



*New Milton  
Community Association*

# Newsletter

April / May 2005



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## THE NEW MILTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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**NEWSLETTER COPY FOR June / July  
By 12 Noon, Thursday May 19th**

The Centre is open daily 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Evenings 6.30 p.m. – 10.30 p.m.

Saturdays 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**NEW MILTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
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**Message from the Chairman**

It does make a difference when praise comes your way. The Executive has had its fair share of knocks over recent months, so perhaps at last the benefits are being seen and appreciated.

Progress with partnership was evident at the last Council meeting 21st Feb.2005. The response from The Membership, the two-way conversation on question and answer brought about praise from a past Chairman, Eddie Maybury, who thanked the Executive for their efforts and the progress we were making.

The second praise came from correspondence with individual and collective comments on many aspects of change and an appreciation on improvements that have been made.

The third praise was the Sunday concert 13th March 2005, Tony Stace and his music. What a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon given in a style which pleased everyone. Apart from the performance, the instant response from everyone was that this was what the Centre needed.

From the Executive point of view it was particularly gratifying, we were giving the membership what they wanted and the thanks and accolades were unanimous and conclusive.

I must say it makes a change. The meetings we hold are long and quite intense in an effort to reach the right formula for the Association. I suppose if a dozen newspapers can write a dozen different versions on a single sentence, we should accept that the praises we have received are genuine, warm, and encouraging.

**Robert Hilton – Chairman**

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**Editorial**

A year ago I wrote my first Editorial for The Newsletter. In that issue I asked for ideas and feedback, electronic submission of content and warned of changes ahead. You have responded magnificently to all of these things and have made my job so much easier than it might have been. I have

received many ideas and articles for inclusion, over half of the submissions are received typed or via e-mail, and I have received many positive messages in support of the new format. I have tried not to change too much too quickly, and hope that you continue to enjoy The Newsletter.

Today I had a conversation with a long-standing member, the essence of which provided an interesting insight to the way that members perceive changes in The Association. In 1968, or thereabouts, he was part of a group of people who were working together to build this Association. I use the term 'build' in both a developmental and literal sense as at that time the present building did not exist. The Community Association met near the Memorial Hall, and later on the corner of Osborne Road and Station Road. The co-operative spirit that this building and fund raising process fostered gave a camaraderie and identity that permeated all aspects of The Association's business for many future years. As new members joined, and established ones left, the memories of these times faded, and with them the attitudes and motivations of founder members were replaced with a different perception of what The Association meant. In a nutshell, whilst the established members harboured binding memories of the hard work they had undertaken, the newer ones simply accepted the existence of The Centre and attended their sessions being thankful for the range and price of activities on offer. The membership had become predominantly consumers, rather than builders. I was reminded that we all take a pride in things that we have conceived, planned, financed and built, which is on a different level from the feelings we have for something we have simply bought into. There is a parallel here with modern society where, particularly the young are accused of knowing the price of everything and the value of nothing.

It takes only a few moments thought to recognise the value of our Association. It is more than the section or activity; more than the building; and more than the various hard working volunteers that put in many hours on your behalf. It is, in fact, all of these things. Most importantly however, it is the spirit of co-operation, friendship and support that we share with each other. We can all be justly proud that this spirit thrives as is evidenced by the marvellous array of activities that take place at The Centre.

It is AGM time of year so please play your part in the section that provides activities for you. Officers of sections will not press you into 'doing something' unless you want to, but they would like to see as many of you there as possible so please make the effort just to show you care.

**Richard B Ferguson – Editor**

### Forthcoming Events

22 <sup>nd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Art Exhibition
25 <sup>th</sup> April 10 am	Receptionists Meeting
14th May	Jubilee Singers Spring Concert

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### Charity Table Sales - Saturdays 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

9th April	N M Townswomens' Guild
16th April	Little Sisters of the Poor
23rd April	Motor Neurone Disease
30th April	Wessex Cancer
13th May	Little Sisters of the Poor

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### MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Secretary: Eileen Myring

The April luncheon will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**. The sale of tickets at £2.50 will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April in the Common Room from 10.00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

**Menu:** Cold pork, hot potatoes & salad, roll & butter.

Bakewell Tart and cream or cheese & biscuits.

Speaker: **Tommy Steele on Taken for a Ride.**

The May luncheon will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. The sale of tickets at £2.50 will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the Common Room from 10.00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

**Menu:** Cold ham, hot potatoes and salad, roll & butter.

Pineapple Surprise and cream or cheese & biscuits.

Speaker: **Wendy Bryant on Life in a Film Studio.**

Tickets after given dates (if available) from Lena Spencer on 01425 619198.

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### TSUNAMI UPDATE

The total of money collected for the Tsunami Relief Fund by the sale of paintings from The Wednesday Art Group was just over£300.

### **Full Listing of Groups Affiliated to New Milton Community Association**

Barton & District BPW	Val Williams	01590 645926
Brockenhurst Music Society	Mrs Young	01590 683805
CAMEO in New Milton	Irene Coates	01425 629596
Extend	Diana Steer	01425 610756
Forest Arts Centre	Carol Waterkeyn	01425 612393
Friends of St. Barbe Museum	Mr G C Bowler	01590 676413
Hampshire Ass. For Care of the	Mrs Juan Mulkern	01425 622401
Humanist Association - Dorset	Liliane Apers	01425 638296
Jo Jingles	Claudia Stevens	01590 674744
Milton Green WI.	Mrs V Raymond	01425 612629
Milton Musical Society	Mrs Sheila Godfrey	01425 611888
Motor Neurone Disease Ass.	MND Association	01202 668923
Music at Beaulieu Abbey	Margaret Marshall	023 80892469
National Trust (Christchurch & New	Mrs P Pipe	01425 480891
Neighbourcare NM	Miss B Rowlands	01425 622107
New Forest Organ Soc.	Keith Evans	01425 612515
New Forest Quilt Group	Mrs Meg Goodwin	01425 272801
New Milton & District Twinning	Betty Underwood	01425 638763
New Milton Carer's Support Group	Joan Felstead	01425 622358
New Milton Hard of Hearing Club	Mrs C Pitts	01425 615215
New Milton Horticultural Society	Mr P Brown	01425 628748
New Milton Indoor Bowls Club	D A James	01425 615103
New Milton Recorded Music Society	B J Stevenson	01590 682730
New Milton Talking Newspaper	Malcolm Partridge	01425 610119
New Milton Town Partnership	Alison Talbot	01425 626212
New Milton Townswomen's Guild	Mrs Henson	01425 617505
District Res. Assn.	Mrs P C Inglis	01425 615069
R.N.L.I.	Miss Slater	01425 622111
RAFA	R G Russell	01425 611171
The Friday Sequence Dance Club	Joyce Verrall	01425 610761
WEA New Milton Branch	Mrs D Fisher	01425 612406
Wessex Cancer Trust / N.M. Group	Mrs D Colquhoun	01425 614466

## **Welcome Aboard!**

We are pleased to welcome Robert Gibb who has kindly volunteered to take on the vital role of Treasurer. Robert, an experienced international banker, joined us officially at the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February. Chris Savage will continue to be involved with some special projects.

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## **Peter Knight**

The funeral of Peter Knight, one of our caretakers, was held last week. Peter had been ill for some time but had remained cheerful throughout his ordeal. Members raised a total of £330 in his memory and this was presented to his widow Sonia after the funeral.

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## **Organ Concert**

On Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, the well-known organist Tony Stace entertained members with a concert of his music. This was our first Sunday event, primarily designed to attract new members to The Centre. Although arranged at relatively short notice, we were able to welcome a number of new faces to The Centre and hope we will see them joining as members in the near future. The event also gave us the opportunity to test out the implications of opening for such events and the feedback will enable us to make decisions about future events. If there is something you would like to see at The Centre please contact **Ray Russell, our Marketing and Entertainments Manager on 01425 611171.**

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## **Car Parking 1**

Many of you will have heard that a new car parking permit is being considered. Each of the limited number of spaces is very much in demand and with members joining all the time the situation will only get worse. From April 1<sup>st</sup> all NEW members will be charged annually for a parking permit, this year the charge being £1.00.



# Section News

## **ART GROUP**

*Acting Secretary: Liz Porter – Tel. 01590 644008*

Following the Art Group's A.G.M. meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at which many issues were raised and discussed, members looked forward to the **Workshop held by Tony Mercier on 30<sup>th</sup> March.**

The date for the renewal of paintings in the Common Room is 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**The Group's first Exhibition in 2005 is set for 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April** and the next demonstration will be given by **Soraya French.** The subject chosen is "Flowers" and date for this is **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

## **BRIDGE**

*Secretary: Barbara Webb – Tel 01425 621683*

Our **A.G.M.** will be held on the **20th April at 1.30 p.m.**

It is important that as many members as possible attend as the present Chairman and Secretary will **not** be standing for re-election, and a new Committee must be elected. It is, therefore, vital that replacements are forthcoming. Please give thought to this situation and let us have names put forward on the Nomination Form, which is now on the Bridge Notice Board in Room 4.

The Chicago Session on Monday afternoons is still proving very successful. However, as many Bank Holidays fall on a Monday it has been agreed that where these fall, the Chicago Session will be played on the Tuesday of that week, i.e., Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 31<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> August.

The Committee looks forward to a good attendance for our forthcoming A.G.M.

## **CHOIR (JUBILEE SINGERS)**

*Press Secretary: L J Tourell – Tel 01425 615806*

The recent entry of new members to the choir has been welcomed and gives a good balance of singing. Rehearsals are under way for the **Spring Concert on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 p.m.** and we look forward to the usual good support. Some 'away from home' engagements are planned for later this session.

### **COME DANCING**

*Secretary: Eileen Smoker – Tel 01425 612853*

Sadly, following the death of Charles Collyer and Ivy Thornley, two of our longstanding members, we were also sorry to learn of the death of Caretaker Peter Knight. Peter had been a very good friend to Come Dancing and it was felt appropriate to send a separate donation in his memory.

We all send our very best wishes to our Section Treasurer, Eric Cam, who is recovering from an operation and we look forward to his return to good health and Come Dancing. We also wish all our members who have been "under the weather" during the winter, a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them now that Spring is here!

**Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** and the notice for Committee Members nominations is on the Come Dancing Notice Board.

**The next Party Dance will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

We look forward to welcoming all new members and can assure they will receive a friendly greeting.

### **DISCUSSION GROUP**

*Acting Chairman: Norman Fancett – Tel 01425 621543*

We are quite a relaxed and informal group usually discussing topics of recent public interest. We would give a warm welcome to anyone coming along to see whether it is to their liking. There is no commitment and no joining fee. Meetings are currently held in the lounge **on the second Tuesday of every month 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.** Everyone around the table takes it in turn to speak on the subject, or if they wish, just to listen. An attendance charge of 80p is collected from members attending and this is donated to the Community Centre. Subject for discussion at the next meeting will be displayed on the Notice Board.

## **HANDICRAFT GROUP**

Our group is maintaining good numbers attending each session despite the recent cold weather!

Forthcoming dates are:

<b>13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Demonstration of crochet</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Workshop</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Workshop</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Demonstration of various embroidery</b>

Meetings are held in the Common Room Annex from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 Noon.

Vera Day 01425 273601 Margaret Prior 01425 621477 Kathy Philpot 01425 629764

## **LINE DANCING**

*Secretary: Audrey Johnson – Tel 01425 627445*

**Our AGM is to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2.00 p.m.** in the Jubilee Room.

Members at the Beginners Class are requested to stay behind for a few minutes and advanced class members please come early.

A sheet is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Notice Board requesting written nominations for the committee. Nancy Friend, our Treasurer, will be collecting the Line Dance Annual Section Fee of £1 on 1<sup>st</sup> April and onwards.

Please note there will not be any Line Dancing on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## **LOCAL HISTORY GROUP**

*Chairman: Arthur Lloyd – Tel 01425 611457*

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. “The History of Christchurch Bay”** by Derek Judge. Visitors £1.50. (Mr. Judge has kindly moved his talk to 12<sup>th</sup> April as the Mayor had a prior commitment for that day but is able to talk to us on 10<sup>th</sup> May).

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m.** – “My first year as Mayor” – Mr. G Beck. Visitors £1.50.

### **MAH JONG**

*Organiser: Neil Ward – Tel 01425 628154 (after 6.30 p.m. please)*

A growing number of people have expressed an interest in playing Mah Jong but are unable to attend the Friday afternoon group. To accommodate this interest we may be able to set up a Monday afternoon group. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player you are most welcome to join in. Full tuition provided for beginners. If you are interested, please contact Neil Ward as above.

### **MEN'S GET TOGETHER**

*Secretary: Philip Gunn – Tel 01425 615022*

We have had two more enjoyable meetings, commencing in February when members were delighted with Pat Haskell's talk on “Stapehill Abbey – More than just a Garden”. In March, we listened to and watched Margaret Bright's Audio-Visual show on “Beautiful New Zealand”. Unfortunately, a breakdown in equipment marred part of the show but Margaret carried on with slides only and this was much appreciated.

**On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** we shall have our short **A.G.M.** followed by **Reg Hanks' talk on “Goodbye, Longfellow Road”** and on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May** we shall have a talk by **Mr. D J Hawkes on “The Charge of the Light Brigade”**.

Gentlemen come and have a cup of coffee or tea, some good company and more talks that are interesting. Bring a friend to see what we are all about!

### **MODERN BALLROOM DANCING**

*Secretary: Betty Kistruck – Tel 01425 612774*

Good Health for all in 2005.

Hope to see more members attending now that the weather will be improving!!

‘Valentine Party Dance’ was an excellent evening .. enjoyed by all .. so many thanks to the Committee for all their hard work during the year in

order to ensure these special evenings are excellent ... Special thanks to the Presenters.

Once again a new Committee will have to be elected. If you would like a change please give it some thought. Nomination form has been on display for some weeks with the date for the **AGM 7<sup>th</sup> April 2005**.

### **NEW FOREST WALKS**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.** Leader Brian Goodchild (Tel 01425 620107) Meeting at Holmsley Car Park (Nr Holmsley Lodge) Grid Ref 223012, ready to walk at 10.30 a.m. prompt. The walk takes us via Shappen Hill – Slap Bottom – Whitten Pond – Dur Hill Down – Dur Hill Inclosure – Brown Loaf and back along the old rail track to Holmsley. The distance is 4½ - 5 miles. This is another of those classic walks that the Forest is renown for.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May.** Leader Roy Prior (01425 621477) Meeting at Wilverly Plain Car Park. (Grid Ref. 255011). Again, ready to walk at 10.30 a.m. prompt. Our walk this month takes us past The Naked Man – Wilverly Post – Scrape Bottom – Clay Hill – Rock Hills – Markway Inclosure – Duck Hole – Wilverly Plain. The distance is 4½ miles. Parts of this walk remind me of Exmoor. Why not join us for a very pleasant walk.

**Remember** that we all walk at our own risk. The walks are checked out just a couple of days beforehand, to ensure that there are no difficulties along the way. Why not come along and enjoy a good walk, with good company.

### **POETRY**

*Secretary: Joyce Davies – Tel 01425 614034*

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10.30 a.m. Subject to be decided.**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 a.m. Subject to be decided.**

We meet in the Lounge to read and discuss poems on the given subject. Chosen by members themselves. Please see the Notice Board for the subjects. New Members are most welcome

## **ROUND DANCING**

*Mary Lodge – Tel 01425 620 778*

We held our Committee meeting in March and all our Committee Members agreed to stand for another year. We are all looking forward to some warmer weather and trust you all looked after yourselves in the bad weather. We are still enjoying the good atmosphere of the afternoon dancing and still hope to see new Members - all are welcome.

## **SEQUENCE DANCE SECTION**

*Secretary: Jane Waters - 01202 429060*

The Sequence Dance **AGM** is to be held on **Saturday, April 16th at 7.00 p.m.** Both Wednesday & Saturday dancers are urged to attend, so that you can be actively involved in the decision making of your Section. Please make a special effort to be there: dancing, which follows at 7.30 p.m. will be **free** to all members who attend the AGM.

## **SHORT MAT BOWLS**

*Secretary: Edna Steed – Tel 01425 618874*

Thanks to everyone who came to the Skittles Day in February, hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Don't forget the **Bowls Annual General Meeting** is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** in the Lounge at 2.00 p.m. Please come and support your Committee.

## **TABLE TENNIS**

*Secretary: Pat Askham – Tel 01425 623292*

**The AGM is to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am** in Room 4. We will be asking volunteers to join the T.T. Committee and a notice is on the board for nominations.

Earlier in the New Year, a small 'Bit of do' was held during the evening session. Unfortunately, due to illness and other pre-arranged plans, we were a little few on the ground, but one of our members brought along a camera and took this photo.



Would all members please note that Room 4 will not be available for a playing session on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005. This is due to the fact the Centre has an opportunity to let out the room all day and receive some much needed finances. The Letting Officer requested this arrangement last year.

Mr. Lynott has just informed us that his mother, Wyn Lynott, a founder members of the T.T. section has died at the age of 91.

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### **Front Door Damage**

During Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005, the front door of the main building was badly damaged. The damage was not reported to reception and in order to make a claim on our insurance we need to know what happened. It might have been a deliberate act by a passer by or an encounter with a buggy of which the rider may have been unaware. Whatever the cause if you saw anything or have any information please contact John Wright in confidence on 01425 617877.

## COMPETITION RESULTS

The three competitions in the last issue caused the predicted confusion. I don't like to make things too easy! On the front cover the building is Jordan House, not Fusee House as many thought. The absolutely correct answer was: *'The modern building on the front cover is Jordan House now a Business Centre. It stands on the north side of Lymington Road (A337) opposite Milton Green, Southern Lane. The neighbouring building is Fusee House. A centre of learning new skills etc. as referred to in your Editorial – 'why not try something new in 2005'.'* Thank you to Babs Bullock

The picturesque tree on page 15 was correctly identified by most entrants, an example of a correct entry being: *'Junction of Whitefield Road, Old Milton Road and Gore Road. The recreation ground is in the background. The tree is a Holm Oak, a native of the Mediterranean region and now naturalised in the south of the British Isles – very common in this area.'* Audrey McDermid supplied this answer. Babs Bullock adds that these trees were introduced about 400 years ago and their latin name is Quercus Ilex.

As in real life, there was much confusion about the white lines in the photograph. Babs Bullock to the rescue again with an excellent answer. *'The white line around the outer disc of the roundabout should not be crossed, as it is a continuous line. Those on the front cover are not continuous and are hazard warning lines to separate traffic lanes – in this case there is a central reservation – and to protect traffic turning right (as happens in this particular case).'* Just to add to this, the general rule is if it is a continuous line you must not cross it. Where areas of white diagonal stripes are bordered by broken lines, "you should not enter the area unless it is necessary and you can see it is safe to do so."(HC S109.) This rule sparked great debate when the new Highway Code was published in 1999 because the wording, which hitherto was very precise, had become poor. If anyone can explain how the use of the word 'necessary' here provides anything but ambiguity I would be most interested! The Highway Code also says that at mini roundabouts "All vehicles MUST pass round the central markings except large vehicles which are physically incapable of doing so" (HC S164.) The penalty is 3 points! Good to know someone reads the Highway Code.

Free tea or coffee for Audrey and Babs if they can track down the editor to pay for it!



This month a simpler set of questions. As usual, I would like to know the location of the building featured on the front cover. I would also need to know what its claim to fame is in the history of Milton.

Secondly there is a picture below of one of the activities at The Centre. Can you tell what day of the week this was taken on and what the activity is? Also, what similar activities take place at The Centre?



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### **Car Parking 2**

Recently damage to cars has been reported which seems to be due to drivers or passengers opening their doors against other cars whilst getting in or out. Please would members allow their passengers to alight before parking centrally in one of the marked parking spaces. When picking up passengers the same technique will help in avoiding frayed tempers and bad feeling.

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### **Do you Enjoy Carpentry and Woodwork?**

If you would like to create something out of the ordinary, then the Mah Jong Group has a project for you. To play the game of Mah Jong, each player requires a rack to hold the tiles and Chinese characters but we do not have

enough to go round. These racks are made of wood, so if you think you can help, please contact Mr. Neil Ward 01425 628154 (after 6.30 p.m. please)

## Abbeyfield House Report

The residents of Abbeyfield House, Herbert Road enjoyed an excellent lunch at Balmer Lawn Hotel recently. Members of the committee offered the use of their cars for transport. The weather was good and we all enjoyed the run back through the forest later on. Our thanks to the generosity of the committee who endeavour to make living at Abbeyfield so pleasant for its members and we are honoured to have HRH Prince Charles as its patron.

Mrs. L Taylor - Abbeyfield House

*We have a number of members who reside at Abbeyfield so it seems appropriate to include Mrs Taylors report here. Ed.*

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## The Tea Dance

It's the Sunday tea dance and they'll all be here today  
Aches and pains forgotten, dance the afternoon away  
Foxtrots, Quicksteps, Waltzes, some are slow but some still nifty  
With memories of how it was way back in 1950.  
Norman's in the toilet and he's struggling to pee  
He's got trouble with his prostate and he'll likely miss his tea  
Eddy's got a new love that he met in Thornton Heath  
She does a lovely tango but she hasn't any teeth.  
His latest fancy footwork nearly broke his partner's neck  
She mistook his outside swivel for a travelling contra check.  
Ida's had her hair done and she's ready for the saunter  
She had a vindaloo last night and its coming back to haunt her.  
Florry's mini skirts revealing when she's spinning in the jive,  
She really shouldn't wear a thong, approaching 85.  
They've had their tea and cake and chat and had a little laugh  
And gamely risk with creaking knees to face the second half.  
Norman's made it back in time for Rumba Number One  
His curaracha's very neat, but he's left his flies undone.  
Vera's fallen over in a massive crimplene heap  
Bert's got indigestion and Mabel is fast asleep.  
Its last waltz time and up they get for Humperdincks old tune,  
And then goodbye, good luck, take care, god willing see you soon.

# Affiliated Group News

## **B.P.W. BARTON**

*President: Madeleine Barlow – Tel 01425 272490*

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Native American Culture (Ms Sue Dewey)**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Life and Work of an Estate Agent (Mr. Mark Weldon)**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Report from Conference (Highlights from Harrogate)**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner (South Lawn Hotel)**

## **BROCKENHURST MUSIC SOCIETY**

*Publicity: Bill Chainey – Tel 023 80243339*

The Society's season begins at 8.00 p.m. on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** at Brockenhurst College. **The Lawson Trio will play music by Haydn, Takemitsu and Shostakovich.** Non-members £7.50 including refreshments, at the door.

**On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00 p.m.** at St. Saviours Church the **New London Chamber Ensemble will play music for 5 wind instruments, including pieces by Jim Parker, Debussy, Nielsen and Samuel Montagu.**

Non-members £7.50 including refreshments, at the door.

## **EXTEND**

*Organiser/Presenter: Diana Steer – Tel. 01425 610756*

Thursdays - **Gentle exercise to music. 10.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.** Seated class (health issues accommodated)

**April/May:** Fun with tambourines, scarves, footsie rollers

**Active Class 11.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.** Previous experience helpful.

Other classes available including **PILATES.** Phone Diana for details or to reserve a place.

## **FOREST ARTS**

For a full listing of performances please contact the box office on 01425 619983

## **HUMANIST ASSOCIATION DORSET**

*Press Officer: Liliane Apers – Tel 01425 638296*

*Secretary: Jane Bannister – Tel 01202 428506*

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Talk by Humanist Officiant Wendy Treadwell on “Non-religious funerals”** at New Milton Community Centre – 2.30 p.m.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. “The Ethics of the Ten Commandments”** at Moordown Community Centre, Coronation Avenue, Bournemouth – 2.00 p.m.

Some keen members in New Milton would like to form a local support group. If interested contact 01425 638296.

## **JO JINGLES**

*Organiser: Claudia Stevens – Tel 01590 674744*

Music, Movement and Singing Classes from 6 months to school age. We have lots of fun on Friday mornings at The Community Centre! Classes run in term time only – call Claudia for full details and times of classes

## **MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION**

*Contact: Dorothy Gardiner – Tel. 01425 638039*

**Spring Fair** at the Community Centre on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 10.00 a.m. – 12 Noon.**

## **MUSIC AT BEAULIEU**

*Beaulieu Abbey Church. Box Office – Tel 01590 675268*

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 p.m. £8 Collegium Regale** – Choral Scholars from King’s College, Cambridge

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 p.m. £8 Winchester College Quiristers** – 8 to 13 year old members of Winchester College Chapel Choir

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 7.00 p.m. £8 Music at Beaulieu – Award 2005** This year's finalists

#### **NEW FOREST ORGAN SOCIETY**

*Publicity: Mr. Keith Evans – Tel 01425 612515*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at The Church Hall, Milford-on-Sea. **Alex Payler**, a pleasure to welcome him back. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Concert start 7.15 p.m. Visitors welcome. £2.50 at the Door.

**Andrew Nix** playing at Bashley Park on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May a Varied event starts at 2.00 p.m.** Tickets £5. Please contact for booking for food. Free Entry in the afternoon.

Also: **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** at Bashley Park **The Virtuoso from Australia. Tony Fenelon.** Doors and Bar open at 6.00 p.m. Concert at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5. Please book early.

#### **NEW MILTON, BARTON-ON-SEA & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Contact: *Mrs P C Inglis – Tel 01425 615069*

**General Meeting, Tuesday, 3rd May, 7.30 p.m.** at Community Centre  
Speaker: BBC South Today's Senior Journalist Chris Coneybeer.

Non-members welcome

#### **NEW MILTON RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY**

*Secretary: Brian Stevenson – Tel 01590 682730*

Meet at 7.30pm at The Parish Hall, Church Lane, Old Milton

- 7<sup>th</sup> April.**        **Stradivarius & Co.** Molly West
- 14<sup>th</sup> April.**     **A Funny Thing Happened. Amusing Anecdotes in and out of the Organ Loft.** Jennifer Bate
- 21<sup>st</sup> April.**     **Jazz Sings – and Swings.** Monty West, Vice President
- 5<sup>th</sup> May.**        **The Pupils of Dvorak.** Tony Pook.
- 12<sup>th</sup> May.**      **The Creativity of The Listener.** Andrew Knights
- 19<sup>th</sup> May.**      **Hector Berlioz – A Great Romantic.** Terry Barfoot,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June**        **With Peter In Mind.** Berry Lawrence.

### **NEW MILTON & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

*Secretary : Mrs. Betty Underwood - Tel 01425 638763*

Meet at the Rydal Arms every first Wednesday in the month, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Social Events each month .

**Saturday 16th April : Walk and Lunch**

**Wednesday 18th April : AGM.**

Please telephone the Secretary for membership and details of events.

### **THE ROYAL AIR FORCES ASSOCIATION**

*Secretary: Mrs B.Underwood - Tel 01425 638763*

**Tuesday April 19th Sue Firth - 'Following a Dream' -** owning an olive grove in Italy and bringing fine foods to Britain

**Tuesday May 17th David Hawkes - 'A Diplomat's Lot' -** not always a happy one, but often funny!

### **R.N.L.I.**

*Secretary: Margaret Slater – Tel 01425 622111*

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Coffee Morning** at Resource Centre, Bransgore (next to Church). Souvenirs, cakes, tombola etc.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 p.m. Gilbert & Sullivan Singers** with Songs from other Shows at Barton Methodist Church Hall.

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## What is on at the Centre in April / May 2005

			April	May
Art	2.00 p.m.	Weds	6, 13, 20, 27	4, 11, 18, 25,
Ballroom Dancing	2.00 p.m.	Mon	4, 11, 18, 25,	9, 16, 23,
Ballroom Dancing	7.30 p.m.	Thurs	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Bowls	7.00 p.m.	Mon	4, 11, 18, 25,	9, 16, 23,
Bowls	10.00 a.m.	Tues	5, 12, 19, 26,	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Bowls	10.00 a.m.	Weds	6, 13, 20, 27,	4, 11, 18, 25,
Bowls	10.00 a.m.	Thurs	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Bowls	10.00 a.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Bowls	7.00p.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Bridge Duplicate	6.30 p.m.	Thurs	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Bridge Duplicate	6.30 p.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Bridge Partnership	1.30 p.m.	Weds	6, 13, 20, 27,	4, 11, 18, 25,
Bridge Chicago	1.30 p.m.	Mon	4, 11, 18, 25,	9, 16, 23,
Bridge Cut In	1.30 p.m.	Tues	5, 12, 19, 26,	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Bridge Cut In	7.00 p.m.	Weds	6, 13, 20, 27,	4, 11, 18, 25,
Bridge Cut In	1.30 p.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Bridge Practice Class	1.30 p.m.	Thurs	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Canasta	1.30 p.m.	Thurs	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Chess	7.00 p.m.	Tues	5, 12, 19, 26,	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Chess	1.30 p.m.	Thurs	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Chess	7.00 p.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Choir	2.00 p.m.	Weds	6, 13, 20, 27,	4, 11, 18, 25,
Come Dancing	7.30 p.m.	Tues	5, 12, 19, 26,	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Craft	10.00 a.m.	Weds	13, 27,	11, 25
Cribbage	2.00 p.m .	Tues	5, 12, 19, 26,	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Darts	7.00 p.m.	Mon	4, 11, 18, 25,	9, 16, 23,
Darts	1.30 p.m.	Tues	5, 12, 19, 26,	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Darts	7.00 p.m.	Weds	6, 13, 20, 27,	4, 11, 18, 25,
Discussion Group	2.00 p.m.	Tues	12	10
Executive Com. Meeting	9.30 a.m.	Mon	11	9
French	10.00 a.m.	Mon	4, 11, 18, 25,	9, 16, 23,
Italian	10.00 a.m.	Thurs	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Line Dancing	1.30 p.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Line Dancing	2.15 p.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Local History	7.30 p.m.	Tues	12	10
Mah-Jong	1.30 pm	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Mangmt.Com. Meeting	9.30 a.m.	Thurs	7	5
Mens Get Together	10.00 a.m.	Thurs	14	Check N-Board
Monthly Luncheon	12.00 Noon	Thurs	14	12
Piano	11.00 a.m.	Mon	4, 11, 18, 25,	9, 16, 23,



Poetry	10.30. a.m.	Thurs	21	19
Round Dancing	2.00 p.m.	Thurs	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Scrabble	1.30 p.m.	Mon	4, 11, 18, 25,	9, 16, 23,
Sequence Dancing	7.30 p.m.	Weds.	6, 13, 20, 27,	4, 11, 18, 25,
Sequence Dancing	7.30 p.m.	Sat	2, 9, 16, 23, 30,	7, 14, 21, 28,
Spanish	10.00 a.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Table Tennis	7.00 p.m.	Mon	4, 11, 18, 25,	9, 16, 23,
Table Tennis	10.00 a.m.	Tues	5, 12, 19, 26,	3, -, 17, 24, 31
Table Tennis	7.00 p.m.	Weds	6, 13, 20, 27,	4, 11, 18, 25,
Table Tennis	1.30 p.m.	Thurs.	7, 14, 21, 28,	5, 12, 19, 26,
Table Tennis	10.00 a.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,
Walking & Rambling	10.30am	Tues	12	10
Whist	1.30 p.m.	Fri	1, 8, 15, 22, 29,	6, 13, 20, 27,

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