



Welcome to the latest Edition of our Newsletter,

The November Meeting

As announced our speaker was Nick Saunders who took us through the history of the Victoria Cross from its inception in the 1850's after the Crimean War concentrating primarily on the awards to Hampshire soldiers in the First World War. The VC is the highest military award for valour in the face of the enemy and 2 were awarded to Army medics who were unarmed. The third soldier described was a Major who lived in New Milton and who is buried in the churchyard of St Mary Magdalene in Old Milton Green. Nick was thanked for a very interesting presentation.

The December Meeting

The speaker at our December meeting on Thursday 2nd December will be our member Ron Taylor with a talk entitled "Stourhead to Sandpit"

The 2022 Meetings

As most of you are aware, we have traditionally invited our partners to attend the January meeting (on Thursday, 13th) but this time due to Covid restrictions on the number of people allowed into the meeting room, this meeting will be for members only. Hopefully by July we will be able to invite members partners to our summer meeting as normal.

Speakers booked so far for 2022 are:

- 13 January – (the 2nd Thursday in Jan) The Metropolitan Police and Forensics – A Detective Chief Inspector's work by Roger Cooper
- 3 February – The Deserts of Namibia by Ian Schulz
- 3 March – The blue & white racers – Poole Pirates speedway by Howard Nichols
- 7 April – From the Cold War to the Gulf War; Memories of an Intelligence Officer 1955-1996 by Derek Redman

Members please note that the June Meeting has been moved to the 2nd Thursday (9th) as the 2nd and 3rd June are special Bank Holidays for the Queens Platinum Anniversary.

Help your fellow members

If any member(s) would be willing to assist others to attend on an occasional or rotating basis, please contact any Committee member at the next meeting. Thank you.

Membership of the NM Community Centre

Membership of the Community Centre is a pre-requisite for anyone wishing to be a member of our Men's Get Together Group or any other group that the Centre runs and this membership runs for each calendar year i.e. from 1st January to 31st December.

This is because membership of the Centre is NOT required for those who attend in rooms at the Centre which they have hired, as it is up to the hirer who attends their meetings.

If you have not done so, please join/renew your Centre membership as soon as possible. The fee for the year 2022 is expected to be £12.00 with an extra £1.00 if you wish to obtain a centre car park permit, and plastic windscreen holders are available at 50p. Membership renewals to the Centre for 2022 will be starting on 1st December and will stop at the end of February 2022, after which previous members will have to re-join and pay the extra £2.50 administration fee, sorry.

Membership of our Men's Get Together group

Membership of our group runs from 1st April to 31st March each year. As members must be aware, the costs associated with running the Men's Group and particularly of obtaining quality speakers have risen over the last 20 months and unfortunately your Committee have had to make the decision to raise the annual membership fee from £18.00 to £20.00.

Members are therefore asked to pay £10.00 by cheque to Dave Judson (our Treasurer) at the next meeting in December to cover the 6 meetings from October this year until March next year. Members who attended their first meeting in October should pay £10.00 as attendance at the first meeting is free. Members restarting to attend in November should pay £8.00, December £6.00, January £4.00 and February £2.00)

Members should renew their membership for the 2021/22 year at the March 2022 meeting or at the latest by the April meeting.

Members are asked to pay fees by cheque made payable to "Men's Get Together"

The April Meeting

Our April 2022 meeting on Thursday 7th will commence with our Annual General Meeting at which our various Committee Members will present their annual reports for the group to members.

There will then be the Election of Officers (all of whom will continue their existing duties until that date) and as reported previously we are in desperate need of members to

volunteer to become Committee members. We would like to see new faces helping to run the group and most positions on the Committee are open for nominations so please consider if you can help.

At our AGM our Chairman and Vice Chairman will both be standing down after a number of years and will not be seeking re-election. Several other Committee will also not be seeking re-election. So please help if you can. Speak to any of those below to find out more.

Your current Committee comprises:

Chairman	Ted Norman
Vice Chairman	Dane Thomas
Membership Secretary	Dave Eley
Treasurer	Dave Judson
Minutes Secretary	Charles Pembroke
Speaker's Secretary	Stan Dencher
Visits Secretary	Frank Willett
Centre Co-ordinator	Nigel King
Doorkeeper	Dave Rogers
Meet & Greeter	Terry Partridge
Meet & Greeter	Kevin Newton

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