

Highcliffe Community Association

at Greystones House



Welcome back, Siskins

**News and Programme of Events
April 2021**

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

**Highcliffe Community Association
Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe
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Dear Members,

What a year we have had with Greystones's closure due to COVID restrictions. I am sure none of us thought this time last year we would have a full year of disruption. However, with vaccines being rolled out we can now see light at the end of the tunnel. With that in mind we are looking to get back up and running as near to the Government date allowing us to do so. This means we will be opening for membership renewals relatively soon. The membership year will move to 1st May through 30th April to bring it in line with the CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) accounting year, reducing the accounting burden of nonaligned year ends. Additionally, there will be a new colour coded annual membership card.

There is a new option to renew via BACs (online) available. This information is detailed in the newsletter, on the web site, via e-mail and in the membership renewal letter sent to those that don't use e-mail. We will be opening the centre from 2pm to 4pm Mon-Fri from Monday 21st June to Friday 2nd July for cash/cheque payment renewals and distribution of new membership cards. Please note that due to their newly automated systems the bank is insisting cheques **MUST** be made payable to 'Highcliffe Community Association' with no abbreviations allowed. **PLEASE DO NOT POST CASH THROUGH THE DOOR**

On the above dates we hope to open the Coffee bar and offer the opportunity to see the building improvements made during lockdown. There

will also be a chance to sign up for sections on sign-up sheets laid out in Room 1. Please come along and bring your friends, New membership will be available too.

We intend to fully open for Business on Monday 5th July (subject to changes in the government plans) although some sections have decided to delay their start date until later.

This year (2021/22) will be a 'short' membership year but bearing in mind we have fixed costs of approx. £28,000 per annum whether we are open or not and it has been necessary to spend approx. £50,000 on repairs to the roof, Room 1 bay window and other sundry repairs the Membership renewal will remain at £10. However, given the circumstances we will not have an August closure this year. You will also recall we did not charge a fee for 2020/21.

Finally, you may be aware that Christchurch Housing Society have imposed new parking restrictions at Greystones. This will not affect HCA members, anyone that needs a car park pass will be offered one free of charge on renewal of membership.

I Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Cliff Putterford

SECRETARY

Email: secretary@highcliffeca.co.uk

Linda (271604)

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Jan (276450)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Norman (275674)

ASSOCIATION MATTERS

LETTING NEWS

Email: lettings@highcliffeca.co.uk

Pauline (273563)

RECEPTION

Lynn (07754 216164)

MEMBERSHIP

Email: membership@highcliffeca.co.uk

Mavis ()

TEA AND COFFEE SERVERY

Barbara (620811)

EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

Martin (07974 542815)

Premises and Maintenance Manager

Highcliffe Community Association needs a Premises and Maintenance Manager to look after Greystones House. The position is voluntary and covers all aspects of maintaining the building and the equipment used by its many Sections who meet inside..Much of the task involves managing contractors to maintain this lovely building and liaising with the management committee on the finances. If you might be interested, please send an email to the Secretary at secretary@highcliffeca.co.uk

IN MEMORIAM

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

Alan Thompson

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

BINGO

Every Saturday

GREYSTONES HOUSE
Eyes down at 1.30pm.

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.

4 Men 2 Shop

Managed by John Crimes

It is with sadness that I have to let you know that John passed away unexpectedly on Sunday 7th February. We are all grateful for the time and effort John gave to make the Man's shop more successful, and the good conversation and laughter you could expect from visiting John at the shop. But many will remember John for his piano playing of delightful and nostalgic songs at the happy and carefree sing-a-long Friday mornings at Greystones. Sadly missed but warmly Remembered.

LIBRARY CORNER

Barbara ()

PUBLICITY

Chris (271453)

QUIZ

Audrey (278643)

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.

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 – John Lee – (279257)

Website

www.bridgewebs.com/highcliffe/

Details on how to navigate around the website are shown on Home Page. Phyl Hart has retired as Secretary after many years of hard work.

Duplicate - normally Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6.15pm for 6.30pm start.

Arrangements during closure of Greystones House. HDBC have organised an 'One-Line' pairs weekly tournament on StepBridge. It is played every Wednesday evening at 7pm. Further details can be obtained from Arthur Whittaker on 01425 621 479

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

DRAMA

Contact – Beryl (275535)
or Mary & Eddie (278790)
Meetings– 2.00pm Thursday Weekly

FAMILY HISTORY

Contact – Jean (277905)
Meetings – 2.00pm 3rd Monday

FLOWER ARRANGING

Contact – Valerie (274516)
Meetings – 10.00am 1st & 3rd Wednesday

IPAD / IPHONE HELP

Contact – Derek (07437 705015)
Meetings – 11am Wednesday Weekly

IT FORUM

Contact – Norman (275674)
Meetings – 2.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

KURLING (indoor)

Contact – Hazel (540228)
Meetings – 10.00am. 1st & 3rd Thursday

LADIES FORUM

Contact – Margaret (via Greystones)
Meetings – 1.45pm 2nd Friday each month

LANGUAGES

Contact – Christine (275861)
Meetings – 10.00am Mon. French Weekly
 - 10.30am Tues. French Weekly
 - 10.00am Weds. Spanish Weekly

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

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

MACHINE QUILTING

Contact – Susy (275403)
 Cherry (272593)
Meetings – 1.00pm Every Friday except 2nd.
This latest lockdown has been hard - we hoped with the New Year we could look forward to vaccinations and more freedom, but here we are again, relying on technology for many of the things that we took for granted before Covid.
Our group has been having Friday afternoon Zoom sessions to keep

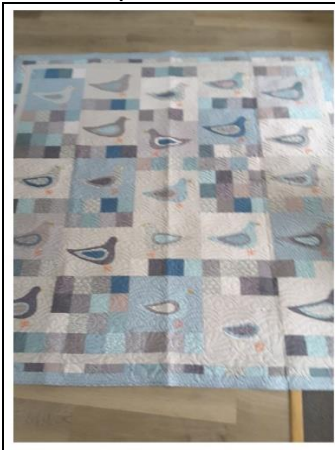
in touch and chat, but also to see what projects and masterpieces are in the making. Here's us in a Zoom-Room:



Projects that have been on-the-go include an alternative type of birthday card,



a seagull quilt (silent seagulls, and well-behaved ones, - not a squawk to be heard!),



and a snazzy dachshund dog!



Meanwhile, we've been planning our next group quilt - which is going to be a 'Months' quilt, with 12 people each doing a panel to represent a month of the year, from their own design. Here's April:



When it's done, we hope to donate it to a local charity in order to help with fund-raising.

But we're all looking forward to getting back to Greystones, and having real meetings once again.

MAHJONG

Contact – Rowena (278248)
Meetings - 1.30pm Thursday weekly

MEN'S FORUM

Contact - Mike (277370)
or Ron (277739)
Meetings – 10.30am Thursday

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)

PETANQUE

Contact – Carol (280154)
Meetings – 1.00pm Tuesday Weekly
1.00pm Friday Weekly
Contact – Bernard Gilbert (07578 967622)
12.00pm Wednesday Weekly

PHOTOGRAPHIC

Contact – Anna (274926)
Meetings – 9.45 am Thursday 9th

PILATES

Contact – Lorena (07444847191)
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

RAMBLING & AMBLING

Rambles

Contact - Nigel Hicks (277456)

We look forward to rambling again soon and, when safe to do so, walks will be advised by email.

AMBLERS

Contact – Trish [280427]

To all Amblers

With the resignation of Trish as the amblers walk co-ordinator we are seeking a volunteer to take over this role. It could be a job-share position if two people would like to share the position.

Please contact the secretary Chris Giltrow Tel: 01425 275861

ROCKIN' ROBINS

Contact – Freda (275059)

Meetings – 7.00pm Tuesdays

RUMMIKUB

Contact – Margaret via Greystones

Meeting – 1.30pm 2nd & 4th Tuesday

SEWING

Contact – Karen (839519)

Meetings – 10.00am Monday. Weekly
10.00am Wed. Weekly

TABLE TENNIS

Contact – John (274813)

Meetings – 9.30am Monday Weekly
- 9.30am Thursday 2,9,23,30
- 9.30am Saturday Weekly

WHIST

Contact – Olive (274813)

Meeting – 1.45pm Weds. Weekly

WINE CIRCLE

Contact – Jenny (240082)

Meetings - 7.30pm Friday

YOGA

Contacts - Sandy (270786)

Meetings – Mon & Wed Yoga

Class 11.30 Mondays

Class 10.00 Wednesdays

.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)

FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH & HIGHCLIFFE LIBRARIES

Contact - Jan Clarke (277635)

(Christchurch Lib. 01202 485938)

(Highcliffe Lib. 01425 272202)

As with other clubs / societies, we have had to cancel all our talks / events for the rest of the year and will restart, hopefully, in 2021. All the speakers we had booked are willing to reschedule their talk for next year, but at the moment we are obviously unable to set any dates. It is such a shame.

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

HIGHCLIFFE MEDICAL CENTRE

Patients Participation Group

Contact – Michael Williams (07484 778364)

or highcliffepgg@gmail.com

To help Highcliffe Medical Centre Staff get through this pandemic listed below are some suggestions on how patients can help.

- Use e-Consult – available through the practice website (this is a system where patients email their medical query in, and a doctor responds via email) – to avoid visiting the surgery and to enable the surgery to handle queries more efficiently.

- You may be offered a bookable telephone appointment. This frees up clinicians face to face time and lowers any risk.

- Continue to phone the surgery if you are ill with a condition other than Covid-19. Triage is still available through the practice for emergency illnesses other than Coronavirus. Patients can phone in the normal way - but should be prepared for a slightly longer wait to get through any recorded messages and phone queueing. Be reassured you will get through.

- Patients should not sit and wait out an illness, trying to be helpful by staying away. A delay in treatment can result in you later becoming seriously ill, which will put even more strain on the NHS. By staying away you are not always helping the NHS by not talking to a clinician.

- Use the wide range of NHS services correctly if you are ill. These services have been designed to reduce strain on frontline services by encouraging patients to self-serve, or to seek support from the right NHS service (such as pharmacists, or walk-in centres).

- Use the NHS 111 online Coronavirus service if you are worried that you may have Coronavirus. Only call 111 if you cannot get online, your symptoms worsen or have been instructed to. Lastly call 999 if you believe someone's life is at risk.

HIGHCLIFFE ROTARY CLUB

Contact – Dave Foot (613652)

HIGHCLIFFE THEATRE GROUP

Contact - CELIA ROSKILLY – 272566

- BEFORE 6PM PLEASE

What a lovely sight the spring flowers are. Seeing them makes us all positive and gives us reassurance that there are definitely good things to come. Certainly, those are the thoughts of the committee and members of the Highcliffe Theatre Group. Lots of shows are being planned in the forthcoming months and, at the moment, we have reserved seats for six, both near and far. We are having zoom committee meetings and are keeping our members up to date with all future plans we make and shows we book. We are also in close contact with Excelsior, our coach company, and receive regular updates from them. The theatres and concert halls are trying SO hard to survive, we must do all we can to help.

If you live in Highcliffe or Friars Cliff and are not a member, then now is the time to join the Theatre Group. We have already celebrated over 50 years of visiting theatres and concert halls and, despite this current set back, we have plans for at least another 50 years.

Call Celia on 01425 272566, before 6pm please – and join our Theatre Group – you will be very welcome.

ROYAL NAT. LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

Highcliffe Branch

Contact Jan Wilson (271202)

TWYNHAM PROBUS CLUB

Contact – Alec Payne (01425 83825)

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