



June 2022 Bulletin

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday June 14th 2022 at 2pm

Those of us who managed to attend the meeting in May were entranced by the history and dare devil exploits of the Red Arrows display team ably brought to us by Guy Barlett. In contrast our June talk is by

Susan Flipping – Medieval Church Graffiti.

Medieval church graffiti gives a unique voice to the common people of the time that we've only just started to listen to. Sadly, the marks made by our ancestors are disappearing and Sue is part of a nationwide programme tasked with surveying and recording what remains while exploring the insights they give into the medieval mind.

BRING YOUR OWN CUP TO THE MONTHLY TALKS

The meeting will be open to everyone (no booking in advance) and refreshments will be provided in the church hall afterwards.

Mu3a will provide tea, coffee, milk, sugar, etc. (and a slop bucket for any leftover liquids in your cup!).

We do request, however, that you bring your own tea/coffee cup or container to the meetings in order to minimise any risk of infection.

The Group refreshment rota has been reinstated and volunteers from the designated group will be asked to assist in the kitchen. Please rally your group when it is their turn so that everyone can have a convivial end to their afternoon.

We hope you will all continue to attend and enjoy the monthly talks and the opportunity to chat with friends afterwards. New groups sign ups and other opportunities will also be part of the monthly meeting once again.

Your Mu3a Committee looks forward to seeing you at the talk in June.

CLASSIC VEHICLE MEET UP
Hosted by How Things Work group
Wednesday 6th July

Have you a Classic vehicle- car or motorcycle- or would you like the chance to meet other Mu3a members who have? May be you are thinking of getting a classic vehicle and would like to chance to chat to members who are already owners?

The plan is to meet up with fellow Meopham U3A members at a local Pub for lunch and for the chance to admire the vehicles. This will be followed by an optional run.

If you would like to go along, please contact

David Denman, dave.denman49@outlook.com as the pub have asked that food be ordered in advance.

THE FUTURE OF OUR U3A DEPENDS ON YOU.

Mu3a 7th AGM 12th July 2022

St Johns Church

2pm

Please put this date in your diary and make it a priority to attend.

We need a very good turn out to ensure we have a quorum and can hold elections etc. for 2022/3.

Thank you

Your committee

COFFEE MORNINGS

There will be no coffee mornings until further notice.

EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT EVENT FOR THE MONTHLY MEETING:

The monthly meeting in March was cancelled at the last minute due to the ill health of the speaker. At the coffee morning on Monday 4 April, I asked if there were groups and/or individuals who would be willing to take part in an 'impromptu' replacement event in case this happened again (e.g. 20-minute talk, group presentation, run a quiz etc.)

What I would like to have is a list of individuals/groups I could contact at short notice. In adding your name to the list you are in no way committed to being available but it would be a great help to know of some groups/members who might be able to help in an emergency.

Thank you

Beryl

Please contact Beryl via meopspeaker@gmail.com

BEACON NEWS

Beacon, for those of you who don't know, is the data management system that we use within Mu3a to communicate amongst our groups and to store your membership safely and legally.

It would be helpful to strengthen the Beacon team. The tasks are not onerous and are very straightforward. They usually involve allocating new passwords when a new group starts or a contact changes or amending members details if they move or change their email. Please contact crdcu3a@gmail.com if you would like to join the team.

We are intending to run some Zoom Beacon training for group contacts in the autumn. If you would like to be included please contact crdcu3a@gmail.com. It would be helpful to have some idea of your queries in advance!

NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS COORDINATOR

News from our Groups

If you need to contact Sue, your groups' coordinator, about anything to do with groups, please get in touch via the website, email her at mepgroups22@gmail.com or speak to her at a monthly meeting or coffee morning.

Have you seen our website which has recently been updated and revised? I am concerned that not enough members know about this useful and live resource.

If you can spare a few minutes please go to meophamu3a.org.uk where you will find all current 54 groups listed on the 'Interest Groups Page'. If you click on any group you will find further details of date, time and place of meetings for that group, and how to get in touch with the Group Contact. In addition, the 'Events Calendar' at the top of the page shows you what is on every day - so if you can only attend a group on Fridays, for example, you will see what is available on that day.

The Interest Groups page is especially useful when you are thinking about what to try next year or if you would like to be part of a new group. On one or two group pages you will notice they are marked 'Full', but don't let this put you off your chosen subject. I am always willing to start compiling a list for another group to form.

So please go and have a look and let me know what you think of it and if you'd like to be part of a new group.



London Visits 1 in Rotherhithe

Keep Fit Group.

I have been a member of the Keep Fit Group since it's commencement and it is a friendly and fun group.

Not everybody can attend every session (holidays and Grandchildren permitting)! But there is a regular core of folks who enjoy some gentle exercise. Kate, our instructor, keeps things moving and is encouraging even when we make the wrong moves....

The group does need more regular support as the Sports Centre is concerned about the reduced rate the u3a enjoys and the cost versus income balance and I would suggest that if you haven't yet tried a session then you should. It makes you feel energised and of course, exercise is good for you. So why not come along to the Meopham Leisure Centre on a Thursday for 11.00am for a 45 minutes, you know you will feel better for it!



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