

Highcliffe Community Association

at Greystones House



Friday 3rd June
**Jubilee Celebrations
at Greystones**

Afternoon Tea Party
With entertainment by
Sweet Harmony

Tickets: £5 members
£7 non-members

Time: 2-5



News and Programme of Events

May 2022

SECTION MEETINGS

Art	Monday am.	Languages French	Monday am.
Art	Tuesday am.	Languages French	Tuesday am.
Art	Tuesday pm.	Literary	Wednesday pm.
Art	Wednesday pm	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	Tues, Wed, Thurs am.
Cards – Bolivia	Monday pm.	Petanque	Tues pm,
Carpet Bowls	Monday pm.		Wed noon, pm
Carpet Bowls	Friday pm.		Thursday pm,
Chess	Monday evening		Fri am pm.
Chi Kung	Friday am.	Pilates	Tues, Thurs pm
Craft	Thursday pm.		Wed evening
Cribbage	Wednesday pm.	Quilting	Tuesday am.
Dancing Ballroom	Tuesday pm	Rambling & Ambling	See text
Dancing–Circle	Monday pm.	Rockin' Robins	Monday pm.
Dancing–Country	Thurs. evening	Rummikub	Tuesday pm.
Darts	Tues pm Thurs evenin	Sewing	Wednesday am.
Discussion	Tuesday pm.	Table Tennis	Monday am.
Playreading/Drama	Thursday pm.	Table Tennis	Thursday am.
Family History	Monday pm	Table Tennis	Saturday am.
Flower Arranging	Wednesday am.	Whist	Wednesday pm.
ICT Help	Wednesday am.	Yoga	Monday noon
IT Forum	Wednesday pm.	Yoga	Tues am. Tues pm.
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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An Independent organisation run voluntarily by members for members and financially self-supporting

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HIGHLIGHTS for MAY

Every Friday – “Music Live” in Room 1 from 10.30am

Every Thursday afternoon (1.45 - 3.45) & **Friday morning** (9.45 - 12.45) - New.2.U Ladies Boutique open

Film Friday – 6th May - 6.30 for 7.00pm – Belfast

Friday – 1st July – 6.30 for 7.00pm – The Duke

Tickets Members £5 - Non Members £6 includes a choc ice.

No Film Friday in June, August or September

Jubilee Celebrations 2nd & 3rd June - Closed

Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May - Closed

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We appreciate all our wonderful volunteers but we are always in need of more people to volunteer to help us. The following are areas we need assistance with please – as little or as often as you like.

Fire Alarm Testing Could you spare half an hour each month to test the fire alarm at Greystones House? Full instruction will be given.... Under health and safety regulations, we need to make sure this happens to run the association. Ring Jan 07999831649

Gardening - Gary is hoping to get rota of people together to help with weeding the garden around the petanque and patio areas. Interested? Ring 01202 474905

Kitchen – those cups of tea don't make themselves.

Friday Raffle – speaks for itself!

Reception

Help, support and advice will be given to help you settle in.

Chairmans Report

Email: cliff.putterford@highcliffeca.co.uk Tel: 07720 467695

I hope everybody had a joyous Easter.

Those that attended the Easter Lunch at Greystones on the Sunday previous certainly did. I had numerous attendees offer gracious thanks and appreciation for the splendid lunch of Hunter Chicken and Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard that Jan Hollowell and her team of ladies prepared and delivered on the day.

To prove how multi-talented, she is Jan also scooped 1st prize in the 'Easter Bonnet' parade. Hers was one of a number presented on the day that contributed to making it a great day. Well done to one and all for some wonderful efforts and thank you for your participation, without you it would be meaningless.

Building Maintenance Manager – URGENTLY required

There have been a number of appeals for a member to step forward to join the Trustees in the role of Buildings and Maintenance Manager. This role that was vacated by Martin Abbott at the AGM after a number of years of excellent service.

Having had limited replies and nobody wishing to take on this role I am making a final plea for volunteers as without this role being fulfilled, we will have to either employ an external company at a significant cost and consequential rise in membership fees or risk the closure of Greystones House. To be clear, the role is to oversee the tasks, not to undertake all the work. You will also be supported by other Trustees where required. Please feel free to call me on 07720 467695 if you feel you could help but would like to understand more regarding what you will be committing to. Your help would be much appreciated.

Bay Window

By the time you read this notice the scaffolding around and boarding within Room 1 should be down. The next phase is to repair the ceiling and damaged cabinets in Room 1 and then finally for the window specialist company to come and repair the window. This will unfortunately involve some disruption to events scheduled for Room 1. We will keep you advised as soon as we know the dates and the impact.

Car Parking @ Greystones

There have been a number of incidents relating to the above recently. Please note the following:

Car Park permits are for use only when attending Events at Greystone House.

The Car Park spaces are all shared between residents of the flats and Greystones attendees. The spaces outside the kitchen are for exclusive use of HCA kitchen volunteers at the times they are working in the kitchen.

The space outside the Lounge is exclusively for the use of volunteers at Greystone house at the times they are on site.

Please be aware that on duty Receptionists are not responsible for parking behaviours of HCA members or flat Residents.

Please remember to sign the book on reception if you are blocking a car in. This will prevent a number the issues reception has had to deal with recently.

New parking permits (new colour for 2022 membership season) will be issued as required when you renew your membership in May.

Abusive Behaviour

There have been a number of occurrences of receptionists being verbally abused over parking issues. Please be fully aware that such occurrences will not be tolerated, whether about parking or any other issues, and will be dealt with appropriately by the Trustees Committee.

There is absolutely no excuse for any sort of abuse towards volunteers that kindly give up their time to support the running of the HCA, or toward any other members of the Association. I would ask anyone who is subjected to abuse to contact me, and I will make sure it is investigated and appropriate action taken.

I am sorry to have had to end this month's report on a slightly sour note so now I wish you all a happy and hopefully sunny summer.

Cliff Putterford
Chairman

SECRETARY

Email: secretary@highcliffeca.co.uk

TREASURER

Email: treasurer@highcliffeca.co.uk

Jan (276450)

Hello everyone, just a reminder that once you have renewed your membership at the beginning of May when you next attend a group you must present your new membership card for signing and pay the annual subscription.

Thank you to everyone who came with their Easter bonnets to the Easter Lunch, it was lovely to see so many and what a super time we had.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Email: newsletter.editor@highcliffeca.co.uk.

The new editorial team is getting to grips with the task, but please excuse any glitches whilst the new editors are getting used to the procedure and layout of the newsletter.

Also, just a reminder that all copy for the newsletter should continue to be emailed to newsletter.editor@highcliffeca.co.uk.

LETTING NEWS

Email: lettings@highcliffeca.co.uk

Pauline (273563)

RECEPTION

Lyn (274301) Hazel. (540228)

MEMBERSHIP

- Mavis

Email: membership@highcliffeca.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

I will be sending out the membership renewal paperwork (by email) after Easter in readiness for 1 May renewals. Please renew online or call into community centre, desk in foyer from Tuesday 3 May for 2 weeks. Look forward to seeing you then.

Renewal forms will be available both online and at reception desk.

TEA AND COFFEE SERVERY

Barbara (620811)

barbara.thacker@highcliffeca.co.uk

Volunteers welcome.

Registers

Please could you make sure that your groups registers are left in the grey cabinet opposite the lift. Thank you.

ASSOCIATION MATTERS

FUTURE EVENTS

Quiz and Chips Dates for the year: Saturday 28 May, 10 September and 26 November .

Would one team member please be responsible for buying the tickets for the whole team. If you are not a full team of 6 people, would you please tell the receptionist who your playing partners are so the tables can be set accordingly. Individuals who are not a team will be paired with other to make a full team.

Tickets for the May quiz will be on sale Monday morning 9th May at £10 each. Please remember these tickets sell out very quickly and are for members only.

Social Events

Friday 3rd June Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

We are celebrating the Queen's Jubilee with a full afternoon tea with entertainment. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us so that we can use our outdoor area.

The afternoon will commence at 2pm, Sweet Harmony will perform from 2.30 to 3pm, afternoon tea served from 3 to 4pm, followed by Sweet Harmony singing again from 4 to 4.30pm. The afternoon will close at 5pm.

Tickets £5 per member and £7 per non-member on sale through reception from Monday 9th May.

Summer closure : Monday 1 August to Friday 2 September

FRIDAY LIVE

We urgently require help with the setting out and putting away of tables and chairs on Friday mornings for Friday Live at 9.30/10.00am. Finishing time is 12 noon. Any help would be appreciated.

Bingo & Social

Every Saturday

GREYSTONES HOUSE

Eyes down at 1.30pm.

Contact is Ann – 01202 801723

GENERAL INTEREST

NEW.2.U LADIES BOUTIQUE

Contact - Monica (07739 420244)

HELLO, hope you all enjoyed your Easter festivities and not eaten too much Chocolate, lol. If you purchased our Cinder Toffee (honeycomb) or the Easter Treat Bags I hope you enjoyed them. Along with these new items in our shop the lovely Birthday cards made by Hazel have been selling very well (a bargain at £1) and Hazel has been busy making more.

We are always looking for new items to add to our collection so please remember to keep bringing your donations into the shop, including any unwanted gifts or items you have in the back of your cupboards / drawers that you know you won't ever use again. Items must be new or as good as new condition please. Plus let us know if there is anything else you think we should be stocking in your New 2 You Boutique.

Many Thanks to all of you who have kindly donated and purchased donated items, we really couldn't do it without you. A special thank you to all our regulars J

NEWS: We have a newly stocked Trust / Sale Rail, with many items significantly reduced, so its a great time to see what is available, don't miss the opportunity to grab a great deal and update your wardrobe.

Remember please, If you have a larger donation of clothes / accessories / other items or Thursday afternoons are just not convenient for you then please contact Monica, through the shop, so that alternative arrangements can be made with you as your donations are important to us.

One final note, we would love to see more Members coming into the shop and enjoying all that we offer, you'll be surprised by the choice available and the fantastic prices.

Thank you for all your support, looking forward to seeing you soon.

LIBRARY CORNER

Barbara ()

Hello everyone I hope you have all had a lovely Easter.

I had a 5 day break with my 12 year old grandson in Torquay which was lovely, in the week before Easter. Unfortunately I caught covid whilst there and as I am writing this I am still not back to normal after 8 days feeling unwell. I am hoping to test negative soon and get out and about again.

Many thanks to all who have donated items over this past month. As always it is much appreciated.

DONATIONS

As usual we can only accept as new condition and latest paperbacks, biographies and autobiographies and **complete** jigsaw puzzles.

Remember – Only 20p per item for a loan period of up to 3 weeks. Monies to be places in the Trust Box.

PUBLICITY

Chris (271453)

Help With Friday Morning Membership

I am looking for volunteers on a Friday morning to help with signing up of existing and new members. This would be from 9.30 until 12 noon and could be once a month or once every other month. The task is not difficult and is a way of meeting other members together with the friendly, lively musical Friday atmosphere. If you can spare any time, please contact Chris Nichols (01425 271453)

CINEMA

Friday Films.

Ticket prices will now be £5 for members and £6 for non members.

Friday 6 May -

Belfast

IN MEMORIAM

Mavis ()

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

Betty Webber

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

SECTION NEWS

NEW GROUPS FOR INTEREST

Baffled by Technology?

Would you like to get more out of your phone/laptop/tablet?

Thursdays 10- 12 in room 3

Taster session on the 28th April then weekly from the 12th May

Max 6 in group as we will be working on an individual basis – not all doing the same thing!

Please book by phone as I'd like to know what to prepare before the session.

Pauline 01425 273563 / 07702198809

Note: the Wednesday ICT help will still be available for one-off problems.

ART – Monday am

Contact - Diane (01202 426472)

Meetings – 10.00am Monday Weekly

ART – Tuesday am

Contact – Rosemary (274056)

Meetings – 10.00am Tuesday Weekly

ART – Tuesday pm

Contact – Claire (01590 643635)

Meetings – 2.00pm Tuesday Weekly

ART – Wednesday pm

Contact – Barry (272878)

Meetings – 2.00pm Weds. Weekly

BOARD GAMES

Contact – Pauline (273563) Meetings – Weekly 2.00pm Contact Pauline for information and to book a place.

BRIDGE – Duplicate

Contact – John Lee – (279257) Website

www.bridgewebs.com/highcliffe

Monday and Wednesday evenings:

6.15 for 6.30 start.

Host system operating

Wednesday 1st June - Platinum Jubilee

Fun Bridge Evening

HOST LIST – May

Mondays

2nd Teams - No Host

9th Shirley May

16th Alan Ponting

23rd Mary Probert

30th Anne Ponting

Wednesdays

4th AGM - No Host

11th Carol Forsdyke

18th Marian Clarke

25th Ian Fleming

SWISS Team 1st Monday of the month

Ladder Pairs 4th Monday and Wednesday of the month

BRIDGE – Rubber

Contact – Martin (276971)

Or Steve (07922 120918)

Meetings – 1.30pm Friday Weekly

CANASTA

Contact – David (07971444463)

Meetings – 6.30pm Thursday Weekly

CARDS – BOLIVIA

Contact – Carol (627763)

Meetings – 1.30pm 2nd & 4th Monday

CARPET BOWLS

Contact – John (277553)

Meetings – 2.00pm Monday

1.30pm Friday

CHESS

Contact – Ron (277514)

Meetings – 7.00pm Monday Weekly

CHI KUNG

Contact – Karen (07786 304105)

Meetings – 10.30 & 11.30am Friday Weekly

CRAFT

Contact – Brenda ()

Email: CRAFT to bimarv@gmail.com

CRIBBAGE

Contact – Derek (07437 705015)

Meeting–1.30pm Wednesday Weekly
Come and join us for the Cribbage Club every Wednesday at 13.15 for 13.30 start to 15.45. We have some competitions you can join in so contact Derek Pooley on 07437 705015. We are in room 1.

DANCING TUITION. Ballroom and Latin

Professional tuition from Dawn [of Dawn Dance]

Contact - Graeme (07874 327087) or Dawn (07979 963935)

Meetings – 2.00 to 4.00pm Tuesday Weekly (except first week in month)
Please note for the time being, due to current health & safety concerns, we can only accommodate couples, and we currently have space for several more.
First Time is a free taster session

DANCING – Circle

Contact - Nancy (277920)

Meeting – 2.00pm Monday

DANCING – Country

Contact – Jan (01202 427523)

Meetings – 7.30pm Thursday
At our AGM the group reluctantly accepted the resignation of our long standing chairman, Norman Bonnet. Our great thanks go to him for leading us

through and out of lockdown with such consideration and encouragement. We are pleased to welcome John Mort as our new chairman.

Our next special event is a social dance on Saturday 7th May when the caller will be David Tullis. There will be a bring and share supper.

We are continuing to get good attendance at our meetings. Our newcomers are gradually improving their reels, gypsies and Grimstock hays and thanks to our 4 wonderful callers we enjoy a good variety of dances each evening.

DARTS

Contact – Sue (280536)

Meetings – 2.00pm Tuesday Weekly

Contact Brenda (839789)

- 7.00pm Thursday Weekly

DISCUSSION

Contact – Jill (280247)

Meetings – 2.00pm First Tuesday

Come along and enjoy an afternoon with this friendly and informal group.
You will be most welcome.

DRAMA & PLAY READING

Contact - Tom (272822)

Or Mary & Eddie (278790)

Meetings - 2:00pm Thursday (Weekly)

After our informal gathering on 14th April we hope to start a reading of Moliere's The Misanthrope to honour his 400th Birthday and then a French interpretation of Sophocles' provocative tragedy ANTIGONE recently celebrated by Melvyn Bragg (In Our Time). Reminder: May is Membership Renewal Date for HCA (£10) and Groups.

FAMILY HISTORY

Contact – Pauline (273563)

Meetings – 2.00pm 3rd Monday

FLOWER ARRANGING

Contact – Valerie (274516)

Meetings – 10.00am 1st & 3rd Wednesday

4th May – Sea Gems

18th May – Inspired by nature

Are you thinking of a new hobby? Why not join our very friendly flower arranging group? Everyone is welcome.

ICT HELP

Contact – Derek (07437 705015)

Meetings – 11am Wednesday Weekly

IT FORUM

Contact – Norman (275674)

Meetings – 2.00pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday

11th May – No meeting due to holidays.

25th May – A two part meeting. Firstly a review of computer use, which will be of interest to new or inexperienced users.

This will be followed by a demonstration of available NHS software.

Non IT Forum members £2.

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 a.m. Monday, French weekly (Mr. Clive Sampson)

The class is still full.

10.30 a.m. Tuesday, French weekly (Mrs. Frances Morley) The class is full.

Please contact Christine on the above number if you wish to be included on the waiting list for either class.

LITERARY

Contact – Tom (272822) Meetings – 2.00pm Wednesdays.

4th May. Is there a book you would not lend however much you want to share its contents?

MACHINE QUILTING

Contact – Susy (275403)

Cherry (272593)

Meetings– 1.00pm Every Friday except 2nd.

MAHJONG

Contact – Rowena (278248)

Meetings - 1.30pm Thursday weekly

As it is spring how about trying Greta's Garden - a run of 1-7 in any suit with one of each wind and one of each dragon (page 13) or Lily of the Valley - a pung of green dragons, a pung of white dragons with two pungs and a pair of green bamboos, i.e. numbers 2, 3, 4, 6, or 8. This hand is exposed, which always helps, (page 52). Still on the gardening theme there is a shrub with large red flowers called Red Waratah - a pung in each suit with a pung of red dragons and a pair of green dragons. This hand is exposed too, (page 34).

If that all sounds a bit hard you can always All Pairs - seven pairs in one suit which can include pairs of winds and dragons. Easy until you seem to pick up everything but the tiles you want!

New players are always welcome so whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced player if you feel like a bit of light hearted fun come along and join us on a Thursday afternoon.

MEN'S FORUM

Contact - Mike (277370) or Stewart (07857)
566771

Meetings – 10.30am 3rd Thursday
Guests & New Members are welcome.

MEN'S SHED

Contact – John (07547 922246)
Ring for more information

PETANQUE

Contact – Carol (280154)
Meetings – 1.00pm Tuesday Weekly
1.00pm Friday Weekly
Contact – Bernard (07578 967622)
12.00pm Wednesday Weekly
Contact Mike (01425 280421)
2.00pm Wednesday Weekly
2.00pm Thursday Weekly
Contact - Carol (07812 705031)
10.00 am Friday Weekly

PILATES

Contact – Lorena (07444847191)
Meetings –
Chair Pilates - Tuesday 12.15 - 1.15pm
Thursday 12.15 – 1.15pm
Mat Pilates – Wednesday 8.45 – 9.45am

QUILTING – Tuesday

Contact – Anna (01202 809700)
Meetings – 9.30am Tuesday Weekly
Email: anne.hutton27@sky.com
Whilst our NHS Quilt is hanging in the Greystones “Café” we have started another Quilt for Linus which has been coming along well. Several of our Ladies are going to the Sandown Show where they can feast themselves and make purchases of many haberdashery necessities. Our new members have settled in well and are an asset to the group.

RAMBLING & AMBLING

SOCIAL EVENTS

AGM 7 for 7.30 p.m. Friday, 10 June 2022
Afternoon tea at Annie's 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 July Cost £6.80 Booking date 10 June
Christmas lunch at Annie's 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 14 December Cost and booking date TBA

RAMBLES

Contact - Nigel Hicks (0789 675 0059)
May 2022
Walks start at 1000hrs and are about 5 miles, unless otherwise stated. Any alterations will be advised to members by email. Contact the walk leader or above if you have any queries.

4th – Woodlands, (In Memory of Carol who loved bluebells.) 6.5 miles.
Leaders - Terry Eden (0792 788 6304)
Meet - Playing field grass CP just beyond Church near to Woodlands Village. Sat Nav coordinates 50:88097- 1:92998 On A31 just west of Ringwood, take off slip onto B3081 to and through Verwood. Pass Albion Inn on R and over narrow bridge. Then, after turning on left for Crane Valley Golf Club and in less than a mile, take next L into Verwood Road, signposted 'Woodlands'. Go past the Methodist Church on the L and on reaching Woodlands. The Ascension Church the playing field and CP is on the LHS immediately after the church.

11th Breamore

Leaders: David & Jane Dunsmore (838672 / 0789 621 5751)
Meet – Breamore House CP, Ref 153/190. From Ringwood take A338 and turn L at Breamore (2 miles north of Fordingbridge.) Follow signs for 'Breamore House' & CP is on RHS immediately after church.

18th - Hinchelsea & Old Railway

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

Meet Wilverley Plain CP, Ref 254/010. Turn off A35 for Holmsley, then turn R at T Junction towards Brockenhurst. CP is approx 2 miles on left by lone pine tree.

25th - Brownsea Island

Leader - Richard Hucker (07753 892025)
Meet to depart on 09.45-10.00 ferry. From Thursday 21st April, ferry can be pre-booked at <https://www.nationaltrusttickets.org.uk/availability/> cost £12.50 per ticket. NT members have free entry to the Island. Non-members pay £9.00 entrance. More comprehensive details will be emailed to members nearer the time. Any new members should contact the leader.

AMBLERS

Contact – Linda (547405)

Would all amblers please be aware that the Ramblers and Amblers AGM is on Friday June 10th @ 7.30.p.m.

Wed. 4th May 2022 @ 10.00

Keyhaven circular walk Pay car park with toilets

Leaders: Mike and Margaret Beams
3.5 miles circular walk. Take B5058 to Milford on Sea, turn off in the centre of Milford to Keyhaven. Car Park at end of road on Left. (It is now paying along Sea Wall so us9ing Car Park).

Wed. 11th May 2022 @ 10.00

Longslade Bottom Car Park (ref SU 269001)

Leaders: Chris (838767) & June (278483)
Make your way to the Rising Sun public house BH25 5SF) Bashley Common Rd (B3058). Then take the turning towards

Wootton Bridge. At the T junction turn right, at the next junction turn right towards Sway. In 0.8 miles the car park is on the left.

Wed. 18th May 2022

No walk as yet. TBA

Wed. 25th May 2022 @ 10.00

Oakley Car Park

Leader: Linda Turenhout
If A35 has reopened Take Left turn at Holmsley Tea Rooms the left again to Burley. Follow road to the Queens Head, turn right into Chapel Lane. Follow road for 1 mile Car Park on left. This is the walk that had to be changed earlier in year due to muddy conditions.

ROCKIN' ROBINS

Contact – Freda (275059) or Hazel (540228)

Meetings – 2.00pm 2nd & 4th Mondays
(Singing for fun group)

RUMMIKUB

Contact – Margaret via Greystones

2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesday each month 1.30pm to 4pm. I can't believe we're already coming up to May! The year is going so quickly. At Rummikub we're getting used to the extra Tuesdays and it's good to see one or two new faces. Look forward to seeing you all.

SEWING

Contact – Sue 07771 647150

Meetings – 10.00am every Wed.

Well it's hard to believe Easter has been and gone but so nice that we were able to celebrate April's 90th birthday on our last meet before the Easter break. Karen and Doreen laid on a lovely celebration and we were thrilled to welcome past

members Merle and Brenda, it was so lovely to catch up with them both.

TABLE TENNIS

Contact - John (274813)

Meetings - 9.30am Monday Weekly
- 9.30am Thursday 5, 12, 26
- 9.30am Saturday weekly

Bad News - Table Tennis is reverting back to play on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

We would welcome some new members to join the Table Tennis Group if you are interested please contact John. We are a friendly bunch of players of all abilities and would love to see you. We have some spare bats so come along and brush up your old skills.

WHIST

Contact – Olive (274813)

Meeting – 1.45pm Weds. Weekly

YOGA

Contacts – Debbie (07523 408368)

Meetings – Mon & Wed Yoga

Class 11.30am Mondays

Class 4.30pm Tuesday

Class 10.00am Wednesday

Contact ; Karen (07786 304105)

Class 10.00am Tuesday

AFFILIATED

ORGANISATIONS

CHRISTCHURCH HISTORY SOC.

Contact – Peter Mearns (01202 777139)

Email – petermearns90@gmail.com

CHRISTCHURCH PROBUS CLUB

Contact – Maurice Dowling (01425 275587)

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 myself at the number above.

HIGHCLIFFE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Contact – Please see our website highcliffehorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Highcliffe Horticultural Society
Monday 2nd May at St Marks Hall, Hinton Wood Avenue, BH23 5AA.

A talk by Ben Turner. Plants and Landscapes of the Western Cape.

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start.

Plants for sale and a raffle.

Non members welcome £3.00.

Enquiries to 07769 748186.

FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH & HIGHCLIFFE LIBRARIES

Contact - Jan Clarke (277635)

(Christchurch Lib. 01202 127200)

(Highcliffe Lib. 01202 127369)

HIGHCLIFFE MEDICAL CENTRE

Patients Participation Group

Contact – Michael Williams (07484 778364) or highcliffepgg@gmail.com

Partnership Changes - Dr John Pillinger retired from the practice on 31st March 2022 after 36 years' service. Dr Lynsey Boreham joined the partnership on 1st April.

A new doctor Dr Anna West joined the practice on 14th March. Some of you may remember Dr West from when she completed part of her training here.

Preparation for a blood test

It is very important that you are well hydrated before coming to have blood taken. Please ensure you drink plenty of water during the few hours before your blood test. If you have an early morning blood test drink water before going to bed and have water when you wake up. This makes it much easier for the phlebotomist to see your veins.

HIGHCLIFFE ROTARY CLUB

Contact – Dave Foot (613652) Meets each Thursday from 6.30pm. Friendly club, new members welcome. Contact Dave Foot (01425) 613652 or Stewart Partridge (07857) 566771 for more information.

HIGHCLIFFE THEATRE GROUP

Contact - CELIA ROSKILLY – 272566

- BEFORE 6PM PLEASE

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SWINDLEY COMPUTER REPAIRS

Contact–Jonathan Swindley

(01590 676668)

A small family-run business for support and repairs. I carry out computer repairs and supply a range of new machines and peripherals as well as good used desktops, laptops and monitors.

Website <http://swindleycomputers.com>

How to make the most of our website

Over the forthcoming months there will be an “Idiots Guide” to the website – not of course that any of our members are idiots! The website is designed mainly as a resource for members, but also as a conduit for potential new members.

Firstly, the web address is <https://www.highcliffecommunityassociation.co.uk/> although it can be found via any browser by typing Highcliffe Community Association and the result should appear either top of the list or high up the list; having selected the appropriate entry you will arrive at the Home Page.

The Home page displays a banner across the top with entries of

- About Us
- Activities
- What we offer
- Events
- News
- Membership

These are fairly self-explanatory, but will be covered in more detail in future articles.

Scrolling down the screen you will see three rotating photographs (all taken before the first lockdown and before the window in Room 1 was boarded up!)

A little further down is a ticker tape with the latest news, followed by recent news and events; here sections can have posted recent news and development, and the Management Committee will keep members up to date following their meetings.

Scrolling down further there is a short video taken from a drone showing Greystones House and the surrounding area – again taken before lockdown.

The Home page concludes with a brief description of what is offered, together with the ability to become a member.

A Newbie's View of Highcliffe

Hi from one of your new editors! I am Sharon Jones and not only am I a new editor for the HCA I am also new to Highcliffe. My husband and I moved to the area on 9/12/2021 and officially retired on 31/12/2021 and the phrase about wondering how we found time to work has never been truer.

This is just to give you some fresh eyes on Highcliffe, some of you may have lived here all your lives or for a long time, let me remind you what a little paradise you are living in.

We have moved from Maidstone in Kent, (which is the county town, contrary to popular belief, Canterbury is just prettier). Kent has two main motorways running through it and you have to navigate the M25 to escape it. This means that everyone seems to have to drive at break neck speed and gird their loins before leaving the house. It is not pleasant. Here the ubiquitous 'white van man' lets you out at junctions!!! Driving is generally much more pleasant. It is almost enjoyable again.

The village or is it a wee town, has a load of great shops, almost everything you want and what it doesn't have can be delivered. Your doctor's surgery is excellent. Everyone has an axe to grind over access to care over the last couple of years. Believe me I could regale you with stories to make your hair stand on end. Highcliffe is fantastic, forgive it the odd transgression. Dentists, OK so they are all private, however when you look at what the government tariffs are for dentistry, I don't blame them. You have a great choice of Dentists and as I understand it more coming to the High Street. (Note to self – I probably need to join the 'Discussions' Group).

I'm going to ignore the fact that Highcliffe is virtually a gateway to the New Forest, that the beach is wonderful, the sea is stunning, the views fantastic, the amazing sunsets, (apparently the sunrises are great too, but I never see them!) That would all be stating the obvious!

Then there is the social life and I am only touching the surface with things like the WI, Walking Groups, Cycling Groups – I could go on, you all know more than me. However, the first one we were put in touch with was HCA – and what a splendid organisation that is. Stop and look at the building, it's pretty. The view from the Petanque Courts is lovely. The library is a pleasure to spend time in. Shall I mention the people, I've got to really! They have been some of the friendliest, most welcoming people I have met and I look forward to spending more time with them.

To move to Highcliffe has proved to be the pleasure we hoped it would be – and thanks to all those we have met already for making us welcome.

Sharon

WORDLE STRATEGIES

If you're obsessed with playing the current craze of Wordle on your smartphone or tablet etc., here are some strategies worth considering. This free online word game was created by an American-based software engineer for himself to play with his wife during lockdown. After seeing how much his friends and family loved the game, he decided to make it public in October 2021, and the rest is history. Three months later, the game, which sees players try to guess a five-letter word in six attempts or less, has gone completely viral. After each guess correctly guessed tiles change colour – gold for correct letter but in the wrong place; green for correct letter in the right place. There is only one word each day.



1. CHOOSE A GOOD STARTING WORD

The most important step to guessing the word is choosing a good starting word.

A great first word will eliminate as many letters as possible whilst also guessing the right vowels. Many think the best starting word is 'adieu' as it has five different letters and four vowels. Also popular is the word 'raise' as 'r' and 's' are common letters.

2. GET THE VOWELS IN PLACE

Another good strategy to follow is to try and guess the vowels first.

Almost every word in the English language has at least one vowel, and many have more than one.

Getting the vowels in the correct position will make it much easier for your brain to fill in the other letters.

This is why choosing a first word with three different vowels is so beneficial.

3. GUESS WORDS WITH COMMON LETTERS

In the alphabet, there are some letters that are used a lot more than others.

E, T, A, I, N, O, S and R are the most frequently used letters, and it's important to keep this in mind when playing Wordle.

Choosing words that contain these letters will usually help you guess the word as they are more likely to be in it.

V, K, Q, J, X and Z are the least frequently used letters in the English language, so they are less likely to appear.

4. BE AWARE OF AMERICAN SPELLINGS

For anyone playing in the UK, Australia or any other English speaking country, you must remember this one.

Wordle favours American spellings of words. So, things like 'color' and 'favor' have five letters.

In England, these would be spelt 'colour' and 'favour' and would have six letters, so make sure you don't get caught out.

5. ELIMINATE MORE LETTERS BEFORE GUESSING

Once you've got a few green and yellow tiles, you instantly want to start guessing the final word.

However, this can sometimes lead you to failure as you only have a few attempts to get it right.

Instead, it may be beneficial to guess other words that contain some of the letters you haven't tried yet.

This way, you will be eliminating more letters and in turn making the final word easier to guess.

6. DON'T THINK TOO OBSCURE

There are lots of different five letter words in the dictionary, some of which you've probably never even heard of.

However, from the answers so far, it seems that Wordle prefers to use more 'normal' words.

So, try not to overthink it or think of words that are too obscure, as the answer is likely to be something more simple than you think.

7. REMEMBER THAT LETTERS CAN BE REPEATED

Finally, don't forget that letters can be repeated multiple times in one word.

If a tile turns yellow or green, you might assume it's the only one of that letter in the word, but that's not the case.

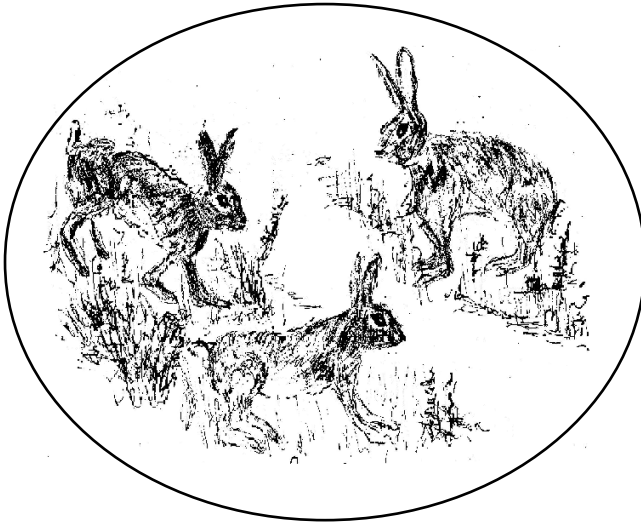
Letters can appear twice, or even more times, but Wordle won't tell you that.

Although several copies and variations have now sprung up, the original Wordle game can be accessed via www.nytimes.com/games/wordle

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