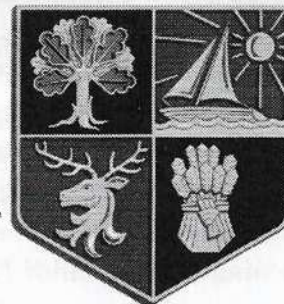


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FROM YOUR EDITOR

As many of you will already know, Goff Beck - Town Councillor and member of our committee - has been elected Chairman of the New Forest District Council. We are happy to congratulate him on his appointment and wish him well in his endeavours during his term of office.

Our General Meeting last month was quite well-attended, with members listening to an interesting, if controversial, presentation on the anticipated future of the Memorial Centre. Minutes found in this issue cover a necessarily summarised report.

July's speaker will talk about the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service and its plans for the future.

Please note that page 3 gives a revised email address for the Chairman and the Membership/Distribution Coordinator.

We are very pleased to advise that, at its May meeting of councillors, David Hawkins was re-elected Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council for an unprecedented third year. This acknowledges his dedicated approach to the dual role and genuine hands-on interest in the town and its residents. The elected Deputy Mayor/Chairman is David Rice-Mundy. Committees are headed by:

Financial & Gen. Purposes - Chairman Alan O'Sullivan, Vice Chair Neil Tungate.

Amenities - Chairman Geoffrey Blunden, Vice Chair David Hawkins.

Planning - Chairman Steve Clarke, Vice Chair Alvin Reid.

Attendance at the last couple of Police Surgeries has been rather disappointing. Of course, it is appreciated that we won't have a problem to discuss with the police every month but they are also there to meet and talk to residents about their duties and how they can help in

NEXT MEMBERS' GENERAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12th July, 7 p.m.

New Milton Community Centre

Tuesday, 13th September, 2.15 p.m.

Barton Methodist Church Hall

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council - 20th June, 1st August

Amenities - 4th July, 30th August

Fin. & GP - 6th June, 18th July

Planning:

9th & 23rd June

7th & 21st July

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general, so please don't lose this regular opportunity to keep in touch. We won't be able to blame them if lack of interest indicates that the hour or more of one (often two) officers' time can be more productively spent elsewhere.

Phyllis Inglis

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

Over recent weeks your committee has been busy with a number of projects designed to further increase membership and so provide us with an even greater voice in tackling local issues and concerns. A membership recruitment leaflet has now been put together which will be distributed to various strategic information points, to make it easier for people to sign up and enjoy the benefits of membership which we believe offers incredible value. Twelve issues of this Newsletter, six General Meetings a year, and the opportunity to get your voice heard - and all for only £3 a year!

Nigel King has now fully taken over the role of Membership/Distribution Coordinator, and we thank Jill and Allen Henna for ensuring such a smooth handover. Jean Watson is also now in full swing

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with delivery of Welcome Packs to new people coming into the area, encouraging them to join us. As each of you come across new residents moving in, please do not hesitate to call or email Jean so that she can make sure a Pack is delivered. Contact details for Jean and Nigel are on page 3.

Listening to Councillor Kendal at our May meeting presenting his vision for the Memorial Centre redevelopment and his desire to hear what people think, I was reminded of what an important platform we can and should be, along with all agencies, to help shape the future growth and development of our town. Whilst we, as a committee, can discuss amongst ourselves issues which we think will concern you, it is only by knowing your views that we can be truly representative as an Association and be able to put forward representations on behalf of **all residents**.

With the gap between our General Meetings usually being about two months, and bearing in mind the lead time necessary for putting together our FOCUS Newsletter, it is not always possible to solicit your views in advance of a decision being made or any issue being discussed in the various forums where such decisions are taken. However, it is evident that an ever-increasing majority of you are becoming, and have become, used to the immediacy of e-mail communication. Please refer to a separate article in this issue entitled "Let Us Know Your Views", in which we will try to address these important communication issues, and so help us to move forward.

Summer is coming (we hope!) so the season for large community events is upon us. The recent highly successful Lions May Fayre (well-attended despite the dreary weather) prefaces a series of activities designed to bring our community together. We have the Rugby Club Family Fun Day, the Town Show and Hoburne Festival of Wheels, Barton Summer Fete, Bashley Village Day and St. Mary Magdalene's Fete as well as a BBQ in aid of Cancer Relief - and more!

The "New Milton Celebrates" Community Picnic on 12th June promises to be one of the largest "free events" in the town's calendar and probably one of the largest commemorative events in Hampshire this year. Free programmes are available in the Town Hall, Library, Memorial Centre and Community Centre, as well as quite a number of retail/financial outlets in the town.

A busy time ahead for some but, more importantly, a season of fun and inexpensive enjoyment for all ages. We must also remember that many of our local groups

and organisations will be holding meetings and staging their own events of special significance. Keep up to date with these by visiting the recently renamed local community website - www.newmilton.net.

Alan Watson

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Hello from me - your new Membership/FOCUS Distribution Coordinator. I moved here from Marchwood two years ago and found FOCUS being delivered each month as the previous tenant was a member. It was a nice welcome to New Milton.

I must thank Jill and Allen for all the help received as I get my head around the distribution system. They have managed to keep it working for the past two years and we are grateful for their service in that role. Jill will remain on the committee and help out with other projects.

I also thank all who have renewed their membership and the distributors for their work in collecting fees from those not paying by Standing Order, often entailing more than one visit. Please do help them by considering to pay by Standing Order in future.

I am happy to report that the vacancies advertised last month have been filled, thanks to Mrs. Anstead, Ray and Helen Hartnell, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Judd and Ms. Sullivan. However they, and all our regular distributors need cover if they go on holiday or are unwell, so reserves are required to fill those gaps. Being a reserve means you could get a call to help out on your local route but it might be a year or more before you receive such a request. My thanks to all who have so far offered to be on the reserve list but more would be welcomed. And, of course, as our membership grows so does the need for regular distributors, so I would be grateful to hear from anyone interested in joining the team.

My thanks to reserves who helped with the May delivery - Lavinia Adams, Philip Benstead, Jill Hennah, Sheila Lister, Genevieve Sagar, Sue Siggs and Terry Strange.

Please accept my apologies in advance as I'm sure mistakes will be made as I get up to speed in this role. Do let me know of them so I can put them right; without your help I cannot improve. All committee members have been most helpful.

Nigel King

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to organise two Cream Teas by way of a "thank you" to all our distributors, which were both welcomed and appreciated. This year three such Teas have been organised, the first two held in May at the Community Centre and St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall. Distributors and their partners, together with committee members, enjoyed homemade scones with jam, strawberries and cream, delicious chocolate gateau and lemon drizzle cake - all baked and served by Fiona Hill and her catering team. The third takes place on 6th June at Barton Methodist Church Hall where there are still a few spaces available, so if any distributor has not yet replied to the invitation to join us will they please contact me.

Anne Goulding, 616106

NEWS FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL

In the wake of recent localised flooding, residents are reminded that the Environment Agency should be contacted in respect of these issues. The Agency has attended and dealt with local flash flooding in and around the Becton Bunny area.

Flooding is a natural occurrence and no drainage system or protection measure can absolutely avoid such events. There is no statutory requirement for a local authority to prevent property from flooding, and responsibility rests with the property owner. The Council does not provide sandbags for general issue to householders or businesses, although it maintains a limited stock to meet its own needs and help householders/businesses in an unexpected, one-off, exceptional emergency situation. The Council recognises that the impact of flooding on the community can be significant, and so works closely with the Lead Local Flood Authority, Environment Agency and emergency services to plan for/respond to emergencies, as well as to assist recovery from such events.

Contact the Environmental Agency incident hotline on 0800 807060, Obtain their guide on preparing a personal flood plan by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/make-a-flood-plan>. Further advice is available from the National Flood Forum <http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk/>.

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th May, 2016 at the Community Centre

The Chairman was very pleased to welcome some 80 people to the meeting, including our Mayor and several Town Councillors. It was evident that the future of the Memorial Centre is of real interest and concern to residents.

The presentation was opened by County Councillor Mel Kendal who pointed out that the proposals put forward form the basis of an Initial Viability Study; nothing is cast in stone, local residents' feedback will be sought every step of the way, and there is a long road ahead to establish planning approval, best use of the building(s) and, of course, funding. The main aim is to ensure that the existing Memorial Centre isn't allowed to fall into disrepair. It is, in effect, a jewel in the town's crown which is not being used to full potential and should be preserved for the benefit of all. The plan is highly ambitious, fraught with many problems but, with vision and determination, can be achieved. County, District and Town Councils are generally in favour of the scheme, feasibility studies are ongoing along with a search for funding opportunities. The aim is for the Centre to become a one-stop "hub" for a wide range of activities and facilities - relocation of the Town Hall and Library, possibly a Police presence, Job Centre, Registry Office, theatre, café/restaurant, other local amenities, room hire, etc.

Colin Jackson (Hampshire County Council Senior Design Manager, and winner of several prestigious design awards) produced slides illustrating how "cut off" the Centre is at present, and how the immediate area could be opened up to provide an overall impressive building with easy access and a pleasing aspect across the recreation ground. The intention is for the Indoor Bowls Pavilion to be moved to make way for a large (one- or possibly two-storey) building to accommodate the potential occupants mentioned above, perhaps extended to cover the old skateboard park area. The existing Centre would remain as it is, but work done to bring it up to a much-improved, attractive standard; the large hall and smaller rooms continuing to be available for hire. Overall cost is expected to be in the region of £5.5-6 million.

A "governance body" would have to be formed to ensure maintenance of the building and grounds, and to cover all other management aspects.

The overall aim is to turn a "backland" facility into something which will enhance the town in many ways, create job opportunities and hopefully bring in new business to the benefit of all. Anything that puts new life into the town can only be good; a night-time economy is badly needed.

Regrettably, apart from service vehicle and disabled access in the existing car park, the plan doesn't include provision for car parking. Councillor Kendal said it was his wish that the surrounding area of green should stay untouched.

With regard to a timescale, a final feasibility study must be ready by the end of next year, with project

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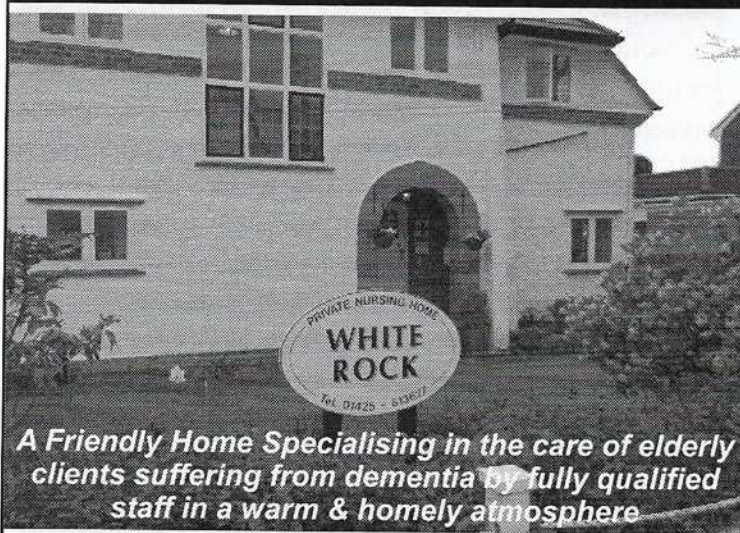


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completion in five years' time. A lot of work has to be done, planning permission and other approvals sought, funding to be raised. At the same time, we need to move quickly and get things going.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Kendal and Colin Jackson for a most informative, thought-provoking presentation greatly appreciated by members. We look forward to hearing more as time goes on and for the opportunity for us to provide feedback.

Note: Anyone wishing to put forward their views and concerns should contact our Chairman or the Editor (details on page 3).

LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS

As pointed out in my Chairman's Report, timing of our meetings and issue of FOCUS means it is not always possible to advise you of important issues and dates, or to seek members' views on a particular topic. An illustration of this was the announcement of a drop-in session to present proposals to build a crematorium on Green Belt land east of Stem Lane. Very short notice was given and closing dates for comments passed before it could be mentioned in FOCUS. With today's technology, however, it is always possible to communicate information at the touch of a button. We are, therefore, going to try and build (with your help) a two-way communications process with the introduction of a Residents' Association E-Mail Database. When used in conjunction with an enhanced website at www.nmra.org.uk, we hope that over time it will enable us to communicate more effectively with those of you who use such technology. The information you provide will only be held by NMRA and not disclosed or passed on to any other organisation or company. It would only be used on a periodic basis to keep you informed and sometimes seek your views on important matters which arise from time to time. To be included, register at www.nmra.org.uk. It will only take a minute or so to ensure you are always in the know on important issues. For those of you who are not familiar with such technology, we are seeking support from the appropriate authorities for an additional Notice Board in the town centre on which we can display important Association information. More about this when some concrete progress has been made.

Alan Watson

COASTAL PATH - DROP-IN SESSION

A larger number of people than was anticipated

attended this session, recently held at the Town Hall. As a result, rather than the more typical one-to-one discussions, a formal presentation was given followed by an opportunity to ask questions. This illustrated the importance of the issue within the community. It was clear that the actual process is at a very early stage in development of specific plans for that element of the coastline in which we are particularly interested. The presentation outlined the wider goals for the national coastline and the difficulties which the Team faces in dealing with a myriad of agencies, organisations and landowners. The actual process of what the Coastal Protection Team is involved in was outlined and preliminary schedules explained, including a desire to have our own area clearly defined and established by 2018. Discussions are ongoing over the actual route of the National Coastal Path in our own area (for example Hoburne Naish), and there will be more announcements in this respect over the coming months.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Many readers will be familiar with the excellent talks given by local historian Nick Saunders. He recently announced the formation of Milton Heritage Society and plans for artefact display cabinets to be installed in a room at the Memorial Centre (indeed, this Association made a donation to the Society for that purpose). It is understood that this has not yet been set up, but the Community Centre Executive Committee has given permission for a foyer wall to be given over to a most interesting display of photographs and documents which will remain permanent but changed periodically to maintain interest.

An added attraction and incentive for residents to become members of the Community Centre and enjoy all the facilities that it offers.

CREMATORIUM FOR NEW MILTON?

The New Forest Crematorium Company has been set up to meet the demand for a high quality crematorium within the New Milton area, and to represent the landowner on the project. We have been approached by a number of National Crematorium operators who have identified that there is a quantifiable need for such a facility here based on the "30-minute drive-time catchment" model. We have also had preliminary discussions with both New Forest District and New Milton Town Councils to establish what would be appropriate, and where.

Having agreed that there is a demand and with a site in mind (presently grazing field land to the east of Stem Lane and north of Great Woar Copse), we then approached six architect firms and chose to meet



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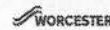
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four of them based on the design responses. The winners were Design Engine in Winchester, who really understand what we are looking for. Our aim is to stay away from the standard approach of a homogenous glass and brick box with little or no regard for the local landscape and setting. The proposed design blends well with the Forest background of Great Woar Copse, and is very well screened from the road and housing through existing established trees and hedging. This was a major consideration during the site selection.

Careful thought has also been given to the proposed materials for the building including cedar shingle roof tiling and green living flat roofs. The design also includes a high cone-shaped main service hall with a view out onto the garden of reflection, with an Oculus roof light to maximise the light in the room and give natural ventilation through a large open space rather than requiring excessive air-conditioning. There will be seating for 100 people in the main hall with additional space that can be opened up for a further 100 if needed; likewise, we are allowing for 150 car parking spaces to ensure there are no added complications at what can be a very difficult time.

We have had a public consultation for those with an interest locally to give feedback, attended by over 80 people. The response was overwhelmingly positive and the strong suggestion was to make sure we stick to our proposal of having 60-minute service times so that people do not feel they are on a conveyor belt and simply being rushed when they are grieving.

We have also been asked about the local woodland and would like to start to manage this following the planning decision. We are very keen to ensure we have received feedback from as many local people as possible before pressing on with the project.

The outline planning application was submitted at the end of May, but we are looking for continued feedback through the design phase and into the detailed planning application. So - please do send any comments you may have to us via our website newforestcrematoriumcompany.com.

Jeremy Hinton, Director

Following up on Jeremy's report, it is clear that the New Forest Crematorium Company wishes to keep the community fully involved and updated, stressing that the proposals have been designed to attract responses from the community at this early stage in the planning process. Whilst the deadline has now passed for initial responses after the first consultation exercise, there will be further consultations and opportunities to comment. Your Association will

monitor the situation closely and, where possible, keep you advised on these opportunities. At that first consultation by far the strongest view expressed was the definite need for a local facility to avoid having to travel to either Bournemouth or Southampton.

From the design point of view, it was clear that considerable thought has gone into the chapel features and a desire to maintain the grazing grassland feel of the area. I personally felt that the intention is to build this facility in the most sympathetic way possible and in the right location. Current plans to try and avoid the "conveyor style" difficulties associated with other crematoria have been considered, and the impact on neighbouring properties appears to have been thought through. However, we will have to await the detailed planning application before we can, as an Association, make meaningful comment. It is an important facility for this town of more than 26,000 residents, and we need to work with the Company and all appropriate agencies as plans are developed to ensure our members' views and concerns are taken into account.

Alan Watson

"In the New Milton Advertiser of 23rd April an article drew attention to the possibility of a crematorium being built on green belt land on the outskirts of New Milton. I have already prepaid for my funeral which will be arranged by my son, who lives in Sussex. At the moment, however, the nearest crematoria are in Bournemouth and Southampton so, from his and my family's point of view, such a facility in New Milton would be very welcome and convenient.

An exhibition of the proposed crematorium was held in April at the Town Hall, which I attended. The land to be used belongs to the Meyrick estate and this family would certainly gain financially from the sale. It was stated that consideration would be given to the feelings of local residents who were invited to submit individual comments. I was personally attracted by the greenness of the planned sight".

Phyllida Upstone, New Milton Resident

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As part of our intention to introduce some social visits, and following the very successful trip made to the Sonning Theatre, we have made similar arrangements for next January. The show is "High Society" - a feel-good musical which originally starred Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby - and we have already booked the best seats in the house. A treat not to be missed!

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Gerry Bryer, Treasurer (contact details page 3)

“BLOODLINE TRUST WILL”

Recently, some clients approached me having read a large advert in the A&T which mentioned this Will. They wanted to know what it is. From my understanding of the advert they are Discretionary Trusts, probably nominating the surviving spouse, children and grandchildren to be potential beneficiaries of that Trust. Not a new concept!

Before the Government introduced the availability of transferring one IHT Nil Rate Band (currently £325,000) from the estate of the first deceased spouse to the estate of the second spouse, we frequently used Discretionary Trusts to mitigate IHT. That IHT aspect is no longer valid, but many kinds of Trust (including Discretionary) can be beneficial in helping to preserve assets against the payment of nursing home fees, or the vulnerability or recklessness (depending on how one views it!) of the surviving spouse.

Depending upon what the client wishes to achieve, a Discretionary Trust (or a different kind of trust called “An Immediate Post Death Interest”) can be the answer. Both have advantages and disadvantages which need to be considered carefully.

Although the advert stated that the writer was one of the few firms specialising in this kind of planning, many solicitors - particularly those who are members of the Society of Trust and Estate practitioners - have this expertise.

Many clients wish to have a very straightforward Will, which is often most suitable for their circumstances. However, if anyone is concerned about the payment of nursing home fees, or what the surviving spouse might do with the assets following the first death, or indeed what children may do, then a Trust may be appropriate. One size does not fit all, and your circumstances and wishes need to be properly considered from all aspects. It is better to

seek advice about what you can and cannot do, for only then can you make an informed decision as to the best way forward.

**Alex Jennings, Heppenstalls
Hon. Legal Adviser to NMRA Committee**

LIBRARY SERVICE

We would like to thank all those people and organisations who took the time and trouble to respond to the recent consultation about the future of Hampshire Library Service. Our Strategy to 2020 has now been developed to ensure that we can evolve to meet the changing needs of customers whilst retaining our traditional service as well as its future sustainability. The County Council is facing its most challenging period of prolonged national austerity, having seen a huge reduction in the Authority's funding from central government in recent years. As part of our new Strategy

- We will increase the use of trained volunteers to work alongside paid staff
- We will build on the excellent reputation of our Home Library Service to provide support to those who presently use the Mobile Library Service which will end on 30th June and be replaced with a range of other options.
- 75% of consultation respondents indicated their support for withdrawing the purchase of outdated collections. Beyond April 2017 we will no longer purchase CDs, DVDs or games.

Strategy details can be found on our website.

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The “Best One” mini supermarket, adjacent to Costa, has a limited supply of minor hardware items which I find very useful as no other shop in town seems to offer such things. **I would say we are in need of a hardware shop** but, in the meantime, this is a great help. Items can be found to the rear of the store. I was pleasantly served by a lovely, welcoming lady, and was delighted with the service.

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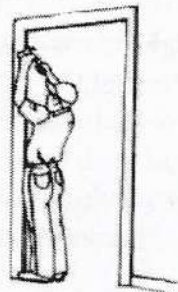
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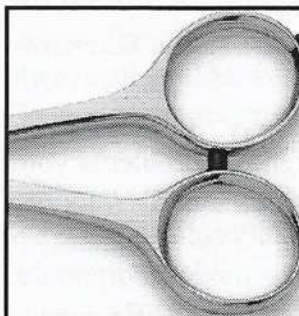
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Stella Jarvis, Camellia Gardens

Ed: This has been reported to County. You may wish to make a note that for street lighting problems you can visit www.lightsoninhamshire.co.uk, quoting reference numbers given on the faulty columns.

NEWS FROM ABLE COMMUNITY CARE

With immediate effect laws surrounding tobacco packaging have changed. Under new regulations, cigarettes and tobacco will no longer be sold in bright, glitzy packs but in drab green packs. They will carry large graphic images on the front and back to highlight the health effects of smoking, and health warnings must appear at the top of all packs. From now on all tobacco products manufactured for sale in the UK must comply with the new laws although there is a one-year transitional period for the sell-out of old stock.

Question: I am in my seventies and going abroad for my holiday this year. Friends tell me that insurance is difficult to find and expensive. Do you know of a website or organisation which can help me find insurance of good value?

Answer: Go to the rica website (Consumer Research for Older and Disabled People) for helpful information - www.rica.org.uk

FUSEE HOUSE EXHIBITION

For anyone interested in finding out what we offer in the way of leisure courses, please do come along to the Exhibition from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, **4th June**. **Admission is free!** There will be students' work exhibited and demonstrations from some of our tutors. Refreshments and a prize draw.

For further information please contact Rowena Clark, Area Organiser, Adult Learning & Skills, New Milton Centre, 164 Old Milton Road, New Milton. 01590 625222; rlark@brock.ac.uk.

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Terry Smith

Community Development & Support Manager

NEIGHBOUR CARE

A Special Appeal

Readers will probably know that this local charity (which provides medically-related transport and shopping assistance for the elderly) is always, ALWAYS in need of drivers. Now, however, the recent junior doctors' strikes, the cancellations and rescheduling of appointments, treatments and operations are all putting great stress on our small team of office volunteers. It is they who take clients' bookings and arrange for a driver to cover their needs - a most essential role if we are to give a service to those who need help. I would ask anyone who has some time to spare to consider joining us - either as a driver or office volunteer. It can offer an added interest and, at the same time, assist in a much-needed, valued service to the community. Please do contact the office (weekday mornings) on 611662. Thank you.

Phyllis Inglis, Chairman

CIVIL SERVICE

RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

We meet every second Tuesday of the month, 10.15 a.m. at the Community Centre, for a convivial chat over tea/coffee and to hear an interesting speaker. If you have retired from Government or Agency service you will be most welcome to join us.

After our meeting on **14th June**, we will adjourn to the Galleon in Highcliffe for an informal lunch to celebrate the Queen's official birthday. For further details please contact Mary Emmett on 614852.

FUNDRAISING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

On 19th April at St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall, committee member Anne Goulding had her long hair shaved off to raise money and awareness for Cancer Research UK. Following her own brush with cancer and **not** losing her hair as a result of treatment, Anne decided to make this gesture and

try to help find better treatment/cure for the disease. The event included stalls selling a variety of goods and homemade produce, plants, raffle and a quiz, prizes being donated from businesses in the town and surrounding area. **Anne would like to offer her sincere thanks to all who donated items and those who gave valued help on the day.**

The only things that had to be paid for out of the proceeds were Public Liability Insurance and local adverts. Therefore, if any local business or group would like to sponsor either of these expenses she would love to hear from you. Her target was £5,000 and she is now only a few hundred pounds short of that figure - the event raising £1,444 and sponsorship £3,120.

If you wish to make contact with Anne in this regard her phone number is on page 3.

NEW MILTON HEALING GROUP

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Anne Townend

CAMEO - LADIES GROUP

At our last meeting we had an extremely interesting talk by Jill Daniels on "Destination Disasters - The Titanic". She covered how the ship was first ordered at Harland and Wolfe in Belfast, with pictures of the drawing office showing how it was constructed. There were stories about the men and women from Southampton who worked on board and whether or

not they survived. Pictures were also shown of the cemeteries in Newfoundland.

Our speaker for 1st June will be Andrew Negus on Around the World - Part 1 China.

On 6th July we will have Jane Glennie on "Put Your Best Foot Forward".

We meet at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (except August) at the Community Centre, always pleased to welcome new members and visitors. Contact Margaret on 628675.

CONCHORD SINGERS

We have changed the date of our 40th anniversary celebration, which will now take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, **19th June**, at the Conservative Club. Any previous members are cordially invited, but a call to our Secretary on 629102 would be appreciated. It promises to be a memorable evening reminiscing of events and performances over the years.

We will then break up for the summer, returning to choir at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th September. Anyone wishing to join would be warmly welcomed on that day. No reports for the next three months!

Sylvia Camp, PR Lady to the Singers

MEN'S GET TOGETHER

At our meeting last month Bruce Worthy gave a talk on "Riding With The Cavalry". He and his three older brothers all joined the Cavalry, training to be soldiers, learning how to ride a horse (including all the necessary stable duties!), grooming the horses and their kit and, at the same time, learning how to play their chosen instrument. An interesting presentation with videos of Trooping the Colour and Battle Roll, ending with Bruce playing his trumpet!

On 2nd June Kevin Patience will talk about The Lunatic Line and at our Ladies Invitation meeting in July John Avery will tell us about "Mary Seacole: The Lady Without The Lamp".

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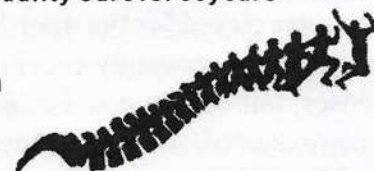
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This is the last lecture of the season. We will reconvene on 8th September for a presentation on Masterpieces of Chinese Landscape Painting.

Joan Bates

CHRISTCHURCH & NEW FOREST NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Over the past month we have hosted two speakers, and members have gone on a self-drive outing to Cadland Estate.

The story of the "Victorian Villa" was told by Sandra Budd with photographs illustrating the past and present of the splendid house on East Cliff, once the home of Sir Merton and Lady Russell-Coates. They were avid travellers and works of art gathered from all parts of the world are now on show at the Russell-Coates Museum. On moving to Bournemouth they first bought the Bath Hotel until Sir Merton had the villa built for his wife's 66th birthday, entertaining on a large scale and having one room entirely dedicated to Sir Henry Irvin.

Our second speaker was Shaun McCormack, a yeoman sworn into the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard in 2000 after 24 years in the Army. He related the history, structure and duties of the Guard in an individual, highly amusing way. The audience learned and laughed at the same time. He explained that the first yeomen were a group loyal to Henry VIIIth, fighting with him at Bosworth Field. Their oath was to uphold the Royals in perpetuity and they have now served 22 kings and queens. Several items of regalia were displayed including the "Tudor Bonnet" with shoes and grandly embroidered tunic. The audience found it hilarious when he held up the very long red tights and a black suspender belt to hold up socks worn below knee-length trousers - also when he spoke of "The Bedgoer" and "Bedhanger" men who had to jump on the King's bed to ensure no daggers were hidden there. This custom does not take place on Queen Elizabeth's bed!!

It is difficult in a brief written report to convey the entertainment value of Shaun's presentation; to enjoy it, do book him for your group.

For more about the Association call Shirley Burke on 628992 or visit www.cnfnta.org.uk.

JUBILEE SINGERS

Tickets for our two summer concerts last month sold well and we again thank the Community Centre receptionists for their help in this regard.

In between those concerts a small group from the choir sang at a 90th birthday celebration at Barfields Care Home in Lymington, and this month we will sing at the 25th anniversary of the Bournemouth Hospital Heart Club. A busy time!

Having said a fond farewell to our pianist Jill Crossley, we have been very fortunate to recruit a new pianist who will join us in August.

Liz Northcote

NEW MILTON CELEBRATES

Sunday, 12th June: Be part of the town's commemoration of Her Majesty's 90th birthday and enjoy a free day of fun and enjoyment for all. A real Community Picnic to remember for a long time. More information will be found in the special Review in the A&T for 28th May, and posters will be on display around the town from the 27th detailing the full programme which runs from 1 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. with a spectacular finale. One of the most notable timings to remember is 2.45 p.m. when one of the two remaining Lancasters of the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will provide a fly-past over the event.

Get your picnic baskets ready (**plastic glasses only please on the recreation ground!**) and keep your fingers crossed for the best possible weather. We look forward to seeing you all there.

NM Celebrates Organising Team, 610052

CHRISTINA NOBLE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Our stall at Lymington Market in April raised a grand total of £820.90 (£206 from fabric alone!) despite heavy rain pouring down on us in the afternoon causing us to cease trading and shoppers to dash for shelter. We had nowhere to run or to protect our merchandise - a sense of humour is vital! This is the most we have ever raised at the Market and so grateful thanks to all who donated towards the event in any way, shape or form.

We also recently raised £466 (after deductions) from the sale of cameras and lenses. Apart from photographic equipment we are also in need of expired films and photographic literature.

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This year our "alternative" Open Garden will be held on **30th July**, 2 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall. As always our dear Mongolian friend Bataa will come along with musicians (and possibly a dancer) to entertain us. Last year some of the musicians came all the way from Nottingham. We will have all the usual stalls and a raffle, and anybody who can donate items should kindly contact Anne Mason on 626112. We need cakes, raffle prizes and more fabric. Do please come along and support us.

Jackie Preis

HIGHCLIFFE & INFINITY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

April saw Round 6, the final DP1 League competition of the season under the heading of "Landscape". A wide range of images were entered and winner Phil Beard was presented with the John Mansell Rose Bowl. We also had a presentation by Peter Bamforth ARPS, member of Chichester Camera Club and a very accomplished photographer

The next competition was for the Norrie Phillips Memorial Trophy, a hotly contested event with high scores, won for a second year by Lyn Rendall for her creative image of the Manhattan skyline made out of screws, nuts and bolts, etc.

The final League print competition of the season was to produce three images linked together by virtue of content.

The Club meets at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at Bashley Village Hall. For further information visit www.highcliffeandinfinity.org.

CHESS

The Chess Group is growing and the latest member to join us is a lady who used to play many years ago and confessed to being a bit rusty. However, with a little instruction she won her first two games and really enjoyed herself. Whether or not you have played before, we will be pleased to see you, happy

to teach beginners and give assistance to those who have forgotten some of the finer points. Standard of play is not high, so it can be a very pleasant way of spending an afternoon. We meet at 2 p.m. on a Thursday at the Community Centre, so why not pop in and see us. No charge for your first "taster" visit.

Ken Clark, 613666

LYMINGTON TOWN TOURS

Schedule for June:

Wednesday, 1st: The Story of Milford. 7 to 8.45 p.m. Starts on Milford Green, finishes at Beach House.

Sunday, 5th: Courts & Alleyways. 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Starts at War Memorial, St. Thomas's Church.

Tuesday, 7th: Secrets of Pennington. 7 to 9 p.m. Starts on the green, junction of Highfield and A337, finishes at Pennington Cross.

Wednesday, 8th: The Walls Walk. 7 to 8.30 p.m. Starts at War Memorial, finishes on the quay.

Sunday, 12th: Sea, Salt & Smuggling. 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Starts at quay slipway, finishes at Lymington Yacht Club.

Wednesday, 15th: Victorian Lymington. 7 to 8.30 p.m. Starts at the railway station, finishes at New Street.

Sunday, 19th: The Story of Lymington. 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Starts at the War Memorial, finishes on the quay.

Wednesday, 22nd: Milford: Voices from the Grave. 7 to 8.30 p.m. Starts at the Lychgate, All Saints Church.

Sunday, 26th: Pens & Personalities. 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Starts at the War Memorial, finishes on the quay.

Wednesday, 29th: Courts & Alleyways. 7 to 8.30 p.m. Starts at the War Memorial.

GET YOUR BRAIN INTO GEAR!

The NMRA Community In Action team will be holding a fundraising **Community Quiz Night** on Saturday, **25th June**, at the Memorial Centre, Whitefield Road. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. for a prompt 7 p.m. start. Community groups are invited to book tables of up to 8 but individuals and couples can also come along and tables will be allocated on arrival. Tickets at £8 include a fish and chips or chicken and chips supper served during the interval. If supper is **not** required the charge is £5. For bookings and information contact Alan Watson on 07771 754025 (alan.watson@nmra.org.uk) or Marie Morgan on 501315 (mariemorgan@talktalk.net) Fabulous prizes on offer; refreshments and bar available.



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SUNDAY AFTERNOON DEMENTIA

TEA CLUB (Age Concern Hampshire)

Please do join us for tea, cake and company from 2 to 4 p.m. on **19th June**, at Bupa Ashley Lodge, Golden Hill, Ashley. Suggested donation of £2.50. For more details contact Sue Whiffen on 07884 300641 or suechef@live.co.uk.

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CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP

Our group meets every second Monday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Friends' Meeting House, Whitefield Road. Do come and join us on **13th June** for a well-deserved break in the company of fellow and former carers. Plenty of time to socialise, find support, and share information and experiences. We serve tea and biscuits in a relaxed, café-style setting, at no charge. For details call Maggie on 614714.

BARTON ON SEA

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting is at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, **15th June**, at Barton Methodist Church Hall, when we shall have the privilege of welcoming Judy Anderson from Great Ormond Street Hospital. Her talk will cover their vital work with sick children. Refreshments and raffle. Visitors and new members always welcome.

EW2 CLUB

Our group enjoys spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting and much more, with meetings in New Milton, Sway and Lymington. Our next meeting in New Milton will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, **16th June**, at the Community Centre. Join us to find out what we do; all welcome, beginners and experienced, we are all learning from each other. For further details email ewe2club@yahoo.co.uk or visit website ewe2club.org.uk.

NEW MILTON

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Our next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, **20th June**, at the Community Centre, with a talk on the History & Construction of the Panama Canal. Visitors

welcome. For further information contact Janet Litten on 617052.

NEW MILTON U3A

"Adopt A Lazy Posture". Presentation at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, **22nd June**, at the Memorial Centre, on the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers of the Honourable Artillery Company, ceremonial bodyguard to the Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of London. It will be given by Clive Rigden, local resident and serving Pikeman in the Company. Visitors welcome at £2.

As a result of our plea in Focus, we now have a pianist to play for our Singing For Fun. Many thanks to the talented lady who now plays for us.

Evelyn Lamb, 839885

THE DAY I MET THE QUEEN

(And other Royals)

At New Milton Baptist Church (Old Milton Road) on Friday, **10th June**, 2 to 4 p.m., and Saturday, **11th June**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., we will have an exhibition in the church lounge of photographs and memorabilia featuring the Queen's 90 years. A DVD will show royal events over the years and in the main hall Vintage teas will be served.

At 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, **12th June**, we will have a Special Thanksgiving Service. All welcome.

RNLI NEW MILTON & BARTON ON SEA

I have just finished reading "A Brief History of the New Milton & Barton-on-Sea Branch of the RNLI", written some years ago by Mr. Edward Horne, BEM. Ted was a founder-member when the branch was started in 1971 and remained closely involved until recently when he stepped down from the role of President.

It is evident from that history that the branch had a varied and extensive programme of events. Sadly, through age, apathy and the many demands on daily lives, there are now very few people prepared to step forward and help with fundraising.

Most people know of the RNLI which is funded entirely by voluntary donations and known as "the charity which saves lives at sea". But I wonder how many of you are aware of the great work which it carries out on our rivers and in times of flood disasters such as have been prevalent in recent years? The RNLI is also responsible for training the Lifeguards who operate around our coast, looking out for children playing near the sea as well as those involved in water sports.

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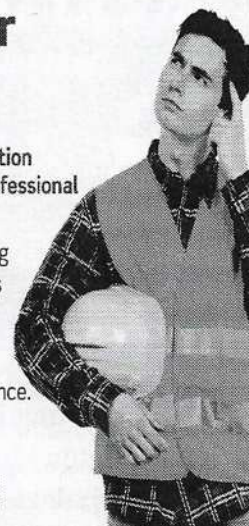
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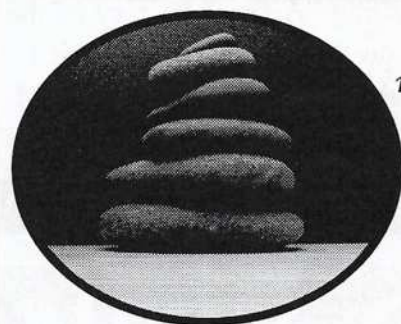
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We would like to thank all members for their support and those of you who give your time at collection/social events. Much appreciated.

If, reading this you feel that you could give a little of your time (and I do mean a little!) to enable us to continue supporting this worthwhile charity, please get in touch, with no commitment. Contact Secretary Anne Goulding on 616106 or myself, Chairman Terry Howard, on 638323.

BARTON ANNUAL FAYRE

Long Meadow Barton Common Group, Barton Beaver and Sea Scouts, supported by The Friendly Dog Club, will be holding an Annual Fayre on Long Meadow, Barton Lane - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **9th July**. Fun Dog Show, childrens' events and entertainment. Scouts BBQ. Cream Tea Tent. Beer/Pimms Tent. Local artisan stalls. Fun for the whole family.

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Our annual sponsored walk along the clifftop to Milford and back (6 miles) will take place on Saturday, **4th June**, starting at 10 a.m. from 2 Christchurch Bay Road, Barton. Sponsorship forms from Jacqueline Massie, massieja@gmail.com. All welcome.

CHRISTIANAID

"Tea in the Garden" with stalls, competitions and raffle. 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, **17th June**, at 2 Christchurch Bay Road, Barton. Entry by donation.

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Box Office: 612393/www.forest-arts.co.uk.

BARTON METHODIST CHURCH

Table Top Sale on Saturday, **25th June**, in the church hall from 9 a.m. till noon. To book a table phone Mike on 614736. Refreshments available. Proceeds to the Property Development Fund.

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12th June - New Milton Town Partnership.
John Evans, 610943.

19th June - Rotary Club of New Milton. Stuart Jones, 511610.

26th June: HOPE (Helping Older People New Forest). Information/weather check: Graham, 07836 592081.

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I watched with growing hunger
Every ball that soared across the net
Now they power down an ace
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Is now interrupted greatly
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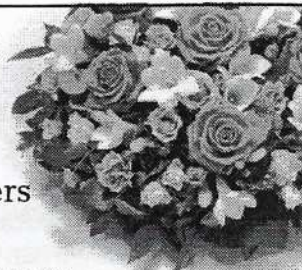
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Now I'm fed up fit to burst
 'Cos the ladies are the worst
 I'm afraid to say I've had to change my plan
 The remote's to hand, I'll click it
 And find the channel showing cricket
 Can I get a bit of peace there? P'raps I can!!
Sue Wrigley

SUMMER'S RESURRECTION

I dared to doubt in deepest winter
 That a day like this would ever come
 When, wrapped in woollen hat and scarf
 My toes and fingers grew quite numb
 I wondered if the sun would shine
 Upon gardens bright with flowers
 That spring and summer days would come
 To warm this land of ours

In the beauty of a soft June dawn
 With the scent of roses in the air
 I recall those doubts now life is sweet
 On a day beyond compare
 There can be no more certainty indeed
 That new life will follow death
 Than the fulfilled promise of a summer day
 Touched by a warming, soft June's breath
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YOU ALL KNOW ME!

I am very old but have not retired
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 I make many speeches
 I receive hundreds of bouquets
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 I never give interviews
 Never respond to criticism
 Never use a stick
 Never sing the national anthem
 I am blessed that my much-loved husband
 Is still with me and is a great support
 Most people like and respect me
 Some people say they love me
 But few people know me
 I am 90 years old
 I am the Queen!

Brian Wiseman

Following on the very sad passing of Victoria Wood, here are a couple of her comments which made us laugh....

I once went to one of those parties where everyone throws their car keys into the middle of the room. I don't know who got my moped but I drove that Peugeot for years!

When you're in the process of having a baby it's a bit like watching two inefficient removal men trying to get a very large sofa through a very small doorway. But in this case you can't say "Oh sorry, can you bring it in through the French windows?"

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 9th June: New Forest Tinnitus Group. 2.30 p.m. Lyndhurst Community Centre. Talk on Yoga by Dawn Wade. A charge of £2 is made per session, to include refreshments. Contact jan.petty@ntlworld.com or www.newforesttinnitus.org.uk.

Saturday, 11th June: New Milton Rugby Club Family Fun Day and Sports "Have a Go" Fair. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ashley Recreation Grounds, Normans Way, off Ashley Road. Admission free

Monday, 13th June: New Milton Macular Support Group. No meeting, but Carvery Lunch at Walhampton Arms. Prior booking essential. Contact Malcolm Swan, 618925.

Wednesday, 15th June: Brendoncare Get Together Club, 2 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall. Barry Oliver will entertain. Contact Evelyn on 839885 or Bernie on 638540.

Saturday, 18th June: 2 to 4 p.m. Cream Tea in Girlguiding HQ, Lake Grove Road. Proceeds for HQ Maintenance Fund.

Tuesday, 28th June: New Forest Organ Society Concert with Chiho Sunamoto and Jon Smith. 7.15 p.m. All Saints Church Hall, Milford. Contact Keith Evans, 612515.

Wednesday, 29th June: Police Surgery, 10.30 a.m. Community Centre. Meet your local bobby.

Thursday, 30th June: 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Cream Tea in St. Mary Magdalene Church Hall. Tickets £5 from 613311, church office or on the door.

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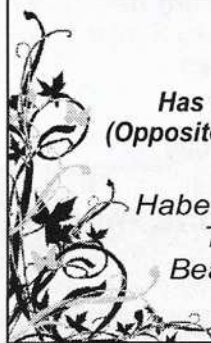
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