

AGE Petersfield & District

Concern

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Newsletter

Welcome

As the days grow shorter and the weather colder, it's tempting to stay inside in the warmth. But there's still a busy calendar of events in and around Petersfield, not least all the fast-approaching Christmas activities. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Lunch and Party – details later in Dates for your Diary.

At a recent Drivers' meeting, we reviewed our Outings Calendar so look out for new venues in 2019. These trips are excellent value with door-to-door transport and our friendly drivers always on hand to help. Drivers also undertook Safeguarding training and ideas to improve our service were noted. Our thanks to David Cooke for Coordinating.

Arts & Crafts Exhibition

Feeling arty and crafty? We are planning a display of over 60s art work at the Winton House Centre in Petersfield over the first weekend in May 2019. If you would like to contribute we would love to hear from you. Those who entered work for our Skilled Hands Exhibitions in recent years are especially invited to do so again. Please contact Sheridan.



Waitrose

Pop your green tokens into our slot when you next shop at Waitrose. It raises much needed funds. We are there for the month of November.

Goodbye to Sue

We were sorry to say goodbye to Sue our Lunch Club Cook. So many people came to say farewell. We will miss you and your legendary roast potatoes.



New Trustees

A warm welcome to our three new trustees. Ruth Sander has a background in healthcare with a special interest in older people; Sean Kanavan is the Manager of Handelsbanken's Petersfield Branch offering his banking skills; Peter Rush worked for Hampshire County Council, including commissioning services for older people. We are delighted to have them on our Board.

Annual Meeting

What a fantastic turn out we had at our Annual Meeting! Over 25 volunteers, staff and trustees attended to hear about the charity's achievements over the past year from Rosemary, the Chair, who thanked everyone for their vital contributions. Drinks and nibbles were enjoyed afterwards.

John Holt

John Holt, an enthusiastic supporter of Age Concern Petersfield, sadly passed away this year. We especially appreciate his contributions to our Charity and were able to leave a remembrance rose for him at the funeral.

Outings

We've had a fantastic outings season with afternoon and day trips all over Hampshire and further afield. Work has started on next year's programme with new trips to include a canal boat trip, Arundel Castle, and a day trip to Warners. The programme is ready in the new year and will be on our website. Let us know if you would like to receive a copy.



A few 'Mad Hatters' on our day trip to Bognor.

Donations and Legacies

We were delighted recently to receive a generous and quite unexpected donation from one of our wonderful Lunch Club supporters. Gifts such as these enable us to continue providing services which we believe are excellent value. To help us continue to do so you can make a donation, or leave a legacy in your will. Contact Sheridan for details on how to arrange this.

Dates for your Diary

4TH DECEMBER: The New Savoy Cinema - The Hatton Gardens Job. 2.30pm start. Tickets £5. Door to door transport provided £2.


13TH DECEMBER: Christmas Lunch for our lunch club members

18TH DECEMBER: Christmas party at the Community Centre, 2pm. This is a free event and open to all. Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, a delicious tea and meet Father Christmas. Contact Sheridan to book a place. Transport can be provided.

Need some Help at Home?

We are excited to be launching a new Help at Home service in the near year. This scheme matches you with a Home Help who can do your cleaning, shopping, laundry, dog walking and provide companionship. This is a chargeable service with vetted Home Helps that you can trust. Please contact Sheridan for more details.

Lunch Club News

Our twice weekly Lunch Club goes from strength to strength, our catering team producing a super 2 course meal for only £4. We continue our partnership with the national Charity  FareShare, our weekly boxes often contain quite expensive (and surprising) items we can share with our lunch club members.

Come along on a Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 noon at the Community Centre, Petersfield. Transport available.

Do you live in East Meon?

We have spaces on our minibus and can take you into Petersfield on a Wednesday morning. Costs £2.50 return from East Meon. We also pick up within Petersfield on both a Wednesday and a Friday morning for a lift to the centre. Just give David a call.

A Big Thank You to our Drivers

At the end of this year we say goodbye to Robin Hart, Maria Hewitt, and Simon Mackarness. Thank you so much for the many years of service you have given to support local older people.

We now need additional drivers once or twice a month. Can you help? Full induction provided and MIDAS training. Please contact Sheridan or see the website for more details.

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