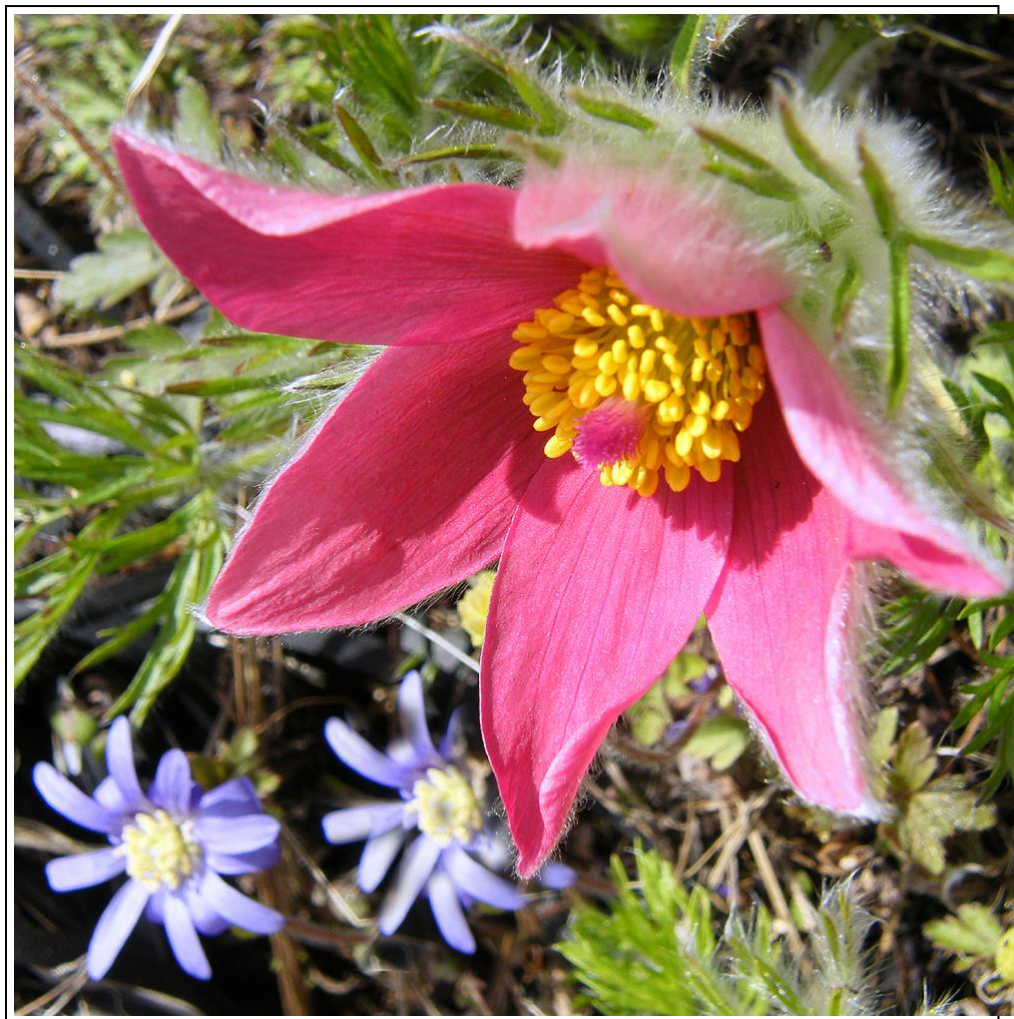


Highcliffe Community Association

at Greystones House



News and Programme of Events
APRIL 2020

SECTION MEETINGS

Art	Monday am.	Languages French	Monday am.
Art	Tuesday am.	Languages French	Tuesday am.
Art	Tuesday pm.	Languages Spanish	Wednesday am
Art	Wednesday pm	Literary	Wednesday pm.
Art	Thursday am.	Machine Quilting	Friday pm
Bridge Duplicate	See text	Mahjong	Thursday pm.
Bridge Rubber	Friday pm.	Men's Forum	Thursday am.
Canasta	Thursday evening	Men's Shed	Tuesday pm.
Cards – Bolivia	Monday pm.	Mindfulness etc.	Thursday pm.
Carpet Bowls	Monday pm.	Music	Monday pm.
Carpet Bowls	Friday pm.	Petanque	Tues.pm. Wed.noon Fri.pm
Chess	Monday evening	Photographic	Thursday am.
Chi Kung	Friday am.	Pilates	Tues, Weds, Thurs pm
Craft	Thursday pm.	Quilting	Tuesday am.
Cribbage	Wednesday pm.	Rambling & Ambling	See text
Dancing Ballroom	Tuesday pm	Rockin' Robins	Tuesday evening.
Dancing–Circle	Monday pm.	Rummikub	Tuesday pm.
Dancing-Country	Thurs. evening	Sewing	Monday am.
Darts	Tuesday pm.	Sewing	Wednesday am.
Discussion	Tuesday pm.	Table Tennis	Monday am.
Drama	Thursday pm.	Table Tennis	Thursday am.
Family History	Monday pm	Table Tennis	Saturday am.
Flower Arranging	Wednesday am.	Whist	Wednesday pm.
IPad/iPhone Help	Wednesday am.	Wine Circle	Friday evening
IT Forum	Wednesday pm.	Yoga	Monday noon
Kurling (indoor)	Thurs. am.	Yoga	Tuesday am.
Ladies Forum	Friday pm.	Yoga	Wednesday am

**For more details of section meeting dates and times refer
to relevant entry in Section News**

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HIGHLIGHTS for APRIL

Every Friday - "Music. Live" – in Room 1 from 10.30am

Every Friday Morning-Your 1st Floor Nu.2.U Clothes Shop-Open for your Indulgence.

Friday 2 Film – Knives Out

Doors open 6.30pm performance 7.00pm

Member's tickets priced £4.00 non-members £4.50

Sunday 5 – Tea Dance

Saturday 25 - QUIZ & CHIPS

CORONAVIRUS

Please note that following the government guidelines Greystones House is now closed until further notice. Many section meetings, events and functions outlined in this newsletter will not now take place. If any doubt exists please make contact with your section leader or committee.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Betty & Tony

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

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Pauline (273563)

RECEPTION

Lynn (07754 216164)

MEMBERSHIP

Email: membership@highcliffeca.co.uk

Mavis ()

Membership renewals

This year, we will be trialling a new membership renewal system whereby members will not be asked to complete a renewal application form.

We will simply print off new membership cards on thick coloured card (with a plastic sleeve) for all current members: these will be in alphabetical order for receptionists to allocate when members renew and pay.

All we would ask is that all members check that we hold their correct information on file. Any change of address, phone numbers, email addresses

etc. should still be advised to the Membership Secretary as normal.

Also any member who has signed up for gift aid previously, please confirm that nothing has changed and that the Association can still claim the gift aid back.

Renewals will only be available from 1 April onwards and the cost is £10 as per last year. There will be a dedicated table in the foyer from that date to deal with all renewals/queries.

We will have a rubber stamp with our name on available for cheques and you will need to bring your old membership card with you for us to keep.

We hope this new system proves more efficient for all and look forward to your continued support.

In addition, we are looking to hold emergency contact details for all members, for use in the case of an emergency. Again, this will be requested at renewal for those that wish to supply this information.

Many thanks.

TEA AND COFFEE SERVERY

Barbara (620811)

EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

Martin (07974 542815)

IN MEMORIAM

Mavis ()

I am sad to report the death of the following member :-

Daphne Harvey

Our thoughts and sympathy are with their loved ones and friends.

GENERAL INTEREST

Nu.2.U. LADIES CLOTHES SHOP

Open Thursday 1.15 – 3.45pm

Friday 9.30 – 12.30 pm

Shop Team: Angie, Mary, Chris, Hazel.
With the very different winter weather this year, YOUR SHOP now has some fabulous clothing on the Trust SALE Rail for you to check out at your leisure, and a whole new feast of spring and summer outfits in your shop to provide that perfect 'retail therapy' shopping feeling - all at prices that are a perfect fit for the smallest of pockets. With easy access via the lift to the first floor, there is the enjoyment of browsing, social chat and finding an abundance of unexpected bargains

Friday morning – a great time to shop - before settling down to music and coffee. 'We look forward to seeing YOU.'

4 Men 2 Shop

Managed by John Crimes

It's been good to know that you lovely men read our invitation to visit - but why not take up that invitation ?. Where are we? Take the lift to the first floor, straight down the corridor to the end, and our open door awaits. There is an abundance of excellent clothing in stock, and to make space for new items there is currently a MEN'S CLOTHING SALE – NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED.

LIBRARY CORNER

Barbara ()

My thanks as always for the 'as new' and 'latest' donations of paperbacks, the 'complete' jigsaw puzzles, plus several DVDs.

We now have such a large selection of 500 and 1000 piece puzzles. Why pay up to £4,99 in a charity shop when you can borrow a puzzle for up to three weeks for only 20p per item, and if you wish to keep it for longer, then just pop another 20p into the 'Trust Box'. Don't forget we have many DVD box sets, including 'Father Ted' and 'Ad Fab', and it is still only 20p per box set to borrow for up to three weeks.

We now have a large selection of travel books. Including Canada, Japan, New Zealand, etc. Many thanks for all the donations. I bought a travel book for Barcelona recently, which cost me £12.99. So much better if we had had a copy in the library which I could have borrowed for only 20p. Look after yourselves.

PUBLICITY

Chris (271453)

QUIZ

Audrey (278643)

BINGO

Every Saturday

GREYSTONES HOUSE
Eyes down at 1.30pm.

SECTION NEWS

New Group

Mindfulness, Meditation and Breath Work

Meetings: 4.15pm Thursdays

£3 per session paid termly (including £1 group fee)

Ring Debbie 07523 408368 for more details.

Come to discover this wonderful class, to help beat the stress of modern life

ART – Monday am

Contact - Jeanne (271810)

Meetings – 10.00am Monday Weekly

ART – Tuesday am

Contact – Rosemary (274056)

Meetings – 10.00am Tuesday Weekly

ART – Tuesday pm

Contact – Margaret (280162)

Claire (01590 643635)

Meetings – 2.00pm Tuesday Weekly

ART – Wednesday pm

Contact – Barry (272878)

Meetings – 2.00pm Weds. Weekly

ART – Thursday am

Contact – Pat (275563)

BRIDGE – Duplicate

Contact – Phyl (612337)

New members (experienced or improvers) and visitors are always welcome

Website

www.bridgewebs.com/highcliffe/

Details on how to navigate around the website are shown on Home Page.

Duplicate - Monday & Wednesday evenings 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm start. A 'Host System' operates for players without a partner, except on Teams and Saturday Social Bridge events; new members and visitors are always welcome.

Special dates and announcements:

Swiss Teams (random) - Mon 6 April
Players must write their names on relevant list. Team Coordinator Kate Pocknell contact 01425 839243

Intermediates Group Every

Wednesday - 6.00 for 6.30 pm

Ladder Pairs - Wed 22 & Mon 27 are normal Duplicate evenings. Results are shown as a 'Ladder'.

Hosts for April

Monday

Wednesday

06 Teams-No host 01 Wendy Bedford

13 BH - No host 08 Ron Mckay

20 Kate Pocknell 15 Moya Abbott

27 Pat Butler 22 Sheila Marron

29 Gerry Palmer

BRIDGE – Rubber

Contact – Martin (276971)

Or Steve (07922 120918)

Meetings – 1.30pm Friday Weekly

CANASTA

Contact – Olive (274813)

Meetings – 6.30pm Thursday Weekly

CARDS – BOLIVIA

Contact – Avril (276346)

Meetings – 1.30pm Monday 27th April

CARPET BOWLS

Contact – John (277553)

Meetings – 2.00pm Monday

2.00pm Friday

CHESS

Contact – Ron (277514)

Meetings – 7.00pm Monday Weekly

CHI KUNG

Contact – Karen (07786 304105)

Meetings – 11.30am Friday Weekly

4.15pm Tuesdays Weekly

CRAFT

Contact – Brenda (278842)

Meetings–1.30pm Thursday Weekly.

CRIBBAGE

Contact – Eric (621334)

Meeting–1.30pm Wednesday Weekly

DANCING TUITION. Ballroom and Latin

Professional tuition from Dawn [of Dawn Dance]

Contact – Graeme (07874 327087)

Meetings – 2.00pm Tuesday Weekly
(except first week in the month)

First Time is a free taster session

DANCING – Circle

Contact - Nancy (277920)

Meetings – 2.00pm Monday

DANCING – Country

Contact – Denise (629704)

Meetings – 7.30pm Thursday 2,9,16,23,30

DARTS

Contact – Wendy (271390)

Meetings – 2.00pm Tuesday Weekly
- 7.00pm 2nd and 4th Thursday

DISCUSSION

Contact – Jill (280247)

Meetings – 2.00pm First Tuesday

There was a good attendance at the March meeting with the chairman welcoming one new member. He briefly presented feedback from the recent Council meeting about the new constitution.

We all enjoyed an afternoon of lively interesting debate. We talked about the coronavirus and whether there was too much panic about it. Were we still going on holiday and how would it affect the economy?

Gender transition was discussed and some strong feelings expressed. How can children and young people make such momentous decisions and then, later, come to regret it. Who is condoning and consenting to this and at what cost?

Providing protection for Megan and Harry met with a resounding NO and we all agreed that Boris is doing a great job of PM and forgave him his indiscretions. We wondered if any other MP would have got away with it!

Following the success of the "Dementia" meeting in February it was suggested it be repeated for those who might have missed it. This will be looked into.

The next meeting is on April 2nd at 2pm in Room 2. All welcomed.

DRAMA

Contact – Beryl (275535)

or Mary & Eddie (278790)

Meetings – 2.00pm Thursday Weekly

No meeting on April 9th (Easter Break)

We have had much fun playing glamorous air hostesses and their dashing French suitors as Barbara has led us through the lively farce 'Boeing Boeing'. We are now reading 'The Gioconda Smile', a play based on a short story by Aldous Huxley. As the title suggests there is an enigma to be puzzled over and the tension between the characters builds as we unravel the mystery of the play, tantalised by the delicious whiff of intrigue!

We always welcome new members – so do come along and see if you would like to join us.

FAMILY HISTORY

Contact – Jean (277905)

Meetings – 2.00pm 3rd Monday

The next meeting of the Family History Group will be on Monday 20th April 2pm in Room 2. Geoff Bush will give Part 2 of Updates on the Internet. We will also be looking at what's in our Library. All welcome.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Contact – Valerie (27274516)

Meetings – 10.00am 1st & 3rd Wednesday

The design subjects for the April meetings are as follows:-

1 April – Down the Aisle

15 April – Easter Expectation

IPAD / IPHONE HELP

Contact – Derek (07437 705015)

Meetings – 11am Wednesday Weekly

Learn what MORE your Ipad and phone can do for you.

IT FORUM

Contact – Norman (275674)

Meetings – 2.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Our meeting subjects for April are as follows:-

8 April – AGM followed by short presentation

22 April – Discussion Group session. A general discussion of any computer matter raised by a member or new features in the computer world. Non section members are always welcome to join us at any meeting subject to an attendance fee of £2

KURLING (indoor)

Contact – Hazel (540228)

Meetings – 10.00am. 1st & 3rd Thursday

LADIES FORUM

Contact – Margaret via Greystones

Meetings – 1.45pm 2nd Friday each month

Well, our AGM went ahead on 13th March, and we had a good reshuffle.

The new committee consists of

Chairperson June Chapman

Secretary. Valerie Reynolds

Treasurer Denice Dashwood **

Speaker Secretary Eileen Keith **

Committee Members:

Cherry St Clair Laing

Hazel Bolton

** - unchanged

Thank all of you for “volunteering” for these positions.

Annual lunch on 3rd April now postponed.

LANGUAGES

Contact – Christine (275861)

Meetings – 10.00am Mon. French Weekly

- 10.30am Tues. French Weekly

-10.00am Weds. Spanish Weekly

We held our AGM on 17 March. In view of the situation regarding the Coronavirus not many people were able to attend. However, all concerned were thanked for the work they undertook to make the classes so successful.

French, Mondays – 10 a.m. (Mr. Clive Sampson)

The class is now full. Please contact Christine on the above number if you wish to be included on the waiting list.

French, Tuesdays – 10.30 a.m. (Mrs. Frances Morley)

Spanish, Wednesdays – 10 a.m. (Mr. Nicholas Hester)

LITERARY

Contact – Tom (272822)

Meetings – 2.00pm Wednesday 1

'Until thine azure sister of the Spring shall blow her clarion o'er the dreaming earth'

- Percy Bysshe SHELLEY.

With the new season commencing at Greystones let's hope the outlook will be more vernal by All Fools' Day.

MACHINE QUILTING

Contact – Susy (275403)

Cherry (272593)

Meetings– 1.00pm Every Friday except 2nd.

MAHJONG

Contact – Rowena (278248)

Meetings - 1.30pm Thursday weekly

April already and the days are getting longer! Don't forget membership renewal will be due this month.

All our new members are doing well and having fun learning some new easy hands. Easy to remember that is, not necessarily easy to complete! As well as Ordinary Hand and Seven Twins (seven pairs of anything) there is Heavenly Twins - 7 pairs all in one suit, or Gertie's Garter - a run of 1-7 in two suits.

For our more experienced players one to try is Hachi Ban - 3 pairs of winds or dragons plus a run of 1-8 or 2-9 in one suit. A really hard one to try unless you have a lot of the right tiles to start with is Heads and Tails - 4 pungs and a pair of 1's and 9's in any suit.

If anyone is interested you are you are very welcome to come along and watch, or better still have a go!

MEN'S FORUM

Contact - Mike (277370)
or Ron (277739)

Meetings – 10.30am Thursday

Mike Andrews (local historian) will be the speaker at the April meeting with a presentation entitled “Christchurch Harbour – natural erosion”. Members are reminded that the annual fees to belong to the HCA are due from the 1st April - £10 to join HCA and £2 section fee for the forum.

The virus situation is still developing, so who knows whether we will be able to carry on meeting in the usual manner. In the meantime, keep well.

MEN'S SHED

Contact – John (07547 922246)
Meeting – 2.00pm 1st Tuesday

MINDFULNESS and MEDITATION

Contact – Debbie via reception
Meeting – 4.15pm Thursday
Come and discover this wonderful class, to help beat the stress of modern life

MUSIC

Contact – Mike (270378)

Our next meeting is on Monday 23rd at 2.00pm. [note: Greystones is closed on Easter Monday 13th].

Recent changes, involving time allocation for players and moving teatime, seem to be working well. Every meeting generates a variety of well-loved and remembered melodies -music of our time -creating a cosy, friendly ambience. Visitors and new members are always welcome including those who have the skills to play!

Friday Live continues to attract a hard core of “regulars” for a weekly musical “fix” and is open house for members and non-members. Popular guest artiste, Pat Neal, will return during this month to entertain in his own enjoyable way.

PETANQUE

Contact – Carol (280154)

Meetings – 1.00pm Tuesday Weekly
1.00pm Friday Weekly

Contact – Bernard Gilbert (07578 967622)
12.00pm Wednesday Weekly

Pétanque is generally regarded as a Summer game but it is pleasing to be able to report that, despite the weather, a small group of us have managed to play on most Wednesdays since the beginning of October. Now that the days are getting warmer, we would love to see more people coming along to “have a go” at the game that is played almost everywhere you go in France. The rudiments of the game are very easy to learn, it doesn't require any special degree of physical fitness, or equipment, and it's a very sociable game, usually played with good humour. We're very happy to teach complete novices the ropes, and can guarantee that in a very short time you

will be able to play the game. Our Wednesday sessions start at 12.15, weather permitting, and prospective new players can be assured of a very warm welcome. For further information, contact me by email on: bgilbert46@hotmail.co.uk or call me.

PHOTOGRAPHIC

Contact – Anna (274926)

Meetings – 9.45 am Thursday 9th

We will have our AGM first and then Programme Planning from July onwards. For the rest of the session please bring 6-8 “Unaltered Pictures” on a memory stick for discussion.

Please note: New members/visitors can now be accommodated again. If you are interested in joining, please contact us (details above).

Dates for your Diary: - Photographic Section: 14 May 2020

PILATES

Contact –

Meetings – Tuesday 12.15 – 1.15pm

Wednesday 6.00pm **NEW**

Thursday 12.00 – 1.00pm

QUILTING – Tuesday

Contact – Anna (274926)

Meetings – 9.30am Tuesday Weekly

Email: anne.hutton27@sky.com

At our first Tuesday in April we will have our AGM. We can discuss our combined projects and plans for the year. Please ladies put you thinking caps on. Any suggestion will be very welcome. One of our Charitable Quilts will have been finished and one more is still in progress but is nearing its finish soon. By now we will have had our lovely “Christmas Lunch” at Southlawns unless the Coronavirus had other ideas.

RAMBLING & AMBLING

Members Social Events

RAMBLES.

Contact – Nigel (277456)

Rambles

Contact - Nigel Hicks (277456)

Walks start at 1000hrs and are about 5 miles, unless otherwise stated. Any alterations will be advised in the first instance by email, then website. Contact the leader if you have any queries. New members always welcome to our friendly group.

Wed 1st - Fritham

Leader – David Price (275900)

Meet Fritham CP, Ref 230/141. On A35 turn L into Bolderwood Ornamental Drive. At far end, turn L at T Junction. After going under A31, take first R signed ‘Stoney Cross’. After 2 miles TL at T Junction & then turn R (signposted ‘Fritham’ thro’ Fritham village. CP is on L, 100yds after Royal Oak pub.

Wed 8th – No Walk

Wed 15th - Pigbush

Leaders - Ann & Bryn Male (274363 / 0777 330 6035)

Meet – Pigbush CP, Ref 363/051. Take A35 thro’ Lyndhurst. After old hotel on RHS turn R on to B3056 towards Beaulieu. CP approx. 4½ miles on RHS.

Wed 22nd - Sixpenny Handley Bluebell Walk – START 1015 hrs Allow just under 1 hour journey time.

Leaders – Carol (01202 475315 / 0786 0472 493) & Terry Eden (0792 788 6304)

Meet – Sixpenny Handley Village hall CP. On A31 just west of Ringwood take offslip onto the B3081 to & thro’ Verwood. After passing Crane Valley Golf Club on LHS & ignoring L turn for

Woodlands turn next L by cottage. Continue to T junction & turn R onto the B3078 to Cranborne. In 0.7 miles turn L back onto the B3081 signposted 'Shaftesbury.' In 0.7 miles at next T junction turn R into Parsonage Lane B3081 & continue for 3.4 miles to roundabout on the A354. Take 2nd exit to Sixpenny Handley 0.9 miles. Arrive in 6p Handley and continue up High Street passing former Roebuck Inn, St Marks Church and First School all on the RHS. After the school, and before leaving village turn R into Commercial Road, signposted 'Village Hall & Playing Fields'.

Wed 29th - Woodlands Bluebell Walk 6.5 miles

Leaders - Carol (01202 475315 / 0786 0472 493) & Terry Eden (0792 788 6304)

On A31 just west of Ringwood, take offslip onto B3081 to and thro' Verwood. Pass Albion Inn on R & over narrow bridge. Then, after turning on L for Crane Valley Golf Club & in less than a mile, take next L into Verwood Road, signposted 'Woodlands.' The playing field and CP is on LHS as go thro' village. CP is ideal spot for picnic, or pub lunch at Albion Inn (up to 1430 hrs) or New Queen at Avon, (up to 1430hrs.)

AMBLERS

Contact – Trish [280427]

Details of Walks, Social Events, changes or additions are on the Website Highcliffeca.co.uk & the Notice Board.

Social Events: next organised event BBQ in July.

ROCKIN' ROBINS

Contact – Freda (275059)

Meetings – 7.00pm Tuesdays

Due to concerns about the coronavirus, our planned meeting for the 7th April is **cancelled**. We will meet on 21st April if the situation allows. Watch this space, and keep well everyone! (Freda is now back at the helm from the beginning of April)

RUMMIKUB

Contact – Margaret via Greystones

Meeting – 1.30pm 2nd & 4th Tuesday 10, 24

We have had a very relaxed and friendly year. I especially like the background music from the dance group next door. It makes for a very mellow afternoon. Still room for one or two new members, beginners or existing players welcome.

SEWING

Contact – Karen (839519)

Meetings – 10.00am Monday. Weekly

10.00am Wed. Weekly

It may have rained for what seemed forever but it did not dampen the spirits of our sewing groups. The Wednesday group are in full flow making a variety of items. The Monday group could do with a few more members, of any ability, who would be very welcome. The AGM will have taken place by the time this goes to print but we hope very much that there will not be any changes of officers. Roll on Spring with the hope of less rain and more opportunity to wear our newly made outfits.

TABLE TENNIS

Contact – John (274813)

Meetings – 9.30am Monday Weekly
- 9.30am Thursday 2,9,23.30
- 9.30am Saturday Weekly

Thank you to all who took part in the Skittles at The Walkford. We only had 7 members from the Table Tennis, but the Pétanque more than made up for the fun and enthusiastic play, you are a club who certainly have a good eye for any ball game and socially a very out-going and friendly group. Thank you for your support once again. The Walkford provided the full lunch time menu which was excellent.

WHIST

Contact – Olive (274813)

Meeting – 1.45pm Weds. Weekly

New members and beginners very welcome.

WINE CIRCLE

Contact – Jenny (240082)

Meetings - 7.30pm Friday

Our meeting on 13th March was our AGM, and it was decided that, unfortunately, the Wine Circle will have to fold. This decision was made because nobody was nominated or volunteered to replace retiring officers, and it was felt that we couldn't carry on. The Wine Circle has been running at Greystones for nearly four decades, but interest has fallen and not many of our members actually now make wine. The Committee would like to thank all our members for their support and friendship over the years and wish you all well in the future.

YOGA

Contacts

Tuesday – Denise (629704)

Meetings – 10.00am Tues 21, 28

Monday & Wednesday – Sandy (270786)

Meetings – 12 noon Monday **NEW**

10.00am Wed.

No meetings on 7th & 14th for Easter break. There are now places on Monday and Wednesday, so if you would like to try out this gentle form of exercise, why not give it a try and see what a difference it makes.

AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

CHRISTCHURCH PROBUS CLUB

Contact – David Dunsmore (838672)

Ours is a friendly club for retired men from business and professional backgrounds, meeting at 10.15am on the first Tuesday of every month at the Christchurch Harbour Hotel, Mudeford Road. Interesting speakers, excellent lunch, welcoming, friendly atmosphere and regular social events.

To find out more, visit our website www.probuschristchurch.com, or contact our Secretary, David Dunsmore on 838672.

CHRISTCHURCH HISTORY SOCIETY

Contact – Geoff Bush (272773)

Because of the coronavirus problem and the uncertain situation in the near future, the Society has decided to cancel future evening meetings until Tues 1st September 2020. Speakers that have been cancelled are being re-booked for later this year.

FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH & HIGHCLIFFE LIBRARIES

Contact - Jan Clarke (277635)

(Christchurch Lib. 01202 485938)

(Highcliffe Lib. 01425 272202)

(Times for all events are 2.30 – 4.30pm with refreshments served at the end.

No event at Highcliffe Library in April but at Christchurch Library on Thursday 16th April Nicholas Saunders will be telling us about “Local Literary Connections”, which should be very interesting.

Don't forget that your libraries are not just for reading! There are many activities at both libraries, a Knit and Natter group, guided walks from the library, computer tuition, etc and a very active childrens' section – please enquire at the libraries for more information.

In Highcliffe library, the “Friends” purchased the brightly coloured beanbags that the children love. (A little secret – I was the “test pilot” for one of the bean bags, and had to be helped up out of it!).

There will be two events in May, so watch this space!

HIGHCLIFFE DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Contact – Sally Palmer (07541 331881)

We are a totally independent group serving anyone in the Christchurch area with any kind of dementia together with a friend or carer. There is no charge for joining but we do ask for a modest payment towards expenses and refreshments when you are present.

Our leader has a wide experience of nursing and is herself a carer. She can discuss any queries you have in private. We meet at St Mark's Church Library in Hinton Wood Avenue, Highcliffe, from 2.0pm until 3.45 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. It is a warm and comfy venue and parking is free. There is always plenty of fun and laughter in the room.

The programme is very varied and there is a chance to make new friends over refreshments. Why not give us a try?

HIGHCLIFFE FRIENDS IN NEED

Contact – Cressida Belbin (279328)

Volunteer Car Service

Due to the seriousness of the Coronavirus situation, Highcliffe Friends in Need will not be taking any bookings for transport to ANY medical appointments until further notice.

HIGHCLIFFE & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Contact – Judy (01202 477350)

The Highcliffe & District Horticultural Society meet on Saturday 4th April for the Open Spring Show. The Show is held in St. Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Avenue, Highcliffe, and opens to visitors at 2.00 pm.

HIGHCLIFFE MEDICAL CENTRE

Patients Participation Group

Contact – Michael Williams (07484 778364)

or highcliffepgg@gmail.com

Building Works: From Monday 2nd March we are commencing major building works at the surgery this will affect the availability of parking spaces in the Practice car park. If patients can possibly park off site for the duration of the building works this would be most appreciated.

Do you have symptoms of a cough, cold or fever? If you have symptoms of a cough, cold or fever and have recently come back from travelling abroad or been in contact with someone who has recently travelled abroad, **please DO NOT come to the surgery**, please telephone 111 for advice.

For more information, contact the medical centre or go to the website:

www.highcliffemedicalcentre.co.uk

HIGHCLIFFE ROTARY CLUB

Contact – Dave Foot (613652)

HIGHCLIFFE THEATRE GROUP

Contact - CELIA ROSKILLY – 272566

The Highcliffe Theatre Group already have numerous theatre trips booked for this year, with excellent seats, thanks to our wonderful secretary, Val Luke. We are lunching at The Mill, in Sonning, it will be both the The King and I at about 9 to 5, face to face with the mighty Lion King, making a judgement on the Coughing Major, listening to the London Concert Orchestra and feeling the cold, cold snow at a White Christmas, all at the Mayflower in Southampton. Then of course, it's Chichester with the Prime of Miss Jean Brodie and feeling the sun on the wonderful South Pacific.

If you live in Highcliffe/Friars Cliff area, please do join our Theatre Group. A luxury coach will collect you and drop you back, near to your home, and we look forward to meeting you. Bring your husband, your friend's husband, your wife, a special friend, or just come on your own, you will be very welcome.

We travel to many, many places and keep trying new venues out too. We have already celebrated over 50 years of visiting theatres and concert halls and we have plans for at least another 50!

Call Celia on 01425 272566, before 6pm please – and join us – you will be most welcome.

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