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Coffee Mornings

Monday 05 September 2022

10.00 till 12.00,

Doors open 09.50

Lucy is coming along for a spot
of Armchair Yoga.

At Linden House,

112 Tettenhall Road

Wolverhampton

WV6 0DD

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Monday 03 October 2022

10.00 till 12.00

Doors open 09.50

We have the lovely Jo for
another cooking demonstration

Monday 19 September 2022

Doors open 12.30 for a 1.00

start till 3.30

Slips are in your Newsletter
inviting you to our AGM.

We are looking forward to a
real meeting this year. Please
complete the enclosed form and
hand them in at our September
coffee morning or give me a
call.

Monday 13 June

Tracy and Nicky came

from Boots to show us their

Clinique products, they chose a
model for the makeover.

Our very own lovely Betty was
their model for the day, thank
you Betty for being a good
sport.



Don't worry Betty, your secret is safe with me, I won't tell a soul your 99 years old.

Llandudno

Friday 27 May 2022

£5.00 to members.

Members have reported back, and all agree what a lovely day out they had. The weather was quite kind, it was not hot and sunny, but it was nice and dry.

As of September 2022, everything will be back to 'normal' Membership fees are due at £7 Single membership £10 for a Double membership. Payment slips are in with this Newsletter.

Please return them at our September coffee morning or post to our treasurer

Kath Sankey

78 Dilloways Lane

Willenhall

West Midlands, WV13 3HJ

I shall continue to take orders until the end of August for the items advertised in June's Newsletter.

Raffle at the Coffee mornings will return to £1.00 per strip.

However, Tea/Coffee will remain at 50p a cup for the last three Coffee mornings in 2022.

Your committee will continue to look for ways to both help and treat members during 2023.

Monday 04 July 2022

Today Leigh French came along to tell us about the services and products Telecare have to offer. He bought along an alarmed pill dispenser; this will continue to emit an alarm until you take that set of pills.

He suggested having two of these and asking your chemist if they will hold onto and fill the dispenser with your medication then deliver it to you whilst collecting the empty one to refill. They also have a fall alarm which you can wear round neck or wrist, these are waterproof so no need to take them off in the shower, where many falls occur. This detects when you suddenly drop low and is connected to a call centre, they will call you immediately and dispatch St Johns Ambulance to attend if necessary. They also have an alarm to keep in your home

which can be moved from room to room wherever you spend most time as required, once plugged back in the programmed setting will be intact. A Key box can be supplied, burglar proof, so, if necessary, family, ambulance, fire brigade can enter your home to assist you.

Leigh passed around the items and explained how they work, he or someone from his team would come to your home to get you set up and he advised that some people qualify for the free package however there are some cases where there may be a small charge of £3 or £5 per week, depending on individual needs and benefits received.

Leigh briefly touched on the Handyman Service

Wolverhampton Homes have a Homes Adaptation grant for equipment / alterations to your home. This is not means tested, the requirement is that you are 65 + or if under 65 you would need to be on qualifying benefits. Leigh has provided the links below for more information on the services he spoke about.

**Leigh French | Telecare Team
Leader | Wolverhampton Homes | Telecare
Service |**

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TELECARE

To access telecare it is best to call the following number: 01902 553585. (if there is no answer the customer will be asked to leave an answerphone message, please encourage **ALL** customers to leave a message we will respond within 24 hours.)

For more Telecare information you can access the following website:

<https://www.wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk/help-support/supporting-people/grants-and-support/telecare/>

HANDY MAN, HOME ADAPTATIONS & GRANTS

For more information please email: hia@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk

more info can also be found at <https://www.wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk/help-support/supporting-people/grants-and-support/>

Pre-Paid Funeral Plan

You may recall I mentioned companies needed to be regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) to continue selling Pre-Paid Funeral plans.

The list is far too long for me to publish here. However, after checking the FCA register I noted Rest Assured had withdrawn their application to be authorised by the FCA. So,

I rang Rest Assured to ask what this meant to people with Funeral Plans with them. I spoke to a very helpful girl who explained that everyone's money is held in a trust and as Rest Assured are a relative newcomer to funeral plans and with the numerous requirements requested by the FCA, they felt it was in their client's best interest to transfer the plans to a larger regulated company. They are still in talks until the 29 July to decide who to move the plans to. Each funeral plan holder will be written to after this date, probably in August to explain why the change and who your new provider will be. I asked for assurance at least 6 times that no-one would lose money or plan and was given the direct answer 'No, all the money is held in a trust none of our clients will lose out on anything'. I hope this helps you understand what is going on. However, should you decide to ring and ask for yourself, ring one of the numbers on your Plan Card, choose option No 2 and have your plan reference number at hand, this should also be on your card.

Age Concern

Age concern have moved, they are now situated their current address is The Workspace, All Saints Road, Wolverhampton, WV2 1EL.

Tel; 01902 572050.

They offer an information telephone service only, there is no longer a face-to-face service. They have a handyman service and are looking at providing a home help service.

Stay Safe Everyone

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Chairperson / Editor

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