

New Milton & District Community Association



NEWSLETTER

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

So here we are, starting to gear up for all the festivities, perhaps making plans to go somewhere exotic, visit family and friends, or simply chill out comfortably at home.. Over the next few weeks there will be plenty going on at the Centre and, of course, we have the town's Christmas Festival to look forward to on Saturday, **24th November**, where we shall have a stall. Let's hope the weather will be kind, not only on that day but over the Holiday itself when so many of us will be travelling.

Before all that takes place we commemorate Remembrance Day on 11th November, particularly observing 100 years since the end of WW1. Sponsoring the British Legion's Poppy Appeal covering this special year are Pennyfarthing Homes.

Your Association will be represented by Vice Chairman Glen Kennedy at the War Memorial wreath-laying ceremony and a donation of £50 has been made to the Appeal in addition to purchase of the Silent Silhouette Nurse in our garden which has brought favourable comment.

A reminder to all contributors that copy for the JANUARY issue will be needed a week earlier than usual (11th December) to allow for the printers' holiday closure.

A further reminder that the Centre will be closed from the end of business on 22nd December, reopening on Wednesday, 2nd January.

JUBILEE ROOM

It was reported in committee that, during a party which recently took place in the Jubilee Room, a quantity of wine was spilt on the floor and not cleaned up. The acid content in the wine apparently ate into the **special** sealant used there to provide a good "dancing" surface and the repair cost amounted to £400+ - avoidable and unacceptable. Because of this, **all sections, activities and affiliates are advised that consumption of alcohol will no longer be permitted in the Jubilee Room.** If you **do** wish to include alcoholic drinks at your event a different room needs to be booked.

We welcome two new affiliates - New Milton Friends Group and Accord Legal Services. Check out their first articles in this issue.

This month's Discussion Group entry includes details of its set-up and what happens at their meetings. If any other section, activity or affiliate would like to submit a similar write-up on how you got together and have prospered since then, I would be very pleased to hear from you. I've been told that Art and

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Bridge are our longest-serving sections, but you may know differently??

Possible New Activities?

The following ideas have been put forward for consideration - **Monopoly and Nine Mens Morris (strategy board game)**. If you think you'd like to take part in either of these activities will you please add your name to the relevant list on the noticeboard. If enough people show interest to make them worth while we can then organise a suitable day, time and room.

NOTICE BOARDS

It is appreciated that each Section feels it important that their poster should be seen. However, there is only so much space on our notice boards, so it was suggested that A5 posters should be submitted in order to display as many as possible. However, having discussed this matter at our last Executive meeting, it was decided that A5 posters are not easily read by everyone. Accordingly, as soon as is practicable a few of the photos on the opposite wall of the foyer will be removed and a new notice board put in place so that each group can display their coming events on A4 size posters.

In order to ensure that everyone gets a fair deal as regards space, **all notices are to be handed into Reception and NOT pinned on the boards by members.**

Last month I was advised, on good authority, that the Barton post office was open for business. Ha!! No more promises - believe it when it happens!

As we all know, our TV schedules are full of repeats - and repeats of repeats! I think I know the scripts of Midsomer Murders, Agatha Christie, Inspector Frost, Lewis and Foyles War backwards! What's the betting that our winter programmes will serve up Mary Poppins, old Christmas sitcoms and long-gone comics in an effort to keep us entertained? I have to say that, at a loss of something decent to watch, I do sometimes switch to some of the real oldies and comedies (probably now very non-PC!) which, no matter how many times I watch them, still give me a good laugh. Also some **real** stories with actors who knew their craft and didn't gabble their lines, didn't treat us to details about their gender problems or take all the action into the bedroom! I pick out the faces of stars in their earlier days; indeed, watching a really entertaining old British film the other day there was a short scene where a **very** young Audrey Hepburn took the part of a cocktail waitress and had only a few words to say. She looked thinner than Twiggy!

How do you think those now elderly stars feel when they turn on the TV and see themselves performing in their prime?

I recall some time ago watching an American programme when Gene Kelly was to be presented with an award. He was sitting in the front row of the audience, looking quite frail in a wheelchair having suffered a major stroke. The presenter spoke of Kelly's many film successes and invited

us to watch the famous Singing In The Rain sequence when he sang and danced through puddles with his umbrella. The camera then switched to Kelly, slumped in his wheelchair with tears streaming down his face. So sad!

My own silly thoughts when I take a depressing look at old photo albums pale in comparison.

Phyllis Inglis

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

At the end of September we held a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care, and what a splendid, well-attended occasion it turned out to be! Cakes of every shape, size and flavour were donated by Bashley WI, our own volunteers, Morrison's and Tesco's - very much appreciated by all who indulged in what was on offer.

The morning was hosted by Mary Bishop, one of our Receptionists, and the total amount raised was £462, which included a number of donations made by people who wanted to support the charity but could not attend. Our grateful thanks go to Mary and everyone who helped make this such a well-organised and successful event. Special thanks also go to our President/Newsletter Editor, Phyllis, who played piano throughout the morning.

Next came our Volunteers "Thank You" lunch and I think we can say that this, again, was a success judging by feedback received. Everyone enjoyed the food, wine, music, and the opportunity to meet up and chat with fellow volunteers.

Many thanks to those who sent emails, cards and phone messages to say how much they enjoyed it all. I hope it went towards showing how much our volunteers are appreciated by the Executive.

Still to come is the New Members Evening, and preparations are now well in hand, looking forward to them joining us to find out all that the Centre offers.

Thank you to those sections who have already completed the Survey Forms. These will be analysed to see what can be done to incorporate them with what we are already doing. Obviously, it will not be practical to use all suggestions put forward, but we will do our best for everyone's benefit. To any sections who have not yet completed the forms, please do so as soon as possible so that we can get a well-balanced "end product".

Just to let everyone know - I will not be available for my "meet the Chairman" dates on 2nd and 9th November, but will be at the Centre as usual on the 16th.

Marie Morgan

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Summary of October Meeting:

We were pleased to receive reports on the success of the Centre's participation in the Macmillan Coffee Morning as well as the "Thank You" lunch for our team of volunteers. An account of both these events, with photographs, has been posted on our website.

The efforts of the Publicity Team are beginning to bear fruit with a remarkable 36 new members

joining in September. Also, the publication of the Discussion Groups findings on the Future Of Our High Streets has resulted in more visits to the website.

Group leaders of our Sections and Activities have been tasked with obtaining feedback for the Executive by way of a Survey, and new ideas are coming forward. The results of this Survey will be considered in the completion of a Marketing Plan, and a consultant can now begin helping us make this important step.

There is to be a mini Art Exhibition on 14th December to coincide with one of our Cake Mornings.

The Centre faces a list of expenditure to maintain the building and its facilities. We are in the process of obtaining Planning consent for installation of a new cooling condenser to update the air-conditioning in the Ambrose Room.

Colin Bower
Minutes Secretary

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Thank you for the suggestions on how to change membership renewals; they were all reviewed and discussed with the Treasurer. Renewals start next month and one way in which members can help is by having the correct money - or perhaps requiring no change and making it as a donation to the Centre?

The basic annual renewal fee remains at £8 plus £1 if you require a car parking pass (an

additional 50P if you need a pass holder for your windscreen). Parking is obviously very limited so space cannot be guaranteed.

Nigel King

FROM THE WEBMASTER

Please visit the website and view the "Centre News Stories" page which now has pictures from both the Macmillan Coffee Morning and Thank You Lunch which was given for our volunteers who run the Centre. The pictures will change automatically every five seconds or so, and there is around six to go through; if you wish to pause on a picture place the mouse over it and it will hold. The Discussion Group's findings on the "older persons bus pass" question at their last meeting, available on their page.

A selection of art for sale in the Common Room has been added to the Art Group's page. Again, if you place your mouse over the picture it will pause.

I have created a new page for possible new meeting groups; the link is at the bottom of the list of our current Sections & activities list. Before these new groups can start up there needs to be a core number of members wishing to attend such a meeting, so please add your name and contact number to the list in the Centre.

If you attend a group elsewhere and need a new meeting venue please consider the Community Centre, either by your group members each joining this Association to create a new group or as an external hirer just booking a room as and when.

Nigel King

FILM SHOW

Sunday, **18th November**, “The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society” starring Jessica Brown Findlay and Tom Courtenay. In the aftermath of WW2 a writer forms a bond with residents when she writes a book about their experiences. £2.50 includes tea/coffee. Doors open at 2 for 2.30 p.m. start. Please use the side entrance next to the kitchen door.

John Fogerty

CAKE DAY

10.30 a.m. Friday, **2nd November**. Tea/coffee and cake for the budget-breaking sum of just £1! With Phyllis at the piano.

POLICE SURGERY

10.30 a.m. for about an hour at the Costa Café on Wednesday, **28th November**.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Sunday, **2nd December**, 9.20 a.m. till lunch-time, with a drink and snack to finish. If you can help please contact Pam Badcock on 01202 980177.

FESTIVE CONCERT

Ukulele Band 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, **12th December**, in the Common Room. Tickets at £2 including tea/coffee from Reception. Excellent reports on their performance.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

A Dancing Holiday at the Mayfair Hotel, Bournemouth, **16th to 21st December**. This five-day break features a night of live music with Larry Green and a mixed programme of ballroom, Latin,

social and popular sequence. Limited availability but full details from Dee on 627922.

FROM A NEW AFFILIATE - Accord Legal Services Ltd.

Is your home your most valuable asset? Have you worked hard your whole life to pay for and maintain it?

For most of you the answer to both of these questions will be a resounding “yes”. So, with that said, why have so many people still not safeguarded their home in the **right** way? Imagine this.....

You’ve made a Will stating that, in the event of your death, you intend that your spouse/partner should inherit everything including your share of the family home. But what if that person needs care in later life? He or she may be expected to pay for such care themselves, but care fees are becoming more expensive year by year. How can they afford to pay for their care fees and leave some money as inheritance for children? This is an upsetting scenario which could happen to any of us without the right protection. The sad truth is that some 200,000 family homes are sold every year to pay for care fees; estates are drastically reduced (sometimes to nothing at all) to pay for care, leaving beneficiaries with little or no inheritance. The lower limit for care fee means-testing is currently set at £14,250. However, your loved ones’ inheritance could be even less than that simply because the home and other assets were not protected. Don’t leave your home open to any risks - all of this can be avoided. With careful planning and professional advice you can protect your home and savings so that your children can benefit as much as possible. Putting yourself in control means you’ll prevent government authorities and other parties getting their hands on your assets.

For Couples: If you jointly own your home we can protect your property with one of our powerful Protection Wills which provides your spouse/partner with a right to continue to occupy the property, and buy a replacement property if necessary. The capital share you have in the property will also be protected, and the property is safeguarded from local authority means-testing. The ideal scenario is that half the property is protected from loss and the other half is disregarded by local authorities. What this means for inheritance is that at least half of the property’s shares will be passed on to children. This plan of action is applicable even if you have a mortgage. Future stress and heartache for your family and beneficiaries can be avoided, but you need to act sooner rather than later. If you fall ill and require permanent care, or if you unfortunately lose mental capacity for any reason, it will be too late to protect your home and assets. Many people put off planning for the future until it’s too late, leaving loved ones devastated to realise the situation could have been easily avoided. The sooner planning is put into effect the more effectively we can help you ensure your assets go to those you love - not those you don’t!

Do You Have Savings? Whilst the family home is usually the most valuable asset, we can also help you to protect your savings.

If you would like a free consultation in your home to discuss all the above with me, I will help you every step of the way. I live locally and can be contacted on 07712 045969, rebecca.callow@accordwills.co.uk, <https://www.accordlegalservices.co.uk/consultant/rebecca-callow/>.

Note that I will also be available at a drop-in clinic - 9.45 a.m. to 1

p.m. Tuesday, **13th November**, in Room 2 at the Community Centre where I will be pleased to see you.

Rebecca Callow, Consultant

APPLETREE CARELINE

Do you know about this very helpful, comforting facility? It provides a 24-hour/365-day monitoring service to people living in and around the New Forest district who wish to have the security and reassurance of an immediate response in times of crisis or emergency to person or property.

Following activation of a community alarm or ID wristband emergency call, staff will mobilise the help required by contacting the emergency services as well as designated family members or friends. If you feel you could benefit yourself, or know of someone who might, please call us for further information.

New Forest District Council
02380 285523
appletree.careline@nfdc.gov.uk

Ed: Many of you will be familiar with their Lifeline wristband or pendant which enables you to call for help when **at home**. The Careline wristband, however, provides this help **wherever you are, even abroad!** I feel more confident when wearing it myself and happened to see the scheme in action a while ago when visiting Tesco. I arrived to see an elderly man lying on the ground near the entrance and staff covering him with a duvet to keep him warm. They were trying to talk to him and, whilst he was apparently in no condition to answer, he kept pointing to his jacket cuff where

they found his Careline wristband carrying contact details which the paramedics were able to use and act upon as soon as they arrived.

Well worth it for peace of mind when you're out and about where accidents can happen.

News from the Sections & Activities

BALLROOM/LATIN/SOME SEQUENCE

Contact: Pam Badcock, 01202 980177

As the Newsletter goes to press we are looking forward to our Halloween Dance, which I'm sure will be an excellent evening. We have all the Christmas events to look forward to, not forgetting our New Year's Eve Dance. Tickets at £5 are now on sale.

BOWLS

Contact: Janet Keats, 614996

Short Mat Bowls: The closing date for skittles at Hoburne Bashley is Thursday, **15th November**. So far, over 50 people have signed up for the event and tickets are now available. Any donations for the raffle would be appreciated; as in previous years, some of the proceeds will be donated to a charity.

We have had a good response to bowling at the New Milton Indoor Bowling Club on Mondays from 4 to 6 p.m. If interested you will need your own woods, bowling shoes, and the dress code is white tops and grey bottoms. Details are on the Bowls notice board.

BRIDGE

Contact: Secretary Marion Short, 291793

Please note the above new contact details as Christopher Fradd is taking a break for a while. We thank him for preparing the monthly articles for so long.

As I write this the October Social Bridge has not yet taken place so the winner will be announced next month. Our next Social Bridge will be held on Saturday, **17th November**, and you are asked to arrive in good time so that we can start promptly at 1.30. While you have your diaries out make a note of **8th December** when we have our Christmas Party and Chicago Bridge in the afternoon.

Finally, **it seems that the black wrist rests for players which were kept in the cupboard have "gone walkabout"!** **If you think you might know where they are, please contact me.**

COME DANCING

Contact: Andre Bidmead, 291519

With winter now well on its way why not make this the time to come and join our dance section from 7.30 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday? We offer a friendly, warm atmosphere, an alternative to the gym, contemporary music to dance to, and we even throw in a cuppa and biscuit! At what cost, you may ask? Well, all this for a modest fee of £2 for members, £3 for visitors.

Whilst we were very disappointed at having to cancel our first Saturday dance of the season owing to circumstances beyond

our control, I would like to remind you that our next Saturday dance **will** be held on **10th November**. This will be a Remembrance dance allowing us to reflect not only on those brave, honourable men who sacrificed their lives for us in the 1914-18 war but those who have since selflessly given their lives so that we may be free. Music has been tastefully selected by our team. Tickets are £2 for members, £3 for visitors.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Contacts: Bob Dowling,
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bobdowling@hotmail.co.uk;

Colin Bower, 613254,

bower.colin@gmail.com

We had a group of nine at our October meeting when we discussed anonymity for suspects, bus fares for pensioners, MPs' adherence to their party's manifesto, and the right to die. Very cheerful! Our collective answers/findings to the potential introduction of bus fares for pensioners may be read on the Centre website.

Our next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, **13th November**, with discussion items chosen by the Group:-

1. Should our current road speed limits be changed and how can the problem of car drivers and passengers not wearing seat belts be solved? 101 are known to have been killed in car accidents last year.

2. Should potential new (female!) staff be asked (a) if they are planning to start a family, and (b) what their parents' occupations were when the applicants were 14 (applications to broadcasting companies)?
3. Should unmarried mothers receive widowed parent's benefit, following the landmark victory of one such woman whose partner of 23 years died leaving her to support her 3 children?
4. How can more be done to encourage organ and blood donations?

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

Evolution of the Group:

I once overheard someone referring to the Discussion Group as the "clever lot"! It certainly perked us up when I told them! I have been told by others that they enjoy reading what questions we discuss, but was still unable to persuade them to come along.

We are a small group of 15 on the register and between 6-12 attending each meeting. As you can imagine, there is a big difference in discussions between a group of 6 and one of 12, but always interesting and worthwhile. We don't always agree on everything and the gavel is always ready for action!

Bob Dowling and I took over the Group some years ago, now as co-chairmen. What is nice is that

for two months one of us is "in the chair" and the next two months he is a Group member, like any other. One of the first things that we decided upon was not to ask everyone for their views on every topic. We have found that, for some questions, some members prefer to listen to what others have to say. Bob and I do prepare for each meeting, probably more when we are Chairman. We research factual/technical subjects, just in case, but usually the discussion flows and we have little involvement. Mind you, the research I did for the Future Of Our High Street was a one-off. We have also introduced one other new idea and that is to publish a collective answer to one of the questions discussed. So even if one of us is Chairman the other co-chairman takes notes and chooses a question and answer to summarise, which then goes onto the Centre's website.

Bob and I carry out a review at a local hostelry and try to come up with some new ideas to justify the drink or two! One idea yet to be introduced is to hold a debate. We did attend a U3A debate so we know how one should be organised, but our Group were reluctant to hold such a formal meeting, and we do get enough questions to discuss so there is no real need.

There **is** a question we could debate and we are holding it in reserve - would Boris make a good Prime Minister? Maybe it will come out of the reserve soon (and we might get a good turnout for that one!).

As well as the three or four questions we agree in advance, we briefly look at topics that have been in the news. It won't surprise you to learn that our most common topics have been President Trump and Brexit. Sometimes we spring a topical question on the Group and it can be very interesting for us to give a spontaneous response.

The main role of the Chairman is to control the contributions from members whilst making their own points. Time has to be allowed so that topical items of news are looked at, three or four items chosen for discussion at the next meeting which always includes a tea/coffee break.

Over the years people have left the Group and new ones joined. Every new member brings a fresh perspective and life experience, which we welcome. One of my favourites was a former professional footballer who later worked in the Probation Service. Keenly interested, when we asked if the Group wanted an August break, he wanted to meet that month and, in fact, every week!

Bob has a list of the hundreds of questions we have discussed since we took over the Group. Very often we have discussed a question and it has come up in the news afterwards. We don't set out to solve the country's problems but we often do!

Colin Bower

JUBILEE SINGERS

Contact: Liz Northcote, 621519.
Bookings: sheilalead@hotmail.co.uk
Our visit to Ocean Breeze in Barton-on Sea went very well. We were given welcome refreshments and booked again for December. We have two further bookings for Brockenhurst and Milford-on-Sea.

Tickets for our three Christmas Variety Concerts (**8th, 12th and 15th December**) will be on sale from **7th November**, obtainable from Reception or a choir member, £6 for adults, £3 for children, to include refreshments a raffle. We are most grateful to those on Reception who have agreed to help us in this respect.

LANGUAGES

German - November

Contact: Susanne Platt, 612680
susanneplatt@talktalk.net

Improvers Plus: Tuesdays 10 to 11 a.m.

Beginners/Improvers: Tuesdays 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Spanish - November

Contact Ann Maria Humphries
ana_humphries@hotmail.com

Conversation: 10 a.m. 1 hr.

Beginners: 11.15 a.m. 1 hr.

Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.

Improvers: 10 a.m. 1 hr.

Beginners Plus: 11.15 a.m. 1 hr.
Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

LINE DANCING

Contact: John Fogerty, 622274
Many thanks to all who supported the Cream Tea dance. Nicky did a good job, alternating the dances so that we could all join in. It is also nice to see a few more beginners. Contact me for more details on what we're all about.

LUNCH CLUB

Contact: Jean Gales, 627193
After the long summer break it is lovely to be back in harness. I did wonder if all my friends had forsaken me as not many tickets were sold for September, but last month saw us back to normal and it was great to see you all again.

On Thursday, **15th November**, the meal will be Cottage Pie, which I hope will please you all. I look forward to your company.

MEN'S GET TOGETHER

Contact: David Eley,
eleydave@outlook.com

At our October meeting speaker Andre Edwards talked about the Pilgrim Bandits charity, established in New Milton by a small group of Special Forces veterans aiming solely to use their unique training and experience to help and inspire injured members of the Forces to live life to the full and go a little further.

Our next meeting is at 10 for 10.30 a.m. Thursday, **1st November**, when Stuart Wheeler will tell us about the Tank Museum, particularly those used in WW1.

POETRY

Contact: Chris Battison, 626550
Last month was a bumper one for attendees and "miscellaneous contributions". We almost ran out of chairs but there was certainly no shortage or variety of verse, ranging from humorous to more serious. Three people read their own poems. It was all extremely enjoyable and we'd love even more people to join this good-humoured, friendly group.

SOCIAL SEQUENCE

DANCING

Contact: Dee, 627922

As the year begins to draw to a close we give a special mention and “thank you” to all our volunteers. Firstly, our reception team who diligently keep our attendance register up to date, collect the entrance money and give a warm welcome to everyone on arrival. Secondly, our little band of music presenters have worked hard over the months to ensure that each week a programme has been chosen which is not only enjoyable to listen to but, more importantly, has incorporated a good mix of dances for everyone to “have a go”. Joy/Mavis/Jackie - again all volunteers who spend time and great patience demonstrating and showing us a new dance routine which helps to keep the little grey cells working. Without such support the weekly dance could not survive and they are all indeed greatly appreciated.

Our Christmas Party Dance will be on Thursday, **13th December**, again taking the theme of an American Supper. Please bring a small plate of food so that we can all enjoy a variety of treats. We will need kitchen volunteers so that tea/coffee can be served.

This will be our last dance of the year so please note our first dance in 2019 will be on Thursday, **10th January**. A very Merry Christmas to all and good health and happiness in the year ahead.

TABLE TENNIS

Contact: Secretary Gloria Lovelock, 613705

Welcome to the new people who have joined us.

Just a couple of weeks to book and pay now for our Christmas lunch; the menu is on our notice board. Last payment day is **16th November**. Same procedure as before; print your name and menu choice, ticket receipt and payment from me or committee member. Evening players please see Pam, Pat or Dawn for payment and receipt. Thanks to all three! This year a new venue, The Amberwood, 12.30 for 1 p.m., Thursday, **6th December**. Look forward to seeing you all. If you require transport or can offer a lift please contact me and Glen.

There will be a Remembrance Day parade on 11th November departing from Crossmead Avenue car park at 10.30 a.m.

The Christmas Festival is on Saturday, **24th November**, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a parade at midday. See you at the tables!

Glo's Do-Dahs:

A clever man can tell a woman's age, but a wise man never does!

News From the Affiliates

MILTON HERITAGE SOC.

Contact: Nick Saunders, 618439
nick@miltonheritagesociety.co.uk

Friday, 9th November: “1918 - How the final year of the Great War affected this community”. Nick Saunders' talk will review how WW1 and the events in 1918 had a major impact on our district. 1918

saw the highest number of casualties in a single year for our town. It will also look at the bigger picture of world events during those last months, some of which have shaped the world in which we live today.

At this meeting there will also be a short AGM of the Society.

If you have an interesting subject for, or can give a presentation on local history/heritage in this parish, please contact our Speaker & Events Secretary Clive Rigden on 07860 526 679; email clive@rigden. Net.

For information on the Society and membership, please do get in touch with me.

NEW FOREST PLAYERS

Following on last year's sell-out production of “Beauty & The Beast”, we are again venturing into the magical world of pantomime with a performance of “Puss In Boots” - a great traditional story making for laughter and a little romance. It will take place at the Memorial Centre from **3rd to 6th January**; 7.30 p.m. with 2.30 p.m. matinees on the 5th and 6th. Adults £12, children £8. Contact the box office on 01425 542414 or www.newforestplayers.com.

NM FRIENDS GROUP

Contact: Graham Fearis, 610916

This is a local fund-raising group run by some 10 volunteers with a promise and realisation to support local good causes. We are non-profit-making (members of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations) - like the tide, “whatever comes in, goes out”! In our time we have made donations to Macmillan, Oakhaven, Honey Pot, Everton Alzheimers & Dementia Support, New Milton Talking Newspapers and, back in 2016, were instrumental in donating £1,000 to the Town Council for the purchase of the defibrillator located outside Boots. Our funds come from regular

activities such as Cabaret and Quiz Nights and car boot sales, all very well supported.

If you know of any deserving local organisations, be it a children's support group, carer or any other group who could do with a bit of extra funding, they can download an application form to apply - <http://newmiltonfriendsgroup.org.uk> or contact me.

Our activities for November are:-

Wednesday, 7th: Quiz Night at Highcliffe Castle Golf Club, 6.30 for 8 p.m. Team tables maximum of six. Tickets from Janet on 6206047, £12.50 including hot food.

Friday, 9th: "Magic & Music" autumn cabaret at Hoburne Holiday Park, Bashley, featuring Mark Shortland and The New Forest Big Band. 6.30 for 8 p.m. start. Bar food available, over 18s only. Tickets £12.50 available from Janet on 626047 or Hardy's Electrical Stores on Station Road.

Saturday, 24th: The Friends will have two stalls at the Christmas Festival. Fun and games, teddy tombola and more.

NEW MILTON MACULAR SUPPORT GROUP

Contact: Malcolm Swan, 618925
2 p.m. Monday, **12th November**.
Learn About Guide Dog Puppy Training.

NEW MILTON

RESIDENTS' ASSOC,

Contact: Secretary Phyllis Inglis, 615069

General Meeting 2.15 p.m. Tuesday, **6th November**, at the Community Centre. Our speaker will be the ever-popular and informative Nick Saunders on the

ending of WW1 and its lasting effect on this area. Non-members welcome.

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TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Contact: Janet, 617052

Our November meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, **19th**, when the talk will be on "Dorset Through The Year". All visitors will be made very welcome.

PHOENIX HOLIDAY GROUP

Contacts: Pat McKean, 278669;
Richard White, 01590682427

phoenixholhighcliffe@aol.com
Next meeting at the Community Centre will be 10 a.m. till noon, Friday, **16th November**.

Holidays:

18th/22nd November - Sidmouth. 5 days half-board. Outings each day. £425, sea view £445.

24th/28th December - Bideford, 5 days, outings most days, festive food, entertainment. £610.

1st/3rd February - 3 days in London; best seats for "Matilda" musical, tour of Wimbledon, Apsley House and National Theatre. Half board. £389 (ss £34).

5th/9th April - Jersey, flying from Southampton. 5 days, some trips, some free time. £495 (ss £56).

September - Eastwood, Nottinghamshire. 5 days, details to be confirmed. This is to replace the Suffolk holiday mentioned last month as the selected hotel is not suitable for us.

Outings:

9th December - London Christmas Lights. £27.50.

6th February - Carvery lunch in South Devon. Very popular last year, so to be repeated.

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

Our next meeting at Greystones Hall,

Highcliffe, will be 2.30 p.m. on Friday, **2nd November**.

THE DUNKIRK REARGUARD

We faced the artillery
Soldiers and tanks
Not looking for glory
Nor medals or thanks
We'd just like to think
You remember us who
Are like the Battle of Britain lads
Known as The Few
Though not many of us
We stood side by side
As our comrades were rescued
On each rising tide
We stood against numbers
Far greater than ours
Each minute we held them
To us seemed like hours
But hold them we did
Till each bullet was spent
Then at them with rifle
And bayonet we went
We were outnumbered
By thousands to one
But we kept them at bay
Till the rescue was done
A lot of brave lads
Never saw the next day
Thanks to them, though,
Their mates got away
Then as they assembled
Back on home shore
They rebuilt their strength
And were ready once more
We that remained were
Exhausted and shattered
Our main forces were safe
So that's all that mattered
Those of us left
Had fought our last battle
Captured and shoved into trucks
Just like cattle
Our next years were spent
As prisoners of war
But we're proud of the job
We stayed behind for
We don't want you to thank us
Though it's nice if you do
All that we ask is -
Remember Us Too!

MEMORIES OF A LITTLE SHIP

No-one looking at me now would
Know what my past has been
I lie forgotten, broken down,
Left alone to dream
To dream of the time when
Shining and painted
I sailed round the coast
As we pleasure boats did
Those were the days
And I loved every minute
But how soon did it end
In a war - would we win it?
Black days then followed
Lives were lost on the sea
But I was a pleasure boat
They didn't want me
Then at long last
My day of days came
I achieved great things
But I crawled home lame
I've been left here since then
On this desolate shore
With nothing for company
But memories galore
Of the wonderful boys
We brought back from Dunkirk

How everyone praised
Our honourable work
My life's been short
And I can't help but sigh
But I've done my work well
So I'm ready to die

(Ed: I wrote this, aged 13, when I was evacuated; entered it in a local "War Poems" contest, received a prize and had it published - to the great astonishment of my English teacher who regarded me as one of her most inattentive pupils. So that told **her**, didn't it? Phyllis)

Laugh Lines

The Alphabet

Married for 30 years a wife asked her husband to describe her. When he said "You're A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H. I.J.K." she asked what that meant. He replied "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous and Hot". She smiled happily and said "Oh, that's so

sweet, but what about I.J.K.?" He answered "I'm Just Kidding".

The swelling in his eye is going down and the GP is fairly optimistic about saving his Crown Jewels! **Glo**

Churchill Quotes:

A speech should be like a lady's skirt - long enough to cover the subject but short enough to encourage interest.

There is nothing a government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place.

You don't make the poor richer by making the rich poorer.

Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions.

If Britain must choose between Europe and the open sea, she must always choose the open sea!

The World Of Today: A film star told reporters that a producer accused of sexual misconduct had NOT made any advances to **her** so she is suing him for discrimination!

**REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING
ONE OF OUR OWN SECTIONS OR ACTIVITIES YOUR FIRST
"TASTER" VISIT WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE"**

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What's On in November

Regular Hirers

Contact the Hirer if you wish to join

Hirer	Session	Day	November
Bashley W.I.	A	Fri	9.
Brockenhurst Yoga	E	Tues	6,13,20,27.
C & NF Nat.Trust	E	Wed	-----
CAMEO Ladies	M	Wed	7.
Doohan Yoga	E	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.
EXTEND	M	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.
Hort. Society	E	Wed	21.
Mandela Book Grp	E	Mon	19.
Martial Arts	M	Sat	-----
Michelle's Slim. World	E	Wed	7,14,21,28.
NF Quilts Group	E	Mon	5,12.
RAF Association	M	Tues	6,20.
Seq. Dance	A	Tues	6,13,20,27.
Tangent Yoga	E	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.
Townswomen's Guild	A	Mon	19.
U3A Family History	M	Mon	26.
U3A Local History	M	Wed	7.
U3A Singing	A	Mon	19.
U3A World History	M	Thurs	29.
Weight Watches	M	Sat	3,10,17,24.
Wool Etc	A	Thurs	15.

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Regular Events

Section /Activities	Time	Day	November	Section /Activities	Time	Day	November
Art	2:00 PM	Wed	7,14,21.	French Improvers	12:00 PM	Mon	12,19,26.
Ballroom Dancing	2:00 PM	Mon	5,12,19,26.	French Intermediate	9:55 AM	Mon	12,19,26.
Ballroom Dancing	7:30 PM	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.	German Beginners	11:30 AM	Tues	6,13,20,27.
Beading	7:00 PM	Wed	-----	German Improvers	10:00 AM	Tues	6,13,20,27.
Beading	9:45 AM	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.	Italian - Beginners	2:00 PM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.
Bowling	6:30 PM	Mon	5,12,19,26.	Italian - Improvers +	10:00 AM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Tues	6,13,20,27.	Italian - Improvers +	11:15 AM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Wed	7,14,21,28.	Italian - Manuela	11:30 AM	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.	Line Dancing	12:15 PM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.	Literature Group	2:00 PM	Wed	7,14,21,28.
Bowling	6:30 PM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.	Luncheon Club	12:00 PM	Thurs	15.
Bridge Chicago	1:30 PM	Mon	5,12,19,26.	Mah-Jong	1:30 PM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.
Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Tues	6,13,20,27.	Mens Get Together	10:00 AM	Thurs	1.
Bridge Partner	1:30 PM	Wed	7,14,21,28.	Piano	10:45 AM	Mon	5,12,19,26.
Bridge Duplicate	1:30 PM	Wed	7,14,21,28.	Poetry	10:30 AM	Thurs	15.
Bridge Practice	1:30 PM	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.	Rummikub	10:00 AM	Wed	14,28.
Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.	Saturday Dancing	7:30 PM	Sat	10.
Bridge Chicago	1:30 PM	Sat	17.	Scrabble	1:30 PM	Mon	5,12,19,26.
Canasta	1:30 PM	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.	Soc Seq Dancing	1:45 PM	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.
Chess	1:30 PM	Thurs	1,8,15,22,29.	Spanish Conversation	10:00 AM	Mon	5,12,19,26.
Choir	2:00 PM	Wed	7,14,21,28.	Spanish Beginners	11:15 AM	Mon	5,12,19,26.
Come Dancing	7:30 PM	Tues	6,13,20,27.	Spanish Beginners	11:15 AM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.
Craft	10:00 AM	Wed	14,28.	Spanish Improvers	10:00 AM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.
Cribbage	2:00 PM	Tues	6,13,20,27.	Spanish Circle	7:30 PM	Tues	-----
Darts	2:00 PM	Mon	5,12,19,26.	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Mon	5,12,19,26.
Darts	2:00 PM	Tues	6,13,20,27.	Table Tennis	10:00 AM	Tues	6,13,20,27.
Discussion Group	2:00 PM	Tues	13.	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Wed	7,14,21,28.
Fabric Craft	2:00 PM	Thurs	8,22.	Table Tennis	2:00 PM	Thurs	8,15,22,29.
Film Show	2:30 PM	Sun	18.	Table Tennis	10:00 AM	Fri	2,9,16,23,30.

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