



## February 2021 Bulletin

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**2pm**

### Funny Tricks and the Secret World of Charles Dickens With Ian Keable

Ian has been a magician for over thirty years. He started his professional life as a chartered accountant but following success on a TV Talent show called 'New Faces' (remember that?) he became a full time entertainment.

He specialises in comedy magic, which is both baffling and hilarious.

His one man show for us features Charles Dickens as an amateur conjurer.

His shows have been very popular as the reviews below show:-

"The magic was superb, I haven't laughed so much in ages!"

"You helped to make it an absolutely perfect evening"

"We are getting 'regrets from those who have been told how 'amazing ' your show was but who had chosen not to come because 'we don't like magic "

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86949953490?pwd=U0pqZEhGQXE5bTJ6SFdicUFYY2MzZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 4995 3490

Passcode: 364040

### **Meopham u3a website**

The Meopham u3a website has recently had had a little freshen up mainly to the new Welcome page and the Home page.

The picture e gallery is much more accessible and with a lot more of the Painting and Drawing groups wonderful picture on display.

## NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

### HOW THINGS WORK

The How Things Work group contact has sent his group links to a few free on line talks – he thought they might be of interest to others in the Meopham U3A, see below. (Ctrl+click to open the link)

[guildhall-library-events](#)

[guildhall-library-book tickets](#)

[national archives events](#)

[RAS](#)

[Gresham College](#)

Science breaks at Imperial:

<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/whats-on/about-imperial-events/our-events/science-breaks/>  
also available on YouTube

An interesting talk on How the Shark Lost Its Bones which is now available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1L1-vPxj-DI&feature=youtu.be>



### PAINTING AND DRAWING

Many more beautiful examples are now displayed on our revamped website.

### **ART APPRECIATION**

Since April, the Art Appreciation Group have been meeting twice monthly. We have been looking at artists we knew little or nothing about and have come across some memorable work. Recently, we have focused on themes such as animals or families. At our last meeting we celebrated the festive season by taking Winter / Christmas as our theme - the most popular contribution being The Magpie by Monet. We have even improved our IT skills and can now share our choices on Zoom, with the rest of the group! Who knows what we shall learn to do next year? We meet on the first and third Wednesday at 2pm and if you fancy coming along, you will be most welcome.

Heather Wright

### **BOOK GROUP 3**

After a very challenging year, book group 3, has passed all challenges , we meet for tea , we meet for lunch, and now we meet on zoom, nothing is going to stop us discussing the book we have read that month, and the books that we have chosen this year have been very diverse in them selves, we all seem, to have a lot more time on our hands at the moment so reading can be a very relaxing thing to do and escape into a world of fiction and make believe, and then the next month we're reading something completely different, we all have a go at choosing a book, and we all have different tastes in reading, so it becomes very enjoyable, and it stretches our knowledge in books, I myself have found one or two different authors that I will keep reading, but would have never thought I would in the beginning, it will be nice to get back to normal, whatever normal is now, and meet face to face, and discuss the books, but in the meantime, we will keep on Zooming ! !

Penny Gamp

### **AMBLERS**

During the summer and into early autumn a small Ambling group have meet up for a socially distance walk and coffee every couple of weeks in the various local parks. On the few occasions when the number was a little more than the guidelines stated we split into 2 groups. This worked well because some people like to walk quicker than others. Further into the autumn with more restrictions, weather problems, health problems, Zoom commitments, and mud just a few of us were still walking. Into late autumn and winter, as we are limited to walking with one other person, I am meeting just 2 people on 2 different days. This is not unusual as there is less enthusiasm for walking in the cold, wet and mud which is not everyone's cup of tea. Previously Amblers winter walks have either been cancelled or involved more coffee and chat after a quick trot round the nature reserve at Bluewater. As I am doing my endless solitary walk round New Barn nearly every day I am not surprised at the number of hello's I say to people walking and jogging as it has now become a regular part of many people's day. When it's cold I do wish I could jog, or at least run, as it might warm my fingers. When I get home, often feeling invigorated, I try to congratulate myself that I am hopefully fuelling my immune system as well as keeping body parts moving.

Linda Doyle



## PATCHWORK – BEGINNERS

The two groups are continuing to meet via Zoom and with the aid of some excellent tutorials, provided by Louisa Gault of [www.sewmotion.co.uk](http://www.sewmotion.co.uk), have managed to complete our Autumn projects.

Cilla Stephens



Reta Jordan



Ann MacEwan



Christine Clark



Sue Martin – Table Runner



Beryl Connolly