AGE CONCERN EPSOM AND EWELL





Welcome to the 3rd Edition of the Age Concern Epsom & Ewell Newsletter



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MEET THE TRUSTEES DOUG EARLE - CHAIR



The first six months of 2021 saw challenging times for all of us with the final roadmap date of 21st June being pushed back to 19th July.

However the last two weeks have seen us enjoying freedom from all restrictions, but it is encouraging to see that people are respecting each other with masks and social distancing still being exercised. We think particularly of the older more vulnerable people in the borough, who we know feel safer when going out and about, so thank you for thinking of them.

All our face-to-face services are back up and running and we continue to ensure that all of our staff and volunteers take on board the wishes of our clients to keep them protected from the ever-present coronavirus.

We do hope you enjoy reading our latest newsletter and please do remember that our Information & Advice desk is open Monday – Friday, 9.30 to 1pm, 01372 732 456 supporting the older members of our borough and their families and friends with any questions they may have. We will do our best to support you through our services or if not, we have a myriad of information to point you in the right direction.

Prior to retirement, I had a career in Local Government Finance which spanned 42 years. I was on the Senior Management Team at Epsom & Ewell Borough Council when I finally retired.

It was imperative that I keep myself occupied when finally stopping work, so I have been involved in volunteering at major sporting events and fitting in some travel, which is paused at present! I was approached by a fellow trustee who asked if I would be interested in helping out at ACEE.

The charity is local and provides an excellent service to the elderly in the Borough. The staff are all committed to aims and objectives, therefore the decision to get on board was easily made.

We are in a period of turmoil as a nation which makes the work of ACEE locally even more important. But I firmly believe that the trustees, staff, and volunteers can work together to keep the charity alive and kicking.





MEET DAWN FERRIS



VOLUNTEER INSIGHTS



"I joined Age Concern last May as a volunteer during Covid to help with phone enquiries and have recently taken on the role of our Men's Club Co-ordinator.

The aim of the Men's club is to encourage gentlemen to make new friends, learn something new and share their life experiences with each other.

Due to Covid we are only just starting the club up again. So far we've been to the Blenheim pub and to my home for an afternoon lunch. In September we are hoping to arrange a trip to Brooklands Museum in Weybridge.

We are always open to new members and are happy to discuss any ideas on activities that you would like us to consider. One idea recently suggested is a visit to the Bluebell Railway in West Sussex.

I really enjoyed the recent lunch at my house. It was a lovey event and was so nice to see everyone chatting and enjoying each other's company. I am looking forward to fun times ahead."



"Ron and I have been firm friends since we both joined the befriending scheme a few years ago. I saw Age Concern advertising at a Christmas market in Epsom town centre and I've never looked back.

I can genuinely say that I get so much from our friendship and I'm sure Ron would say the same. Probably a year after I met Ron my wife and I were expecting our third child, Hallie. She was perfect and I introduced her to Ron when she was only a week old. It was love at first sight. They've been inseparable since, Ron's house is like a shrine to her, there's pictures all over the place. She loves it at Ron's house, she knows exactly where the biscuits are kept and Ron loves stocking them up with the extra messy chocolate ones.

A while back we started talking about a trip to the farm for Ron's birthday in June. Well, after a few failed attempts due to the rain, we made it. Ron mentioned he hadn't been to the farm in over 80 years. We all had such a good time. The farms these days have developed slightly since Ron last visited and he was amazed at how many different animals they have now. We looked at almost everything, we had a well-deserved cuppa and went home. We all slept rather well that night for sure. We're definitely going back, as long as the rain holds off."





UPCOMING EVENTS



On the 7th - 8th August 2021 a team of Age Concern Epsom & Ewell fundraisers are exploring the highest mountain in Wales and England by moonlight!

Following the Llanberis track to the summit using torches to light their way. Trekking by night will bring a fresh twist to this classic charity challenge.



Upon reaching the mountain summit, our fundraisers will be rewarded with unforgettable views of the sun rising across the Snowdonia National Park. As they descend, breath-taking sights of the mountain range will uncover before them.

Once they reach the finish line in Llanberis they will celebrate their achievement with a well-earned breakfast knowing that they have raised vital funds for Age Concern Epsom & Ewell!

We have been very lucky to have been supported by a variety of local businesses within the area on our journey to Mount Snowdon, which we look forward to sharing with you in our next newsletter.

To sponsor any of our fundraisers taking part in this event, please visit https://ageconcernepsom.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/fundraising-events/snowdon-at-night-trek/ and check out their fundraising profiles.



VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU EVENT



On Sunday 29th August, we are holding a thank you celebration at the beautiful Horton Golf Club, for our amazing volunteers.

Age Concern Epsom & Ewell would not have been able to support the older community in the way that we have, especially within the last 15 months, without the dedication and support of our volunteers, and we want to say thank you.

We have been very lucky to have been supported by the Virgin Media O2 Together Fund to host this event.

Spaces are limited and need to be pre-booked, so please do email Dawn Coller to reserve your places at dawn.coller@ageconcernepsom.org.uk.

This is a family friendly event, so please do bring a plus 1 and/or your young children. Please be aware that your guests' spaces must also be pre-booked. We have also been able to secure 10% off the crazy golf at the club, should you wish to extend your day. This will also need to be pre-booked. We look forward to seeing you there!

To view the digital invite please visit https://youtu.be/k7KUuXtuSI4

THE GROW YOUR BUSINESS SHOW 2021



We have great news! We have been selected to be this year's Charity of Choice at the long-awaited Grow Your Business Show on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at Epsom Downs Racecourse and will be exhibiting there on the day.

The show provides a professional, open, and friendly platform for Start-ups, SME's and large businesses looking to network, build relationships, gain new knowledge and keep up to date with the latest products & services.

This is a great opportunity for Age Concern Epsom & Ewell to reach out to our wider business community and help us to build stronger relationships with our business supporters.

To book your FREE tickets to this event, please visit https://www.growyourbusinessshow.co.uk/

CHARITY GOLF DAY

On Tuesday 26th October 2021, Age Concern Epsom & Ewell are holding our very 1st Charity Golf Day at the prestigious Royal Automobile Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom. Woodcote Park is set within 350 acres of the Surrey Countryside and the site itself is steeped in local history dating back to the Doomsday Book.

The charity golf day will start with bacon rolls and coffee, followed by a prompt shotgun start on the Old Course, one of the 18-hole downland golf courses, set within Woodcote Park.

To conclude the day, we will also host a 3-course Silver Service evening meal and a fundraising raffle.

Why not make a day of it and invite guests to join you for the evening meal? Whilst you and your team play golf, your guests can make use of the Cedar's Leisure Facilities by pre-booking one or more of the treatments available (additional fees apply - information available upon request).



Tickets are £660 per team of 4 players. Tickets for evening meal guests are £60pp.

Our aim is to provide a fantastic day of golf and to raise vital funds for Age Concern Epsom & Ewell.

To register your interest or to find out more please email:

charlotte.hornblow@ageconcernepsom.
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LOTTERY RESULTS

To find out how to join our monthly lottery club,

visit <u>www.ageconcernepsom.org.uk/donations/join-our-monthly-lottery-club/</u> or call 01372 732 451

MARCH WINNERS

1st prize – Peter Valentine £68.40 2nd Prize – Steve Dow £42.75 3rd Prize – Stuart Kendrick £25.65

APRIL WINNERS:

1st Prize - Patricia Pither - £60.80 2nd Prize - Michael Ching - £38.00 3rd Prize - David Campbell - £22.80

MAY WINNERS

1st Prize – Alan Carlson - £60.00 2nd Prize – Peter Valentine - £37.50 3rd Prize – Helen Quaife - £22.50

TRUSTEE VACANCIES

We are looking to expand our current board of trustees and are looking for the following positions to be filled:

Marketing Trustee Fundraising Trustee Business and HR Trustee

To find out more about the various trustee roles available and how you can help Age Concern Epsom & Ewell to be more sustainable, please email info@ageconcernepsom.org.uk

AGE CONCERN EPSOM & EWELL AGM 2021

On Wednesday 8th September, Age Concern Epsom & Ewell are holding their Annual General Meeting.

We would like to invite our volunteers to attend our AGM which will be held from 6-8pm at Bourne Hall.

To register your attendance, please email info@ageconcernepsom.org.uk

CAN YOU COMPLETE THIS WORDSEARCH?



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