

# AGE Petersfield & District

## Concern

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# Newsletter

## Welcome

A warm welcome to our first newsletter for Age Concern Petersfield and District. As the snowdrops and daffodils begin to appear, we look forward to the warmer weather and getting out and about again.

Many of us enjoyed the theatre visit (All Shook Up) last November, we hope to repeat this outing in 2018. Particular thanks must go to Terry M for not only driving the minibus but helping serve tea and dancing in the aisles! We raised a little for funds too.

Our Christmas Lunch was attended by over 40 people. And once again, Sue and her staff of volunteers gave us an excellent meal plus wine and sherry. Thanks to Kate at the Messenger for the super shoe-boxes: Santa Bob took time out from his busy schedule to help distribute these. Thanks also to the Petersfield Ukulele Band for entertaining us.

Less than a week later, more than 60 people attended our Christmas party – a delicious tea, again down to Sue and her team: a delightful concert from the TPS music department and a rare chance to join George Stephenson singing many old favourites. The Raffle raised £75 (many thanks Sheridan for organising this). Santa Bob arrived once more, crowning the festivities.



A massive thank-you to our Drivers and to Bedales School for lending minibuses. Our Deputy Mayor came along too, well done Hilary!

## Summer Outings Programme

The programme for the summer outings is now available. Just give us a call if you would like to join us on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon for a trip out (outings run April to September). Transport provided door to door by our friendly and helpful team of drivers.

## Happy 18th Birthday to our Computer Team!

121 coaching sessions with our IT team continue to be popular and it's hard to believe they started 18 years ago. The sessions are tailored to you to make the most of your laptop, mobile phone, ipad or tablet.

## Data Protection

New data protection regulations come into force in May this year. This means we need your consent to keep your personal data on our database so that we can keep in contact with you. Some forms will be winging their way to you over the next few weeks for your to complete. Many thanks for your assistance with this.

## Leaving us...

We say good-bye to Mike Moore, John Sparrow and Ian Payne. Ian writes

*"I am sure you are aware just how much the elderly (though young at heart) in Petersfield depend on you (AC) for some critical aspects of their lives. It has been a fulfilling experience for me to have played even a small part in contributing to Age Concern (Petersfield and District) work and it has come as rather a shock to me to realise just how much I will miss the regular contact with those who became long standing friends. Many thanks to you all for my distinguished looking pen"*

Thank you Ian, we will miss you too as we do John and Mike. All the very best for the future.

We also said goodbye to Lorna Mitchell who worked tirelessly for us with Home Clean for many years. Always generous with her time and concern for our clients, she helped many through difficult times. Time for a good rest Lorna.

## Shopping trips

Would you like a lift into town and home again? We have spaces on our minibus and can pick you up and drop you home on a Wednesday or a Friday. Costs £2.

## Dates for your Diary

- 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: Volunteer drivers meeting @10am at the Community Centre
- 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY: Drinks party for all volunteers and staff @6pm venue tbc
- MAY: Royal Wedding Tea: date tbc but near the big day - all welcome
- JUNE: Butlins for the day - should there be enough interest!

## Joining us...

Sheridan Rocher joined us last November bringing with her many years of experience from her efficient management of Winton House. She will assist Leo and the trustees in ensuring we meet current legislation, help promote our services, and attract new volunteers. She will also work with us to develop new services. She will be an enormous asset to Age Concern as will Rachel Harford who takes Sheridan's place at Winton House. We look forward to working in partnership with her.

David Cooke came on board as our Driver Co-ordinator, a role which needs patience and organisation.

## Angela saves the day

A big thank you to Angela, one of our lunch club helpers, for producing a superb cottage pie when Sue, our cook, was unwell.



If you would like to join us for lunch then just give Sue a call. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Community Centre in Petersfield.

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