



Welcome to the latest edition of our E-Newsletter,

Our August Meeting

Our Speaker Howard Nicholls delivered a talk entitled “The Mary Celeste... Mystery of the Sea”. The part that Captain Spooner Briggs and his crew played. Was it abandoned to sink for an insurance claim or was the cargo responsible for them leaving the ship? Where does she lie now and how a world renowned author set about finding her. Modern techniques now hold a clue to solving this mystery of the sea.

All members found it a most interesting and illuminating talk and Howard was roundly applauded for his presentation.

The September Meeting

The September meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September with doors opening at 10.00am. Our speaker is Eric Moody and his subject is entitled “Gliding a 747”.

On 24th June 1982, Captain Eric Moody was senior pilot on a 747 jet above the Indian Ocean when his aircraft flew into a cloud of volcanic ash and all four engines failed. The Captain recounts this hair-raising story. I think this is a must attend meeting!

Membership Fees

Some 78 members have so far paid their membership fees for the year commencing 1st April 2019.

It should be noted that due to Data Protection Act Regulations the Committee have deleted the details any Member who had not renewed their membership by the end of the meeting on 1st August.

Please, it would be appreciated if members 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. New members of the Association and members who failed to renew their Centre membership (who will have to re-join) there is a joining fee of £2.50 and only £4.00 for remaining half of this year. It is £8.00 for a full year.

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.

Visits by Members to Didcot Railway Centre

You will have seen descriptions of the Didcot Railway Centre in previous issues of this Newsletter but suffice to say this promises to be a great day out. This particular day (21st September) is a Steam Day and there is a Victorian Theme. Admission to the Centre is £10.00 per person, and there is no extra cost to take as many train rides as you like. In addition there will be the opportunity to explore the centre which describes itself as the Living Museum of the Great Western Railway, the Engine Shed, The Coal Stage, Turntable and Workshops etc. etc., You may like to take a look at the website <https://didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk/>.

After exploring various options of transport to get there, it has been decided that the most convenient and economical way of doing it is by private car. Lifts will be offered to those who need them. Wives/partners are very welcome. The distance from New Milton is 80 miles approx. and we would aim to meet at the Railway Centre at around 11am.

If you have not already booked and would like to do so, please either e-mail Frank Willett (frankwillett45@gmail.com) and indicate whether you would be taking your car or would like a lift. You could also phone Frank on 01425 629830.

There will be a final chance to can book at the September monthly meeting when final details will be agreed.

Help

The committee have become aware that some members who would wish to attend are unable to do so because they are disabled or in some other way infirm and lacking transport options. It has been suggested that a small group of committee members and members who would be willing to assist such members to attend on an occasional or rotating basis perhaps be formed.

Any member who feels that they would be able to assist in this way please talk to a Committee member.

Information from Nigel King – MGT Community Centre Liaison

The Community Centre has started a Facebook page, there is a link to it on the "Home" page and also on the "Centre News Stories" page of the website. If you are on Facebook, please visit and consider following or a like, thanks.

People wishing to access the Men's Get Together page on the website is at:

<http://newmiltoncommunity.org.uk/mens-get-together.html>

which includes this year's programme of speakers and previous MGT Newsletters.

Walking Football in New Milton

Members are reminded that this free-of-charge activity occurs on Friday mornings from 09.30 for about an hour 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 and see if Walking Football is for you.

Loss of a Committee Member

Unfortunately, one of our committee members is resigning due to ill health and therefore there will be a vacancy for a new member. Anyone interested please talk to our Chairman Ted Norman.

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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