



September 2021 Bulletin

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 14th September 2021

Amanda Cotterell Ambassador for Kent

Dr Amanda Cottrell OBE is Patron of both Visit Kent and Produced in Kent, Director of Visit England and former High Sheriff of Kent. Having served as a magistrate for more than 20 years, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law from the University of Kent, and was invested with the OBE in 2011 in recognition of her services to Kent.

Amanda came to talk to Mu3a in February 2019 but it was one of those freezing winter days when the temperature in the venue wasn't conducive to sitting still for long. Amanda left us waiting for more ...much more and now she is coming back.

We do hope you will join us for her zoom presentation.

Details for joining the zoom presentation will be emailed separately.

FUTURE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Watch the website for information about our possible return to St John's in the near future. Thank you to those of you sent your thoughts and suggestions to the committee.

NEWS FROM OUR GROUPS

Modern Jive Dancing

Modern Jive Dancing will restart on Monday 6th September 7:30 pm Christ Church Hall, Gravesend DA12 1NR. The group will be led by Alan and Lynn Scott.

Subsequent meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

Please reply to alanscottmr2@hotmail.com to let Alan know if you would like to join this group.

How Things Work

The How Things Work group have resumed visits.

We started in August with very interesting tours of The Old Naval College, Greenwich. Our two excellent guides lead us through 500 Years History of The College followed by The Painted Hall.

Planned trips for the remainder of the year include:

The Globe Theatre

Crossness Pumping Station

The Ramsgate Tunnels

If you are interested in joining this group please follow the link to our page on the website:

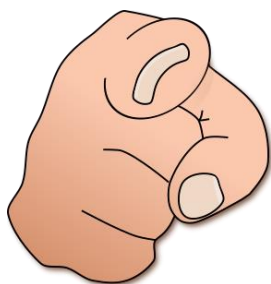
<https://www.meophamu3a.org.uk/how-things-work>

Alternatively send me a message directly:

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Andrew Morgan

"Your u3a needs YOUR HELP"



We have a **vacancy on our committee AND Spanish and German groups** are **closing**....Do you have a language skill that you could pass on to others?

MEOPHAM u3a AGM 12th OCTOBER 2021

After a successful virtual and postal AGM last year your committee intends to do the same this year....just in case things should change again.

Notification letters and forms have been sent out by 9th August and all nominations must be in by latest 14th September. More details can be found on our website.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewals have been coming in thick and fast already and over 200 of you have already renewed. This is a good indication of a vibrant and growing u3a that is going to thrive in the future.... and one that is well worth being an active member of for the bargain price of £10.

Please remember to send in your year's subscription as soon as possible and don't forget to include an **S.A.E. for your membership card**. A renewal form can be found on our website. www.meophamu3a.org.uk

Please spread the word to neighbours, friends and family about our u3a and encourage them to join too.

MU3A Coffee Mornings

The Meopham U3A coffee (or tea) morning started up again in August. It was held from 10:00 to 11:30 on 23/8 at the Cricketers pub and was an excellent opportunity for members to meet, catch up and get updates.

There was a good turnout (over 20) and I'm pretty sure everyone enjoyed themselves. I know I did. There was a very quick and well-received (but pretty useless) quiz... I'll **do better** next time? I reminded everyone that we need volunteers for the Committee vacancies coming up, and Heather Wright updated us about using the website for general information and for getting in touch with Group Contacts.

If anyone does want to get information on MU3A generally or it's groups, please use www.meophamu3a.org.uk

We welcomed one completely new member and at least two "nearly new" members who joined last year - just before Lockdown!! I am hopeful they gained useful knowledge about how the U3A works and how friendly we are.

All going well, the next coffee morning will be on 27 September.

Regards, Lynda Bolton
Vice Chair
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Group contact meeting

10 am on 20th September 2021

Please join Heather and your fellow group contacts at The Cricketers on Meopham Green for a chance to catch up and to meet our new group organiser Sue Bates.

We are hoping for a good turn out so we can discuss ways forward for all our groups.

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