

New Milton & District Community Association



NEWSLETTER

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Phew! The last weeks must have been a real bonus for sun-lovers but I have to say that, for me, it has all got a bit much and I feel like dancing out in the rain when it comes. All very well for you slim and trim people able to strip down to the bare essentials, but for those like me who wouldn't be seen dead without our under-pinnings to keep everything in the right place, life does get rather uncomfortable. Shouldn't complain, though - we'll think of it all with nostalgia when the winter winds blow!

Friend Marie Morgan and I did take advantage of the sunshine to enjoy a few days' break in Sidmouth - absolutely at its best, and my having a room with a balcony overlooking the sea meant it could be opened up for a relieving night breeze. It's a town we like to visit since it isn't too far away, doesn't close for the season, has a fine long promenade, some interesting shops, and the Connaught Gardens (a "must"!) are always a delight.

Reminder! Bank Holiday closure on **27th August**.

As most of us will know, Bradbeers is a major owner of property to the south of the town. Plans for their development and enlargement of the old Co-op store are involved and not at all straightforward, calling for a lot of consultation, time and preparation. In view of this and while all the behind-the-scenes work is going on, the site has been leased for a maximum of two years to a large charity selling quality used furniture. This will undoubtedly come as a disappointment to residents hoping for something much more interesting and useful, but we are asked to bear with Bradbeers, acknowledge that they do have long-term, advantageous plans for enhancement of the town, and so make allowances for their present situation.

Seeing that Specsavers has now opened reminds me of something which gave me a chuckle a while

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back. A photo in a newspaper of a junction where a van had smacked into the side of a bus. The banner advert on the bus was "Should Have Gone To Specsavers!"

Not very much news from sections, activities or affiliates this month as so many are taking a summer break. By all accounts, though, everyone eventually looks forward to getting back to "normal" with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. Nevertheless, we do benefit from a change in routine so let's enjoy August!

Barring last-minute disasters I will be "moving house" on 30th July so by the time you read this I shall be at my new address, given at the bottom of page 12. Right now I've no idea when my phone and email facility will be up and running there - BT taking their time, as usual - but hopefully they won't change my phone number. So watch this space, and please bear with me if you are unable to make contact for a few days.

Phyllis Inglis

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Well, Summer is with us at last. I have to say I am enjoying the sunshine and

lovely blue skies, but find the heat a little too much at times. However, we don't get this amount of such fine weather very often so I think we have to enjoy what we can while it is here. I am sure it will change all too soon!

I visited Malcolm Swan's Macular Support Group meeting last month and what a warm welcome I received. I was quite amazed at how many people who attend this meeting were already known to me but I didn't realise they had a problem with macular degeneration. This is an excellent meeting, held on the second Monday of the month, so if you have relatives or friends who you feel would benefit from joining the group do please get in touch with Malcolm or leave your name at Reception so that it can be forwarded on to him.

The first meeting of the Executive since the AGM was held last month and you will find a summary of it in this issue. If you did attend the AGM you will know that we have two new members of the committee, namely Bob Stevens who will continue in his role as our Health & Safety Officer and

as a receptionist, and Glen Kennedy who you may know from his involvement in the Table Tennis section. He has kindly agreed take over as Acting Vice Chairman, which means we now have a full complement of Officers.

We have quite a number of ideas to bring forward during the coming year but, as you can imagine, these will take time but I assure you everyone will be kept informed at all times.

We are also planning a BIG Macmillan Coffee Morning in September, and more details about this worthwhile event will be given in the next Newsletter.

Meanwhile, enjoy the sunshine!

Marie Morgan

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

In opening our July meeting Chairman Marie Morgan extended a warm welcome to Bob Stevens and Glen Kennedy, our two new recruits to the Exec. Committee, who she felt sure will bring new thoughts and ideas to the proceedings. It was also Geoff Tilston's first attendance in the newly-created role of Centre Coordinator.

As this was our first meeting after the AGM, appointment of a Vice Chairman was on the agenda. We were pleased that Glen has agreed to take up this post, initially in an acting capacity, while he familiarises himself with the committee's activities and procedures.

In his first report Geoff Tilston covered his initial meetings with the caretakers, receptionists, our Treasurer and Lettings Officer as well as members in general. It is early days for him but he has thoughts and ideas which will be put to the committee for consideration at a later date. Apparently due to queries raised by some members, clarification of Geoff's role was requested - was he employed as a consultant or did he have a designated position within our organisation? Reference was made to the July Newsletter which states clearly and categorically that he was appointed to the new position of Centre Coordinator and will fulfil that role on a consultancy basis for a trial period of four months. He has authority to cover his terms of reference, talk with volunteers, members and hirers, put forward ideas and suggestions, work to attract

new membership and publicity for the Centre, etc., and he should receive everyone's full cooperation in his endeavours.

It was agreed that we should purchase a "Silent Soldier" (or its equivalent) from the British Legion at a cost of £250 as part of the national tribute to mark this centenary year. As there was a choice of silhouette we have opted for a Nurse, rather than a soldier, as a symbol of care in the community. It will be displayed in our garden every November.

As Social Secretary, Pam Badcock has suggested that a trip to the Winchester Christmas Market be organised for December. This idea was welcomed and further details will be announced at a later date. Pam had purchased some colourful plastic tablecloths to be used in the Lounge on Saturday mornings. With flowers added, the result is attractive and gives the room a welcoming "lift".

Phyllis Inglis, Secretary

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SEC.

Last month I reminded everyone that there is an

option to take up temporary membership. This is still available for those visiting the area for a short period. If, however, there are new residents who have recently moved here, they may like to receive a Welcome Pack which includes a range of information which they might find useful. This naturally includes details on what the Community Centre has to offer.

If you happen to know of someone who has recently arrived please let me know and I will arrange for a Pack to be delivered to them

Nigel King

FROM THE WEBMASTER

The range of previous Newsletters available on the website has been increased. The Newsletter page now includes eight copies from 2004 to 2005 when it was issued every other month with black and white photographs.

Have you visited the café on a Saturday morning for the Shoppers' Special? The presentation of the café is changed and you will find a couple of photographs on the Refreshments page. We also have a new page for the jigsaw group.

There have been frequent changes to the What's On page, for coming events and past Centre news stories. It now includes draft minutes of the June AGM as well as minutes and reports from the previous year's AGM.

Nigel King

CENTRE MAINTENANCE

Now we have good weather outside, the Centre is being refurbished, as I hope you will have noticed. The fire escapes have a new post, replacement railings have been installed, and both have been treated with rust-proofing paint. White metalwork around the building is being painted, as is masonry paintwork around the windows. Another big job has been repainting of parking lines in the car park.

However, **who was it parked their car next to the garage and backed out hitting the protective rail, buckling it and ripping it out of the ground?** All without the courtesy of reporting it! This needed four hours of work to repair the metal and supports, dig out a broken support and concrete a replacement post back in!

All this outside work is being done by our two caretakers,

Albert and Manuel, and we have two temporary caretakers helping out on some evenings and Saturday afternoons. The work is back-breaking, even for these young men, and we are very fortunate to have them.

John Revill

POLICE SURGERY

10.30 a.m. Wednesday, 29th August, at the Costa Café.

FILM SHOW

Due to popular demand, "Another Mother's Son" will be shown again on Sunday, **12th August**. A film about life in Jersey during WW2 based on true incidents, starring Jenny Seagrove, John Hannah and Julian Kostov.

Doors open at 2 p.m. for a 2.30 start. £2.50 to include tea/coffee. Please use side entrance next to the kitchen door.

John Fogerty

SPECIAL CAKE DAY

No date for August but, until further notice, this will take place on a Wednesday, priced at £1. Do come along on **5th September** for a convivial chat over tea/coffee and cake.

LUNCH CLUB

Contact: Jean Gales

A reminder that there will not be a lunch in August. I do hope you all have a lovely summer holiday, and look forward to seeing you again on **20th September**.

Thank you once again for all your support.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Dancing Holiday at the Mayfair Hotel, Bournemouth, **16th to 21st December**. Ballroom, Latin, Popular Sequence. A fun week. Full details from Dee on 627922

NATWEST COMMUNITY BANKER

I am available to help with your banking problems, in the Centre's car park from 10 a.m. till noon most Mondays. Get in touch to find out what I can do for you.

Helen Downes, 07711 762867

helen.downes@natwest.com

NEW FRIENDSHIPS

Contact The Elderly is a service which helps to mitigate the feeling of isolation and loneliness experienced by older people who can't get out and about very much and perhaps don't have family living nearby. A network of volunteers facilitate free, regular outings and events enabling people to socialise and hopefully establish friendships. Last month's issue of the Mature Times, available at the Centre, included an article on what the organisation does. If you missed seeing it and would like to know more, call 0800 716543 or email info@contact-the-elderly.org.uk.

THE SAMARITANS

Always There to Listen!

Way back in 1938 a London vicar conducted his first funeral which was for a 14-year-old girl who took her own life because she mistakenly thought she had a terrible disease and had nobody to confide in or talk to. He was inspired to launch a "999 for the suicidal" and, together with an

increasing number of volunteers, offered counselling, listening to people who just wanted to talk - not all suicidal but needing to off-load their problems into a sympathetic, understanding ear.

On 5th November, 1953, the Samaritans as we know it today was born, with volunteers believing that, if people are given the opportunity to talk and time to think more rationally, they can find a way through their problems.

After 65 years, and in the rather difficult, pressurising world in which we now live, the Samaritans are in greater need, operating 24 hours a day every day throughout the year. The service offered is completely confidential and free. Contact them on 116 123, jo@samaritans.org/.

(Summary of article in the July Mature Times)

THIEVES AREN'T STUPID!
Seemingly innocent things can be turned against us.....

Long-Term Parking: A car left at an airport was broken into. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, the thieves drove to the owner's home and ransacked it. If you are going to leave your car when flying off on holiday, DON'T leave personal information in it (or your garage door opener).

GPS: Someone had his car broken into while he was watching a football game. Items stolen included a garage door remote control, money and a GPS which had been mounted on the dashboard. Thieves used the GPS to guide them to the house and the

remote gave them entry, knowing how long the game would last and that they had plenty of time to take as much as they could. If you have a GPS don't put your home address in it.

Cell Phones: A lady's handbag was stolen when she went into a store to simply collect something. In it was her wallet, credit cards and cell phone listing family and other contacts. When she managed to contact her husband he said "I got your text asking for our pin number and replied straight away". When they rushed to the bank all their money had already been withdrawn. The thief had used information on the cell phone to call her husband and get the pin number he needed.

Grocery shopping: A lady left her purse in the trolley for a few moments while reaching for something on a high shelf. It was stolen, of course, and she reported it to the store. Shortly after returning home she received a phone call from the store saying her purse had been found; no money in it but personal items were still there. She went back to the store only to be told they had NOT called her. Returning home again she found it had been burglarised, the thief luring her out with a false call.

What to do?

1. Don't disclose relationship between yourself and those on your contact list. Avoid using names like, Dad, Mum, Sis, etc.
2. When sensitive information is sought through texts, confirm first by calling back.
3. When texted by anyone

asking you to meet them somewhere, call them back to confirm that the message did, in fact, come from them.

It's very unpleasant that, in today's world, we have to be so wary, security conscious and suspicious of people but - better to be safe than sorry!

News from the Sections & Activities

BRIDGE

Contact: Christopher Fradd, 614605

There is very little to report this month but it is pleasing to say that everything has been proceeding quite smoothly.

Attendances have been down slightly of late but that probably has something to do with the exceptionally hot weather as well as rival attractions on the tennis court and football pitch. Naturally, we would welcome new members to each of our sessions.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held during Social Bridge in June, an item accidentally omitted from the AGM which took place in May was dealt with and a couple of alterations made to committee membership.

The Social Bridge this month will be on Saturday, **18th**. As usual we will start at 1.30 p.m. but please arrive a bit earlier so that we can begin promptly.

COME DANCING

Contact: June, 07791 336446
It's time to break out the flower garlands and colourful clothes, get your tickets and hula on down to the summer Hawaiian Dance on Tuesday, **14th August**. If you cannot get tickets in advance they will be available on the door from 7.10 p.m., with dancing from 7.30 to 10.15 p.m. Ticket price includes a raffle and spot dance prizes - only £2.50 for Come Dancing section members and £3 for all others. Grass skirts optional! Please bring your own refreshments for the evening.

We are pleased to welcome visitors to the area, so if you want somewhere to spend an enjoyable evening do come along and spend it with us. Our normal weekly Tuesday evening dances continue without a break throughout the summer months. Entrance fee of £2 for our section members, £2.50 for others, to include refreshments.

With September still being a busy holiday month resulting in very low attendance, the Saturday dances will not recommence until October.

LANGUAGES

Spanish -

September (new term)

Contact: Ana Humphries

ana_humphries@hotmail.com

Conversation: 10 a.m. one hour

Beginners: 11.15 a.m. one hour

Mondays 10th, 17th, 24th.

Improvers: 10 a.m. one hour

Beginners Plus: 11.15 a.m. one hour

Fridays 14th, 21st, 28th.

LITERATURE

Contact: Janet Giles, 07719 606358

After the long summer break we are looking forward to our autumn course entitled "The Novel and Empire" with works by E.M. Forster, J.G. Farrell and Salman Rushdie.

We meet on Wednesday afternoons, starting on **3rd October**. New members are always welcome.

Call me for more information.

MEN'S GET TOGETHER

We have to report the sad death of our friend and committee member Terry Howard. His funeral will be at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 2nd August, at the Bournemouth Crematorium.

As this is on the day and time of our August meeting, and as many members will have known Terry over the years of his membership and service to our group, they may wish to attend the funeral. Accordingly, **our August meeting is cancelled**.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, **6th September**, as usual.

POETRY

Contact: Shirley Burke, 628992

Our next meeting will be at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, **16th August** in Room 1, the chosen topic being Kings & Queens or Heroes. This should give a wide choice to

allow members to find poems they would enjoy sharing with the group.

The recent topic of Night & Day was good fun, one member even bursting into song as one of her choices had a popular lyric. We did find that poets tend towards being moved to write more about night than day - perhaps more atmospheric!

We read for enjoyment, not for analysis or study of the poets themselves. We would love to have a few more members so do consider if you might enjoy joining us, maybe to read a poem or two that you have chosen, or listen to others reading or even reciting (just clever ones do that!). Newcomers will always receive a warm welcome.

SOCIAL SEQUENCE

DANCING

Contact: Dee, 627922

The past few weeks have been a testing time for all of us - should we dance or sunbathe? Not easy to think about physical activities but, having made the commitment, it has been good to see so many familiar faces week after week. Very reassuring for the music presenters who have worked hard to provide a varied programme, whatever the weather.

We are one of the few activities who do not close during August and quite often this is the time to pick up new people who perhaps have not ventured into New Milton previously. It is always a pleasure to welcome visitors and

dancers from other areas. Who knows - we may learn some different dances!

TABLE TENNIS

Contact: Secretary Gloria Lovelock, 613705

What a hot July, record-breaking temperatures, made for a muggy time to play it. Thanks to Glen for setting up the two monster fans to keep us going. Yes, the Aircon is still on the books, and all will be sorted soon. Remember that we can provide free cool drinks, so please ask.

A pleasant surprise when two of our old members, Terry and Paul, popped in to play in a flying visit. Always very welcome.

A warm welcome, too, to Mary Pearson who has "volunteered" to join our committee. An updated list of committee members can be seen on the notice board.

Health & Safety:

Please ensure when putting up or taking down tables there are two people, one of whom has done it before. Always ask for assistance. Thank you!

Motto of the Month:

One of the hardest things in the world is to keep your mouth shut when you know something needs to be said.

News from the Affiliates

NEW MILTON MACULAR SUPPORT GROUP

Contact: Malcolm Swan, 618925
2 p.m. Monday, 13th August.

Talk on the services available at Southampton Eye Unit.

NEW MILTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Contact: Secretary Phyllis Inglis, 615069

The speaker at last month's General Meeting was Penny Smith, founder/coordinator of New Milton Community First Responders. She was instrumental in setting this up in 2016 providing early assistance in emergency health and medical situations. An aimed-for ambulance response time is eight minutes but, this cannot always be achieved. A Responder will attend and deal with the emergency or wait with the patient until an ambulance arrives.

Penny described a number of cases where such early attendance has greatly helped in difficult situations and, indeed, saved lives.

The present team of eight Responders are all volunteers, giving their time without receiving any recompense - dedicated to the service they provide. No financial aid comes from the NHS so they are entirely dependent on their own fund-raising efforts.

Other groups in the Centre who have speakers might like to consider inviting her to talk about and raise the profile of this vital service.

Our next General Meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th September, at the Community Centre. The speaker will be Liz

Downs on the "Canine Partnership" with Barbara and her assistance dog Mungo. Non-members very welcome.

NEW MILTON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Contact: Janet, 617052

We have no meeting in August, so our next one will be 2 p.m. on Monday, **17th September**, at the Community Centre, with a talk entitled Life & Other Problems. We meet on the third Monday of each month when new members and visitors will be very welcome.

Call Janet for more details.

NEW MILTON U3A

Contact: Joy Mantell, 638898

As well as having various interest groups we hold General Meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month, 2 p.m. at the Memorial Centre. We always have a speaker and visitors are very welcome at a charge of £2.

Our next meeting is on **22nd August** when we shall welcome a very experienced speaker, Howard Nicholls, to give us a rather quirky talk entitled "The Longest Journey". Do call Joy for further information.

PHOENIX HOLIDAY GROUP

Contact: Pat McKean, 278669

phoenixholshighcliffe@aol.com

Our next meeting at the Community Centre is 10 a.m. till noon on Friday, **17th August**. Pop in for coffee and a chat.

Holidays:

7th/10th September - Stourport, a Taste of the West Midlands. Half-board at a four-

star hotel and visits to Bletchley Park, Coventry, Worcester, Black Country Museum, Severn Valley Steam Railway, etc. £349 (ss £45).

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

24th/28th December - Christmas in Bideford at a Brend Hotel. Outings most days, festive food and entertainment. £620.

Outings:

8th August - Guide Dog National Breeding Centre. £29.75 inc.

16th October - Sussex Tour for Autumn Colour. £19.50

9th December - London Christmas Lights. £27.50.

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

Our next Highcliffe meetings will be at 2.30 p.m. on Fridays, **3rd and 31st August** at Greystones Hall, Waterford Road.

RNLI - NEW MILTON BRANCH

Contact: Brian Dempster, 611643

The committee would like to thank volunteers and supporters who have helped at events throughout the year, and the people of New Milton for their generous donations.

Helping to ensure the safety of those who make their living on the sea, as well as locals and

visitors who enjoy our coast, is dear to our hearts. Our work would not be possible without you all. If you would like to help us raise money or wish to know more about our work, please come along to any of the events we'll be attending. These will be announced in this Newsletter and local papers.

We are currently looking for a Publicity Officer to ensure that our local events are publicised, write short pieces like this and generally keep the RNLI in the public eye. This is a voluntary position and you need to be computer literate. If you think you might be able to help us and would like to have more details, of what's involved, do please call me or email membership.nm.bos.rnli@gmail.com

PETS IN THE FAMILY

Coming out of Morrisons recently, I noticed that there was a man standing waiting there with a dog and, as a mother followed me out with her small son, the boy saw the dog and backed away literally screeching with terror. Mother just said "Yes, nasty doggie!" and took the child away. Possibly there was a reason for that child's behaviour but, really, it's so sad that some children are almost encouraged to be scared of dogs. Certainly, it is wise to treat unknown dogs warily, with care and a healthy respect, but don't **fear** them. Indeed, they will sense that fear, which could affect **their** reactions.

Just about my earliest memory as a small child is of living with my

grandmother and all her dogs - a greyhound, a Chow, a Pomeranian and, for a time, a fox terrier as well. Mother and I stayed with her in Essex for what seemed a long time while my father went through a training period with the Metropolitan Police in London and Mum convalesced by the sea at Southend after some surgery. Plenty of time, then, for me to get on companionable terms with the dogs and, for a sometimes unhappy four or five-year-old to find comfort cuddled up to a mass of the Chow's thick white fur.

My dear Nan always had at least one dog during her long life and, if times were hard, their welfare was her prime consideration. Widowed in her mid-forties, she was perfectly happy with her single life but adored her dogs and welcomed the daily dog-exercising chats with people, commenting that nobody would think of stopping to talk to her if she wasn't walking a dog.

Mother was more of a cat lady and, when my sister and I were small, we always had one in the house, certainly until the end of WW2. Our last cat - a supercilious, handsome jet black moggie glorying in the name of Midnight - was our very own "early warning system", since his behaviour told us before the sirens sounded that we were in for a bombing raid. He'd make a beeline for the Anderson shelter in the garden and sleep soundly through the proceedings before confidently venturing outside slightly in advance of the all-clear.

One early morning when the sirens wailed Midnight was still on walk-about and didn't answer Mother's frantic calls for him as we dived for the shelter. Emerging a couple of hours later we found the back of our house smouldering after damage caused by an incendiary bomb, the chimney pot sitting on the lawn, and a mournful cat perched on top of it licking singed ears and whiskers, ready for some TLC.

Fast-forwarding to later years, since the Other Half and I both worked full-time we felt it unfair to have a cat or dog but he did surprise me one day by bringing home a pretty little turquoise-feathered budgie! I wasn't over-keen on birds at close quarters but, stuck at home with a bad case of bronchitis, he thought the budgie would keep me company and get me used to handling a bird.

Butch the Budgie was with us for nearly 12 years, providing us with great entertainment as he enlarged his sometimes rather questionable vocabulary and visibly sulked if we went out in the evening until the OH took him onto his shoulder to tell him where we'd been. Just how daft can you get? We lost him due, of all things, to a stroke and buried him with ceremony, his mirror and all his toys in the garden.

Some years afterwards I got stropky with my increasingly workaholic OH and insisted on getting a dog to give me

companionship and encourage me to take exercise, arguing that our housekeeper who came every day would care for it while we were at work. He washed his hands of the whole idea, said he'd have nothing to do with the dog's care and it would be my sole responsibility.

All this happened at the time of a Crufts Dog Show when a lady won Best of Show with a magnificent black standard poodle. Not want a **big** dog, I made contact with her to find out more about the breed and ended up with an apricot toy poodle - a three-month-old luscious bundle of marmalade fur. Looking after Dandy was a real learning curve for me, but it was also a case of instant adoration and my OH's indifference lasted for all of a week!

I think most owners will insist that their dog is intelligent but Dandy really **was**, seeming to sensitively understand our every mood and looking at us reproachfully when we had the occasional "difference of opinion". When I fell down the stairs at home and suffered a triple spinal fracture, having to spend months of immobility at home, Dandy showed great distress until allowed in my usually forbidden bedroom, and stayed literally by my side, seeming to know that his being there was a great comfort.

In the middle of the night several months later, when I was just getting used to walking again, the OH got up saying he felt unwell and went downstairs to make

some tea. I dozed off again only to be woken by Dandy whining and obviously willing me to follow him downstairs. I did so only to find the OH collapsed on the floor having suffered his first major stroke. During the months of partial recovery and right-side paralysis, Dandy was his constant companion and always alerted me if there was a problem.

At aged 11 Dandy developed a heart condition (as did the OH) and they were both prescribed the same medication. The OH dutifully took his; Dandy made a great show of swallowing his tablet (hidden in a juicy morsel) only for me to find later that he'd spat it out! Sadly, his suffering became too much and we said a devastating "goodbye" to him on a Christmas Eve! You might imagine what our Christmas was like that year!!

The loss of that little dog affected us both deeply, to an extent which can't be understood except by those who have experienced such a loss. We chose not to "replace" him and, as the years passed, felt we couldn't give another dog the care and attention necessary.

Since I've been on my own I **have** felt sorely tempted, but common sense has prevailed. Instead, I sponsor three guide dogs and three rescued who are cared for by the Dogs Trust, receiving regular updates on their training and welfare. It's said that a house is not a home without a dog - so I guess this has to be the next best thing!

P.C.I.

Laugh Lines

Who's Job Is It:

This is a little story about four people named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought that **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done!

Glo

A FRUSTRATED SHOPPER

"Don't queue at the till "I thought
"I'll try that self-help way"
Lots of people do it
It's easy, so they say
The screen said "scan first item"
Well, that's a loaf of bread
And then a tin of chicken soup
(It's easy, like they said!)
Some cheese, a pack of butter
A bottle of sparkling lime
This is what's called progress

I'll be home in record time
But wait, there is a hold-up
That's not part of the plan
A simple pack of headache pills
Apparently won't scan
A voice is coming through the screen
It couldn't sound much scarier
Saying "Unexpected item
In the bagging area"
"Please remove this item"
I'm now in quite a state
I don't know what I have to do
So guess I'll stand and wait

Eventually a person comes
To carry out removal
It seems that paracetamol
Must have the right approval
I carry on, I'm not deterred
I scan a jar of jam
Frozen peas, a jelly,
A pack of breaded ham
But now another hold-up
Ciabatta rolls, no less
I press the thing marked "bakery"
I'm getting in a mess
I scroll through for ciabatta
But cannot see it there
I feel like shouting very loud
"Please - ciabatta - where?"
I press for help, then stand and wait
Fed up, I look around
It seems the person who could help
Is nowhere to be found
And then a woman comes across
She's not too pleased with me
She presses "other" and then says
"Look, ciabatta - see?"

I scan my last two items
Anxious to be free
It's obvious self-help tills
Are simply not for me
The process isn't over yet
I'm really not amused
I have to press a key to show
How many bags I've used
I scrabble in my handbag
To find some coins or card
And press the key marked "total"
At least that bit's not hard
I stuff my shopping in a bag
It's stacked up in a pile
Next time I'll choose a check-out
With a human and a smile!

At the Pharmacy

Customer: I'd like to buy some cyanide.
Pharmacist: What on earth do you want that for?
Customer: I want to poison my husband.
Pharmacist: Ridiculous! I won't be a party to that.
The customer then took out of her bag a photo of her husband with the pharmacist's wife.
Pharmacist: Oh I see - you didn't tell me you had a prescription!

How to stop time - kiss
How to travel in time - read
How to escape time - music and song

"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 August

Regular Hirers

Contact the Hirer if you wish to join

Hirer	Session	Day	August
Bashley W.I.	A	Fri	-----
Brockenhurst Yoga	E	Tues	-----
C & NF Nat.Trust	E	Wed	8.
CAMEO Ladies	M	Wed	-----
Doohan Yoga	E	Thurs	2,9,16,23.
EXTEND	M	Thurs	-----
Hort. Society	E	Wed	15.
Mandela Book Grp	E	Mon	-----
Martial Arts	M	Sat	4,11,18,25.
Michelle's Slim. World	E	Wed	1,8,15,22,29.
NF Quilts Group	E	Mon	6,13.
Purely Pilates	M	Mon	-----
Purely Pilates	E	Thurs	-----
RAF Association	M	Tues	7,21.
Seq. Dance	A	Tues	-----
Tangent Yoga	E	Thurs	2,9,16,23.
Townswomen's Guild	A	Mon	-----
U3A Family History	M	Mon	-----
U3A Local History	M	Wed	1.
U3A Singing	A	Mon	-----
U3A World History	M	Thurs	-----
Weight Watches	M	Sat	4,11,18.
Wool Etc	A	Thurs	16.

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Bashley Forest W.I.	Mrs. M. Wallace	629042
Brockenhurst College	Mrs. R. Clark	01590 625222
CAMEO - Ladies' Group	Mrs. M. Sheldrake	628675
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New Forest Players	Mr. C. Rigden	629451
New Forest Quilt Group	Mrs. J.A. Davies	620680
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New Milton Town Partnership	Mr. J. Evans	610943
New Milton Townswomen's Guild	Mrs. J. Litten	617052
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Phoenix Holiday Group (Highcliffe)	Mrs. P. McKean	278669
Purely Pilates	Mrs. C. Lillington	07738 484255
R.A.F. Association	Eileen	
Royal British Legion NM Branch	Mrs. P. Inglis	615069
R.N.L.I.	Mrs. A. Goulding	616106
Slimming World (Wednesday)	Michelle Walker	07795 275633
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Tai Chi Qigong	Mr. M. Common	07973 639348
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U3A New Milton	Mrs. V. Reece	610192
Wool Etc	Mrs. J. Daniel	01590 670625

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Regular Events

Section /Activities	Time	Day	August	Section /Activities	Time	Day	August
Art	2:00 PM	Wed	1,8,15,22,29.	French Improvers	12:00 PM	Mon	-----
Ballroom Dancing	2:00 PM	Mon	6,13,20.	French Intermediate	9:55 AM	Mon	-----
Ballroom Dancing	7:30 PM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.	German Beginners	11:30 AM	Tues	-----
Beading	7:00 PM	Wed	1,8,15,22,29.	German Improvers	10:00 AM	Tues	-----
Beading	9:45 AM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.	Italian - Beginners	2:00 PM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.
Bowling	6:30 PM	Mon	6,13,20.	Italian - Improvers +	10:00 AM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Tues	7,14,21,28.	Italian - Improvers +	11:15 AM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Wed	1,8,15,22,29.	Italian - Manuela	11:30 AM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.	Line Dancing	12:15 PM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.	Literature Group	2:00 PM	Wed	-----
Bowling	6:30 PM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.	Luncheon Club	12:00 PM	Thurs	16.
Bridge Chicago	1:30 PM	Mon	6,13,20.	Mah-Jong	1:30 PM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.
Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Tues	7,14,21,28.	Mens Get Together	10:00 AM	Thurs	-----
Bridge Partner	1:30 PM	Wed	1,8,15,22,29.	Piano	10:45 AM	Mon	6,13,20.
Bridge Duplicate	1:30 PM	Wed	1,8,15,22,29.	Poetry	10:30 AM	Thurs	16.
Bridge Practice	1:30 PM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.	Rummikub	10:00 AM	Wed	8,22.
Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.	Saturday Dancing	7:30 PM	Sat	-----
Bridge Chicago	1:30 PM	Sat	18.	Scrabble	1:30 PM	Mon	6,13,20.
Canasta	1:30 PM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.	Soc Seq Dancing	1:45 PM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.
Chess	1:30 PM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.	Spanish Conversation	10:00 AM	Mon	6,13,20.
Choir	2:00 PM	Wed	1,8,15,22,29.	Spanish Beginners	11:15 AM	Mon	6,13,20.
Come Dancing	7:30 PM	Tues	7,14,21,28.	Spanish Beginners	11:15 AM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.
Craft	10:00 AM	Wed	8,22.	Spanish Improvers	10:00 AM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.
Cribbage	2:00 PM	Tues	7,14,21,28.	Spanish Circle	7:30 PM	Tues	14.
Darts	2:00 PM	Mon	6,13,20.	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Mon	6,13,20.
Darts	2:00 PM	Tues	7,14,21,28.	Table Tennis	10:00 AM	Tues	7,14,21,28.
Discussion Group	2:00 PM	Tues	14.	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Wed	1,8,15,22,29.
Fabric Craft	2:00 PM	Thurs	9,23.	Table Tennis	2:00 PM	Thurs	2,9,16,23,30.
Film Show	2:30 PM	Sun	12.	Table Tennis	10:00 AM	Fri	3,10,17,24,31.

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