



Welcome to the latest edition of our E-Newsletter,

Our September Meeting

The speaker was John Ellis who gave a very excellent and informative talk entitled “The History of the Motor Car – Part 1 – **The Birth**”, which dealt with the very earliest days of original invention & led up to the early post World War 1 period of the 1920’s.

This was the first of four talks on the subject of motor transport and the other three talks will be scheduled over the next 2 years. They are:

Part 2 “**Adolescence**” – takes the story of the development of the car forward to the 1960’s

Part 3 “**Maturity**” – from the 1960’s to the present day covering advances in design & manufacturing.

Part 4 “**The Road Ahead**” – a look into the future covering usage, the electronic age & future possible developments.

October Meeting

Our October meeting will be held on Thursday 4th October at 09.30 for a 10.30 start and the speaker will be Andre Edwards with a talk entitled “The Pilgrim Bandits Charity” which was established initially in New Milton by a small group of Special Forces veterans with the sole aim of using their unique training and experience to help and inspire our injured Forces to live life to the full and go a little further.

Started in New Milton and Registered as a charity on 1 March 2010 by ex-Special Forces Members with the view to provide challenges and obstacles that would serve to strengthen the spirit of injured servicemen and women and those from the emergency services. By working with Pilgrim Bandits, they are pushed to new limits, both physically and mentally, which in turn starts to rebuild belief and confidence in one’s own ability again

Membership of Men’s Get Together Group

As we are receiving visitors on a regular basis it has been agreed that a visitor’s first meeting would be free but they must join the group and pay for any subsequent attendances.

Most Members have now renewed their membership of our group but for those who were unable to do so, please come prepared with the membership fee which remains at £16 (for

the 9th year) to 31 March 2019 at our September meeting. For those paying by Cheque, please make it payable to “Men’s Get Together”.

Members should be aware that although the finances of the group remain healthy currently, the Committee will be considering an increase in the membership fee at some point in the next year or two to cover the increasing costs of good speakers etc.,

Community Centre Membership

Members of our Men’s Group are reminded that a pre-requisite for being a member of the Men’s Group is that you must be a member of the New Milton Community Centre.

The committee would like to thank the many members of our group who have already renewed your membership of the New Milton Community Centre and those who have not renewed their membership should do so for the year to December 31st 2018 by talking to the team on the front desk.

Visits by Members to Attractions

The Committee and particularly Frank Willett will be happy to receive suggestions from members of Attractions that they think could be of interest to the Group. These could include places previously visited or places people wish to visit. The Committee will also be checking local coach company one-day trips to see if any may be suitable.

Any suggestions will be gratefully received and can be discussed at the next meeting.

Members Talks

If any members of our Men’s Get Together Group have histories, experiences, interests or hobbies which they think could be of interest to the members in general and would be happy to give a presentation at a future meeting please talk to Dane Thomas at a meeting.

Men’s Shed Organisation

The Men’s Shed Organisation is an expanding group of meeting points for men which started in 2013 and is now a registered charity with over 400 branches across the UK. There is a meeting being held on Thursday 20th September at 7pm in the New Milton Memorial Centre in Whitefield Road, about setting up a Men’s Shed locally. See included flier for full details or visit www.menssheds.org.uk for more information.

EU Data Protection Regulations

To date 58 members have completed and returned the GDPR form that all members were asked to complete and return. Blank copies will be available at the next meeting for members to complete then.

A full multipage document is displayed on the Noticeboard in Reception for the information of any member who wishes to see the full details of the EU General Data Protection Regulations.

Unfortunately, should any member not wish to complete the document and return it then we will be unable to communicate with them by post, phone or e-mail nor will we be allowed to hold any such details about them and thus they will no longer receive the monthly MGT Newsletter which I e-mail to you. Additionally, I will be required to delete any details we hold at the moment.

Sending out Monthly Newsletters

I am aware that there are some members who do not have e-mail addresses, so I will be hand delivering or posting the monthly newsletter to them. If you acquire an e-mail address or change it at any stage, please let me know so that I can update your details. Thanks.

Look out for our notice board in the hall at our meetings, where we advertise all of our activities and news of recent events etc.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our next meeting.

Kind regards,

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