



March 2020 Bulletin

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 10th March 2020

2pm

St John the Baptist Church Meopham

Andy Thomas "Crop Circles".

Andy first discovered crop circles when holidaying in Wiltshire in 1991 and has been fascinated by them ever since. Over 30 years later he continues to be involved in research and has written several books on the circles including the very informative "An Introduction to Crop Circles". Come along today to find out more. |



PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE CHURCH

MU3A COFFEE MORNING

The Cricketers Inn on Meopham Green

MONDAY 30TH March 2020

10am -11.30 am

All members and potential members are welcome



*******NEW GROUP*******

FITNESS FOR FUN 2
WEEKLY ON A TUESDAY MORNING



Initial meeting: Tuesday March 10th 2020 11.30- 12.30

This group will be held at Meopham Leisure Centre, and it will cost £4.20 per session.

This is a reasonably gentle exercise class and is led by our trainer, Kate. The class is in three parts: aerobic exercises, weights and bar work. It is enjoyable, sociable and you do not need to be super fit to take part. As with all exercise classes, if you are in any doubt please check with your GP that this kind of class would be suitable for you.

Please sign up via the website if you can but otherwise just turn up on the day.

NEW MEMBER'S COFFEE MORNING

Di, our membership secretary will shortly be in touch to invite all of those of you who have recently joined to join her, and other committee members, for a coffee morning.

We do hope that you will be able to come along.

GROUP CONTACT MEETING IN APRIL

Heather will be organising a meeting for all Group Contacts during April. She will let you know the date once it is fixed with the Cricketers.

If you have any items that you would like to see on the agenda or issues you wish to discuss please email Heather at mepgroups1@gmail.com

DATES for your diary

Saturday 25th April 2020

Meopham U3A Quiz Night Meopham Village Hall 7.15. for 7.30 start.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Thursday 7th May 2020

Coach outing to the Imperial War Museum at **Duxford**: £29 per person including the coach travel and entrance costs. Booking form attached

Tuesday 7th July 2020

Coach outing to **Chapel Down winery** via **Tenterden**: £31 per person including the cost of the tutored wine tasting, the coach travel and all gratuities. Booking form attached.

MU3A VE Day celebration

Tuesday 12th May 2020

Our monthly meeting in May will be given over to celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE day. We are hoping to have a group of re-enactors, an exhibition, some bell ringing, singing and music from our groups, plenty of Union Jacks and maybe even some dancing. We will round the afternoon off with rock cakes, jam tarts and mugs of tea.

We would like to ask you for your help to set the scene.

Do you remember VE day?

Would you agree to be interviewed about your remembrances? MU3A member Steve has been gathering memories of the day and would like to hear of yours. The idea is that these are shared during the meeting on 12th May to make the afternoon more personal to our group. You could read them yourself or someone else could speak on your behalf. Please contact Steve at stevemartin54@hotmail.com or speak to the welcomers or a member of the committee at the March monthly meeting.

Do you have any WW2 memorabilia?

ration booksphotosgas masks ...posters....medals ...uniforms...diaries

Would you be happy to lend your items to us for the exhibition? Items and artefacts can be dropped into the church on 12th May from 10am onwards. If you are at all concerned about the security of your contribution than you are welcome to stay with it at the church.

Thank you



AND FINALLY

Members who wish to are invited to enter into the spirit of the celebration by dressing in suitable attire.

Here are a couple of ideas to get you started

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Would you like to use your talents and capabilities?

Would you like to influence the future direction of Meopham U3A?

If you've answered **"YES"** to any of these questions, have you considered joining our Committee?

Meopham U3A needs to fill 4 positions on your Committee; all to start in July 2020:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Groups Co-ordinator

We are looking for members of any age, experience or background to fill these roles.

The Committee meets once each month at Meopham Village Hall for a couple of hours (maximum) on the afternoon of the day after the monthly meeting. Prospective committee members are invited to attend on these occasions, to familiarise themselves with the various roles before taking them on.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please make yourself known to any member of the Committee, or email a Committee member via the Contact Us page on our website,

<https://www.meophamu3a.org.uk/contact-us>.

CHAIR: Lionel Patterson
VICE CHAIR: Lynda Bolton
HON SECRETARY: Ann MacEwan
HON TREASURER: Kent MacEwan

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Di Fenton
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Laura Adams
GROUPS COORDINATION TEAM LEADER: Heather Wright
SPEAKER PROGRAMME: Alison Hillman

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Lesley Reid

Thank you