

Country Lunches



Country Lunches is held fortnightly on a Wednesday at Punnetts Town Village Hall. A warm welcome and a delicious two course, home cooked meal (followed by tea or coffee) awaits you!

Following a rigorous examination, the team were delighted to receive a continuation of our 5 star food hygiene rating, which is great testament to the high standards the team continually strive to achieve. Congratulations to all concerned!



We especially enjoy celebrating special events with our clients and volunteers, which we did recently – a very happy birthday to Colin from Davenport Park and to our very own Annabel, who received some flowers for her special birthday too!



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Chairperson Announcement

Sadly, due to work and personal commitments, Nina has decided she is no longer able to take up the post of Chairperson for Age Concern Heathfield and District and will no longer be a member of the organisation.

The Trustees will do all they can to search for a new volunteer to take on the role of chairperson whilst ensuring the charity remains compliant with all its legal obligations. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested in taking on this role, or would like to know more about it, please contact us as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, the day to day running of our services will continue to be carried out by the management teams – Minibus Service led by Dawn Brock, Medical Car Service led by Julie Langdon and the Men's Shed by its operating committee.

Hopefully it won't be too long before we can update you with some more positive news.

Trustees – Age Concern Heathfield and District



Heathfield Men's Shed

HMS have received new commissions in the last few weeks such as Bird boxes for the Parish council & private commissions for post box, bat boxes & bespoke story boxes.

We are currently working on some new products in readiness for sales targeted during Easter such as hexagonal planters, planter raised beds, wellie boot holders & pullers together with some Easter bunnies. We've cleared out some surplus tools & sold some surplus furniture.

During the following months we will increase our interaction with the adjacent nursery school. Our membership is full but a waiting list is available.

The Union Church is open most days for hot drinks, food, friendship and the Food Waste Project. For more details phone: 01435 867195

St Richards are stopping Warm spaces on Fridays, however Welcome Warm Space is on Mondays 1pm – 4pm at the Welcome Baptist Church.

The Bereavement/ Friendship group are now meeting the first Monday of the month in Aroma Cafe. Please ring 01435 866960 for more information.

Keeping local Residents Warm and Happy

We are delighted to have been able to hand out twiddle muffs and blankets to local individuals, plus lots of blankets, bed runners and twiddle muffs to several local Care Homes who look after a number of people we have known over the years. We had a very nice email from Oaklands Care Home, Horam, extracts from which show how worth while this service is to others.

“The blankets are all being used in the Lounge and have brightened up the room tenfold and the fiddle muffs just keep giving as new surprise bits and bobs are constantly being found on them. The time, effort and sheer kindness of this huge donation is very much appreciated by us all”.

None of this would be possible without our band of knitters and crochet experts who work throughout the year to keep us supplied. So a heartfelt thank you to you all!

Spring Trips and Lunch Programme 2023

March 2023		
Monday 6 th	Beacon Centre	10.30am-3.00pm
Wed. 8 th	Country Lunches	
Friday 10 th	Tottingworth	12.00pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 14 th	Union Church Lunch	
Friday 17 th	Tottingworth	12.00pm-2.30pm
Wed. 22 nd	Country Lunches	
Friday 24 th	Tottingworth	12.00pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 28 th	Union Church Lunch	

May 2023		
Wed. 3 rd	Country Lunches	
Tuesday 9 th	Union Church Lunch	
Friday 12 th	Paradise Park	11.00am-4.00pm
Monday 15 th	Hilliers Trip	11.00am-3.00pm (swapped because the original date, 8th is a bank holiday)
Wed. 17 th	Country Lunches	
Friday 19 th	Paradise Park	11.00am-4.00pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Union Church Lunch	
Wed. 31 st	Country Lunches	

April 2023		
Monday 3 rd	Hilliers Trip	11.00am-3.00pm (swapped because the original date, 10th is a bank holiday)
Wed. 5 th	Country Lunches	
Tuesday 11 th	Union Church Lunch	
Friday 14 th	Lunch Stavertons Nursery	11.30am-2.30pm
Monday 17 th	Lunch Stavertons Nursery	11.30am-2.30pm
Wed. 19 th	Country Lunches	
Tuesday 25 th	Union Church Lunch	
Friday 28 th	Pashley Manor	FULLY BOOKED

Medical Car Service: (01435) 515090

Country Lunches - Julie: (01435) 863690
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Minibus Transport - To book or cancel a place on a minibus please call Elizabeth: (01435) 866960

Union Church Lunches Jean Plummer: (01435) 883483

If you normally attend Country Lunches we assume you will attend them all, however if you are unable to come for any reason please let us know.

Due to high demand, we have introduced closing dates for bookings to enable us to plan buses and passenger lists. We will close bookings for each trip from the 15th of the previous month e.g. Closing date for April trips will be 15th March etc. Please could we ask that you only book a place on a trip if you intend to go. We are experiencing high levels of cancellations, often at short notice, which not only has stopped someone else from being able to have a seat, but is also impacting on our ability to cover our costs. Where possible, we ask that you give us three days notice of any cancellation.'