

New Milton & District Community Association



NEWSLETTER

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FROM YOUR EDITOR

So here we are in September - making the most of what's left of summer and seeing evenings gradually beginning to draw in. Some forecasts say that the balmy weather will stay with us for a while though, so maybe not yet time to check our winter clothes and wonder if we'll get into them after the summer holiday excesses. Whatever comes our way, you can be sure that a comfortable, well-maintained Centre will welcome you to enjoy a cuppa and take part in the various activities lined up for you to enjoy. Encourage friends and neighbours to come along and take advantage of this great facility on our doorstep.

Thankfully, the move to my new abode went very well and I do thank all who were kind enough to send cards and messages wishing me well. Rhemo were most helpful and by late afternoon next day all their packing cases were emptied and gone. Still hunting for things I can't find (and discovering things I'd forgotten that I had!) but more or less back to normal now. I can't say that "helpful" is what I'd call

BT who, although confirming I can **probably** retain my phone number, continue to leave me high and dry without a landline or broadband facility - for over a month, so far! Lord knows how many emails are waiting for me somewhere in the ether. I hope that, by the time you read this, things will be back to normal, but my continued apologies to those of you who have been unable to contact me.

I'm certainly missing a few entries this month - possibly some of you have had nothing of particular interest to report or, despite my request, you've not managed to get your copy to my pigeonhole.

Scams: I have to admit that I've tended to be somewhat dismissive of people falling for scams, thinking that they've probably been a bit stupid despite all the warnings - and then I found **myself** caught out! A couple of days before moving I received a call purporting to come from BT and, in my defence, I must say I was **expecting** such a call in regard to my move. The very hard-to-

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understand Indian gentleman said he was calling in regard to my transfer of service - knew my moving date, new address, the fact that I was trying to retain my phone number, my d.o.b. and the name of my phone/broadband provider. So it really did sound perfectly genuine.

Then he said my internet would be cut off later in the day and would take a good month to reinstate due to a serious virus. When I argued my computer was already protected he said it wasn't powerful enough to deal with this new and very persistent problem, but if I would pay a nominal admin. charge BT would do their best to rectify the situation a.s.a.p. When I queried this he said the charge was being made and I would have to pay in advance because I was not an actual BT customer. Perhaps alarm bells should have started to ring then, but all I could think of were my various commitments which made it essential for me to get back online without delay, so I gave him my credit card details! He then asked if I had a laptop/iPad etc. and whether I shopped or banked on line. As soon as I said "no" to everything and explained that I use my computer virtually as a typewriter the line went dead.

Then of course, feeling quite sick, I realised just how daft I'd been and called to alert my bank against any large withdrawal on my credit card. They acted quickly and cancelled the card so, fortunately, no awful repercussions!

Nevertheless, it has brought home to me just how very plausible these despicable individuals can be; how on earth did they manage to acquire such up-to-the-minute details about my movements? Quite scary, really, and I'm telling you all this to illustrate that, no matter how "with it" we think we are, we can still get drawn-in and suffer the consequences of our trust in people and our gullibility.

According to an anonymous letter left in my pigeonhole, my "disparaging" comments in last month's Newsletter about the furniture store opened at the former Co-op site ruffled a few feathers! It informed me that, despite Old Milton Road already being awash with furniture outlets, this new venture is just what the town needs. So I must stand corrected!

How very silly of me to have hoped for something there which would be more multi-purpose and "enlivening"!

Whilst I decided to comment on that particular letter, I should point out that my normal practice is to disregard anything sent to me anonymously, on the grounds that anyone feeling strongly enough to write in on a specific issue should be prepared to give their name.

I have been asked to mention that we need **paperback** (not hardback!) books for sale as stocks are running quite low, so please do rummage through your cupboards and book-cases.

At times, within any group or organisation there will most likely be an unfortunate misunderstanding, a strong difference of opinion or a clash of personalities. Regrettably, as will be seen when you read the Chairman's Report and summary of the Executive Committee's meeting in August, proceedings were marred by disturbing, serious dissention culminating in two resignations, and the way forward is uncertain as I prepare this editorial.

Hopefully, a team spirit and primary concern for the future progress of this Association will prevail.

During that meeting, as you will see, a question was raised regarding availability of the Centre to hirers on a Saturday - apparently widely regarded as not feasible. It was confirmed (and I have been asked to point this out) that bookings **certainly can** be taken for Saturday afternoons and evenings subject to security arrangements being in place. Contact Lettings Officer Chris Lynott for details.

Phyllis Inglis

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I do hope all those who had holidays recently enjoyed lots of sunshine, food and ice cream, and that you didn't get involved in too many traffic jams or airport delays.

The Centre seems to have been a little quiet over the past month, but I guess this is because of holidays. There has also been a shortage of volunteers, so I would like to thank those who took on extra duties to make up for the shortfall. I look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

I said last month that we now had a full complement of Executive Committee members, which I felt quite proud to be part of. Perhaps

one shouldn't stand on one's laurels as things can change very quickly and, as you will see from the following writeup, two of our newer members have resigned - Publicity Manager Alan Watson and Centre Coordinator Geoff Tilston. This is quite a blow because they had both brought some really good ideas to the team which would have benefited the Centre, but now they have been prevented from putting them into practice. I thank them both for their efforts during the short time they were with us.

We have a Centre to be proud of, but it is what goes on within its Management that sometimes lets us down and I am afraid that this, sadly, was one of those occasions.

On a brighter note you will see that a Volunteers "Thank You" lunch is being arranged for **6th October**. Of course, whatever date is decided upon won't be convenient for everyone, so my apologies to any volunteers who can't attend.

We are also planning a New Members Evening for **19th October**. The one we held in March was quite popular,

and a number of Sections took part to demonstrate what goes on here. I am presently asking what Sections can attend in October.

I went along to the Horticultural Show at the Centre last month. What a superb show of flowers, fruit and vegetables, and such a crowd of people admiring all the exhibits. A marvellous effort by everyone concerned.

I have been holding my "meet the Chairman" session on a Wednesday afternoon but it doesn't seem to have been convenient for members to come and see me. I have decided, therefore, to revert to Friday mornings so, if you would like to have a chat, raise any concerns or ideas, I will be very pleased to see you.

Marie Morgan

FROM THE EXECUTIVE Summary of August Meeting:

John Revill asked for clarification of the Centre's role in the forth-coming **MacMillan Coffee Morning**. It was confirmed we will not take part in actually organising the event but will be happy to support

it by providing the lounge and kitchen facilities free of charge.

Regarding the **British Legion Silent Silhouette**, Glen Kennedy said he had received comments that we should opt for a soldier rather than a nurse. However, it remained the committee's feeling that a nurse (symbolizing care in the community) should be chosen. John will, therefore, place an order for it.

A **New Members Evening** has been arranged for 7-9 p.m. on Friday, **19th October**, in the Common Room and invitations will be sent out by the Chairman. Sections will be invited to take part and illustrate what we have on offer. In answer to a question, the Chairman said it is proposed to organise an **Open Day** in the Spring.

Chairman Marie Morgan pointed out that we have a very loyal team of volunteers, some of whom have been with us for a long time, yet they have never **collectively** b e e n r e w a r d e d . Arrangements are now being made for a **Volunteers "Thank You"** buffet lunch on Saturday, **6th October**, in the Common Room.

Centre Coordinator: This agenda item re-introduced a long, very contentious argument on Geoff Tilston's role and how his "contract" should be interpreted over the trial period. In protest at the negative way in which discussions were going, Publicity Manager Alan Watson left the meeting and subsequently resigned. After much further disagreement, Geoff concluded that what was expected of him was not what he had envisaged as his level of responsibility. It was quite clear that some committee members were not really in favour of his appointment and saw no reason for it, so it followed that he would not receive the required level of support, understanding or cooperation for whatever he tried to do. Accordingly, he also left the meeting and resigned.

A member of the Bridge section had asked that renewed consideration be given to installing a lift providing **disabled access to the Ambrose Room**. It was explained that this is not feasible due to cost and the appreciable restructuring of that whole area which would be necessary. The problem is recognised, however, and the Lettings Officer will

review the possibility of allocating a different room for the Bridge sessions.

The Chairman ended the meeting by expressing much concern and regret at the way in which it had developed. An emergency meeting of Exec. Officers will be convened very shortly.

Phyllis Inglis, Secretary

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SEC.

Over the next few months procedures will have to be put in place to enable members to renew their membership at the year-end. The help of members would be useful if they have any ideas of how the system might be improved. You may also know of other areas where improvements could be made if you have experienced a problem. Please drop a note into my pigeonhole or e mail me if you have any suggestions to be considered. No need to include your contact details!

Nigel King

FROM THE WEBMASTER

May I remind all groups who meet at the Centre to let me know details of anything they'd like added to the

website. This offer is also made, of course, to all our affiliates. Just email details to me or leave copy in my pigeonhole.

As the website can be updated daily, if necessary, there is no need to wait for the next month's Newsletter to see any changes.

Another problem which has come up is that any late corrections cannot be made to the Newsletter once it is with the printers, so very laborious hand-written amendments have to be made. The website is, therefore, the best place to check on any last-minute changes, so do please remember to keep me informed.

Nigel King

FILM SHOW

Sunday, **16th September**, 2 for 2.30 p.m. start. "The Greatest Showman" - biography, drama, musical starring Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams, Zac Efron.

This is the story of P.T. Barnum, who rose to fame creating his sensational circus. A film not to be missed. Price £2.50 including tea/coffee. Please use side entrance next to kitchen door.

John Fogerty

FROM THE SOCIAL SECRETARY

Christmas Decorations:

Yes, it's that time again! I have started to think about decorating the Centre, so 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 get in touch. The intention is to work on Sunday, **2nd December**, from 9.30 a.m., ending with a drink and snack around lunchtime. Hope you can help and look forward to hearing from you.

Visit to Winchester Christmas Market:

A coach has been booked for a trip to the Market on Monday, **26th November**. Please let me know if you would like to take part. Tickets will be available shortly priced at £9 per person. I regret that no disabled passengers can be accommodated.

Pam Badcock,
01202 980177

CAKE DAY

10.30 a.m. Friday, **7th September**. Do pop in for tea/coffee and cake for just £1, and take the opportunity to look around and see what activities are on offer.

POLICE SURGERY

10.30 a.m. at the Costa Café. Wednesday, **26th September**. An opportunity to have a chat with your local bobby.

THIS AND THAT

We're given a lot of advice these days on how to prepare and store food properly in order to avoid upsets. It seems that such problems have risen over the past weeks, probably due to all the barbecues providing ill-cooked meat. So why is a burger unlike a steak? Harmful bacteria can apparently be carried on the surface of **whole** cuts of meat. When a steak is seared these bacteria are killed, making the meat safe to eat. When meat is **minced** to produce burgers (even those of high quality) the bacteria on the surface of the raw meat spreads throughout. Therefore, unless it is cooked right through, these bacteria can remain alive on the inside. That's why a burger needs to be served well done whilst a steak can be served rare!

Many older people have thin skin so, rather than put a conventional plaster on a cut or bite which can tear the skin when pulling the plaster off, think about buying a can of spray plaster! It does the same job and can be washed off.

The answer to measuring and fitting a walking stick correctly is not determined by how tall a person is but by the distance between your hand and the ground. Apparently, physiotherapists recommend..... Stand upright in the type of shoes normally worn, with arms down by your side.

Ask someone with you to turn your stick upside down with the handle resting on the floor. The stick needs to be positioned next to you and a measure taken of the distance between your wristbone and the floor. That is the height of stick which you require. Check that it is correct by turning your stick the right way up and ensuring the top of the handle is in line with the crease in your wrist.

News from the Sections & Activities

BALLROOM/LATIN AND SOME SEQUENCE

Contact: Pam Badcock, 01202
980177

September brings us to the beginning of our Autumn and Christmas season. Already we have seen the return of members from their summer activities, so great to see you! Some dates for your diaries....

25th October: Halloween
Dance

20th December: Christmas
Party

Dust off your dancing shoes and join us on a Thursday evening or Monday afternoon. New members will always be welcomed.

BOWLS

Contact: Janet Keats, 614996
Hope you all enjoyed the hot summer!

The next skittles social event will take place at Hoburne Bashley on Thursday, **29th November**. A sheet with the details and menu choices will be found on the Bowls noticeboard during this month. Please add your name if you wish to participate. Recent skittles events have been subsidised, but we now have to pay the full cost of £13 per person, which still offers good value.

The outdoor bowling at New Milton Bowling Club will end some time this month, enjoyed by a small number of members. Thanks to Mike Dean for organising and liaising with the Bowling Club.

We now have the opportunity to play weekly at the New Milton Indoor Bowling Club commencing Monday, **24th September**, from 4 to 6 p.m. You will need to have your own woods, bowling shoes, and a dress code of white tops with grey bottoms. Further details will be posted on our noticeboards.

CANASTA AND CRIBBAGE CLUBS

Contact: Bob Stevens, 838413
Would you like to enjoy an afternoon game of intelligent cards with like-minded people of all ages? We can offer either Cribbage or Canasta on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, respectively.

If you haven't played either game but are willing to learn, we can teach you whether you are 50 or 90. Should you be a bit rusty

don't worry as we are a patient bunch and happy to teach newcomers as well as help refresh past players of any ability. Both groups have been running for over ten years and we would be really pleased to welcome new players.

Sessions cost £1 a week plus the price of a cup of tea etc. if wanted. Cribbage is from 2 to 4 p.m. and there are weekly/annual competitions which can be entered if you so wish. Canasta is from 1.30 to 4 p.m.

Why not come along and have a try. The first sessions are free as a taster to see if you like the game and us. There is no obligation to attend every week - just when you want to do so. Call me for further details or just turn up at least ten minutes before the stated start times.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Contacts: Bob Dowling, 838523
Colin Bower, 613254

At 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month our small, friendly group of men and women meet to discuss topics in the news.

At our most recent meetings dealing with main topics, we discussed how we would organise our "ideal" system of government, whether "stop and search" dissuades the carrying of knives and guns, and whether "zero tolerance" for minor crimes would stop criminals graduating to major offences.

Future of our High Streets:
Members of the Group suggest

questions for discussions, and two people came up with virtually the same one which we will be covering at our meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, **11th September** -

1. "Will the High Street be able to overcome "internet" shopping and how can the small independent departmental stores survive the online onslaught?"
2. Are the Scouts being put under pressure by parents of disabled children who expect them to be looked after?
3. Do we place too much importance on owning our own homes in this country instead of living in rented properties.

In regard to the first item, there have been a number of reports on the future of our High Streets -

- It is nearly seven years since the experienced retailer Mary Portas published a major report saying that the reasons for the decline were well-known and urgent action was needed.

- Another experienced retailer, Bill Grimsey, produced a report in 2013 and in July he reviewed progress, covered in the media.

In our newspapers recently there have been articles reporting more empty shops and stores in Bournemouth, Bath and Lymington, and there is talk of pressures on some out-of-town retail parks.

How are we doing in New Milton and what can we learn from the experiences of others? We will publish our findings, but why not come along and hear for yourself?

JUBILEE SINGERS

Contact: Liz Northcote, 621519

Towards the end of August, after our summer break, the choir returned fully refreshed to start practising again.

In June, 26 members who weren't on holiday or otherwise engaged visited the newly-opened Beatons Tea Rooms, which is well worth a visit and we would highly recommend it. After a good chat and finishing our tea and scones we were asked to sing a couple of songs, which went down very well with the few other customers who were there.

Now we are eagerly looking forward to seeing what music has been chosen for our two Christmas concerts which are on **8th and 15th December** in the Jubilee Room.

This month we will be performing a selection of songs from our summer concerts at two care homes in Barton-On-Sea.

LANGUAGES

Spanish - September

Contact: Ana Humphries
ana_humphries@hotmail.com

Conversation: 10 a.m. 1 hr.

Beginners: 11.15 a.m. 1 hr.

Mondays 10th, 17th, 24th

Improvers: 10 a.m. 1 hr.

Beginners Plus: 11.15 a.m. 1 hr.

Fridays 14th, 21st, 28th

LINE DANCING

Contact: John Fogerty, 622274

We would like to say a big "thank you" to teacher Nicky who continued to teach throughout the very hot weather. Many thanks, too, to all who were able to support the sessions. It's so nice to see new members joining us and enjoying the dancing. Any questions, please do contact me.

POETRY

Contact: Shirley Burke, 628992

If you would enjoy an hour and a half of relaxing, listening to or reading poetry, then please come to Room 1 at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, **20th September**. Members of our group will be sharing their favourite poems with each other. Some like to read their own compositions whilst others come simply to listen. All are very welcome.

We read for enjoyment, not for analysis or study of the poets. Over the next few months we shall be reading about dreams, imagination, dancing and celebrations.

Why not give the Poetry Group a try? We will be very pleased to see you.

SOCIAL SEQUENCE DANCING

Contact: Dee, 627922

Question: What is Social Sequence Dancing?

Answer: It is a friendly group who dance in sequence to a mixture of traditional, popular and more modern dances. Each dance involves a set of moves based on an appropriate piece of music. This music varies from

dance to dance but is mostly based on waltz, quickstep, foxtrot and saunter, with latin and jive included. The aim is gentle, sociable routines to music rhythms with the added benefit of learning something new occasionally. For example, recently Joy (with assistance from Jackie) taught us the Gypsy Swing - a comparatively new dance which seems to be gaining popularity amongst the dancing venues nationally.

The whole afternoon is very sociable and we are so fortunate to have use of the best ballroom in New Milton - the Jubilee! So, whether you like to join in and dance, listen to the lovely music or just chat, we cater for everyone.

TABLE TENNIS

Contact: Secretary Gloria Lovelock, 613705
nmca.tabletennis@betinternet.com
Hope you all survived the hot and steamy weather! Well done all of you who still carried on playing through it, but I know that some thought it a bit too much. Now back to cooler moments coming up.

We have a new venue for our Christmas Lunch. This year it will be held at the Amberwood, 12.30 for 1 p.m. Thursday, **6th December**. Details of the menu will be put on the notice board as soon as possible.

To all those who are or have been unwell, our wishes for a speedy recovery.

See you at the tables. **Glo**

Glo's Do-Das

A good bra is like a sheep dog. It rounds them up and points them in the right direction!

News From The Affiliates

NEW MILTON MACULAR SUPPORT GROUP

Contact: Malcolm Swan, 618925
2 p.m. Monday, **10th September**, at the Community Centre. Nicole Young will entertain with "Music From The Shows".

NEW MILTON RESIDENTS' ASSOC.

Contact: Secretary Phyllis Inglis, 615069
Our next General Meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **11th September**, at the Community Centre. Speaker Liz Downs will give a presentation on Canine Partners, accompanied by colleague Barbara and her assistance dog, Mungo. Non-members very welcome.

NEW MILTON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Contact: Janet, 617052
We next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, **17th September**, with a talk entitled Life & Other Problems. Visitors are very welcome. Call me for more information about the Guild.

NEW MILTON U3A

Contact: Joy, 638898
Our next General Meeting is at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, **26th September**, at the Memorial

Centre. Speaker Richard Edwards will tell us all about his life as a Documentary Cameraman. Visitors very welcome at £2. Teas 50P.

PHOENIX HOLIDAY GROUP

Contact: Pat McKean, 278669
phoenixholshighcliffe@aol.com
Our next meeting at the Community Centre will be from 10 a.m. till noon on Friday, **14th September**. Do come along for coffee and a chat.

Holidays (now booking):

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

24th/28th December Christmas at a Brend Hotel in Bideford, North Devon. Five days of festive food and entertainment, with outings most days. £610.

8th April, 2019

A date for your new diary - five days in Cornwall.

Outings (now booking):

16th October - Sussex Tour, autumn colours. £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 meeting at Greystones Hall, Waterford Road, Highcliffe, will be at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, **31st August**. **Please note no meeting in September.**

RNLI

NEW MILTON/BARTON

Contact: Wendy Hawkins, 621400

Terry Howard, 1938- 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our long-serving Chairman and Vice Chair of this branch. Terry had incredible strength of character and was always available to help, listen and advise. He was involved with many causes dear to his heart, and his unfailing dedication to the RNLI and other local organisations was an example to us all. We will miss you, Terry, and your spirit lives on in our memories as one of those rare people we are fortunate enough to meet along life's path. We send our deepest condolences to his wife June and the family.

Rest in peace, Terry!

Forthcoming event for your diary - Tuesday, **23rd October**, Bingo and Fish 'n Chip Supper at the Community Centre. Tickets £10 shortly available from Weldon & King estate agents. This is a really popular event and sells out quickly!

ON THE MOVE

It's moving day at last! Up at 5 a.m. preparing for the van's arrival at 8.30 and already feeling (politely put) exhausted. How many times over the past several weeks have I asked myself why on earth I started all this off?

When I moved from Barton to New Milton eleven years ago (two years after I said goodbye to my Other Half) I vowed that I'd only leave this flat in a

pine box with brass handles! However, inevitably health levels and circumstances change, don't they, and I knew it was time to find somewhere more suited to my revised needs while I could still face all the hassle. Oh, but what a traumatic, stressful exercise it is! Whilst I thought I'd decluttered enough when coming here, things seem to have built up again and I've had to be more ruthless this time. How sad it is, though, to have to dispose of things which made up your life together over the years - cherished items purchased perhaps bit-by-bit when times were hard, and gifts received from probably now departed family and friends.

But now, after all the rollercoaster worries over the past weeks, here I am surrounded by packing cases and trying to remember to put by me a few immediate necessities - tea-making and biscuits, a quick meal or two to chuck into the microwave, a toothbrush, a duvet and pillow to throw onto the bed when ready to collapse. Oh blast! Think I've packed the loo rolls!

Well, time's creeping on and I want to leave now - the flat seems strange and no longer mine. I remember feeling the same way on preparing to leave Barton. Waiting in the shell of our living room I could close my eyes and see the Other Half sitting in his armchair by the TV laughing his socks off at another Eric & Ernie repeat or, on his bad days, just lying back with eyes closed, listening to his favourite pieces of music.

Well, the van has now arrived and everything's being moved out at a surprisingly fast rate, with me dithering about warning them take care and give special attention to my piano. Almost ready to move off and I give a last fleeting look around at my lovely, spacious flat which I'm really so very sad to leave.

And now here I am in my new home. The men have gone after very patiently rearranging furniture as I changed my mind on where things should go. I'd visited the flat two or three times to take measurements, etc. so why didn't the piano fit in where I thought it would, and why didn't I realise that putting a wardrobe on that wall would cover up the phone and electric points?

Let's open the big box I packed myself labelled "kitchen". Well, something's gone wrong there - it's full of shoes! Gremlins obviously at work. Oh well, opening another box minus its label I've at least found some inviting Shiraz - and the loo rolls! The kettle and makings are in place for the morning, the TV works, the radio's on, and that bed is calling me, so after a quick hose-down, a couple of paracetamol and half a tube of Voltarol plastered around my aching joints, I think an early night beckons.

Lots to do tomorrow. Everything's very different so I'll put things away, take them out and put them somewhere else. I've also got to unravel the mysteries of digitally programmed cooker, washing

machine and heating system - not something I'm looking forward to. Why can't I just flick a switch or turn a knob to make things work? For days I shall complain that I can't find anything and wonder why I managed to stock-pile so much stuff. Probably preparing for World War Three! But, oh joy, that's all part of moving isn't it? And when I wonder what it's all been in aid of I shall look across the road at the rec. and appreciate the benefits of having all that I need around me and people passing by to show there is life out there!

Never again, I tell myself, but who knows???

P.C.I.

Laugh Lines

A crime to wolf-whistle?
It can't be true what they say
Since I turned 63
If directed at me
A whistling wolf
Would make my day!

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both

have trouble walking and appear to be in need of a hip replacement. The first patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed immediately and surgery booked for the following week. The second patient sees his doctor after waiting three weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, have an x-ray and wait for the result. His surgery is scheduled for six months from then.

Why the difference? The first patient is a golden retriever, the second is a senior citizen.

In my next life take me to a vet!!

The Golden Urinal

Several days after President Obama was re-elected he went to Bill and Hilary Clinton's spacious new home for dinner. After drinking several glasses of iced tea he asked if he could use his host's personal facilities. When he entered he was astonished to see that Clinton had a golden urinal. Wow!

Next day Obama told his wife Michelle about it. "Just think", he said, "Maybe I should get a gold one too but, on the other hand, it may be just a bit too self-indulgent for a guy like me".

A few days later when Michelle lunched with Hilary, she mentioned how impressed Obama had been at seeing Bill's golden urinal. Later that evening, when Bill returned home Hilary said "Today I found out who urinated in your saxophone!" **Glo**

It's Just Business:

A lawyer representing a wealthy art collector called his client....

Lawyer: Sir, I have some good news and some bad news.

Client: I've had a lousy day so give me the good news first.

Lawyer: Your wife called to tell me she's just invested £5,000 in two pictures which she thinks will bring a return of millions. I think she could be right.

Client: My wife is a very astute businesswoman. You've just made by day. Now I can handle the bad news, so what is it?

Lawyer: The pictures are of you and your secretary!

Definition:

Why a "chauffeur"? That is the French name for a stoker. Early cars ran on steam power when a stoker was needed to keep things going and running smoothly. So the word "chauffeur" remains!

"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 September

Regular Hirers

Contact the Hirer if you wish to join

Hirer	Session	Day	September
Bashley W.I.	A	Fri	7.
Brockenhurst Yoga	E	Tues	11,18,25.
C & NF Nat.Trust	E	Wed	5.
CAMEO Ladies	M	Wed	5.
Doohan Yoga	E	Thurs	6,13,20,27.
EXTEND	M	Thurs	13,20,27.
Hort. Society	E	Wed	19.
Mandela Book Grp	E	Mon	17.
Martial Arts	M	Sat	1,8,15,22,29.
Michelle's Slim. World	E	Wed	5,12,19,26.
NF Quilts Group	E	Mon	3,10.
Purely Pilates	M	Mon	----
Purely Pilates	E	Thurs	----
RAF Association	M	Tues	4,18.
Seq. Dance	A	Tues	4,11,18,25.
Tangent Yoga	E	Thurs	6,13,20,27.
Townswomen's Guild	A	Mon	17.
U3A Family History	M	Mon	24.
U3A Local History	M	Wed	5.
U3A Singing	A	Mon	17.
U3A World History	M	Thurs	27.
Weight Watches	M	Sat	1,8,15,22,29.
Wool Etc	A	Thurs	20.

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What's On in September

Regular Events

Section /Activities	Time	Day	September	Section /Activities	Time	Day	September
Art	2:00 PM	Wed	5,12,19,26.	French Improvers	12:00 PM	Mon	10,17,24.
Ballroom Dancing	2:00 PM	Mon	3,10,17,24.	French Intermediate	9:55 AM	Mon	17,24.
Ballroom Dancing	7:30 PM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.	German Beginners	11:30 AM	Tues	11,18,25.
Beading	7:00 PM	Wed	5,12,19,26.	German Improvers	10:00 AM	Tues	11,18,25.
Beading	9:45 AM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.	Italian - Beginners	2:00 PM	Fri	7,14,21,28.
Bowling	6:30 PM	Mon	3,10,17,24.	Italian - Improvers +	10:00 AM	Fri	7,14,21,28.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Tues	4,11,18,25.	Italian - Improvers +	11:15 AM	Fri	7,14,21,28.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Wed	5,12,19,26.	Italian - Manuela	11:30 AM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.	Line Dancing	12:15 PM	Fri	7,14,21,28.
Bowling	9:45 AM	Fri	7,14,21,28.	Literature Group	2:00 PM	Wed	----
Bowling	6:30 PM	Fri	7,14,21,28.	Luncheon Club	12:00 PM	Thurs	20.
Bridge Chicago	1:30 PM	Mon	3,10,17,24.	Mah-Jong	1:30 PM	Fri	7,14,21,28.
Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Tues	4,11,18,25.	Mens Get Together	10:00 AM	Thurs	6.
Bridge Partner	1:30 PM	Wed	5,12,19,26.	Piano	10:45 AM	Mon	3,10,17,24.
Bridge Duplicate	1:30 PM	Wed	5,12,19,26.	Poetry	10:30 AM	Thurs	20.
Bridge Practice	1:30 PM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.	Rummikub	10:00 AM	Wed	12,26.
Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Fri	7,14,21,28.	Saturday Dancing	7:30 PM	Sat	----
Bridge Chicago	1:30 PM	Sat	15.	Scrabble	1:30 PM	Mon	3,10,17,24.
Canasta	1:30 PM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.	Soc Seq Dancing	1:45 PM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.
Chess	1:30 PM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.	Spanish Conversation	10:00 AM	Mon	10,17,24.
Choir	2:00 PM	Wed	5,12,19,26.	Spanish Beginners	11:15 AM	Mon	10,17,24.
Come Dancing	7:30 PM	Tues	4,11,18,25.	Spanish Beginners	11:15 AM	Fri	7,14,21,28.
Craft	10:00 AM	Wed	12,26.	Spanish Improvers	10:00 AM	Fri	7,14,21,28.
Cribbage	2:00 PM	Tues	4,11,18,25.	Spanish Circle	7:30 PM	Tues	11.
Darts	2:00 PM	Mon	3,10,17,24.	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Mon	3,10,17,24.
Darts	2:00 PM	Tues	4,11,18,25.	Table Tennis	10:00 AM	Tues	4,11,18,25.
Discussion Group	2:00 PM	Tues	11.	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Wed	5,12,19,26.
Fabric Craft	2:00 PM	Thurs	13,27.	Table Tennis	2:00 PM	Thurs	6,13,20,27.
Film Show	2:30 PM	Sun	16.	Table Tennis	10:00 AM	Fri	7,14,21,28.

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