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Hello again and welcome to our newsletter for February and March 2016.



General News: Easter has been and gone and we will soon be thinking about our Summer holidays! A lot has happened these last two months - Woodley Age Concern has been taken over by Optalis as a going concern as the Charity had closed down due to

having had some financial difficulties. The good news is that Optalis will still be providing the same level of care that the charity did.



We have also introduced a handyman service to our Age Concern Twyford and District. This will be available to members should they need some small jobs around their homes. The handyman started in April, the type of work he

can do is limited to the following types of jobs: Installing key safes, replacing light bulbs, changing tap washers, fitting hand rails, unblocking sinks and re-hanging of doors and such like, there will be a call out fee of £10 for members and non-members will pay £20. Calls are to be booked through the office on 0118 934 4040. Hopefully this will help those people who don't have handy family around to help them with small jobs?



Drivers: We are still looking for volunteer drivers to get members to and from the day centre. If you can help please give Debs or Gordon a call on **0118 934 4040**. Driving our

members free of charge doesn't affect your insurance in any way as legislation allows for it - provided you inform your insurers, and we pay you mileage rates, so your costs are covered as well. All we need is some of your time!



Member News:

Matt Allwright did a Rogue Traders session on the 16th March at the Day Centre, which went down very well as scams seem to be on the increase.

Normally scams are unexpected and a surprise, which is why they succeed – the stories they tell, can be very convincing, so be careful. Never give out personal information on the phone; it could be somebody trying to steal from you. Matt says *“If something comes out of the blue, it's not for you”*. Wise words indeed, so please take heed and don't be careless with any bank or personal details.

On the entertainment front, we have had Jim Allgrove on his Mandolin, Harry Goff with his selection of songs and

sing along sessions with Hanna. We have also had Julia George with fun and singing, Frantic Theatre with their one man act and Rob with his chocolate sale in time for Easter, we also had Wiltshire Farm foods giving a food and cooking demo.

National Dementia week this year starts on the 15th May, we have been working with the Twyford Village Partnership and have arranged a lot of activities to help make people more aware of and understand Dementia and how they can help people living with Dementia.

A schedule of events will be published in the next RG10 Magazine, but if anybody wants to find out what is going on, they can give us a call at the Day Centre as we have the information in the office. Topics covered will be about Contended Dementia, How to recognise signs of Dementia, Activities for people with dementia, and a Bake-off Contest at the Day Centre.



Outreach Programme. We have reached out to a number of people during February and March, many people have not heard of us and if they have, don't understand what it is we offer to the elderly people in our community. Apart from offering our

Day Centre as a nice friendly place to come and have fun and make new friends, we also help people with form filling. This service is free of charge to members and we have helped a number of people recently, especially with getting their Attendance Allowance approved – so if you are not sure, call us a and we will advise.

Sunday Club. Club dates are 17th April, 15th May, and 19th June - please make a note of these dates as the Sunday club is great for beating the Sunday afternoon blues – there is no charge for the club, although you may want to make a donation, which does go towards covering costs. We show a movie after having had a cuppa and it is a lovely relaxing time for all to be with a few friends. .



Carer's Coffee Mornings. Starting at 10.00am. Please join us, it is informal and relaxed – you don't need to be formally introduced. We have Carer's Coffee mornings scheduled for the 14th and 28th April and 12th and 26th May. Please come along and join this group for some great ideas and conversation.



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