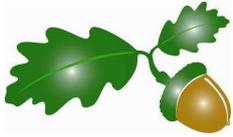


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NEWS SHEET – JUNE 2015



ACORNS Community Coffee Shop **Monday to Friday mornings 10am to 1pm** **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.

Welcome to new Acorns volunteer, Gillian

Dear Members,
It's a great thing to be celebrating our 20th anniversary. ORCA was inaugurated at a public meeting in May 1995 and we still have some original members. Many more have joined along the way and we hope that all will be able to join us on Sunday 7th June at the big lunch picnic event.

The Margaret Craig Room was named after our founder, who worked tirelessly with a group of Oakdale residents to get use of the building as a community centre after the school closed. ORCA got use of the hall, classroom and office in 1997.

We have had many successful summer fairs, car boots, quizzes, trips and activities since then, and lots of tea, coffee and biscuits! If you have any photos to join our history gallery please bring them in or post or email, thanks.



At the Donkey Sanctuary in April 2015

With the April newsletter, a questionnaire asked you for the best time of week to attend a regular members meeting. The Majority reply was for a Monday afternoon. Therefore here are dates for a

trial period, to assess numbers and see what mischief we might get up to –
Monday Members at 2pm on June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and July 6th & 13th only.
In the Margaret Craig room.

Friday 5st June. Prize bingo night.
7.30pm eyes down. All players welcome.

Sunday 7th June. Big Community Lunch. Come bring a picnic, 12 to 3pm.
Tea & cake provided. RSVP

Saturday 13th June. St Georges Church Car boot Sale. Darbys Lane 10-12 noon.

Friday 19th June. St Mary's School, Devon Rd, Summer Fayre. 3.30 to 5pm

Saturday 20th June. Spring Garden Party in Oakdale Library gardens.
10.30-12.30 with refreshments by Creekmoor with Oakdale WI, crafts, garden plants, stalls, children's storytime. Free entry. ORCA are doing a tombola and need 2 more volunteers to help on that morning from 9.30am please.

Saturday 20th June. St Edwards School Summer Fayre. 12 to 3pm with stalls, games, cakes, tombola and raffle.

Saturday 4th July. Oakdale Junior School Summer Fete. 12.30 to 3.30.
Stalls fun and games

Saturday 4th July. Friends of Hamworthy Park Summer Fete.
Lulworth Avenue BH15 4DH. 12 to 5pm.
ORCA members can meet up with Lesley at beach hut number 27. Swim optional.☺

Friday 10th July. ORCA AGM.

7pm main meeting and ploughmans meal after. Full notices sent to members.

Saturday 11th July. Stanley Green

Infants Academy Summer Fete. 12 to 5pm. Fun & food. ORCA plan to have a stall - 2 volunteers needed please.

Friday 17th July. Mystery trip for

members. Leaving @ 10.30. Booking essential via ORCA office or Lesley. £8.

Sunday 2nd August. Poole Carnival.

Would Oakdale members like to take part in some way?

Room Bookings - Since the hall was demolished in July 2014, we now have just The Margaret Craig room to use and hire out. That's the room that we use for Acorns coffee shop in the mornings. We really need to have the room used more and would like to hear from anyone interested in a regular booking - it is available afternoons and evenings.

In ACORNS

Tuesdays mornings – scrabble available.
Thursdays mornings you are invited to bring in your own handicrafts to work on.

We now have an 'Ideas2Action' collection box in Acorns. Bring in your empty biscuit wrappers to deposit. The idea is that they are recycled and turned into useful items such as pencil cases. More information is on the box.

Volunteers – It's always good to hear from people locally who could give us assistance with all our activities. You may like:

Committee work, or administration.
Facebook and Twitter
Painting our little office – urgent
Delivering leaflets

Could you give a short talk or demonstration for fun and education?
If you would like to consider volunteering opportunities, please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Lesley Kerley.
lesley.kerley@ntlworld.com 01202 772894.

FOR SALE – for a donation - Items in our old storeroom that need to go! White plates.

Set of golf clubs & Hippo golf bag
Short Mat Bowls mats and equipment
Tables, wheelie underdesk drawers,

WANTED – we will be grateful for your unwanted gifts or any 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 Acorns please.

Membership - Our members make us STRONGER. ORCA members get the first news of our events and activities, voting rights at our AGM and a reduced price on outings. New membership forms are available outside the ORCA office. Full Members are those living in Oakdale. Associate Members for those living outside the Oakdale area. Adult Membership, per year, costs £5 (18 years old and over). Family and junior membership available.

Activities report - At the Easter Monday Art Exhibition there were 98 entries – all work by students of art classes with skills & learning. Visitors had refreshments and voted by secret ballot for the work that appealed to them the most. Artists were delighted at the response to their work.

In April we had a Coach trip to Sidmouth and the Donkey Sanctuary
Whilst some were dropped at the top of the hill at Sidmouth and walked down from the Gardens, others walked around the seafront and had lunch in town. The donkey sanctuary was delightful – photo on previous page at the donkey statue that welcomes everyone.

Unfortunately we have to report that both the **Pensioners Club and the Whist Club** have closed. Our grateful thanks to Brenda Boyd, Bert Roberts, Ron Dugdale, and all their helpers for keeping those clubs running for many years. Your time and effort is appreciated.

The ORCA Committee is currently-

Debbie King
Russ Saines
Lesley Kerley
Linda Hollows
Tony Miles

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