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## **SPRING NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2022 ISSUE NO. 67**

Welcome to our Spring News Letter. It has been another year of uncertainty with more lockdowns and restrictions, and not forgetting the jobs of course! We hope you were all able to enjoy Christmas in some way, and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

### **COMMITTEE NEWS**

In October we welcomed Teresa Hanington as the new membership secretary, and in November her husband Martin joined us too. Great to have new people with new ideas on the committee.

### **BRANCH MEETINGS**

After an enforced break of nineteen months we were finally able to get back together again in September. Our 'Meet & Greet' meeting was a great success with more than forty five people attending. We were also pleased to welcome some new members too.

In October Lou Ropner came and gave us a very interesting talk about her craft of stained glass mosaics, and brought along some of her lovely pieces for us to see.

In November thirty members and friends went to Abbey Mill, Tintern. We enjoyed a delicious Christmas carvery lunch and entertainment. Some people also explored the shops. Including the one that goes under the restaurant and seems to go on forever!

December was our Christmas party. It was well attended in spite of Covid and a cold evening. We all enjoyed a 'bring & share' buffet, and a singsong with the Athelstan Players. Thank you to everyone who brought food for the buffet, and donations for the raffle. Thank you also to the committee and our 'extra' helpers Danielle, Laura & Henry.

We are hoping that the Covid situation will improve this year, and we will be able to complete a full programme of events.

## **AGM**

Unfortunately we have had to cancel The AGM on January 26<sup>th</sup>, as we have just received updated instructions from head office. We hope to be able to reschedule it later in the year, as last year's had to be cancelled too.

## **EXERCISE/DANCE CLASSES**

Weekly exercise dance classes with Hannah Creighton continued on Zoom for most of the year. In person classes started again on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at Springfield Leisure Centre Corsham. 4pm to 5.30 every Friday.

If you would like more information, please contact Christine.

## **CORSHAM CAFÉ**

The Corsham Café is now affiliated to the Malmesbury branch. The Café is held on the first Monday of the month at The Greenhouse Café, Wadswick Retirement Village, Corsham, SN13 9FN. All welcome for an informal chat and coffee. If you would like more information, please contact Sue.

## **DONATION**

Each year at Late Night Christmas shopping in Malmesbury Richard Walker of Leonard Walker Family Butchers sells burgers outside his Market Cross shop with all profits going to charity. This year Richard and his team which included Martin Hanington, cooked and sold 300 burgers in just over 2 hours raising the fantastic sum of £1,000 which he donated to the Malmesbury branch of Parkinson's UK.

## **GENERAL HELP AND ADVICE**

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## **BRANCH WEBSITE**

Please check out our branch website, [Http://Malmesburyparkinsons.org.uk](http://Malmesburyparkinsons.org.uk)

If there is anything that you think should be included on the website, please let Christine or Sue know.

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