



June 2020 Bulletin

A thought for today

"To Bless the Space Between Us"

by John O' Donohue

"This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.
Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.
If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginnings".

Extra Bulletins

Now life is becoming slightly more normal Extra Bulletins will not be published weekly but as and when there are items that need to be shared. We hope that you have enjoyed the extras and have found them useful over the past 10 weeks. We would like to thank everyone who sent in contributions for their support.

The usual monthly bulletins will resume as of July 2020.

GROUP CONTACT ZOOM MEETING

I hope you are all keeping well and safe during these challenging times. I know that many groups are still managing to meet via Zoom and other devices.

Usually by now, we would have had another Group Contact meeting so I thought it might be an idea to have a Group Contact Zoom meeting. We could share what is happening with our groups and how we are keeping in touch.

The meeting will be on **Thursday June 4th at 2pm**. If you are interested, please could you let me know and I will send you the link later in the week.

Heather mepgroups1@gmail.com

Renewing your membership

We hope that you are enjoying your membership of Meopham U3A and will wish to renew. Annual membership has been reduced to £15 per person for 2020-2021.

While every U3A is an independent entity, each one is also affiliated to the National U3A and through them to the Third Age Trust. Both of these national bodies are very keen to encourage all U3As to seek each and every way to continue to function over the next few weeks, months and maybe longer until the regular pattern of monthly meetings, coffee mornings, varied interest groups, coach outings etc etc can safely recommence.

Across Kent U3As are exploring online monthly "meetings" and some of our most popular speakers are already offering recorded or live talks, others are setting up virtual AGMs, many are holding on line coffee mornings or quizzes and most are going online for group meetings. Some of these may work for Meopham and some may not prove practicable but your committee will continue to do everything they can to nurture and preserve the spirit of MU3A until times are more normal.

A renewal form has been send alongside this bulletin.

Please print it off and post it, along with your cheque to the address on the form with a **SAE** so your new card, (which also acts as your receipt) can be posted back to you. The new cards are not expected to arrive before 15th June 2020 so it may be a while before you receive yours back in the post

If you do not intend to renew please drop a quick email to u3ameopmemsec@gmail.com and that should avoid you getting any reminders.

Thank you

END OF BULLETIN

