



Welcome to the latest edition of our E-Newsletter,

Our April 2019 Meeting

Our April meeting started with the Annual General Meeting at which the Chairman, Membership Secretary and Treasurer each delivered their reports.

The Chairman reflected on a successful 50th anniversary year for the club despite some sad deaths of members; he thanked the Committee for their work; he referred to the EU data protection laws which are now successfully implemented in our club, and he reflected on the interesting and varied programme over the past year anticipating that this will continue into this year's programme.

The Membership Secretary reported that the club has now grown to include some 90 members and that several new members had joined this year who were all most welcome. He reported that two Members had agreed to join the Committee these being Stan Dencher and Anthony Clark, and he thanked all members for their continued support throughout the year.

The Treasurer reported a slight loss in 2018/19 of £111, compared to a surplus of £140 in the previous year. The loss was caused by increases in the cost of room hire, speakers' fees and the free 50th celebration event in July. He stated that the situation will be corrected by the agreed increase of £2 per member in annual subscriptions.

With the appointment of the two new members your Committee comprises:

Ted Norman	Chairman
Dane Thomas	Vice Chairman
Dave Eley	Membership Secretary
Dave Judson	Treasurer
Charles Pembroke	Minutes Secretary
Frank Willett	Visits Secretary
Stan Dencher	Speakers Secretary
Nigel King	Welcoming Team and Community Centre Liaison
Dave Rogers	Doorman
Anthony Clark	Member
Terry Partridge	Member

The AGM was followed by our speaker Bill Coombes gave us a very interesting close-up look at what goes on in the International Space Station including a video of an astronaut showing us around the inside layout and functionality of the station.

The May Meeting

The May Meeting on Thursday 2nd May will include a presentation on Beekeeping by Ted Scott, a local Beekeeper telling us about this fascinating pastime.

June Meeting

On Thursday 6th June John Ellis will be delivering the second of his series on motorcars this one entitled "History of the Motorcar (2) Adolescence" taking the story of the development of the car forward to the 1960's.

Membership Fees

Some 56 members have so far paid their membership fees of £18 for the year commencing 1st April 2019. Please, it would be appreciated if members can pay by cheque made out to "Men's Get Together".

Don't forget that it is a condition of membership that you must be a member of the New Milton Community Centre as well, for us to have access to the facilities at an advantageous rate. Members should renew their Community Centre membership for the calendar year 2019 now. It will speed up the renewal process if you have your old membership card and the correct money which is the same as last year i.e.

- £8.00 for 2019 membership
- £1.00 for a 2019 car park permit, (a permit does not guarantee a space will be available), and 50p if a new windscreen holder is required.

Visits by Members to Fort Nelson

A group of 10 members took the planned visit to Fort Nelson on Tuesday 9th April 2019, which turned out to be a fascinating introduction to one of the last great fortresses ever built in Britain. Amongst other things the Royal Armoury is home to an extraordinary selection of hundreds of pieces of Artillery including a Turkish Bombard cast in 1464 and a 1980's supergun which boasted a 156-metre long barrel which would have been capable of sending a projectile weighing up to 2 tons into temporary orbit! A very interesting place worthy of a visit. Our thanks to Frank for organising this visit.

Men's Shed Organisation

The New Milton Sheddors are meeting for a Friday natter at the New Milton Town Football Club at Fawcett Field every Friday from 12.00 Noon and if anyone is interested in helping to

form or join a New Milton Shed then pop along or e-mail newmiltonmensshed@btinternet.com to be put on the mailing list for future updates. It has recently been announced that the Council have agreed that the club can take over the use of a building next to the Fernhill Cricket Ground in the short term.

Walking Football in New Milton

Members are reminded that this activity occurs on Friday mornings from 10.00 on the all-weather pitches at the New Milton Recreation Ground. If interested, email Stan Dencher at JSD333UK@gmail.com or just turn up with both (1) a predominantly dark top & (2) a predominantly light top.

Fire Evacuation Update

At the start of each of our meetings the Chairman advises that in the event of the Fire Alarms sounding, Members should evacuate the room via the two emergency exits in the exterior corners of the room and congregate in the Council Car Park. It has transpired that there is some confusion over which car park this refers to, so included with this newsletter is a diagram of the route to be followed.

In summary, Members exit via the Fire Exits in the corners of the room (and NOT the main entrance) follow the Community Centre Car Park around to the exit onto Spencer Road, turn RIGHT and then RIGHT again into the Spencer Road Car Park. Members should congregate at the Muster Point at the far end and await to be checked so that we do not send Firefighting personnel into the centre searching for members when they have actually left the area.

Sending out Monthly Newsletters

I am aware that there are some members who do not have e-mail addresses, so I am 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.

Kind regards,

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Evacuation Route

