

New Milton & District Community Association



NEWSLETTER

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

I must begin by thanking all those of you who sent me messages of goodwill following my recent move. They were so much appreciated. I received quite a lot of feedback from my article last month about the BT scam which caught me out! Many of us are suffering the consequences of cold calls, phone and email messages from these despicable people. Although I'm thankfully back on track now, the phone calls are still coming in warning me my computer will shut down unless I do as they ask - ignored, but all very disconcerting!

So here we are just about into autumn and the shops all gearing up for Christmas already. Don't you think it takes all the anticipation and last-minute-but-still-enjoyable preparation out of the entire event? If you check out some of the "Christmas" goodies on the shelves, the sell-by date is well before 25th December.

You will have noticed that some (usually regular) entries were missing from the September Newsletter. It rather surprised me because I took the trouble to put a note in all section/activity pigeonholes advising that, due to my temporary loss of internet, I needed hard copies of all articles. However, I later discovered why! When I more recently put notices in the pigeonholes to say my internet was up and running again I found several of my

original notices still sitting there uncollected. Do remember to check the pigeonholes as often as you can - there might be something **really** important waiting for you.

As reported last month, the loss of Centre Coordinator and Publicity Manager was most regrettable, and active consideration is now being given to recruiting replacements but with more clearly defined job descriptions so as to avoid overlap of responsibilities and misunderstandings - using a saying of the day "to ensure that we are all singing from the same hymn-sheet"! We go through rough passages and hopefully learn by mistakes that have been made and things which could have been handled differently. Be assured that your committee remains dedicated to giving their time and effort for the good of the Association and its members, and everyone on the team will work to that end.

If any reader feels they might like to join the committee - to fill either of the above two roles or as a supporter - do please contact Chairman Marie Morgan. New faces, with new views and ideas will always be welcomed.

In response to a few queries, I have been asked to list the café opening times, which are as follows:

Website: <http://www.newmiltoncommunity.org.uk>
Email: info@newmiltoncommunity.org.uk

Monday:

10.15 to 11.30 a.m.

2 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday:

9.45 to 11.45 a.m.

2 to 3.30 p.m.

Saturday:

10.15 to 11.30 a.m.

Make a note in your diary as a reminder - or even on your fridge door!!

Did you hear that the Town Council received a Silver Gilt Award for our entry in the Town In Bloom competition? A very well-earned accolade, particularly in view of the difficulties which the groundsmen must have experienced, coping with the extraordinarily hot weather. Still going to try for "gold" next year!

I have been asked for an update regarding the much-needed post office as well as the Co-op convenience store in Barton. By the time you read this, the post office should be open for business after a last-minute hold-up; unfortunately, due to the collapse of Drew Construction who were going to do the work, the Co-op site on Sea Road still has to be prepared for business. We are promised an opening time of January/February 2019.

Phyllis Inglis

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It has been good to welcome back our volunteer kitchen staff and receptionists after their summer holidays. Although there are one or two still taking advantage of late summer deals, I think we are more or less up to speed once again.

At our last Executive meeting we discussed how hot it had been in the Ambrose and Jubilee Rooms. I am sure we all accept that it was an exceptional summer and any cooling system will have struggled to cope. Our ventilation system works very well and has control buttons in each room by the door with instructions on how to use it. Unfortunately, as well as having the controls up high, members were also opening the windows to let more air in. The system **does not work** with the windows open! Much like air-conditioning, all windows need to be kept closed in order for it to work efficiently. I understand that some of the instructions on how to use the system have been removed, so these will be replaced. **Do please remember that all windows must be kept closed if we have further hot spells in order for the ventilation system to do what it is supposed to do.** Thank you for your cooperation. Please note that the condenser in the Ambrose Room is in the process of being upgraded.

As you will see from the "From The Executive" entry, we have quite a lot to look forward to over the next few months. By the time you read this the Macmillan Coffee Morning will have taken place, and grateful thanks must go to Mary Bishop and Gill Ferguson for organising it. A report on the event will be included in next month's Newsletter.

I look forward to meeting any of you on a Friday morning should

you wish to put forward questions, concerns or suggestions.

Marie Morgan

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Following last month's request for ideas on how to improve the system of membership renewals, I must thank those who **have** made suggestions. All very useful but we could do with some more. There is still time if you would like to put them forward - the more the merrier. No need to include your contact details although they would be helpful in case we wish to get in touch. Drop a note in my pigeon hole or email me. Thank you.

Nigel King

FROM THE WEBMASTER

Do let me know if you have something coming up shortly, and please don't forget to visit the What's On page for those events taking place at the Centre less regularly.

Elsewhere on the website there are some interesting findings from the Discussion Group who reviewed a topic "The Future of the High Street". You may also be interested in the Room Hire page if you personally or your organisation has a need - either for a single event or on a regular basis. There is no need for the hirer to be an Association member. The page carries plans, dimensions, photographs and prices. Contact the Lettings Officer with your requirement and he will provide details on availability, etc. - lettings@newmiltoncommunity.org.uk.

Are you a Social Media user such as Facebook and Twitter and could volunteer to help get the Community Centre establish a "presence"? Please let me know as I need help.

Nigel King

**FROM THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Summary of September
Meeting:**

The committee was very busy preparing for these events -
MacMillan Coffee Morning
New Members' Evening
Volunteers' Thank You Lunch
Stall at the Christmas Festival
(the Centre will be open serving hot sausage rolls/hot drinks)
Visit to Winchester Market
Ukulele Band Singalong
New Year's Eve Dance
Membership Renewals

Further events are being organised by our sections and activities. A main topic for discussion was the need to recruit a Centre Coordinator and Publicity Manager. The Executive felt there was a need for help in drawing up and implementing a Marketing Plan. Two people have come forward from the marketing sector to offer assistance at the different stages that will be involved. The committee will collate the necessary information in order to brief and then meet them to take matters forward.

**Colin Bower
Minutes Secretary**

**FROM THE
SOCIAL SECRETARY
Centre Christmas Decorations:**
If you would like to join in and help with the annual festive fun,

please put your name on the list in Reception along with your phone number and I will be in touch. The intention is to work on Sunday, **2nd December**, from 9.30 a.m., ending with a drink and snack at lunch-time. I look forward to meeting up with you.

Pam Badcock

**OUTING TO WINCHESTER
CHRISTMAS MARKET**

This is being arranged for **26th November**, leaving the Centre at 10 a.m., returning around 5.30 p.m. Tickets at £9 can be obtained from Reception. Why not bring a friend? This annual event held in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral is something not to be missed, recognised as one of the best Christmas Markets in Europe because of its unique location, high quality exhibitors and atmosphere. Food Court, British Crafts Village, 100+ chalets around an open-air real ice rink. Gifts, jewellery, food and drink and a whole lot more. A very popular event so tickets will go on a first-come-first-served basis!

NEW YEAR DANCE

Monday, **31st December**, 8 p.m. to 12.15 a.m. Come and celebrate in the Jubilee Room. Ticket-Only entrance, price £5 to include a raffle. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets available from Pam Badcock on 01202 980177 or enquire at Reception.

**AN UNUSUAL
MUSICAL EVENING**

The very popular Ukulele Band will entertain from 7 to 9.m. in the Common Room on Wednesday, **12th December**. £2

entrance to include refreshments. Certain to get your feet tapping! More news about this next month but enquire at Reception in the meantime.

**CHRISTMAS DANCING
HOLIDAY**

Mayfair Hotel, Bournemouth, **16th to 21st December**. A 5-day break featuring one night of live music with Larry Green. A mixed programme of ballroom, latin, social and popular sequence. Limited availability. Call Dee on 6279223 for details.

FILM SHOW

Sunday, **21st October**. "Finding Your Feet" - comedy, drama, music, starring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie and Timothy Spall. On the eve of retirement a middle-class snob discovers her husband is having an affair so she is forced to live with her sister on an inner city council estate! £2.50 entry to include tea/coffee. Please use side entrance next to kitchen door

John Fogerty

POLICE SURGERY

10.30 a.m. for one hour at Costa Coffee Café, Wednesday, **31st October**. Do have a word with your local bobby and chat with him about any concerns you have.

***News From The
Sections & Activities***

**BALLROOM/LATIN/SOME
SEQUENCE**

Contact: Pam Badcock, 01202 980177
This month brings us our Halloween Dance, 7.30 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, **25th October**, at

the princely price of £3. Come along and have an evening of fun and dancing with a splendid raffle included, tea and coffee. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks. Tickets are on sale from me or on Thursday evenings.

BOWLS

Contact: Janet Keats, 614996

Fred Johnson has decided to resign from the short mat bowls committee, and we wish to thank him for all his hard work and long service.

The next skittles social event will take place at Hoburne Bashley on Thursday, **29th November**. A sheet with the details and menu choices has been placed on the Bowls noticeboard. Please add your name if you wish to participate. Contributions for the raffle would be appreciated; as in previous years, some of the proceeds will be donated to charity.

We have the opportunity to play weekly at the New Milton Indoor Bowling Club every Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. You will need to have your own woods, bowling shoes, and the dress code will be white tops and grey bottoms. Details will be found on our noticeboard.

BRIDGE

Contact: Christopher Fradd, 614605

The communication problem resulting from our Editor's move, and my own failure to overcome it in the way she requested, meant that unfortunately there was no Bridge news in last month's Newsletter. I apologise for this.

No recent significant events to report but it is pleasing to note that all regular sessions were able to continue in the usual way during the summer months, despite both the normal problems caused by holidays and the exceptionally hot weather.

At the Social Bridge afternoon in July winners were Betty McNie and Margaret Rawling, with Barbara Matthews and Lorraine Burns coming second. August winners were Enid Winduss and Dorothy Monks, with Jim Nicholson and Genevieve Sagar achieving second place. In September Joan Bryant and Joyce Rooker were the winners, Brian and Jean Sherrad coming second.

Social Bridge this month will be on Saturday, **20th October**. Try to arrive before the start time of 1.30 p.m. if you possibly can. We can now hold Social Bridge in the Common Room, a change which has proved popular. Remaining sessions will be at their usual times.

COME DANCING

Contact: Andre Bidmead, 291519

The Hawaiian Dance held in August was a great success, everyone attending joining in the fun with men wearing their colourful shirts while the ladies wore floral dresses and leis. All were able to take to the floor, whether it be a ballroom waltz, latin American Samba or a friendly sequence - even a line dance or two.

Our next themed evening is Halloween, from 7.30 to 10.30

p.m. on Tuesday, **30th October**. We have live music by Larry Green so why not slither down and have a goulash jive with Count Dracula. If you like dancing we have plenty for you to join in with, so why not give us a try? Where are we to be found? At the Community Centre every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Contacts: Bob Dowling, 838523; Colin Bower, 613254
bower.colin@gmail.com

We had a group of eleven at our September meeting, raring to go after the August break. We discussed the Scouts managing disabled children as well as home ownership, and a lively exchange of views on the **future of our high streets**, as follows:-

High Streets generally have declined because of key factors including -

- Online shopping
- Supermarket sales of non-foods and services
- Business rates
- Lack of free/cheap parking

Whilst New Milton has fared much better than some high streets, the Group found that -

- Station Road has a good mix of shops and services
- Further changes must be anticipated
- The tourist offering needs to be improved
- Many people and groups work for the good of the town, e.g. in organising events
- A Neighbourhood Plan has ambitious development plans

Most people want our High Street to be successful but they still shop at Tesco or Lidl!

A full report may be viewed on the Community Centre website.

For our next meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, **9th October**, the following questions will be covered:-

1. What is the solution to the problem of “anonymity for suspects not arrested or charged” v “freedom of the press” high-lighted by Cliff Richards’ compensation award from the BBC?
2. Subject to parliamentary approval, Hampshire County Council plan to charge holders of the “older persons” bus pass 50P per journey. Is this a good idea?
3. Should all MPs sign up to their party’s manifesto?
4. Should every adult, in sound mind, have the “right to die”?

If you would like to come along as a “taster” and give your views on these topics and/or hear what others have to say, we would love to see you.

JUBILEE SINGERS

Contact: Liz Northcote, 621519

At the beginning of September we sang to 29 residents at the Kingfishers Care Home in Barton-On-Sea. We were made very welcome and it was a very successful visit, with another booked there for December.

A correction to last month’s Newsletter entry! We will be having **three** Christmas concerts

in the Jubilee Room this year, taking place on **8th, 12th and 15th December**.

If you would like us to sing for your group please email our bookings secretary Sheila at sheilalead@hotmail.co.uk.

LANGUAGES - October.

German -

Contact: Susanne Platt, 612680
susanneplatt:talktalk.net

Improvers Plus: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. for one hour

Beginners/Improvers:

Tuesdays, 11.30 for one hour.

Spanish -

Contact: Ana Humphries
ana_humphries@hotmail.com

Conversation: 10 a.m. 1 hour

Beginners: 11.15 a.m. 1 hour

Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th

(half term 22/26th October)

Improvers: 10 a.m. 1 hour

Beginners Plus: 11.15 a.m. 1 hr.

Fridays 5th, 12th, 19th

(Half term 22/26th October)

MENS GET TOGETHER

Contact: Secretary David Eley
eleydave@outlook.com

At our September meeting John Ellis gave an excellent, informative talk on The History of the Motor Car Part 1 - The Birth”, which dealt with the very earliest days of original invention leading up to the early post WW1 period of the 1920s. This was the first of four talks scheduled on the subject of motor transport.

Our meeting this month will be held on Thursday, **4th October**, 10 a.m. for a 10.30 start. Speaker Andre Edwards will tell about The Pilgrim Bandits Charity,

established to help our injured Forces face challenges and obstacles, and push them to new limits.

As we are receiving visitors on a regular basis it has been agreed that a visitor’s first meeting would be free but they must join the group and pay for any subsequent attendances.

Most members have now renewed their group membership but for those who were unable to do so please come prepared with the fee, which remains at £16. Members should be aware that, whilst the group finances remain healthy at present, the committee will be considering a fee increase at some point during the next year or two to cover the rising costs of good speakers, etc.

Visits to Attractions: The committee will be happy to receive suggestions on attractions which could be of interest. We will also be checking local coach companies for one-day trips.

Talks: If any group member has a history, experience, interest or hobby which they think could be of interest generally, please talk to Dane Thomas about giving a presentation.

EU Data Protection Regs.: To date 58 members have completed and returned the GDPR form as required. Should any member not wish to complete the document we will be unable to communicate with them by post, phone or email, nor will we be allowed to hold any such details about them or email the MGT

Newsletter to them. A full multipage document is displayed on the noticeboard in Reception giving information to any member who wishes to see the GDPR regulations.

I am aware that some members do not have email addresses, so I will hand deliver or post our newsletter to them. If you acquire an email address or change it, do please let me know.

POETRY

Contact: Shirley Burke, 628992

Holidays and looking after grandchildren affected us last month, but the smaller number of members enjoyed sharing our choice of poetry together. The topic was "Kings, Queens or Heroes", with poets ranging from A.A. Milne to William Shakespeare, whose works are very different.

Our next meeting will be at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, **18th October**, when the topic chosen will be Dreams/Imagination, giving scope for finding poems in books or being creative and writing your own. You could come along to just sit and listen while others read. Newcomers will receive a warm welcome so give us a try!

SOCIAL SEQUENCE

DANCING

Contact: Dee, 627922

Good news this month! We are delighted to welcome Joy and Bill to our team of music

presenters, and look forward to their dance afternoon later this month.

September was an encouraging month with visitors popping in (one couple from as far afield as New Zealand who were visiting relatives in Ringwood) and the return of several of our dedicated lady dancers who had been unable to be with us for several weeks. Good to have so much activity on the dance floor.

TABLE TENNIS

Contact: Secretary Gloria Lovelock, 613705

Just a couple of months now to our Christmas Lunch, so please keep an eye on the notice board for the menu. This year it will be held at the Amberwood on Thursday, **6th December**, 12.30 for 1 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you. Same procedure as before - print your name and choice of menu, payment to me or a committee member and ask for a receipt. **Evening Players** - when the time comes to pay, Pat or Dawn will kindly take your money (many thanks to them for doing so).

Glo's do-dahs!

Wit is like caviar. It should be served in small elegant portions, not splashed about like marmalade!

News From The Affiliates

CAMEO -

LADIES GROUP

Contact: Secretary Margaret Sheldrake, 628675

Last month we had a most interesting talk by Andrew Negas on Vietnam, recalling the time he spent there and noting the friendliness of the people as well as their attitude to the war which had taken place in their country over many years. He spoke of the French architecture and lack, at that time, of any motorised vehicles apart from those used in the wars and no longer in use. From Vietnam, Andrew went on to Laos and Cambodia, Malaya and Singapore, telling us of their customs and helpfulness. He will be back with us to continue stories of his journeys in 2020.

Our next meetings are:-

3rd October - Mike Andrews on the lost buildings of Christchurch.

7th November - Judy Fengvesi on Christmas Table Decorations.

3rd December - AGM with a Quiz.

We are always pleased to welcome new members and visitors, with a fee of £3 per person per meeting. 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) at the Community Centre.

NEIGHBOUR CARE

Contact: Chairman Phyllis Inglis, 615069; pcinglis8@gmail.com.

At our committee meeting last month Office Manager David Whittington reported a significant rise in the number of clients calling on us for medically-related transport and shopping help. Whilst we are **always** in need of drivers, this increase is also keeping our small clerical

team very busy taking clients' requests and contacting drivers as required. We would, therefore, very much welcome volunteers to join the office team and help spread the workload. Office hours are 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and we are now located at 17 Elm Avenue in the centre of town. A system is in place so that phones are manned by two volunteers each morning on a rota basis.

If you think you might be interested in assisting the community in general and ourselves in particular, do please call David on 620430 or 611662. He will also be pleased to see you if you'd like to pop in for more details. Thank you.

NEW FOREST PLAYERS 25th to 27th October at Ballard PAC

This month the Players will be honouring the 100th anniversary of the Armistice and all those who served at home as well as on the front with a production of "Number 60 To The Somme", a completely new Great War story with wonderful Edwardian music hall songs by Greg Mosse and Carol Godsmark. It is a funny, inventive and touching play-with-songs - giving a completely fresh angle on the 1914-18 conflict.

The Great War was an extraordinary mobilisation of men, women, animals and

machines. Over 1,500 B-type buses (open-topped, steel-wheeled, solid and dependable) were despatched to serve in Belgium and France. The London bus drivers went too, and their vehicles became troop transports, mobile hospitals, pigeon lofts - put to any and every perilous use on the rough terrain.

"Number 60 To The Somme" is the story of one such bus and one such driver, together with his family and friends. It illustrates the comedy, tragedy and astonishing fortitude of everyone in this terrible conflict and, whilst entertaining us, serves to honour all who suffered or gave their lives for peace and freedom, whether at home or on the battle front.

Performances will be at 7.30 p.m. with a matinee at 2.30 p.m. on the 27th. Adults £12, £10 conc.

Box Office 01425 542414

NEW MILTON MACULAR SUPPORT GROUP

Contact: Malcolm Swan, 618925
2 p.m. Monday, **8th October**,
with Simon Woodley playing for
us on the keyboards.

NEW MILTON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Contact: Janet, 617052
Our next meeting will be at 2 pm.
On Monday, **15th October**, when
we shall have a talk and
demonstration by Sally Todd
from Wiltshire Farm Foods.

NEW MILTON RESIDENTS' ASSOC.

Contact: Secretary Phyllis Inglis,
615069

At our General Meeting last month a small group of around 30 people were welcomed to hear Liz Downs' presentation on Canine Partners, a nation-wide charity established in 1990 to breed, train and provide assistance dogs to those having to cope with a wide range of disabilities.

Since its inception the organisation has successfully placed 740 dogs; right now 129 puppies are in initial training and 30 going through the more advanced stages. Mainly labradors, retrievers and labradoodles are selected as puppies, put in the care of "foster parents" who give basic training and monitor suitability for what lies ahead. Later, advance training is given to the dogs before being partnered for several weeks with a disabled client to see if they work well together. As soon as a real and meaningful "rapport" is formed, whilst the dog remains the property of the Partners it is handed over to the client for a peppercorn fee of just one pound! The Partners are committed to provide an assistance dog to the client for as long as required so, when the dog ends its maximum working life of eleven years old, a replacement has to be found. The "retiree" is often retained by the family simply as a pet or recruited elsewhere for a less demanding role.

Liz went on to describe a few cases where lives have been changed for the better to an astonishing degree due to the help and intuitive comfort given by an

assistance dog, trained to perform over 100 tasks such as opening doors, loading and unloading a washing machine, picking up a phone or things dropped on the floor, helping with dressing/undressing, retrieving items on demand, shopping and collecting goods from a supermarket shelf, and much more.

The overall cost of training and providing each experienced dog is £20,000! There is no government or organisational grant, so these costs have to be met by donations, legacies, sale of merchandise, demonstrations, etc. A very difficult task but all those involved believe it is an essential, extremely worthwhile venture. This belief was whole-heartedly endorsed by Liz's colleague, Barbara, who told of her own experience in being partnered with her assistance dog, Mungo - on parade at the meeting, looking slight bored with the proceedings and quite unaware that he would be ten years old next day!

Barbara, mother of two children and a schoolteacher, was in perfect health when she stepped into a bath, was suddenly unable to move and was lifted out paralysed in both legs. She described the ensuing period of absolute loneliness, frustration, the deterioration of relationship with her husband who, of necessity, had to be her carer. She longed for a degree of independence and to be a

“person” once again instead of someone largely ignored sitting in a wheelchair. This freedom came when she was eventually partnered with black labrador Mungo - an intelligent “character” who seems to appreciate her needs, understand and stay particularly close when she doesn't feel well, and has taught himself to help her in more ways than he was initially trained to do. Relationships with her husband, family and friends are consequently greatly improved, her confidence has returned and, as she says, she wakes up each morning knowing that the faithful Mungo is there by her side. Her story was truly inspiring.

The meeting ended with members purchasing from the selection of Canine Partners merchandise on offer. Coins “dropped” on the floor were picked up by Mungo and deposited in the donations bucket - to much applause which he ignored!

Our next General Meeting will be at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, **6th November**, at the Community Centre. Speaker Nick Saunders from the Milton Heritage Society will give a special presentation covering WW1 and its effect on our community. Non-members are very welcome.

PHOENIX HOLIDAY GROUP

Contact: Pat McKean, 278669 or Richard White on 01590 682427
Our next meeting at the Community Centre will be 10 a.m. till noon Friday, **19th October**.

Holidays:

18th/22nd November - Belmont Hotel, Sidmouth. Five days half-board, outings each day. £425 (sea view £445).

24th/28th December - A Brend hotel in Bideford, North Devon. Five days, outings most days, festive food and entertainment. £610.

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1st/3rd February - Three days in London. £389 (double room for single occupancy £34). A visit to “Matilda”, the musical.

5th/9th April - Jersey, flying from Southampton. £495 (ss as London £56). **Please note that names have to be in by 5th October to secure flights and hotel rooms.**

6th September - Five days in Suffolk. Details to follow.

Outings:

16th October - Sussex Tour (Autumn Colours). £19.50

9th December - London Christmas Lights. £27.50.

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We are currently finalising dates for Brend Hotel holidays and day outings.

Non-Phoenix members £1 extra. All outings provide a suitable location for lunch (not included).

Our next meeting at Greystones Hall, Waterford Road, Highcliffe, will be at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, **5th October**.

RNLI

New Milton and Barton-On-Sea
Bingo Evening and Fish & Chip

Supper. 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 start on Tuesday, **23rd October**, at the Community Centre. Tickets at £10 to include seven games and supper on sale at Weldon & King Estate Agents, Station Road. Table reservation recommended. Cash prizes, raffle, and refreshments available. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

THE ARTS SOCIETY

Contact: Peter Ronan, 638200

The Making of Landscape

Photographs: Charlie Waite, world-renowned landscape photographer, gives an insight into his work, his passion for photography, the surrounding landscape near his Dorset home, and what goes into making an award-winning photograph. His style is unique in that his photographs convey a spiritual quality of serenity and calm. This year he received an invitation by the Royal Academy of Arts to exhibit in their Summer Exhibition.

For admirers of artistic photograph, would-be artistic photographers or lovers of the Dorset countryside, this lecture (on a somewhat different theme from usual) is a must! Do join us at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, **8th November**, at the Memorial Centre. Coffee from 10 a.m. Visitors are welcome at £6.

A Topic For Discussion - Nature Versus Nurture

According to a recent TV

documentary the debate continues on whether nature or nurture shapes our lives. Do we develop and behave in life according to our genes and inborn traits, or in line with how we are brought up and disciplined as we mature? What do YOU think?

The subject was of particular interest to me because long-term friends of mine adopted a boy of nearly six years old and it turned out to be an absolute disaster. Raised as an only child in a very loving and protective environment, given the best education and every chance for a meaningful life, he grew up aggressive, uncaring and irresponsible, finishing up in prison for some sort of financial scam. But maybe they were just very unlucky and their experience shouldn't deter anyone from adopting a child in need of love and care.

I imagine that the analysts would have a field day in my Other Half's case since he had a bad start in life. Terry's father was the son of a Scottish laird, disowned by the family because he fell for and married one of the servants. Perhaps inevitably, incompatibility caused them to divorce when Terry was little more than a year old, and he was dumped on very reluctant maternal grandparents while his father emigrated to Canada and was never heard of again, while his mother moved to Coventry where she re-married and started a new life. He was about six when the grandparents died within a few days of each other and, as he recalled, a "strange

lady" arrived to collect him, saying she was his mother and unwillingly took him to live with her husband and three children. Beatings and general ill-treatment drove him to run away aged 11, so he spent the next few years in a series of foster-homes. At 17, however, his life changed when the foster-parents with whom he was living were killed in an air raid. Homeless, he found shelter in the local Hippodrome theatre by offering his services as a fire-watcher, where he met Grace who served behind the bar there. Feeling sorry for his situation, she and her husband took him in, unofficially "adopting" him, and so for the first time in his life he experienced the pleasures of a kindly, welcoming home. They were so proud when, at the age of 19, he "passed out" at Sandhurst and reached the level of Captain in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

One might have thought that his earlier experiences and, indeed, suffering might have made him hard, bitter and lacking in compassion, but he never exhibited any such feelings. He was, in fact, as soft-hearted as they come - the kindest, most understanding and generous person I have ever met.

So - was that all down to Grace and Bill giving him the care and affection he needed at an impressionable age, and teaching him the ways of the world? On the other side of the coin his mother was apparently a very fiery woman, unloving, impatient and quick to anger, so did his easy-going, sociable and kindly

disposition come from the father he never knew?

The only thing I **did** notice throughout my life with Terry was his overwhelming need to be loved and appreciated for his own sake. He had little belief in self-worth and felt he had to pay monetarily or in some other way for people to like and accept him. Perhaps a “throw-back” to his early years when he realised people took him into their homes with reluctance and only when they were paid to do so.

So - the jury is still out -
Nature or Nurture?

Phyllis Inglis

Laugh Lines

Sitting by the convent window, Sister Anne opened a letter from home and found it contained a fifty-pound note. Looking out of the window she saw a shabbily-dressed man leaning against the wall. Quickly she wrote “Don’t despair, Sister Anne” on a piece of paper, put it in an envelope with the £50 and

tossed it down to him. The man picked it up, tipped his hat to the nun and walked off. Next day Sister Anne was told there was a man at the door asking for her. She found the stranger who handed her an envelope full of money.

“What’s this?” she asked, and he replied “That’s what’s coming to you, Sister”, he replied “Don’t Despair came in paying 80-1!”

Parenting Today!

I wish I knew the name of things
I’m two years old, you know
But I’m sitting in my buggy
Facing the way to go
Mummy doesn’t speak to me
Her phone is by her ear
So maybe I will learn to talk
At nursery next year

This Health & Safety World!

Warnings Noted -

On a baby buggy - Remove child before folding.

On a Superman costume label - Wearing this garment does not enable you to fly

On electric paint-stripping gun - Not to be used as a hair dryer

On a jigsaw puzzle - Some assembly required

In a chainsaw instruction manual - Do not attempt to stop blade with your hands

On a TV remote -

Not dishwasher safe

On a bicycle bell -

Should be installed and serviced by professional mechanic. Failure to do so may result in serious injury or death.

On a steam iron -

Don’t iron clothing while it is being worn - you will injure the wearer.

On a packet of peanuts -

May contain nuts

All true folks!

Quote of the Month

Pennies don’t fall from Heaven, they have to be earned on earth!

(Margaret Thatcher)

Love Story

I will seek and find you

I shall take you to bed and have my way with you

I will make you ache, shake and sweat until you moan and groan

I will make you beg for mercy, beg for me to stop

I will exhaust you to the point that you will be relieved when I’m finished with you.

And when I AM finished you will be weak for days

All my love - The Flu!

Now - lift your mind to a higher plane and get your flu jab!! **Glo**

“TASTER” VOUCHER

This voucher entitles you to attend one of our in-house sessions or activities for the first time - free of charge - to see if it will interest you

Please note that it CANNOT be used for affiliate and “outside hirer” activities

TRY SOMETHING NEW!

This Newsletter and our website give details of the days and times when the sessions and activities take place

What's On in October

Regular Hirers

Contact the Hirer if you wish to join

Hirer	Session	Day	October
Bashley W.I.	A	Fri	12.
Brockenhurst Yoga	E	Tues	2,9,16,30.
C & NF Nat.Trust	E	Wed	3.
CAMEO Ladies	M	Wed	3.
Doohan Yoga	E	Thurs	4,11,18.
EXTEND	M	Thurs	4,11,18.
Hort. Society	E	Wed	17.
Mandela Book Grp	E	Mon	15.
Martial Arts	M	Sat	6,13,20,27.
Michelle's Slim. World	E	Wed	3,10,17,24,31.
NF Quilts Group	E	Mon	1,8.
RAF Association	M	Tues	2,16.
Seq. Dance	A	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.
Tangent Yoga	E	Thurs	4,11,18,25.
Townswomen's Guild	A	Mon	15.
U3A Family History	M	Mon	22.
U3A Local History	M	Wed	3.
U3A Singing	A	Mon	15.
U3A World History	M	Thurs	25.
Weight Watches	M	Sat	6,13,20,27.
Wool Etc	A	Thurs	18.

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What's On in October

Regular Events

Section /Activities	Time	Day	October	Section /Activities	Time	Day	October
Art	2:00 PM	Wed	3,10,17,24,31.	French Improvers	12:00 PM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.
Ballroom Dancing	2:00 PM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.	French Intermediate	9:55 AM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.
Ballroom Dancing	7:30 PM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.	German Beginners	11:30 AM	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.
Beading	7:00 PM	Wed	3,10.	German Improvers	10:00 AM	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.
Beading	9:45 AM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.	Italian - Beginners	2:00 PM	Fri	5,12,19,26.
Bowling	6:30 PM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.	Italian - Improvers +	10:00 AM	Fri	5,12,19,26.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.	Italian - Improvers +	11:15 AM	Fri	5,12,19,26.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Wed	3,10,17,24,31.	Italian - Manuela	11:30 AM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.	Line Dancing	12:15 PM	Fri	5,12,19,26.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Fri	5,12,19,26.	Literature Group	2:00 PM	Wed	3,10,31.
Bowling	6:30 PM	Fri	5,12,19,26.	Luncheon Club	12:00 PM	Thurs	18.
Bridge Chicago	1:30 PM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.	Mah-Jong	1:30 PM	Fri	5,12,19,26.
Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.	Mens Get Together	10:00 AM	Thurs	4.
Bridge Partner	1:30 PM	Wed	3,10,17,24,31.	Piano	10:45 AM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.
Bridge Duplicate	1:30 PM	Wed	3,10,17,24,31.	Poetry	10:30 AM	Thurs	18.
Bridge Practice	1:30 PM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.	Rummikub	10:00 AM	Wed	10,24.
Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Fri	5,12,19,26.	Saturday Dancing	7:30 PM	Sat	13.
Bridge Chicago	1:30 PM	Sat	20.	Scrabble	1:30 PM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.
Canasta	1:30 PM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.	Soc Seq Dancing	1:45 PM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.
Chess	1:30 PM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.	Spanish Conversation	10:00 AM	Mon	1,8,15,29.
Choir	2:00 PM	Wed	3,10,17,24,31.	Spanish Beginners	11:15 AM	Mon	1,8,15,29.
Come Dancing	7:30 PM	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.	Spanish Beginners	11:15 AM	Fri	5,12,19,26.
Craft	10:00 AM	Wed	10,24.	Spanish Improvers	10:00 AM	Fri	5,12,19,26.
Cribbage	2:00 PM	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.	Spanish Circle	7:30 PM	Tues	9.
Darts	2:00 PM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Mon	1,8,15,22,29.
Darts	2:00 PM	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.	Table Tennis	10:00 AM	Tues	2,9,16,23,30.
Discussion Group	2:00 PM	Tues	9.	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Wed	3,10,17,24,31.
Fabric Craft	2:00 PM	Thurs	11,25.	Table Tennis	2:00 PM	Thurs	4,11,18,25.
Film Show	2:30 PM	Sun	21.	Table Tennis	10:00 AM	Fri	5,12,19,26.

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