- Group Contacts meeting Monday 19 Sept 2022
- New Members meeting Monday 10 Oct 2022

Both meetings will be at 10am at the Cricketers Inn, Meopham. (Free tea and coffee will be available).

### **Machine Embroidery - New Group proposed by Edina Geering**

Hello, I want to introduce myself. I am a sewer and quilter and I have also got a "Brother V3 Embroidery machine".

I am thinking of starting a Machine Embroidery Group for local U3A members to get together for help, advice, sharing tips and ideas.

I realise that this would be a small specialist interest group, so I am extending the invitation to include members from Gravesend, Dartford and Kingshill U3A's to participate in this joint venture with Meopham U3A.

If you have any kind of Embroidery Sewing Machine and would like to join me for an initial meeting please would let me know on [sewbowls@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sewbowls@yahoo.co.uk)

### **HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT VISIT**

The How Things Work group is organising a visit to The Houses of Parliament on 12th September 2022.

There are some spaces left and so this visit is now open to any member of Mu3a.

Full details of the visit and how to book your place can be found on the attached flyer.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Covid put a stop to our Social events and your committee would very much like to get activities, events and outings started again. What would you like to see happening? What would you be keen to support?

One volunteer has come forward who's keen to help set up a committee more people would be very welcome.

Please email [chairmu3a@gmail.com](mailto:chairmu3a@gmail.com) with any thoughts you may have.

### **NEW TO BEACON?**

IF you are a new group contact we have a team of people waiting to help and support you to get started with Beacon, the u3a run safe secure data base for emailing your group in completed confidence.

Contact [crdcu3a@gmail.com](mailto:crdcu3a@gmail.com) if you would like some face to face or phone support or have any queries.

## CLASSIC VEHICLE MEETING

*Following our recent Car/Vehicle Meet at the Golden Lion, Luddesdowne, we are arranging a similar meet on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30, at the same venue.*

*This will give an opportunity for those that could not attend, for whatever reason, and for those that did, to have another enjoyable morning, a short local drive and lunch at The Lion.*

*Should you be interested, then please email me [dave.denman49@outlook.com](mailto:dave.denman49@outlook.com), before the 4<sup>th</sup> September . I will then send out final details and menu for choices.*

*You do not have to be a HTW group member, just a member of Meopham U3a. Should you not have a "classic vehicle" (probably on the road before 2000 but we aren't that fussy!) and, maybe, wish to just view the cars, then we will try to find spare places in them for the run too, should you want to !*

**David Denman**

## GOLF

Golf beginners welcome.

The Meopham u3a Golf group welcomes mixed ability golfers but especially those who aren't a member of any club and maybe haven't even got a handicap. We play several courses throughout the year including the picturesque Leeds Castle as well as local courses like Corinthians.

We play one 9 hole course a month that's ideal for beginners, or those who haven't played for a while. We also play an 18 hole course each month for the more experienced golfers.

Please contact Mike Chantry through the Mu3a website to join:

<https://www.meophamu3a.org.uk/groups>



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