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ANDOVER & DISTRICT OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

MEMBER'S NOTICE BOARD

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Welcome to our Notice Board for **Spring 2022**

(April 2022)



Welcome to the April 2022 Notice Board. Spring has sprung and Easter will soon be with us. The lambs are in the fields, birds are busy nesting and the gardens all bursting into life. We wish you all a truly lovely Spring month.

AGM

April is important for the Andover and District Older Peoples' Forum as it is the month of the AGM and this year we will be able to meet in person.

AGM

When: Tuesday 26th April 2022

Time: 2.15 – 4.15pm

Venue: Gilliat Hall, Marlborough Street,
Andover SP10 3JH

Speaker: to be confirmed



The AGM this year will be held at the Gilliat Hall, 28 Marlborough Street, Andover SP10 1DQ – at 2.15pm.

It is usually a light-hearted affair; the Officers will report on what has been happening over the past year and the elections will take place for the new Committee. If you would like to nominate anyone for the Committee or would be willing to help in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you.

The Committee is made up of the Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. There is an Events Organiser, who is also in charge of Publicity; a Web Design, Social Media and IT expert; a Web Manager and then general Committee Support Members, most importantly one of whom is in charge of Refreshments which we enjoy at all our meetings.



The Committee is very much a team of friends but sadly, during the last two or three years, for various reasons, we have lost some of our long term members which has left the Committee very thin on the ground in support terms so please have a think and consider whether you might like to join the team. Any help would be much appreciated.

We need to keep this show on the road....!

Don't forget, after the AGM we have the Intergenerational Event to look forward to

'Talking about my Gen.. Gen.. Generation'

>> 18th May 2022 <<



Venue: Andover Baptist Church, Charlton Road,
Andover SP10 3JH

Time: 1.30pm — 4.30pm

Update.....



In the last February Notice Board it was reported that Hampshire County Council were conducting a Public Consultation on Adult Social Care savings proposals. The Consultation closed on 21 March 2022. At time of press we do not know the results of the Consultation but will endeavour to keep you informed.

Threats to our Bus Services



It was also reported the Threats to our Bus Services with the Bus Recovery Grant ceasing at the end of March 2022

We are glad to report that this has been extended but it is unclear for

how long or what the future of our buses will be.

We must continue to let our MPs, Ministers, DFT know how important our bus services are to us all. As we said in the February Notice Board this is particularly true for those who cannot afford their own transport or are prevented by age/disability to drive. There are few enough buses in our rural areas. Do not let's lose what we have.

SCAM Alert



Wendy has written:-

In January a Pensioner friend received a call from a police station in London saying some young men had been arrested coming out of a phone shop and one had claimed to be her Grandson and her Visa card had been cloned.

My friend asked why the police were phoning and not visiting and the excuse of Covid was used! The 'Policeman' did not ask for any banking or credit card numbers. On inquiry he gave his rank Number and a crime case number and suggested she rang her bank.

Being still suspicious, on her tablet she spoke to a friend who advised her to phone 101 Police number to check on any reported crimes which she did on her landline. It was immediately answered and my friend replied to a

number of questions from 'Security' section to who she believed she was speaking and was told they had a Direct Line to her bank's Fraud/Security Department and would put her through. This happened and she was asked the balance on her last statement. After disclosing it (it was very low) the man said anything odd would be cancelled and he rang off.

Still being uncertain she made further approaches to her Bank, and the officials there expressed surprise that the previous conversations had not involved personal security checks. It was then recalled that during her conversation with her friend on her tablet the landline had rung several times with silent calls.

It has now been explained that the 'Policeman' had kept the landline alive, by not putting his phone down. So when she dialled 101 she got straight back to the Scammer.

For reference: If you receive a call on your landline and you replace your receiver that does not mean that the call has ended. The call will stay connected for up to two minutes or unless the person calling stops the call. How can you tell if a landline is still connected? If you do not get the dial tone when you lift your receiver, the original call is still active. And no matter what you dial you are still connected to the original caller.



Moral: always check for a dial tone before you dial when using a landline.

If the SCAM call comes through on your mobile phone, before making a new call please make sure and totally turn your mobile phone off and leave for 3 or 4 minutes before turning back on and using it. It's the only way to be sure you have disconnected yourself from the SCAM caller.



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The AOPF Members Notice Board is for all of us to enjoy, read and stay connected with each other with news, activities, ideas and campaigns which affect those of us over the age of 55. Please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with us to keep this Notice Board interesting.

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Take care, stay safe and we look forward to better and safer times ahead.

With very best wishes from your
AOPF Executive Committee