



October 2022 Bulletin

MONTHLY MEETING

11th October 2022

St Johns Church at 2pm

Finger Print expert Jack Deans

Jack says “I had a 35 year career in the Fingerprint Branch at New Scotland Yard as a Fingerprint Expert, Crime Scene Examiner and laboratory technician. For 10 years I was the senior fingerprint expert in the West End of London running the Field Force of crime scene examiners. In my career I examined 120 scenes of Murder, dealt with various terrorist groups, examining Safe Houses and Bomb Factories; this led me to present expert evidence at all levels of Court up to, and including, The Old Bailey (Central Criminal Court). I am now engaged as a Fingerprint Consultant conducting individual enquiries.”

Intriguedwell come along ...

Followed by refreshments in the St Johns Centre.

Members will no longer have to bring their own mugs as these will be provided in the hall.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

- New Members meeting Monday 10 Oct 2022

Both meetings will be at 10am at the Cricketers Inn, Meopham.

Free tea and coffee will be available.

GROUP REFRESHMENTS ROTA

From September 2022 we returned to the old system whereby each group in turn helps set up, serve the tea/coffee/biscuits and clear up after the Monthly Members' meeting. Lynda Bolton will bring the supplies and guide the groups in the use of the dishwasher and kitchen facilities.

We ask for at least 4 volunteers for the appropriate month. Even if you do not usually go to the monthly meeting please make the effort to attend when it is your groups turn.

Refreshments for 11th October 2022 will be supported by Bee Watch groups.

Please contact Sue Bates, Groups Co-ordinator on mepgroups22@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding this rota.

BEGINNER PATCHWORK GROUP

Are you interested in joining a new Beginner Patchwork group? The aim would be to gain basic skills while completing small projects before progressing on to larger items. Two projects suitable for a complete beginner.

Quilted cover for a note book



Quilted tote bag (optional internal zipped pocket)



Please contact me if you would like more details:
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Notes from the Chair.

After avoiding Covid for two and a half years, my wife and I finally succumbed to the dreaded virus in September. Many thanks to Carole Dickenson for stepping in to host the September monthly meeting and persuading no less than 29 people to volunteer to help moving Meopham u3a forward in so many ways.

Thanks also to all those who put their names forward. However, we still need more, so please feel free to email me (chairmu3a@gmail.com) with any special skills that you feel you could offer. Remember, we're not looking for a huge commitment in time, but the more input we have from our members, the stronger we will be.

Over the past 5 years, as a member of Meopham u3a, I've just been happy to enjoy the special interest groups that are joined. Since I've been in the Chair, I have found that the u3a offers so much more. I urge you to read u3a Matters and the SE Forum newsletter ([South East U3A Forum : Home \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk)) as well as our own website [Meopham U3A](#) (Click the links)

For instance, I've only just learnt about the u3a residential summer school that will be held next September at Chichester university over 4 days. It's proved very popular events in the past and while the full program for 2023 is not yet finalised it's worth taking a look at the webpage [South East U3A Forum: Summer School \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk) . Why not take a look?

NEW EVENTS TEAM

Your committee has decided to set up a new EVENTS TEAM to organise one or two fun activities and outings open to the whole membership of Meopham u3a during the year.

There is still time to put your name forward to be part of this team

An initial meeting is planned for Friday 7th October at 2pm. Contact Mike chairmu3a@gmail.com if you would like more details.

END OF SEASON MEETING OF BEE WALK GROUP

Date 3rd October 2022

Time 10:30

Venue Mill Café, Millbrook Garden Centre, Gravesend

This is a chance for us all to get together to share the ups and downs of the 2022 season. There have been 5 walks this year and it is hoped that a representative of each group will give a brief report.

We have worked in tandem this year but a new group co-ordinator is needed for 2023. Please consider taking on this role.

Chris Hague-Smith and Beryl Connelly

GARDEN VISITS GROUP

Members had no shortage of suggestions for gardens they would like to visit and the programme will be available shortly. Most visits will be during the spring, summer and autumn 2023 but there should be a couple of opportunities during the autumn of 2022. If you would like to join this group please visit our website.

NATIONAL HERITAGE GROUP

At the recent planning meeting it was decided to expand the scope of this group beyond National Trust properties to include English Heritage and private sites. A programme of visits for 2022/2023 is being drawn up and will be circulated to members of the group. If you are interested in joining the group please visit the website and put your name down.

LONDON VISITS 2

This group has spaces and would welcome new or existing members who enjoy visiting places of interest in London. Following the recent planning meeting a full calendar of visits is in place but new members will also have the opportunity to organize a visit of their choice. Please express an interest via the website.

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