



Welcome to the latest edition of our E-Newsletter,

Our May 2019 Meeting

Our May Meeting on Thursday 2nd May included a very interesting presentation on Beekeeping by Ted Scott, a local Beekeeper telling us about this fascinating pastime. I think that everyone found this to be an absorbing subject and many questions were asked and answered.

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.

July Meeting

On Thursday 4th July Kathy McNally returns to give us a talk entitled “The Golden Age of Piracy”. 50,000 pirates roamed the seas during this time. Who were they and how did they live? Find out about the pirates who roam the seas and oceans today and what is being done to keep them in check.

Please note that Members can invite their partners to this meeting.

Membership Fees

Some 62 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 Didcot Railway Centre

Frank is considering organising a visit to the Didcot Railway Centre at some point in September this year if enough Members show an interest. The centre is a museum and exhibition centre for the Great Western Railway and houses railway stock, running engines and historical information for the railway. A guided tour (1 hour) can be arranged if required. Things to do/see include:

- See the collection of GWR locomotives in the Engine Shed.
- Enjoy the 1930s Branch Line at Didcot Halt.
- Compare the 1930s signalling by the Level Crossing with the Victorian signalling near the Transfer Shed.
- Visit the Carriage Display to see restoration projects in progress.
- See Isambard Kingdom Brunel's Atmospheric Railway pipe by the Broad Gauge.
- Visit the Transfer Shed and compare Victorian Broad Gauge and 20th century Standard Gauge railway track.
- See our collection of railway trolleys in Wantage Road Garage.
- Discover the Edwardian Steam Rail Motor in its Shed behind the Science Learning & Railways Exhibition.
- Visit the Museum & Archive to see the railway posters.
- See where Didcot Railway Centre has featured in films and TV on the Action Stations trail.

Entrance fees vary from £6 to £10 depending which day we book and there will be a fee to cover the cost of the transport to Didcot. It is likely that the day including travel will last about 7-8 hours, so we would leave about 09.30 arriving back about 17.00. Refreshments are available at the site.

Members will be asked if they are interested at our June meeting and if enough are then further research, information and costs will be circulated.

Men's Shed Organisation

The New Milton Sheddies 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 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.

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

