

MEN'S GET TOGETHER GROUP



MGT NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest Edition of our Newsletter,

The March Meeting

At the March meeting Ian Schulz returned and presented a talk entitled “**Google: Everything you wanted to know and LOTS you didn’t know you wanted to know!**” which was an informative introduction to the Google software and in particular its lesser known features.

The April Meeting

The April meeting will be on Thursday 7th April at 10.00 for a **10.15** start for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to take place. At that AGM some of the existing Committee Members will be handing over to the new committee and officers. If there is no-one to hand over too, then the MGT group will close down. So we are in dire need of volunteers to fill the vacancies. In particular we need someone to volunteer for the following two key roles:

- The Chairman – if you may interested please contact Ted Norman on 01425 629027 or e-mail glomel@hotmail.com who will be happy to explain the role
- The Treasurer – if you may be interested please contact Dave Judson on 01425 611393 or e-mail dpjudson@btinternet.com who will
- also be happy to explain the role

Following the recent reorganisation each of these two roles has been substantially simplified and neither of these roles are arduous.

Each of the above Committee Members will give a presentation at the AGM of the activities over the last 12 months in their areas.

At the end of the AGM our Speaker John ELLIS will deliver his 4th talk on the history of the car, this one entitled “The Road Ahead: The Electronic Age”.

Notification to Members of changes that have been agreed by your current Committee and will take effect on and from the APRIL Meeting

- Our Financial year is changing to align with the NMDCC Financial Year which is January to December.

- Anyone wishing to be a member of the Men's Get Together Group (MGT) must be a member of the New Milton and District Community Centre (NMDCC) and must pay an annual fee of £12.00 at the Community Centre Reception desk which covers the building maintenance costs, cleaning etc.,
- o Any current members of the MGT who wish to attend our monthly meetings and who have not renewed their membership of the NMDCC must do so at the front desk in the Centre. There are currently 16 who have yet to renew.
- o After much discussion it has been agreed that the membership fee of the MGT will be an annual fee for the 9 months ending December 2022 of £36.00 rather than the previously stated fee of £4.00 at the door for each meeting. This obviates the need for lots of cash handling on the doors at each meeting. Members are asked to pay this £36.00 by **Cheque** made out to "**Men's Get Together**" given to the Treasurer at this **APRIL** meeting.
- o Teas/Coffees/Biscuits will be available from Genevieve at a cost of £0.60 payable in Cash (exact amount only).
- o New Members joining throughout the year will be charged a pro-rata rate for their membership of the MGT.
- The Monthly Newsletter will be replaced by a simple e-mail to each member advising of the date of the next meeting, the name of the Speaker and the subject of the Presentation.
- Members are now to be responsible for their own badges and should bring them and take them home with them at the end of each meeting.
- New badges will be created by the Membership Secretary as the need arises.

Members are advised of the following current Committee Members status at the end of the March meeting and that new Committee Members will need to volunteer to take over these roles. To contact committee members to discuss these roles the names and contact details of all committee members are shown below:

Members Resigning:

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| · | Ted Norman | Chairman | 01425 629027 |
| · | Dane Thomas | Deputy Chairman | not available |
| · | David Judson | Treasurer | 01425 611393 |
| · | Kevin Newton | Meet & Greeter | not available |
| · | David Rogers | Doorkeeper | 01425 616990 |

Members not resigning:

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| · | Charles Pembroke | Minutes Secretary | 01425 628203 |
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- Dave Eley Membership Secretary 01425 621135
- Stan Dencher Speakers Secretary JSD333UK@gmail.com
- Frank Willett Visits Secretary 01425 629830
- Terry Partridge Meet and Greeter 01425 273909
- Nigel King Welcoming Team & 01425 620895
Community Centre Liaison

If a member is interested in any of the above roles full job descriptions are available.

PLEASE consider whether you could volunteer to take on one of these roles.

If we cannot get new Committee Members, then the MGT Group risks closing down.

Getting New Members

As those who attended our February and March Meetings are aware the number attending our meetings have dropped significantly since we re-started in October last year. Prior to the start of the pandemic we had 85 paid up members with between 50 to 60 attending regularly. The numbers attending each meeting from October to January averaged 37.

As David Judson pointed out at the EGM financially the MGT Group is not viable and will be running at a loss. This is not allowed under Charity Commission Rules (the Centre is a registered charity) and if losses continue the MGT Group will close down.

It is therefore vital that we increase the numbers attending our meetings. Some increases will come from members who have felt unable to re-join us due to continued uncertainty about the state of Covid restrictions and/or current health issues who may return as restrictions ease and health issue reduce.

We have been able to undertake some free advertising in community magazines including Focus, Barton Bugle and New Milton Mail but we do not have a budget for wider advertising and in any case the best way to get new members is by existing members introducing friends and neighbours

Please help us add new members to our group.

Kind regards

Dave Eley – Membership and Newsletter Secretary

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