

Oakdale Residents Community Association

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.....Happy New Year.....



NEWS SHEET – JANUARY 2015

It is our 20th Anniversary year and to celebrate, ORCA is joining in with the National Big Community Lunch event on **Sunday 7th June 2015**. We hope that other Oakdale based groups will join in with us. Bring a picnic lunch to the Oakdale Park to eat together.



ACORNS Community Coffee Shop

**10am to 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings
in the Margaret Craig Room**

Open during term time only, for tea, coffee, cold drinks, cakes, and treats.
All at very reasonable prices. Served by lovely ORCA volunteers.
A warm welcome to new Acorns volunteers, Naomi, Henry and Christine.



Dear Members,

Looking back over the past year, ORCA has had a bit of a roller coaster ride - quite a lot of downs and not so many ups! It was good to see so many of you at the 2014 AGM and have the opportunity to chat with you following the formal meeting. It was at this event that the news first broke that Poole Council, following a building survey, had judged the hall unsafe to use so it was closed with immediate effect. Following that, Poole Council determined that repair was not economically viable and that the hall should be demolished.

Members of the ORCA committee met with a council representative requesting that options such as rebuild or repair by ORCA to make the building usable in the short term be explored, but to no avail.

However, this does not mean the end of ORCA - we continue in the hope that there will be opportunities to develop hall-based activities in the future. Meanwhile, the Margaret Craig room, used as the Acorns community coffee shop, continues to be a valuable asset and this room can be hired out to the community or used for smaller ORCA activities. The committee continue to work to benefit our members and the community with planned events. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Debbie King, Chair of ORCA committee

Monday 12th January. Members

Matinee Mingle. 2pm. In the Margaret Craig Room. 15 minute speaker at 2.30. Madeira & wine tasting *No Pensioners Club*

Friday 16th January Age 50+? Or concerned about someone who is?

Come to a Home Safety Falls Prevention Event 10am – 2pm The Church of the Good Shepherd, 35 Stanfield Road (off Herbert Avenue) BH12 3HR. Bin your sloppy slippers and collect a new pair fitted free of charge! With tips about surviving the winter and finances. For info phone 01202 977073.

Saturday 17th January. Open General Meeting For Everyone. 11am.

Please come and hear about ORCA, the current situation regarding the Oakdale community centre and the demolition of the main hall. *Where do we go from here? What do you think?*

Friday 13th February. Valentine Prize

Bingo Night. 7.30pm eyes down. All players welcome. Family fun.

**Second
Monday
each
month
1.30-
3.30pm**

Oakdale Pensioners Club
A friendly get-together, guest speaker and refreshments, outings arranged. Tel: Brenda 01202 386163

16th and 18th February – Oakdale Library has events going on during half term. Pop in or go online to learn more.

Tuesday 24th February. Members Morning Mingle. 11am. Coffee morning with 15 minute speaker at 11.30.

Saturday 14th March. Coach trip to Southampton to see the P&O Britannia Cruiseship Sailaway, with Fish & chips. £35 adult and £20 child. As she leaves port, we will be onboard a blue funnel boat to follow her up the Southampton waterway with a fun commentary from the captain and be served fish & chips onboard the 2 hour boat trip. Book via the ORCA Office asap, limited tickets.

Saturday 21st March. Table Top Sale. 2pm for buyers. Sellers entry at 1pm. £6 table. Book via the ORCA Office.

Friday 17th April. Crazy Quiz night. 7.30pm start. Maximum teams of 6. Pairs and singles welcome of course £6 each with food. Limited space. Book via ORCA Office.

Saturday 16th May. Table Top Sale. 2pm for buyers. Sellers entry at 1pm. £6 table. Book via the ORCA Office.

Sunday 7th June. Big Community Lunch. Come bring a picnic celebrating 20 years of O.R.C.A. – 1995 to 2015.

Sunday 12th July. Family Beach Festival. 10-3pm Sand polo Arena, Sandbanks. Free Event.

Many Thanks to Alan Pollard and Mac Thomas for painting the Margaret Craig Room during the Christmas break.

Volunteers – It's always good to hear from people locally who could give us assistance with all our activities. Perhaps you could help to put the tables up and down, for a tabletop sale once monthly, or can help with typing or designing a poster. When we have a **Members Mingle**, we would like people to give a short talk or demonstration for fun or to get us to think about our world. If you would like to consider volunteering

opportunities, please contact ORCA and leave a message for our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Lesley Kerley. 01202 772894 lesley.kerley@ntlworld.com

FOR SALE – for a donation - Items in our old storeroom that need to go !
Set of left handed golf clubs & Hippo golf bag
Short Mat Bowls mats and equipment
Plastic stackable chairs, computer chair
Freezer - small
Tables, wheelie underdesk drawers,
Big barbeque and more.....

The ORCA Christmas Raffle was drawn on 18th December – the **Bumper Hamper** was won by Eddie Burrige. Many thanks to all that bought tickets.

WANTED – your unwanted or unsuitable xmas gifts eg a bottle of vodka, or donations that we can use for raffles, tombola or prizes.

Books, clean bric-a-brac, CDs, DVDs and wool - ORCA would like some more to sell in the Acorns Coffee Shop please.

Membership

Yippee - as it's a special year for ORCA, if you were a paid-up member in 2014, then your membership for 2015 will be complimentary. A card will be sent to you. Our members make us STRONGER. ORCA members get the first news of our events and activities, voting rights at our AGM and a good price on outings. New membership forms are available at the centre outside the ORCA office.

Members Mingles will be held regularly at different times of day, following the popularity of our Mince Pie Mingle in December. These are for MEMBERS only but may be held during an Acorns open morning. Please let Lesley know if you can offer a helping hand to arrange these.

Thinking of learning something new? Visit www.skillsandlearningbdp.co.uk to view all their courses.

On The ORCA Committee are-
Debbie King
Russ Saines
Linda Hollows
Lesley Kerley
Kay Guess

**ORCA is run entirely by volunteers for the Oakdale community and beyond.
Please help if you can with either voluntary work or financial support**