

NEWSIGHT JUNE 2006

From the Acting Director's Chair

Two months have passed since moving from the old, cramped premises in Staplers to our splendid new Centre. What a difference! We have space and elegance at last, and many people have worked hard to get it ready. Hilary Bolton, Rosie Messing and others have worked their magic on the garden areas, aided by volunteers from HTP and a group of civil servants from Guildford who came to do a makeover. Instead of beefy blokes they were all ladies, but with help from local companies—HSS Tool Hire, ITS Tools, Richard Carter, Downer Skip Hire—a lot was achieved in a day. Solent TV captured it all.

The Rotarians were here on the 20th May to officially open the Recording Studio, the cost of which they donated to the society.

We are getting a very positive feedback by both clients and visitors to the new centre and as staff we feel lucky to enjoy such lovely surroundings in which to continue the Society 's work.

Spring Draw Prize Winners

- 1st Liz Earle Pamper Kit - L Preston
- 2nd Bottle of Port - M Frost
- 3rd Bottle of Brandy - Mrs R Badger
- 4th Bottle of Whisky - R Chisholm
- 5th £10 Gift Voucher - Mrs Perkins
- 6th ditto - Mrs J Seymour
- 7th ditto - B Roberts
- 8th Bottle of Bristol Cream - L Serovia
- 9th Bottle of White Wine - Mr Williams
- 10th Bottle of Red Wine - Mrs W Newman

- 11th Bottle of Rose Wine - D Bailey
- 12th Lg tin of Cadbury Choc Biscuits - G Brocklebank
- 13th £5 Gift Token - K Kien
- 14th Ferrero Roche - No name
- 15th Roses Chocolates - Mr George
- 16th Cookey Jar - Mr Warren

A Big 'Thank you' to everyone who bought tickets

New - Computer Lessons

Want to improve your computer skills and obtain a certificate that employers will recognise?

Need special software and a tutor who understands your needs?

Then IWSB may have just the course for you!

CLAIT (Computer Literacy And Information Technology) proves you can use the main computer applications, such as word processing, spreadsheets, using e-mail and the internet. CLAIT is flexible even if you've very little experience in computing, and you can move on to other levels to increase your proficiency.

IWSB is planning to offer a number of 15 week sessions (2 hours per week) starting in September during the day. We have a brand new computer suite with specialised interactive software and will use an experienced trainer who understands the needs of visually impaired learners.

These courses are funded by the European Social Fund and the Learning and Skills Council through the Isle of Wight College. They are intended to improve skills and employability and so only those people who are unemployed (or working less than 16 hours per week) and actively seeking work are eligible for the course.

Please contact Millbrooke House on 522205 for more information or to register.

FOR SALE

Magnilink colour
CCTV reader
17in monitor
2 yrs old
Very Good condition
£1000 or near offer

Clearview Spectrum
Desktop video
Magnifier
£1295 or near offer

An electrically
operated fully
Reclining Armchair
Green Velour
£100—a bargain

Buses to Millbrooke House

To reach our new centre by bus you will need to catch either a No. 7 or No. 38 from the town centre.

From 9am the No 7 leaves Newport (Church Litten) at 15 mins and 45 mins passed each hour. The 38 (Town Bus) leaves on the hour and ½ hour until 2pm. giving a 15 minute service past the Centre until 2pm each day.

Get off the bus at Carisbrooke Monument, walk on up the road approx 100 yards. If you follow the railings on your right hand side, when they start to slope downwards you are then level with our

wrought iron gate on your left. There are numerals 137 on the wall to the right of the gate.

The No 7 returns to Newport past the centre at 10 mins to the hour and 20 mins passed the hour.

To reach this bus stop turn right at our gate, proceed back down the road to the crossing. Cross using the lights and continue on down right for about 15 yards.

R P Group

This is a new support group for clients with Retinitis Pigmentosa. Come for Coffee and a Chat.

12th June 10.30 to 12pm

at Millbrooke House, 137 Carisbrooke Road, Newport

Fun Day

Saturday 24th June 11am – 3pm

Stalls – Cakes - Teas

At the home of Pat Pearce Ryde

Tel:56 54 04 for more details

Gardening

Would you like to join the
Volunteer Gardening Group?

Tuesdays 2-4pm

Please ring Sally on 522205

Also

Visiting

We have clients who would like a visitor, perhaps an hour once a month for tea and a chat.

All expenses reimbursed

Contact Susan on 522205

Diary Dates for the Clubs

Busy Bees Every Thursday 11am to 3pm

Activities planned in addition to Shella's music and movement and the handicraft

June 1st - Trip to the Lavender Farm

June 8th - 11-3pm Pam to do hand massage and nails

June 15th - 1.30 to 2.30 Talk from Age Concern –
Ellen Weeks and Alan Ayres

June 22nd - Mr Flanders Chiropody

June 29th - 1.30 to 2.30 Mr Roger Musson coming to play his keyboard

July 6th - Trip to Roman Villa in Brading 11am to 12noon.
Guided tour and opportunity to handle collection.

July 13th - Summer BBQ

July 20th - 1.30 to 2.30 Mr Flanders Chiropody plus
1.30 to 2.15pm Jill Longstaff reading short stories

Arts and Crafts

Every 3rd Tuesday 10-30am to 3pm

Art with Jenny

Music and Movement with Shella

Reminiscence with Miranda

Poetry with Jill Longstaff

There are spare spaces at all the clubs so please ring Sally at the centre if you would like to come and join in the activities

Activities Group 2006

14th June - Ian and Pat Entertain

28th June - Anniversary Dinner

12th July - BBQ at Anita's

26th July - Evening Cruise

7th August - Ghost Walk Botanic Gardens

23rd August - Evening Picnic at Seaclose Park

6th September - Bowling at LA Bowl

20th September - Evening with Graham and Brenda

4th October - Chinese Evening at Dragon Pearl Shanklin

18th October - Bowling at La Bowl

1st November - Evening at the Apollo Theatre

15th November - Indian Evening

29th November - Bowling at LA Bowl

13th December - Christmas Dinner

Night Owls 2006

7 June - Ian and Pat Entertain

21 June - David and Sylvia's Evening

5 July - Summer buffet in the garden at Pan

19 July - Jim Harrop and his piano

2 Aug - Summer Buffet at Millbrook House

16 Aug - Talk – Journey across America
30 Aug - Apple tasting and Quiz evening
13 Sept – to be arranged
27 Sept – to be arranged
11 Oct - Slip Shod Singers from Yarmouth
25 Oct - Wicked Women of the Wight by Adrian Searle
8 Nov - Talk – My Working life at the Crematorium
2 Nov - to be arranged
6 Dec – to be arranged
20 Dec - Christmas Dinner at the Wheatsheaf

Don't forget to ring in and tell us if you are unable to come at anytime as wasted transport costs time and money.

Knitters Unite!

A few weeks ago the British & International Sailors' Society based in Southampton held a **Woolly Hat Week**. They asked people to knit woolly hats for the world's seafarers. Many arrive on our shores ill-prepared for the cold and chilly climate we have here. Fresh from the warmer countries of Indonesia, India and the Philippines, seafarers readily take advantage of the woolly hats offered to them by the BISS Port Chaplains around the country.

As a result of publicity on local television, Tony Wood contacted the Sailors' Society to give them our support. They sent us free knitting patterns which were quickly snapped up by members of the Busy Bees Thursday Club and a good number of hats have already been produced.

If you are interested in knitting a hat please contact Sally on 52 22 05 and she will send you a knitting pattern.

Also if you have any double-ply wool to spare we would be glad to receive it.

URGENT REQUEST – FLAG DAY 2006

We are having our Annual Flag Day on Saturday 1st July and we would very much appreciate the support from Clients in all locations round the Island. This is one of our main fund raising events and we would like to make it a record year. A few hours of your time would make all the difference.

It can be fun and feels very exciting when your box fills up with coins! Would you like to help?

If so call Jane or Tony Wood on 522205 for further details.

Thank you – let's make this a really successful event for 2006.

Coffee and Chat Mornings

Come along and bring a friend

Windmill Hotel,
Steyne Rd, Bembridge

Last Tues of the Month - 10.15am to 11.15am

27th June

25th July

29th August

26th September

31st Oct

28th Nov

End of the Line Café,
Afton Road, Freshwater

Last Monday of the month (except Aug Bank Holiday) -
10.30am to 12 noon

26th June
31st July
21st Aug
25th September
30th Oct
27th Nov

Niton Post Office

Last Tuesday of the month - 10am to 11.30am

27th June
25th July
29th Aug
26th September
31st Oct
28th Nov

George Street Centre, Ryde

2nd Tuesday of the month - 10.30am to 12 noon

13th June
11th July
8th Aug
12th September
10th Oct
14th Nov
12th Dec

Mobile Resource Unit

The Mobile Resource unit will be at the following venues throughout the summer. They will be pleased to explain the work of the Society and show you some of the very useful equipment available to you.

June 14th - Carers' Day, Riverside Centre, 10.30am to 3.30pm
July 1st - Flag Day, Newport
July 15th - Rookley Show
July 25th - Coffee and Chat, Niton Post Office, 10.00am to 12 noon
August 5th and 6th - Chale Show
August 12th and 13th - County Show

Message from Rod Woodward

I would like to say a big thank you for the kind telephone calls and messages I have received just before my retirement. Thank you too for the cards and gifts.

It was a lovely surprise to be welcomed by the Busy Bees and included in their buffet lunch. Thank you very much.

I shall not be putting my feet up, as I help to run a Guest House in Bonchurch. There is also a large garden to look after.

I also practise a healing art called Reiki. This is an ancient form of healing developed in Japan, originating in Buddhism. If you would like further details just ring the office and they will pass your message onto me.

There are a good team of people to look after your needs at the Society for the Blind and it has been a great pleasure to work with them as part of that team.

My very best to you all.

Rod

To all Cinema goers

Cineworld at Coppins Bridge Newport have Audio Description for many of the films as advertised in the County Press.

If you would like this service please ask them for it.

Chiropody service

available every 4th Thursday afternoon at Millbrooke House.

Open to clients, volunteers and staff of the society.

Cost £10 per person per session. If you would like to book a place or to get more information please phone Sally on 522205

Alternatively you can book an appointment at Mr Flanders' Freshwater practice and receive the same concessionary discounts.