

Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton

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NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2020. I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

We have started 2020 with another volunteer joining our team of drivers and we hope Sheila Trigell will enjoy her time with us.

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 26 February 2020

First Aid training 8 to 9.30 pm

Thursday 27 February 2020

AGM St Mary's Hall, Everton, 2 to 4 pm

Saturday 07 March 2020

Hordle Community Association Cafe Morning. A chance to hand in your driver return for February between 10.00 and 11.30

Saturday 04 April 2020

Hordle Community Association Cafe Morning. A chance to hand in your driver return for March between 10.00 and 11.30

Saturday 02 May 2020

Hordle Community Association Cafe Morning. A chance to hand in your driver return for April between 10.00 and 11.30



Christmas Dinner 2019

Our second Christmas Dinner at The South Lawns Country Hotel and again we had an enjoyable evening. Whilst comments have been generally favourable we will be seeking your views about a venue and type of evening for 2020. I have attached a photograph of one group and there are others on our website under News and Events.



Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27 February 2020 St Mary's Church Hall, Everton from 2 to 4 pm

The papers for the AGM have been circulated and I hope as many of you as possible will be able attend. The AGM is a requirement of our constitution but it is also an opportunity to get together and discuss items of interest.

The committee have been in position now for about 11 years and we are

very keen to make sure there are people willing to take on those positions in order for the Group to continue. Please give serious consideration in joining us on the committee and taking on an officer's role in due course.

This year we have Nigel Luke from Hampshire County Council attending who will give us an insight into the website the council have created to enable people to find care and support services to allow them to stay independent as long as possible.

We have invited some of our clients to join us and we will be asking drivers to assist in conveying them to and from the meeting. We will cover the cost of mileage. I hope you will be able to help.

First Aid Training

Wednesday 26 February 2020 8.00 to 9.30 pm.

Ian Patterson has kindly arranged for us to join the training evening at St John Ambulance, Hannah Way, Gordleton to receive advice on how to perform CPR and how to use the public defibrillators that are available at various locations.

A small number of volunteers have indicated they will attend but there is room for more! If you want further details please contact me or Ian Patterson.

We hope to organise another session later in the year.

Car Parking Charges

Recently one of the drivers had a problem exiting the barrier outside the Eye Department, Southampton Hospital. The 'Help' button was not working and



due to the build up traffic he purchased a parking ticket from the machine.

We have spoken to Travelwise at the hospital and they have advised that there are 'Help' buttons on the ticket machines and these can be used if there is a problem at the barrier. They are also willing to reimburse the parking fee.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have a problem regarding car parking charges so we can consult the appropriate company.

Also, please remember if there is a need to pay for parking, this should be at the expense of the client.

Hordle and Tiptoe Village Fairs

We attend the village fairs in order to advertise our service, look for potential volunteers and also raise a little income through a game to attract attention to the stall.

For the last couple of years we have had little support from volunteers at these events which makes it very difficult to speak with people and attract them to the group.

We will discuss this at the AGM so if you have any ideas we would welcome your comments.

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The next Newsletter will be issued after the committee meeting to be held on 21 May 2020.

If you wish to have an item included in the Newsletter please contact Ian.