



Highcliffe

Community Association
at Greystones House

HIGHCLIFFE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Registered Charity No. 1189366

Coronation Afternoon Tea Sunday May 7th

At 2pm

Tickets £10 per person
Available at Reception from
Monday 3rd April

*Please inform Reception of any special
dietary requirements when you purchase
your tickets.*



News and Programme of Events

April 2023

Sections at a Glance...

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 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. |
| | | Mindfulness | Monday 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 |
| Highcliffe | | | |
| Community Church | Sunday am | | |
| 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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Registered Charity No.1189336

An Independent organisation run voluntarily by members for members and financially self-supporting

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Dates for Your Diary

| Dates | Event | Tickets on Sale |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday April 2nd | Easter Lunch | Monday 6 th March |
| Friday April 14th | Film - Living | Friday 3 rd March |
| Friday May 5th | Film – Empire of Light(tbc) | Friday 4th April |
| Sunday May 7th | Coronation Afternoon Tea | Monday 3rd April |
| Saturday May 20th | Quiz and Chips | Monday 24th April |
| Friday June 2nd | Film - TBA | Friday 5th May |
| Saturday 24 th June | Variety Show & Ploughmans | TBA |
| 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 April

Easter Celebration Lunch – Sunday 2nd April

Film Night - Friday April 14th “**Living**”.

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

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

April 2023

As we head into spring it is pleasing to say that our membership continues to grow. We are doing all we can to get the message out to the Community regarding the wonderful opportunities membership of HCA offers and have recently started a Fundraising campaign.

We have an ever increasing number of Jigsaws being donated for our inaugural 2024 Jigsaw Festival (more news elsewhere in the newsletter).

Membership

It is pleasing to report that our membership has increased by > 10% in the last couple of months. Jan and I visited Christchurch Hospital on 9th March and were able to present the HCA credentials to >20 staff who varied from Occupational Therapists to Physiotherapists and Community staff. We got a great reception regarding HCA's position in the community and are hopeful the time spent will bear fruit in the near future.

Fundraising

The subcommittee held their 1st meeting on Friday 10th March. Norma led the way using some information provided by the Treasurer and set out some tasks for the members to complete ahead of the next scheduled meeting (Fri 28th Apr) so she can pursue a number of avenues to which she has already opened gateways.

Highcliffe Parish

Andy Martin, our Parish representative has kindly offered to come to HCA on Wednesday 5th April @ 4:15 to talk to us about plans for the Parish of Highcliffe and Walkford. Andy is our representative as an Independent. This will not be a 'Party Political Broadcast' although he will be advising on the changes to requirements to vote (voter ID) being introduced by the Government. I will be Chairing the discussion to ensure it is on the subject of our Parish and nothing else. The agenda will be as follows.

- Introductions
- Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Plans
- New voting Rules
- Q&A

Please come along to listen to and discuss plans for the Parish in which HCA (and most members) reside.

Sections

The new church section has now started and welcomed more than 20 people in just its 2nd Sunday meeting. Meetings are @ 10:30 every Sunday. Normal section rules apply.

A new Line Dancing section is due to start after Easter.

A mindfulness section now meets on Monday mornings and a 'mindful doodling' group will be starting on the first Wednesday of the month after Easter.

We are looking to set up a 'chair exercise' section and a Board Games section shortly.

Watch out for further news in the Newsletter and on posters around the building.

Accommodation / AGM

After many years of stalwart service, managing the Accommodation Trustee portfolio, Pauline Pegram has decided she needs a break. I am pleased to say she has agreed to remain as a Trustee 'without portfolio' but this will mean at the AGM we will be looking for a replacement for this vital role. Please consider whether you or someone you recommend would be prepared to take this on. Without this role there will be no flexibility regarding room availability.

100 Club

I am currently looking into the feasibility of starting a 100 Club to raise funds for the Association. Simply put, you pay £12 per annum and are entered into a monthly draw. 50% of the income is paid out monthly with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize each month. Please let me know if you would be interested in joining this simple way of boosting HCA finances whilst giving you the opportunity to win a few pounds.

Graffiti

Finally, sadly I have to report that a promotional poster on our internal notice board has been vandalised by someone who clearly lacks the emotional intelligence or bravery to come and talk to me regarding their views on HCA. The aforementioned poster was regarding volunteering and asked "would you miss HCA if it were no longer available?". To this had been scrawled "No." . Frankly I would not expect such action in a school, let alone in an adult community. A very upset member spotted it and passed it to the Trustees, I will say no more than this. If the sad childlike person who wrote this would like to come to me and tell me the reason they would not miss it I will gladly attempt to resolve whatever the issue/s are. Equally, if it was just wanton vandalism and they really feel that the HCA has nothing to offer them I will personally refund their membership fee and send them happily on their way. Sorry to sound so annoyed about what is maybe trivial, but

there are many people that give their time to support the HCA to whom such behaviour is completely disrespectful.

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

Cliff Putterford
Chairman
07720 467695

Membership Renewals – Advanced Notice

Clearly fundraising is the key to keep our Association viable in these challenging times so in line with the requirements of bodies likely to offer us financial support this years Membership forms for New members and Renewals will be asking for a couple more bits of information related to our fundraising efforts. Specifically:

- Year Born
- Nationality
- Do you have a disability
- How did you hear about us (Greystones/Highcliffe Community Association (HCA))

This information will help us greatly when we are applying for funding to Grant Makers, Local Authorities and Philanthropic groups as they all ask for detailed demographics of the membership before awarding funds to Charities.

All information divulged by yourselves is strictly private and is covered by our Data Protection.

Your support in completing this information on forms will be much appreciated. Thank you in anticipation.

Seasonal Closures for Greystones

Easter: Good Friday – Friday 7th April
Easter Monday – Monday 10th April

Bank Holiday Mondays in May:
1st May
8th May
29th May

Future Film Nights



Friday April 14th

“Living”

A remake of Akira Kurosawa’s 1952 film Ikiru, with a screenplay by Kazuo Ishiguro. When Mr. Williams (Bill Nighy), a buttoned up bureaucrat in 1950s London, is diagnosed as terminally ill, he decides that he would like to achieve something for once, instead of just endlessly pushing paper. A group of ladies has come into the Public Works office, asking to have a hazardous area in their neighbourhood transformed into a children’s playground. With nothing to show for his decades of service, the ineffectual Mr. Williams makes it his personal mission to push the job through before he dies.

Friday May 5th

Empire of Light (tbc)

Friday June 2nd

TBA

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**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
GRAND RAFFLE
ADMISSION FREE**

**Coronation Afternoon Tea Sunday 7th May
2.30pm to 4.30pm
with entertainment provided by Paul Hammond.**

Come along and celebrate the coronation of King Charles with friends at our afternoon tea.

Tickets £10 members £12 non-members on sale from reception from Monday 3rd April.

**Variety Show with Ploughmans supper Saturday
24th June
more information to follow**

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)

**ACCOMMODATION & LETTING
NEWS**

Email: lettings@highcliffeca.co.uk

Pauline (273563)

Thank you to those groups who completed the new group suggestion forms - I am trying to fit in all of the ideas which will mean asking some groups to move rooms and an even bigger thank you to IT and Discussion who have already agreed to meet in

room 14 in the future and to Rubber Bridge/Machine Quilting who have moved around to make space for Duplicate Bridge on Friday afternoons. For those of you who are unaware, room 14 is the former 4Men2 shop upstairs. It is a lovely space for small groups and meetings so please take a look but it is being booked up quite quickly!

I must apologise that I have not been able to access the lettings email - I have now sorted the problem but if you don't receive a prompt reply please give me a nudge by emailing

pauline.pegam@highcliffeca.co.uk or
give me a ring on 07702198809

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

Firstly, may I wish all our members a very happy Easter.

Secondly, a reminder that membership renewals will be due from 1 May onwards, and can be done via the website or through reception; the application form this year contains a couple of additional questions which may be used by our fundraiser, Norma Palmer, to bid for funding for HCA projects. This extra data will be totally anonymous.

Renewal forms will be available from reception w/c 2 May, on the website (where payment can be made via BACS), and in the May newsletter.

You may remember that at the AGM a new fee was proposed, and it was agreed, that the fee would increase to £20 pa which we feel is excellent value taking into account the variety of classes we run together with a wide range of social events.

We look forward to receiving your renewals and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Meet new people and help us

On Friday mornings, we have two of our members available to help with either renewals or signing up new members. If you would like to offer your help, it is only once a month for about 2 hours and is a lively morning with music and a raffle. It is a really good way to meet new people. Please contact Chris Nichols on 01425 271453 if you are able to help.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Newsletter.editor@highcliffeca.co.uk

This is your newsletter and we would all like to hear from you. Please submit your comments, or articles, to the above email address (or on paper in the newsletter editor file i.e., the old pigeon hole). Thank you to all our regular contributors for your help in enabling us to cut and paste straight from the email rather than an attachment, it makes this job dramatically easier. Much appreciated.

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.

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 61 1523 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.

GENERAL INTEREST

NEW.2.U LADIES BOUTIQUE

Contact – Monica (07739 420244)

Looks like we made it to 'Spring' and the signs are everywhere, lighter mornings, daffodils starting to flower

and trees coming into bud. Its the season of promise of what is to come, all things bright and beautiful, at least I hope so. The New 2 You Ladies Boutique has also undergone a spring changeover, while still keeping some items for those cooler days / night. So if you are looking for that lovely outfit for the Easter Celebrations or going away on holiday then please pop into to see us we have had some amazing donations.

On the subject of donations, Many Thanks to all of you who have kindly donated and purchased donated items, we really couldn't do it without you. In particular I would like to make a special 'Thank You' to Steven and Claire Bennett and Graham Moss for their donations. Some of these new donations are already in the shop and selling very well! 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.

Of course we also have our NEW well stocked Sale Rail with 50% off the original New 2 You Boutique price, so it's definitely the right time to see what is available, don't miss the opportunity to grab a great deal and update your wardrobe. For example winter coats, jumpers etc from as little as £1.50.

Regarding 50 / 50 we are happy to accept up to 3 items of either new or as good as new clothes. Just recently we have seen an increase in members trying to bring in more than 3, its restricted to 3 to allow all members the

opportunity to take advantage of this facility. So please max 3 items only per member. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

We are currently trialling an additional opening day, either Tuesday mornings or afternoons and we would welcome your feedback as to which may work best for you. To start with on the 4th and 11th we will open Tuesday afternoons 1.30 - 3pm, Updates regarding opening times will be displayed on the entrance to the shop and on the notice board.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome onboard a new volunteer to the team, Susan Osborn. Susan is already making quite a contribution to our lovely team of ladies, so say hello next time you are in the shop.

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

LIBRARY CORNER

Barbara ()

CHANGES TO LIBRARY

I have had a change around in the library to make more space for paperbacks etc.

PAPERBACKS : Can now be found starting on the jutting out small bookcase to the bookcase where the autobiographies use to be kept.

AUTOBIOGRAPHIES : Can now be found on the shelves beneath the hardback fiction books.

DVD's, TALKING BOOKS : Can now be found in the bookcase close to the wooden cupboards in the library.

LARGE PRINT BOOKS : Can now be found on the top shelf of the shelves under the window.

CLASSICAL BOOKS : Can be found on the second shelf under the window.

NOW NO LONGER ANY NEED TO WRITE DOWN CODE IN BOOK ON LIBRARY TABLE FOR ANY BOOKS OR DVD,S ETC. THAT YOU BORROW

We now work on a complete trust system where each item taken out will cost 20p for up to a 3 week loan period. All monies to be put into box above 'books for sale' cupboard. **Just remember** all monies help towards the cost of keeping and running such a lovely warm and welcoming building for us all to enjoy.

Many thanks to the person that brought in all the Kathy Reich's books, which can be found on the window sill above the jigsaw puzzle table.

Also many thanks to all who have contributed paperbacks etc. to our library. It is most appreciated.

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)

With deepest sympathy to the family and friends of ...

David Clements

Juliette Cook



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

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

Contact – John Lee (279257)

Meetings Friday 1.30 start

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 – Hazel (540228)

Why not come along and see our Friday group for Carpet Bowls, we have a few vacancies at the moment.

We are friendly, have fun and welcome new members.

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 (Note: **NOW** every Tuesday) Room 1.

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

Stop press - we have recently had a gentlemen join us who would like to get back into dancing but does not currently have a regular dance partner.

DANCING – Circle

Contact - Nancy (277920)

Meeting – 2.00pm Monday

DANCING – Country

Contact – Jan (01202 427523)

At our AGM the Chairman congratulated everyone for their progress over the last year. It was noted that we now have 6 callers and our thanks go to them for their hard work in preparing for each evening. They have called a great variety of dances and it has been noted that Levi Jackson's Jig has been the most popular dance over the last 12 months. We continue to 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

The Group was pleased to welcome a new member. We enjoyed a pleasant afternoon debating several topics.

We talked about whether Harry and Meghan should attend the coronation in May and whether women had achieved full equality of opportunity in areas such as business, commerce and economics. As the shortage of fruit and veg becomes more evident in shops, should we start to grow our own where access to allotments was possible and exploring the fast growing world of artificial intelligence and all its consequences caused some intrigue and alarm in the group.

We now meet in Room 14 upstairs and would like to reassure prospective new members that there is a lift if stairs prove too challenging.

Our next meeting is on April 4th at 2pm. Do come along and bring any topics for discussion if you wish.

DRAMA & PLAY READING

Contact - Tom (272822)

- Eddie & Mary (278790)

Meetings - Thursdays at 2pm.

The enigma of Dame Agatha's title - TOWARDS ZERO - is now explained with a last minute surprise appearance of.....

We may tie up a few loose ends, and think how the play works when actors know the outcome, before moving on to MICHAEL FRAYN's 50 year old farcical masterpiece NOISES OFF and Shaw's Anti-Romantic Comedy - ARMS & THE MAN.

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.

Please phone Valerie for further information.

HIGHCLIFFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Contact – Jean Davis (01425 279704)

Meetings: 10.30am every Sunday, commencing March 5th. We are a small group of Christians who are keen to explore the Good News of Jesus Christ in a new and meaningful way. No previous experience required.

IT FORUM

Contact – Norman (275674)

Meetings – 2.00pm 2nd & 4th

Wednesday

Non IT Forum members £2

12th April – Discussion group session. A general discussion of any computer matter raised by a member or a new feature in the computer world.

26th April – Home accounting using MS Office spreadsheets. From simple record keeping to cross referencing accounts.

We have now taken up residence in the newly refurbished Room 14 on the first floor.

LADIES FORUM

Contact – Cherry (01425 274184)

Meetings – 1.45pm 2nd Friday each month. New Members welcome.

In February twenty-two members gathered at The Carpenter's Arms at Bransgore to enjoy their annual lunch. At our March meeting we had a talk by Angela Whelan of New Milton solicitors Dixon Stewart. She mostly told us about Legal Powers of Attorney, both Financial and Medical. Judging by the number of questions for Anita during and after her very interesting talk, she had given everyone lots to think about. Following a sociable and successful fund-raising coffee morning held at Margaret's in January another has been arranged for 10.30a.m., 24th March at Cherry's.

At our meeting on 14th April we will be holding our AGM as well as welcoming John Lewis who will be entertaining us with a selection of local views.

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.

LEGS, BUMS and TUMS

Weekly, Tuesdays 9 am sharp – 9.45

Contact MEL 07966 571938

MACHINE QUILTING

Contact - Susy (275403) or Cecilia (672367)

Meetings - 1 to 4 pm Every Friday except 2nd

We are making more quilts for Care Leavers. More patterns have been cut for us in preparation and they are a delight to make. Most of our people have been able to attend and it is lovely to see a full room again.

MAHJONG

Contact – Rowena (278248)

Meetings - 1.30pm Thursday weekly

It's April already with Easter coming up! There is a grand Easter Raffle Basket on display in reception with tickets available from Reception. A quick reminder, membership renewals will be due at the end of April. As we head into Spring how about looking at Apple Blossom - a pung of white dragons, a pair of green dragons with 3 mixed chows (page 33). Or perhaps try Dragonfly - one of each dragon and a pung in each suit with a pair in any suit (page 31). This hand is exposed allowing you to pung from a discarded tile, making it a little easier. For something less taxing on the brain there is always Five Odd Honours - a run of 1-9 in the same suit with 5 different winds or dragons (page 11). Or maybe Windfall - one of each wind with 5 pairs in the same suit (page 27).

MEN'S FORUM

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

Meetings – 10.30am 3rd Thursday

Our talk on 20th April is about Atlantis, the Mythical land in the Atlantic Ocean, given by Richard Hutley.

All are welcome.

MEN'S SHED

Contact – Robin 07547922246

Men's shed have moved to the Old School House in Highcliffe.

MINDFULNESS

Debbie – via reception

Mondays 10 – 11 am Rm 14

£4 plus £1 to Greystones

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

Now the weather is getting brighter why not come and have a game of pétanque. We are very friendly groups and it is such an easy game to play, it's competitive but fun. We are out in the fresh air in a lovely setting overlooking the sea.

PHOTOGRAPHIC

Contact – Jeff Palmer (07970608011)

Meetings - Thursdays monthly

We had a more practical session this month and we all agreed it had gone

well. Our next meeting is on Thursday 20th April at 10.30am in Room 11. We intend to walk down to the clifftop, take some photos, go back to Greystones to see how good or bad they are and see if we can improve them.

We're still a small group so it would be good to see a few more of you in April.

PILATES

Contact – Lorena (07444847191)

Meetings –

Chair Pilates - Tuesday 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

We are settling in again. Our latest Dinosaur Quilt has been completed and will be handed over to the Charity shortly. We have also finished the Sewing Bee idea of Patchwork Jackets. Plans are in the making for our next project. In the meantime, we are carrying on with our own quilts.

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.

New members welcome

RAMBLES AND AMBLES

SOCIAL EVENTS



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 5th - **TBA**

Wed 12th - **TBA**

Wed 19th - **TBA**

Wed 26th. - Sixpenny Handley Bluebell Walk – START 1015 hrs. Allow just under 1 hour journey time.

Leader –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'.

AMBLERS

Contact –Linda (547405)

Wed 5th April @ 10.00

Boldre Church car park

Leaders: Keith and Nigel

Meeting place Boldre Church car park. Take the A337 out of Brockenhurst over the level crossing heading towards Lymington. Boldre Church is signposted on the left after Settlely Ridge garden centre and The Filly Inn (now closed) . Turn left into Sandy Down. Follow road for approx 1 mile to Church on your left before the car park. Circular walk approx 3.5 miles.

Wed 12th April @ 10.00

Easter Egg Hunt around Monica's garden (weather permitting)

Alternative arrangements in the event of adverse weather

Leader: Monica 07739 420244

Annual Easter Egg social event in Monica's garden. Plenty of chocolate eggs to find and keep and the usual delicious refreshments included in £4 fee (Macmillian). Please book and pay in advance to Monica. Numbers are limited to 20.

Wed 19th April @ 10.00

T.B.A.

Wed 26th April @ 10,00

Milford on Sea

Leader: Jill Ceeley

Meet at Community Centre CP. in centre of village. This is a pay car park so car share if possible or park in surrounding roads. Walk through woods onto cliff top and back. Coffee stop at Needles eye cafe. Approx. 3 miles.

ROCKIN' ROBINS

Contact – Freda (275870) or Hazel (540228)

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

RUMMIKUB

Contact – Margaret via Greystones
Tuesday – 1.30pm to 4 pm

Just a quick update to let you know that we are now able to play Rummikub every Tuesday. 1.30pm to 4pm as usual so look forward to seeing you all.

SEWING

Contact: Sue – (07771647150)

Meet 10am Wednesday (Weekly)

We have had an excellent start to 2023 with Susan Simmonds holding a workshop on the 1st February to give help and advice on alterations and pattern cutting. It was very well received and our thanks go to Susan for her time. It was thought this may be something that can be repeated each term.

Susan Read arranged an Afternoon Tea at South Lawn on 23rd February.

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

Linda Law

email: lindarosslaw@hotmail.co.uk

mobile: 07769 748187

www.highcliffehorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm

A talk by Ron Taylor 'Dinosaurs, Dwellings and Discovery - examining local places and events that shaped the area'. At St Mark's Church Hall, Hinton Wood Avenue BH23 5AA. Doors open 7.00pm.

Plant sales, refreshments and a raffle. Non-members very welcome £3.00. Enquiries to 07769 748187

FRIENDS OF CHRISTCHURCH & HIGHCLIFFE LIBRARIES

(Christchurch Library – 01202 127200)

(Highcliffe Library - 01202 127369)

Contact - Jan Clarke – 01425 277635:

CHRISTCHURCH LIBRARY

Thursday, 20th April

"The History of Bournemouth from Heathlands to Heydays & Holidays" by Ron Taylor

HIGHCLIFFE LIBRARY

Wednesday 26th April

"Delightful Gardens from Near and Far" by Mike Webber

Talks start at 2.30 p.m. followed by refreshments. "Friends" members

£3.00 Non-members £5.00

Please phone relevant library for tickets

HIGHCLIFFE MEDICAL CENTRE

Patients Participation Group

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

COVID Vaccinations.

Highcliffe Medical Centre will be holding clinics from the 17th April for Covid Boosters.

Please note that these will only be available for the over 75's, care home residents and the immunosuppressed.

Appointments will be available through the Surgery and we will be contacting patients in due course to book them in.

The appointments are only available through us and **NOT** the National Booking Service.

For more information go to the website: www.highcliffemedicalcentre.co.uk

HIGHCLIFFE THEATRE CLUB

If you are interested in live theatre

Why not join our Group? Transport and return by coach from local pickup points. For more information contact Bob or Pat Mackinnon 01425 273144

History of Jigsaw Puzzles

In the 18th century, jigsaw puzzles were created by painting a picture on a flat, rectangular piece of wood, then cutting it into small pieces. Despite the name, an actual 'jigsaw' was never used. A London cartographer and engraver is credited with commercialising jigsaw puzzles around 1760. His design took world maps, and cut out the individual nations in order for them to be reassembled by students as a geographical teaching aid. These early puzzles were known as dissections. The name "jigsaw" came to be associated with the puzzle around 1880 when fretsaws became the tool of choice for cutting the shapes. Since fretsaws are distinct from jigsaws, the name appears to be a misnomer.



Jigsaw puzzles soared in popularity during the Great Depression as they provided a cheap, long-lasting, recyclable form of entertainment. It was around this time that jigsaws evolved to become more complex and appealing to adults.

Sales of wooden puzzles fell after World War II as improved wages led to price increases. Demand for jigsaw puzzles later saw a surge, comparable to that of the Great Depression, during the COVID-19 pandemic's stay-at-home orders.

Most modern jigsaw puzzles are made of paperboard as they are easier and cheaper to mass-produce. New technology has also enabled laser-cutting of wooden or acrylic jigsaw puzzles. The advantage is that the puzzle can be custom-cut to any size or shape, with any number or average size of pieces. Many museums have laser-cut acrylic puzzles made of some of their art so visiting children can assemble puzzles of the images on display. Acrylic pieces are very durable, waterproof, and can withstand continued use without the image degrading. Also, because the print and cut patterns are computer-based, missing pieces can easily be remade.

Jigsaw puzzles come in a variety of sizes. Among those marketed to adults, 300-, 500- and 750-piece puzzles are considered "smaller". More sophisticated, but still common, puzzles come in sizes of 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, 5,000, 6,000, 7,500, 8,000, 9,000, 13,200, 18,000, 24,000, 32,000 and 40,000 pieces.

Jigsaw puzzles geared towards children typically have many fewer pieces and are typically much larger. The most common layout for a thousand-piece puzzle is 38 pieces by 27 pieces, for an actual total of 1,026 pieces. Most 500-piece puzzles are 27 pieces by 19 pieces. A few puzzles are double-sided so they can be solved from either side—adding complexity, as the enthusiast must determine if they are looking at the right side of each piece. "Family puzzles" of 100–550 pieces use an assortment of small, medium and large pieces, with each size going in one direction or towards the middle of the puzzle. This allows a family of different skill levels and hand sizes to work on the puzzle together. There are also three-dimensional jigsaw puzzles; many of these are made of wood or styrofoam and require the puzzle to be solved in a particular order, as some pieces will not fit if others are already in place.

Many puzzles are termed "fully interlocking", which means that adjacent pieces are connected so that they stay attached when one is turned. Sometimes the connection is tight enough to pick up a solved part by holding one piece.

Most jigsaw puzzles are square, rectangular or round, with edge pieces with one straight or smoothly curved side, plus four corner pieces (if the puzzle is square or rectangular). However, some puzzles have edge, and corner pieces cut like the rest, with no straight sides, making it more challenging to identify them. Other puzzles utilize more complex edge pieces to form unique shapes when assembled, such as profiles of animals.

The world's largest-sized jigsaw puzzle measured 5,428.8 m² (58,435 sq ft) with 21,600 pieces, each measuring a Guinness World Records maximum size of 50 cm by 50 cm. It was assembled on 3 November 2002 by 777 people at a former airport in Hong Kong. The jigsaw with the greatest number of *pieces* had 551,232 pieces and measured 14.85×23.20m). It was assembled in September 2011 at an indoor stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (see photo).



It has been reported that doing jigsaw puzzles is one of many activities that can help keep the brain active and may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease.

People - emphasising the jigsaw size.
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Largest commercially available jigsaw puzzles

| Pieces | Name of puzzle | Company | Year | Size [cm] | Area [m2] |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| 60,000 | What A Wonderful World | Dowdle Folk Art, USA | 2022 | 883 × 243 | 21.46 |
| 54,000 | Travel around Art | Grafika, Poland | 2020 | 864 × 204 | 17.63 |
| 52,110 | (No title: collage of animals) | MartinPuzzle, France | 2018 | 696 × 202 | 14.06 |
| 51,300 | 27 Wonders from Around the World | Kodak, USA | 2019 | 869 × 191 | 16.60 |
| 48,000 | Around the World | Grafika, Poland | 2017 | 768 × 204 | 15.67 |
| 42,000 | La vuelta al Mundo | Educa Borrás, Spain | 2017 | 749 × 157 | 11.76 |
| 40,320 | Making Mickey's Magic | Ravensburger, Germany | 2018 | 680 × 192 | 13.06 |
| 40,320 | Memorable Disney Moments | Ravensburger, Germany | 2016 | 680 × 192 | 13.06 |
| 33,600 | Wild Life | Educa Borrás, Spain | 2014 | 570 × 157 | 8.95 |
| 32,000 | New York City Window | Ravensburger, Germany | 2014 | 544 × 192 | 10.45 |
| 32,000 | Double Retrospect | Ravensburger, Germany | 2010 | 544 × 192 | 10.45 |
| 24,000 | Life, The greatest puzzle | Educa Borrás, Spain | 2007 | 428 × 157 | 6.72 |

Main article source: Wikipedia "Jigsaw Puzzle"

Highcliffe Community Church

We are a new group of Christians who meet each Sunday morning, 10:30am at HCA, Greystones House. We share in worship, prayer and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Easter is a particularly special time for Christians, as we remember the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the need for Him in our lives today.

Upcoming services

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday – Doug Croucher

Friday 7th April: Good Friday – Reflective service

Sunday 9th April: Easter Sunday – Barrie Taylor

Sunday 16th April: TBA

Sunday 23rd April: TBA Sunday 30th April: – Doug Croucher

This is a warm welcome for you to come and join us!

HAPPY
Easter

This issue of the newsletter edited by: Sandy Gale

JIGSAW FESTIVAL AUGUST 2024



APRIL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the appeal for donations of jigsaws and to the people who have volunteered to make them up, the response has been amazing. Up to date we have received around 300 puzzles from all over the area so we are a third of the way there and have around 20 people making them up. We now have our sources for cardboard, these being Stewarts Garden Centre, Cookes Furniture Store. Thanks must go to my husband who carries out the three trips per week for the collections and the cutting down to size of the cardboard to make the boards for the jigsaws, he has never spent so much time on his knees in our garage before.

If anyone would like to join in the fun of making up the jigsaws there are a selection of them in reception along with the boards, the small boards are for 500 piece puzzles the larger boards are for the 1000 piece. If anyone would like to make up larger puzzles, I do have a selection of 1500 to 6000 pieces ones.

Donation of puzzles can be left in reception but please label for my attention or if collection is required please contact me on 01425 276450 or 07999831649.

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.

Thanks a lot.

Jan Hollowell 01425 276450 or 07999831649