



May 2021 Bulletin

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 11th May 2021

Our speaker for Tuesday the 11th May is Meopham U3A member Paul Baylis who has extensively researched local history and his talk is entitled

'The history of the Army Training Camp at Vigo'.

The talk will relate to the role of the army in the area of Vigo and Trosley Country Park from 1942 - 1946 which was one of the biggest establishments of its type in the world.

Topic: Meopham U3A Monthly Talk

Time: 11 May 2021, 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81639952837?pwd=aml5dGRvUUY4bWgwL1JTN0lieWErZz09>

Meeting ID: 816 3995 2837

Passcode: 753570

MERCY SHIPS

Several members have said how much they enjoyed last month's speaker and have enquired about donating personally to Mercy Ships therefore we have included the link below <http://MercyShips.org.uk>

This link will give you more details about the ships and explain how to donate if you should wish to.

NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

AMBLERS

Our Amblers are now able to walk in groups of six and so walks have restarted. These walks are not too long, taken at a steady pace and on the flat as far as possible. They are held at various places in the local area such as .Jeskyns, Trosley , Camer or the Bluewater nature area so are easily reached and have ample parking.

The first walk of the year was on Tuesday, 27th April in Trosley Country Park. In time honoured fashion the walk concluded with a visit to the Bluebell Café. (I can personally recommend their sausage sandwiches Ed.)

If you have taken up walking during the past year and want to continue or have decided to start walking now restrictions are easing then why not join the Amblers. You will be made very welcome. Please contact Linda lindadoyle30@btinternet.com who will send you the details of the next walk.

CYCLING

Have you rediscovered cycling over the past year? Sales of bikes have been phenomenal but don't leave yours in the shed now restrictions are easing ...join the Mu3a cycling group instead and explore our area on two wheels with them.

Richard Gethin will lead a 16 mile ride on Thursday, 6th May 2021 .Starting at 10.00 am in the car park of The Meadow Rooms, The Street, Cobham (Postcode DA12 3DA). The route will go along to Cuxton then over the Medway Bridge to Wouldham returning via Peters Village and the new bridge over the Medway to Halling, Upper Halling and then back via the lanes to Cobham.

If you would like to join this ride then please let Andrew Dunk adunk846@gmail.com know if you are coming so he can make the necessary arrangements for groups of 6 etc.

This group would welcome new members who are prepared to lead rides. Andrew and the other members would be happy to support any volunteers until they felt fully confident to lead.

If you would like to try cycling before you buy a bike don't forget we have the Cyclopark on our doorstep. It is possible to hire a bike and refresh your skills on a well maintained track away from any traffic. Check out their website www.cyclopark.com/ for more details.



Mens singing group

Last month it was the ladies so not to be outdone ...here are the men. This is their first meeting and as you can see it was outside with refreshments while sitting in socially distanced chairs. They are delighted to welcome back Sheila their accompanist too. David was there as well but he must have been taking the photo.

LONDON VISITS 1 AND 2

Our two London Visits groups combined during the restrictions and have made a number of virtual visits to London under the expert guidance of Caroline Piper. For the past eight months Caroline, a Blue Badge guide, has zoomed us around London from parks to palaces and shown us new insights into places we thought we knew very well.

The group is now taking a break from zoom, dusting off their Rail Cards and planning some tentative visits to London in person over the summer. Everyone had a favourite talk and now it's time to retrace those virtual steps maybe even with Caroline as our guide.

These virtual talks have proved very popular with over 40 participants most months. It may be that in future a mix of virtual and face to face meetings will evolve as the regular programme but for now members are itching to jump on the train!

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