



Highcliffe

Community Association
at Greystones House

Quiz 'n' chips

Saturday 25th February 7.00pm

Tickets: £12.00 includes
fish & chip supper
(bring your own drinks)

Available from HCA Reception

Maximum Team
Number 6
If you do not have a
team we will make
one for you!!

QUIZ?



News and Programme of Events

February 2023

Sections at a Glance...

Art	Monday am.	Legs, bums and Tums	Tuesday am.
Art	Tuesday am.	Machine Quilting	Friday pm
Art	Tuesday pm	Mahjong	Thursday pm.
Art	Wednesday pm	Men's Forum	Thursday am.
Bridge Duplicate	See text	Petanque	Tues pm,
Bridge Rubber	Friday pm.	Petanque	Wed, pm
Canasta	Thursday evening	Petanque	Thursday pm
Cards – Bolivia	Monday pm.	Petanque	Fri am pm.
Carpet Bowls	Monday pm.	Photography	Thurs am
Carpet Bowls	Friday pm.	Pilates	Tuesday pm
Chess	Monday evening	Pilates	Wednesday am
Chi Kung	Friday am.	Poetry	Wednesday am
Craft	Thursday pm.	Quilting	Tuesday am.
Cribbage	Wednesday pm.	Rambling & Ambling	See text
Dancing Ballroom	Tuesday pm	Rockin Robins	Monday pm
Dancing–Circle	Monday pm	Rummikub	Tuesday pm
Dancing-Country	Thurs evening	Sewing	Wednesday am
Darts	Tuesday pm	Table Tennis	Monday am
Darts	Thursday evening	Table Tennis	Thursday am
Discussion	Tuesday pm.	Table Tennis	Saturday am
Playreading/Drama	Thursday pm.	Whist	Wednesday pm
Flower Arranging	Wednesday am.	Yoga	Monday noon
IT Forum	Wednesday pm.	Yoga	Tuesday am
Ladies Forum	Friday pm.	Yoga	Tuesday pm
Languages French	Monday am.	Yoga	Wednesday am

For more information see relevant entry in Section News below

Highcliffe Community Association
Greystones House, Waterford Road, Highcliffe
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Dates for Your Diary

Dates	Event	Tickets on Sale
Friday February 3rd	Film "The Lost King"	On Sale now
Saturday February 25 th	Quiz and Chips	Monday 6th February
Friday March 3rd	Film "See How They Run"	Monday 6th February
Sunday April 2nd	Easter Lunch	Monday 6th March
Friday April 14th	Film	Monday 6th March
Friday May 5th	Film	Monday 3rd April
Sunday May 7th	Coronation Afternoon Tea	Monday 3rd April
Saturday May 20th	Quiz and Chips	Monday 24th April
Friday June 2nd	Film	Monday 8th May
Saturday September 9th	Quiz and Chips	Monday 24th July
Saturday 25th November	Quiz and Chips.	Monday 6th November

Further social events will be announced.

VOLUNTEER



We appreciate all our wonderful volunteers but we are always in need of more people to join our teams in

- the Kitchen,
- Reception,
- Friday Raffle
- set out tables for Friday Live and events.

Help and advice will be given to help you settle in
Contact Lyn - Reception, Barbara - Kitchen or Jan

HIGHLIGHTS for FEBRUARY

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

Friday 3rd February - Film Night. “The Lost King”. 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Tickets £5 members, £6 non-member on sale 7th November.

Saturday 25th February – Quiz & Chips 7:00pm. Tickets £12 (includes fish&chip supper – bring your own drinks)

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

Chairman's Report

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

February 2023

I wish you all a belated 'Happy New Year' with the hope that generally it is a better year than 2022 and that you all have the year that you would wish for yourselves and your families.

Without doubt 2023 will be a challenging year but as Trustees we will face this head-on and do all we can to manage the costs of running the Association and thus to keep the cost of membership and participation as manageable as we can.

Fundraising

To help with the above objective Norma Palmer has recently joined the Trustees to lead fundraising and is already making strides in terms of contacts for the future. She (and I) met with the BCP Age Friendly Communities Co-ordinator who has given us some links to various fund raising opportunities. In addition, she has progressed some other options. As this is a big portfolio Norma is looking for a couple of volunteers to join a sub-committee on Fundraising. Pauline Pegram and I have volunteered but it would be good to add a couple of non-Trustee members. If you are interested please let Norma or myself know. Norma is also looking for some ideas for a 'shopping list' of requirements that she can use as a focus for funding opportunities. Please let her (or any other trustee) know of any ideas you may have for our consideration.

Parking (Again)

We have reviewed the parking rules in recognition of the fact that the spaces by the Kitchen and Lounge are often empty even when we are busy. To this end we have decided to make them 'available' to all members at any time. If volunteers have a problem finding a space Reception have some temporary parking passes for the Cliffhanger car park. This may be borrowed from Reception but must be returned at the end of your volunteer 'shift'.

Finally, unfortunately, before Christmas a member of HCA had a fall on the back stairs of Greystones House. Although badly shaken she was not seriously hurt but I would urge members to be careful when using this staircase as it is often dark and the bend creates uneven steps. If in any doubt please use the main (well lit) staircase and/or the lift.

I look forward to seeing you at Greystones, meantime enjoy our wonderful facilities.

Cliff Putterford
Chairman

Next Council Meeting

Thursday 16th February 2023
16:30



Future Film Nights

Friday February 3rd **“The Lost King”**.

In 2012, having been lost for over 500 years, the remains of King Richard 111 were discovered beneath a carpark in Leicester.

Friday March 3rd **“See How They Run”**.

In the West End of 1950's London, plans for a movie version of a smash-hit play come to an abrupt halt after a pivotal member of the crew is murdered.

Tickets £5 members £6 non members, price includes a choc ice.

FRIDAY LIVE

**ENJOY LIVE MUSIC IN A
FRIENDLY CAFÉ ATMOSPHERE
EVERY FRIDAY**

10.30am – NOON

SECRETARY

Email: secretary@highcliffeca.co.uk

Please tell Linda if your group reps/treasurers change so that information goes to the correct people.

TREASURER

Email: treasurer@highcliffeca.co.uk

Jan (276450)

Welcome back everyone, Christmas and the New Year seem to be a distant memory and we are now looking forward to what this year may bring.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the Christmas Raffle which proved to be very popular and raised an amazing amount of £280 after expenses. The winners were: 1st Prize Hamper- Jane Christopher 2nd Prize Presentation box of cheese biscuits, pickles etc - Jane Dodd 3rd Prize Bottle of wine - Mary Fraser and 4th Prize Tub of Quality Street - John Harris.

Thanks must go to Valerie McCall for the wonderful Christmas Pedestal in reception, as always Valerie did us proud and also to both Valerie and Dave Saunders for dressing the Christmas Tree and decorating rooms 1 and 2.

All groups will have received a printed list of the monies that they have paid in from May 1st until December, would you please check this against your records and let me know if there are any discrepancies.

Jan

LETTING NEWS

Email: lettings@highcliffeca.co.uk

Pauline (273563)

Please could you let me know if your group is not going to need the room at any time as this may affect the staffing of reception and the kitchen. Thanks

RECEPTION

Lyn (274301) Hazel. (540228)

A big thank you to all receptionists for all the help to keep the desk covered; without your help we wouldn't be able to open for groups.

Lyn & Hazel

MEMBERSHIP

Email:

membership@highcliffeca.co.uk

Please remember to renew your membership.... Thank you

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Newsletter.editor@highcliffeca.co.uk

A new year and let us see what extra titbits, readers comments or fuller articles our readers can come up with for our enthusiastic editing team to incorporate into your newsletter. We didn't receive any more readers' comments this time so no 'Comments' section this month. Remember, please submit your comments, or any other articles, to the above email address (or on paper in the newsletter editor file i.e. the old pigeon hole).

A small editorial request to some regular section contributors – your meetings information is more easily cut & pasted directly from your email message rather than attaching a pdf or Word file, as that creates an extra step for us. Thanks.

Graeme

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING MUSIC?



Have you ever wished to play the keyboard but never had time to pursue this wish, or are you a keyboard or piano player wishing to revive your skill or just wanting to find somewhere to practice?

If so, HCA's own music studio, the Minto Room, could provide the answer. This is a self contained studio with two Yamaha keyboards fully installed and ready to go. You may wish to see if keyboard playing is for you or to polish your existing skill. Either way, you would be welcome to try out this facility.

There is no charge; just contact Dave Jones on 01425 611523 or Don Nichols on 01425 271453 and they will be delighted to introduce you to the studio.

Arthur Minto was a keen musician and benefactor of HCA. His legacy was responsible for funding this facility which he wished to be available to all members with an interest in keyboard playing.

TEA AND COFFEE SERVERY

Barbara (620811)

barbara.thacker@highcliffeca.co.uk

Thanks to Barbara and her team for the coffee and tea service; to make their lives easier, please could you let them know what time your group will

want their refreshments and how drinks are required.

GENERAL INTEREST

NEW.2.U LADIES BOUTIQUE

Contact – Monica (07739 420244)

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all, it's always a great time to reflect and look forward with a positive mindset. So let's start 2023 with a focus on the positive and how we can be happy, healthy and looking fabulous throughout the year. There are lots to look forward to and be prepared for e.g. Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Easter and of course holidays.

But first we have the rest of the winter to get through and the New 2 You Ladies Boutique might have just what you are looking for, warm cosy coats, hats, scarves, boots & jumpers - all at fantastic prices. We also have a updated sale rail with many items starting from £1, so don't miss out, a bargain awaits.

As you know all our items are donated and proceeds go to the HCA so not only will you look fabulous in your outfit, whatever the weather, you can feel good too as you are also helping support a great charity.

Please remember to keep bringing your donations into the shop on a Thursday afternoon, including any unwanted Christmas Gifts or items you have in the back of your cupboards / drawers that you know you won't ever use again. Or if you have a larger donation of clothes / accessories 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.

The shop is a much valued part of Greystones and we know our members love to contribute either by donating or purchasing items or both. We would like to be able to open the shop more often during the week so that even more members can benefit from this great facility. But in order to do this we need some additional volunteers. So if you could spare 2 or 3 hours either weekly or fortnightly then please let me know. Or you may prefer to be able to step in when the shop needs extra support to cover for holidays / staff absence due to ill health.

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

Many Thanks
Monica

LIBRARY CORNER

Barbara ()

Hi everyone

I hope you all had a lovely Xmas and New Year, although that seems quite some time ago now.

As always, thanks so much to our members that have donated items to the library. These are so appreciated by us all. Unfortunately I am only able to accept as new and latest paperbacks, jigsaws, biographies etc. as our library cannot hold as much as we would like and every time I put a new book on the shelf, I have to take an older book out. As you all know, books that are surplus to requirements are placed on the cupboard under the 'Trust Box', where they are sold for 20p per item. Any unsold surplus items are then donated to charity.

Jigsaws are always welcome donations but please make sure there are no missing pieces and the box is in good condition. Please do not return jigsaws to us with the box sellotaped as when I peel the sellotape off, part of the box pictures comes off. Please always use an elastic band around the box as the box does not then become damaged.

Please help yourselves to any books, jigsaws etc. that are in the windows or on mantle shelf etc. They are not there for decoration, they are to show that they are the latest donations.

Please ensure that all items (but not paperbacks or jigsaws) are noted in the book on the library table. I have noticed that hardback fiction books have been taken out but not recorded in the book.

Once again many thanks to our members who donate items and regularly use the library and if you have not used the library, please come up and have a look around as we have a wonderful selection.

Barbara
Librarian

PUBLICITY

Chris (271453)

Thanks to Chris and her friend for producing the lovely posters..... look out for adverts in the shops in the village and our page in the free magazines which are posted through your door.

IN MEMORIAM

Mavis

(membership@highcliffeca.co.uk)

Mike Reynolds –

who sadly passed away on Christmas Eve.

SECTION NEWS

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
Welcome back everyone.
It's a New Year - new projects to test ourselves and hopefully improve our work. Not to mention the great pleasure of meeting up each week again.

I think we all enjoyed our Christmas lunch. I certainly did and look forward to next years.

Any Greystones members interested in joining us are welcome to call in to the Wednesday Group meet as we have 2 openings again.

BINGO

Every Saturday

GREYSTONES HOUSE
Eyes down at 1.30pm.

BRIDGE – Duplicate

Contact - John Lee - (279257).
Website -
www.bridgewebs.com/highcliffe Mon.
and Wed. evenings: 6.15 for 6.30
start.
Host system operating.
Swiss Teams - 1st Monday of the
month.
Improvers Bridge - Wednesday
6.30pm.
Ladder pairs - 4th Mon. & Wed. in
month.
Social: Bridge Lunch Friday 24th
March 2023

SOCIAL BRIDGE: We are pleased to announce that we are now able to offer Daytime Social Bridge - please contact Thelma Price or Pat Carruthers for details.

BRIDGE – Rubber

Contact – Martin (276971)
Or Steve (07922 120918)
Meetings – 1.30pm Friday Weekly

CANASTA/CRIBBAGE

Contact - David (07971444463)
Meetings - 6.00 for 6.30 pm until 9.00
pm Thursday Weekly.

We are a friendly group who enjoy a laugh as well as an interesting and absorbing game of Canasta. We also have a separate Crib section at the same meeting so everyone has a choice of which game to play with a tea break half way through the session. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on the above number.

CARDS – BOLIVIA

Contact – Carol (627763)

Meetings – 1.30pm 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Monday

CARPET BOWLS – Monday

Meetings – 1.45pm Monday

Contact Linda 07401261568

We have a few vacancies on Monday afternoons. Come along for a fun afternoon and make new friends at the same time.

CARPET BOWLS - Friday

Meetings - Friday 1.30 weekly

Contact – John (277553)

Meetings - Friday 1.30 weekly

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

Meetings – 1.30pm Thursday Weekly

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)

Only £1 per session! - we have vacancies. Your first time is a free taster session.

DANCING – Circle

Contact - Nancy (277920)

Meeting – 2.00pm Monday

DANCING – Country

Contact – Jan (01202 427523)

It's great to be back dancing! Our annual dinner dance will be on 23rd February and members should confirm their menu choice by the end of January.

We have a waiting list so anyone interested in joining us should contact Jan on the number above.

DARTS

Contact – Sue

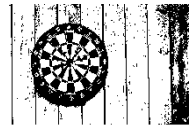
(280536)

Meetings–1.00 to

4.00pm Tuesday Weekly

Contact Brenda (839789)

- 7.00pm Thursday Weekly



DISCUSSION

Contact – Jill (280247)

Meetings – 2.00pm First Tuesday

As Greystones re-opened after the Christmas break and our first meeting both fell on the same day, perhaps that

is why attendance was low. Nevertheless, we had a most enjoyable afternoon putting the world and its worries to right! Such a lot to discuss from train strikes to cost of New Year's Eve fireworks and Christmas TV programmes to what would make 2023 better than 2022?

Do come and join us and bring along any topics you may like to raise with the group. You would be most welcome. We meet on the first Tuesday in the month at 2pm in Room 2. Hope to see you on February 7th.

DRAMA & PLAY READING

Contact - Tom (272822)

- Eddie & Mary (278790)

Meetings - Thursdays at 2pm.

We will soon be back from NEVERLAND which has been quite an adventure with so many Lost Boys, Pirates, Native Americans, Mermaids and Darling children to cast each week. For February, and as she is so much in vogue at present, thanks to Lucy Worsley, I have booked a Dame Agatha Christie whodunit - TOWARDS ZERO. It is one of her actual theatre plays and may keep us guessing if I keep everyone in the dark, which is not quite fair on the actors.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Contact – Valerie (274516)

Meetings – 10.00am 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Are you thinking of a new hobby? Why not join our very friendly flower arranging group? Everyone is welcome with individual schedules for novices. the flower arranging group will meet on the please.

IT FORUM

Contact – Norman (275674)

Meetings – 2.00pm 2nd & 4th

Wednesday

8th February – Discussion group session. A general discussion of any computer matter raised by a member or a new feature in the computer world.

22nd February – AsciiDoc, a light-weight mark-up language that can produce high quality web pages and PDF documents from the same source file. Demonstrations include creating a web site and using the PDF in desktop publishing.

Non IT Forum members £2

LADIES FORUM

Contact – Cherry (01425 274184)

Meetings – 1.45pm 2nd Friday each month.

At our Christmas meeting the Ladies' Forum members heard an excellent and very entertaining talk by John Pitman. His subject was Panto and the Role of the Dame. John had been a very keen amateur actor and had played the Panto Dame for about forty years. He gave lots of interesting and less well-known information about the history of panto, and theatrical insights especially, of course, about the Dame, as well as bringing along one of the many fantastical costumes he had worn. And, naturally, we finished with a singsong. This was followed by a "bring and share" festive tea, our usual raffle and lots of chat. We started 2023 with a talk by Ron Taylor entitled "Sweet and Sour" and, later in January we held a fund-raising coffee morning at Margaret's. Our February meeting will be our Annual Lunch, this year at The Carpenters Arms, Bransgore.

New members welcome. Enquiries to Cherry, 01425 274184.

LANGUAGES

Contact – Christine (275861)

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

There are now vacancies in this class. Please contact Christine on the above telephone number for further information.

Tuesday French

Unfortunately, the Tuesday class will no longer take place.

LEGS, BUMS and TUMS

Weekly, Tuesdays 9 am sharp – 9.45

Contact Sheila 07862 744124

MACHINE QUILTING

Contact - Susy (275403) or Cecilia (672367)

Meetings - 1 to 4 pm Every Friday except 2nd

MAHJONG

Contact – Rowena (278248)

Meetings - 1.30pm Thursday weekly

As we head into February hopefully the evenings will get lighter and drier! However, for a sociable fun afternoon why not come along to our Mahjong sessions at Greystones. You can make it as easy or taxing on the brain as you like.

For an easy game try Gertie's Garter: 1-7 in two different suits (page 14). Slightly harder is Knitting: 7 pairs in two difference suits , e.g. bamboos and circles, but with matching numbers,

e.g. a 4 Bamboo and a 4 Circles making a pair (page 20).

Alternatively you could always try Ordinary Hand: 4 pungs (or 3 pungs and 1 chow) plus a pair all in one suit but can include winds and/or dragons (page 42). This hand is exposed i.e. if you have a pair of tiles and someone discards a third matching tile you can shout "pung" and pick it up.

Of course, the skill is picking the best hand for the tiles you have been dealt, but then you need the luck to pick up the remaining tiles you need!

MEN'S FORUM

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

Meetings – 10.30am 3rd Thursday

Guests & New Members are welcome.

MEN'S SHED

Men's shed have moved to the Old School House in Highcliffe. Same contact number but now Robin Heels has the phone.

PETANQUE

Wednesday and Thursday 1.30 start during winter months

Contact – Carol (280154)

Meetings – 1.00pm Tuesday Weekly

1.00pm Friday Weekly

Contact Mike (01425 280421)

1.30pm Wednesday Weekly

1.30pm Thursday weekly

Contact - Carol (07812 705031)

10.00 am Friday Weekly

PHOTOGRAPHIC

Contact – Jeff Palmer (07970608011)

After being away for a long while the Photography Section met on Thursday 12th January and we had a very good restart. We are going to meet next at 11am in room 11 on Thursday 16th February.

John Lewis will be doing a presentation “Basic photography and beyond” and Patrick Jones will be doing a presentation “Introduction to photo editing in GIMP”. That is GNU image manipulation program.

Please don't think it will be too technical. I won't allow that as I wouldn't understand myself. These presentations should last about 20 minutes each and there will be plenty of time for questions. It will be great to see a few more turn up, so please come along and bring a friend.

Jeff

PILATES

Contact – Lorena (07444847191)

Meetings –

Chair Pilates - Tuesday 12.15 - 1.15 pm

Mat Pilates – Wednesday 8.45 – 9.45am

QUILTING – Tuesday

Contact – Anna (01202 809700)

Meetings – 9.30am Tuesday Weekly

Email: anne.hutton27@sky.com

POETRY (new Section)

Contact: Maria Swanston on 01425 561048 or mobile. 07484 757715

Email: swanston49@btinternet.com

The group meets the third Wednesday of the month from 10 - 12.30, with a

tea/coffee break. Rosemary Williams will be leading the group.

It is such an enriching group and we are all learning more about this fascinating subject.

New members welcome

RAMBLES AND AMBLES



SOCIAL EVENTS

Skittles: 20th March

2023, booking date 24 February.

The Treasurer will be manning the Friday morning desk between 0930 and 1100.

RAMBLES

Contact - Nigel (07896 750059)

Walks start at 1000hrs and are about 5 miles long, unless otherwise stated. For the dates where walks are marked 'TBA' details will be advised by email to members nearer the time. Likewise, any alterations will be advised by email. Contact the walk leader or the above if you have any queries. New members always welcome to our friendly group – contact the above or walk leader for details. Unfortunately dogs are not allowed.

Wed 1st - Lord Bute

Lunch for those that have booked – No Walk

Wed 8th - TBA

Wed 15th - TBA

Wed 22nd – TBA

AMBLERS

Contact –Linda (547405)

We have received a suggestion that there are some shorter and slower walks organised for people who cannot walk our distances. Maybe they would be monthly and could be from the same starting point as an amble or from a completely different place. If you feel that this is something that you would be interested in please let the ambling group know.

AMBLERS walks February 2023

Wednesday 1st Feb 2023

No walk offered

Wednesday 8th Feb 2023

Etherise Gutter. Standing Hat CP
Ref SU31 4036.

Leaders: Liz and Russell Tel: 01202 914996

From Brockenhurst head towards Lyndhurst. At Balmer Lawn Hotel TR onto B3055. After approx. 1/4 mile take gravel track on left, Standing Hat CP is about 1/2 mile on left. If barrier down will have to use Tilery Road CP. 3miles mostly gravel paths, longer if using Tilery Rd

Wednesday 15th Feb 2023

Longslade Bottom CP

Leader: Linda Turenhout

Take A35 towards Lyndhurst. TL at Holmsley tea rooms and then Rt towards Brockenhurst.

Turn right at turning for Sway. Car park is the 3rd one on the Left.

Walk along pathways and through enclosure. Approx. 3.5 miles

Wednesday 22nd Feb 2023

Milford on Sea, Sea Rd car park

Leader: Monica Tal 07739320244

Car park next to community centre and is payable. Limited free parking on roads opposite car park. Walk approx 2.8 miles on level and gravel/concrete paths, there may be a few puddles so wear appropriate footwear. Coffee stop is 0.4 miles from end of walk at the needles eye cafe.

ROCKIN' ROBINS

Contact – Freda (275870) or Hazel (540228)

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

We had some fun at our annual social gathering on 9th January and had to manage without music as Don was not so well. Also Hazel was poorly but my thanks to Chris and Angela who helped to get things ready. It was a pity that we didn't have our usual numbers but perhaps this was due to illness. We'll be hoping that we are back to normal for our next date.

RUMMIKUB

Contact – Margaret via Greystones
2nd , 3rd, 4th and 5th Tuesday each month. 1 30pm to 4 pm

Welcome back to a new year full of possibilities and with all the Christmas decorations packed away for another year.

We had a good Christmas lunch when we all got to know each other a bit better.

We still are able to welcome new members, experienced or not, to our Tuesday meetings - so look forward to seeing you.

SEWING

Contact: Sue – (07771647150)

Meet 10am Wednesday (Weekly)

The Sewing Group started back on the 4th January and we hope to welcome several new members, who enquired at the end of last year, very soon.

TABLE TENNIS

Contact – John (274813)

Meetings - 9.30am Monday weekly
9.30am Thursday 1st 2nd
and 4th weeks only
9.30am Saturday weekly

We are looking for any new members wishing to join our group. Pop along and see if you can rekindle an interest you had to leave behind due to other pressing commitments. We are of mixed ability, friendly, patient and sociable. Spare bats are available.



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 COACHES

Contact: Dave Thompson

Tel: 01202 490333 or 07752 248265.

CHRISTCHURCH PROBUS CLUB

Christchurch Probus Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at The Christchurch Harbour Hotel, 95 Mudeford, Christchurch, BH23 3NT.

In addition to the monthly members meetings, we have various social events to which our partners and friends are invited.

A very friendly welcome awaits all retired professional and businessmen. Please have a look around our site to see what we are about and contact us if you might want to join us.

Website:

www.probuschristchurch.com

Contact: Maurice Dowling (Secretary)

(01425 275587) Or Email:

mdowling@gmx.com

HIGHCLIFFE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Highcliffe Horticultural Society.

On Monday February 6th at 7.30pm.

A talk, 'Waking Up the Garden for Spring' by Roger Hiron.

At St Marks Hall, Hinton Wood Avenue, BH23 5AA.

Doors open 7pm. Plants for sale and a raffle.

Non members very welcome £3.00.

Enquiries to 07769 748186.

www.highcliffehorticulturalsociety.co.uk

**FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH &
HIGHCLIFFE LIBRARIES**

(Christchurch Library – 01202 127200)
(Highcliffe Library - 01202 127369)
Contact - Jan Clarke – 01425 277635:

Talks start at 2.30 p.m., followed by refreshments. Booking recommended through the library.

“Friends” members £3.00, Non-members £5.00

HIGHCLIFFE MEDICAL CENTRE

Patients Participation Group
Contact – Michael Williams (07484 778364) or highcliffeppg@gmail.com

HIGHCLIFFE THEATRE CLUB

If you are interested in live theatre production

Why not join our Group?

Transport and return by coach from local pickup points.

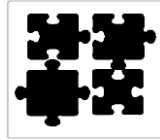
For more information contact Bob or Pat Mackinnon 01425 273144

Seasonal Laughs



- 1) What is the best kind of cereal to eat in winter? *Frosted Flakes!*
- 2) What can you catch with your eyes closed? *A cold!*
- 3) What do you get in December that you can't have in any other month?
The letter "D"!
- 4) What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert? *Lost!*
- 5) What is an "ig"? *A snow house without a loo!*
- 6) What do trees say after a long winter? *What a re-leaf...*
- 7) What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?
Frostbite!
- 8) What did the walrus say when it was late? *Sorry, my iceberg hit a ship.*
- 9) Why did the man put his money in the freezer? *He wanted cold hard cash!*

JIGSAW FESTIVAL AUGUST 2024



I have volunteered to organise a Jigsaw Festival at Greystones in August 2024 during our summer closure. I know this seems a long way ahead but to make it a success we must start now as it takes some considerable time to organise.

I am taking it over from the current organisers who have held it in Verwood for the last 7 years and who will be retiring after their festival this year. The 2021 and 2022 festivals ran for 4/5 days and raised £5025 and £4580 respectively for their chosen charities. The proceeds from the HCA festival will be for HCA funds.

The festival works by having around 1000 jigsaws already made up on cardboard bases, people then choose the jigsaws they want, take the board, jigsaw and box to the pay desk where it is then boxed up ready for them to pay and take away.

To make this project a success we need several things, firstly the jigsaws which must be in good condition need to be donated, secondly we need corrugated cardboard for the boards and thirdly people to make the jigsaws up, which is the fun part and I know lots of people enjoy doing jigsaws.

This is not just for HCA members so if you or anyone you know, family, friends, neighbours etc can help in anyway please contact me, I am happy to collect donations and to deliver the boards and jigsaws to your home and collect again once completed if you live locally. Donated jigsaws can also be taken to Greystones but please label for my attention.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Jan Hollowell 01425 276450 or 07999831649

COPY DATE FOR MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

**Entries to be received by MONDAY 13th
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Disappointing news about Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.co.uk)

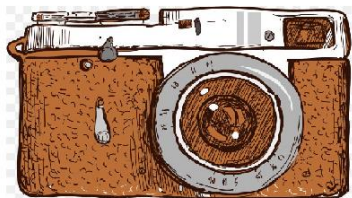
It seems Amazon are intending to close this method for customers to enable a small percentage of their purchase costs to be donated to a favourite charity – in our case HCA. The following is an extract from their recent statement:-

“10 years ago, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favourite charities. However, since launch, the programme has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. AmazonSmile represents a very small portion of the total charitable contributions made through our other programmes, which we estimate at more than £100 million in 2021. We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023.” Amazon 19th January 2023

If any Amazon Smile customers, who have registered their favourite charity as HCA, are intending to purchase any big-ticket items from Amazon in the near future, then to do so before 20 February would be helpful.

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A NEW START & SET UP FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION



INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY? WELL COME
AND JOIN US IN ROOM 11 ON THURSDAY
16TH FEBRUARY AT 11AM

THE FIRST MEETING IS TITLED
BACK TO BASICS

THERE WILL BE 2 SHORT PRESENTATIONS
BY PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN LEWIS
AND IT FORUM'S PATRICK JONES

*LETS LEARN TOGETHER
AND IMPROVE TOGETHER*