

Newsletter

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Welcome

Hello and welcome to our Autumn Newsletter.

The question "Where does the time go?" must be asked thousands of times a day - there's rarely a satisfactory answer so it's all a bit of a mystery. In this issue, we look back at happy (and sadder times) and forward to times of learning and companionship. Happy reading!

Rosemary Bishop, Chair of Trustees

Feeling a bit stuck with your smartphone, iPad or laptop? Come along for some IT coaching with our patient, friendly experts. Next sessions start on Thursday 31st October. Contact us for details.

A Hot Topic

To get access to the winter fuel payment we encourage you to find out if you are eligible for pension credit as this gives you access not only to the winter fuel payment but also other benefits.

Call the Govt number 0800 99 1234 and you will be guided through the process, or contact Citizens Advice in Petersfield to help you apply on 0808 278 7901.



Party Celebrations

What an amazing party we had back in August with live 60s music, a fancy dress competition, and plenty of dancing. It was enormous fun and our thanks go to the Half Moon in Sheet for looking after us so well.



We certainly have a lot to celebrate with recent feedback from all of our services being excellent. It is so heartening to hear your views and how much you enjoy what we provide. The staff and volunteers are very dedicated and work hard to give an excellent service. We are so popular that we have waiting lists for many services and arranged additional outings this year as they were over subscribed.

2024 is really a great year to celebrate our 60th birthday. However, we don't keep still for long so watch this space for new ventures.

Joyce Perry

We say goodbye to Joyce who sadly died last month. This is her being the Queen at our



Platinum Jubilee party. She played the part beautifully!

Joyce was instrumental in providing

Age Concern Petersfield with a base within the Winton House Centre back in the 1970s and without her we may not still have existed today. It was fitting, therefore, that Joyce could enjoy our lunch club and outings in her later years. We will miss her.

We'd love to hear from you about what outings you would like us to arrange. Do get in touch or come long to our drop in tea on the afternoon of 7th November. See Dates for your Diary for details.

Looking After Your Estate

"Tax, Care & the New Guy" is the topic at our afternoon talk later this month delivered by Silvertime Legal Estate Planning Services. They did this talk for us a couple of years ago and it was such an eye opener!

Key topics covered are wills and trusts, powers of attorney, managing care fees, and sideways disinheritance.

Monday 28th October, United Reform Church, College Street, Petersfield, 2-4pm. £5 with tea and cake.

Contact Kym Devine to book a place.

Driver Skills Scheme 60+

It is important to enter older age with as many good, safe driving habits as possible.

This scheme is run by Hampshire County Council. You can make an appointment for one of their experienced assessors to visit you at home and sit with you on a typical journey in your own vehicle. They will then issue you with a comprehensive report on your driving skills along with any advice they feel would help.

The report can be used for your own peace of mind, to show to family members or your GP and, in some cases, may be useful to support a licence renewal.

The appraisal costs £45 and lasts around one and a half hours.

Contact: 01962 846100 or email road.safety@hants.gov.uk.

Dates for your Diary

28TH OCT: Tax, Care & the New Guy, 2-4pm, URC, College Street, £5

31ST OCT: IT Coaching course starts, Thursday mornings, one hour slots for one to one coaching

1ST NOV: Body Positive chair based exercise class - 6 week block starts

4TH NOV: Chatty Cafe, 11am, Winton's Cafe, High Street, Petersfield

7TH NOV: Drop in Tea to help plan the outings for 2025, 2-3.30pm, Winton House Centre

27TH NOV: Festive Lunch & Panto at Sinah Warren Hotel, £38

13TH DEC: CHRISTMAS PARTY, 2-4.30PM, COMMUNITY CENTRE

19TH DEC: Guildford Cathedral Carol Service & Xmas lunch, £21

18TH JAN: Robinson Crusoe Pantomime at the Festival Hall, 1-3.30pm, £14. Transport available.

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