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# Newsletter - February 2007

## A note from the Chair.....

Here we are again, another year flown by and our 4<sup>th</sup> AGM held. In the past year we have, among other things, employed a Caretaker; run youth activities which were finished off with an Oscar type Premiere evening; we have started an Over 50's Club which runs on the first Monday of every month and the Credit Union is in the KKC every Thursday.

As a committee we have taken on a quality Control Assessment Programme which means we are looking carefully at all our activities, the way we are managed, our sphere of influence and our relationships in the community with a view to discovering where we can improve things. If you would like to be involved in this, give me a ring on the KKC number.

I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in the Centre whether it be at one of the groups that are running or joining us as a volunteer forum member.

Please call the centre on 01789 415551 for any enquiries or check the notice board for future events

Lezley Bott - Chairperson

You are invited to an **OPEN DAY @ KKC on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm.** You will be able to **meet and discuss any local issues** you may have with representatives from: Police, District Councillors, South Warwickshire Housing Association, SDC, Fire brigade, WCC re highways & byways, and others.

## What's on at KKC?

### Monday

- **OVER 50'S CLUB:** meets on the first Monday of each month from 10am until 12 noon. For more information, please call Denise of Age Concern on 01789 205059

### Tuesday / Wednesday

- **CLOPTON COMMUNITY FORUM:** meets the first Tuesday or Wednesday of each month at 7pm – all welcome. An opportunity to talk with others that live in our community about the things that go on around us. See dates overleaf.

### Thursday

- **PLAY AND STAY:** a fun group for parents and their toddlers - meet every Thursday morning from 10am to 11.30am. For further information please contact Karen Jones on 01789 266624
- **CREDIT UNION:** every Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm. Contact Sue direct on 07966 805041

### Sunday

- **RENEWAL CHURCH, STRATFORD:**  
5pm: R @ge children's club for 4 -11 year olds with Becci Fox and friends.  
6pm: All age meeting, great praise and worship with modern music; Bible based preaching with opportunity for prayer for healing. For further information contact Pastor John Hawker tel: 01789 551610.

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

Can you help **Chris Spriggs** raise **£2,500** for Macmillan Cancer Support as he runs in this years **Flora London marathon**, on Sunday 22 April?

Chris is a **trustee** of the Clopton Community Forum and has been working with **young people in Stratford for 10 years.** *"Running for Macmillan is a really special opportunity, a way of saying 'thank you!'"* says Chris. Macmillan provided fantastic nursing care to his mum, Lesley, before she sadly died of ovarian cancer (July 2005). This loss was followed by close friend David Stanley dying of bladder cancer in March 2006. *"While it has been a sad and difficult time personally, the opportunity to run in the world's greatest race has helped me look ahead and do something positive and practical."*

Either call Chris on 01789 268765 or visit [www.justgiving.com/cspriggs](http://www.justgiving.com/cspriggs) to help make a difference.

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### Do you like walking?



I am a volunteer Walks Leader for Stratford upon Avon District Council and wondered whether anyone would be interested in forming a group to take regular short walks. I also run an Ambling Group for another Retirement Society. This group walks on a fortnightly basis, weather permitting, and we do not go too far, or too fast, taking into account the health and fitness of our members. If we set up a Walking group at KKC then it could be planned in a

similar way.

There are many local walks which could be included in the 2007 programme. However, if transport is available, in the Spring we could also walk around some of the nearby villages such as Shottery, Welford on Avon, Bidford on Avon, Wixford etc. It would help us all to keep fit and improve our stamina, whilst enjoying the fresh air and lovely scenery.

Andrea has arranged for me to come along and talk to you at the Ken Kennett Centre on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February to explain what would be involved, where we could walk, how far etc. I hope this will be of interest and I look forward to meeting you.



Jackie Checketts

### ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

The Clopton Community Forum will deliver advertising leaflets for small businesses along with their quarterly newsletters. The cost for this service will be £24 per 2400 leaflets. If you are interested in this offer, then telephone the office at KKC on 415551 and leave a message for further details.



### Complete Relationship Education

#### An important invitation

**Are you interested in the choices young people make in their lives today? Would you like to enable them to make informed choices around puberty, adolescence, family and marriage relationships?**

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- preferably, have their own means of transport (fuel expenses are covered and a payment of £10 per lesson).

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Sally on 01789 297400

### DATES OF FORUM MEETINGS IN 2007 AND BOOKING KKC

Would you like to be involved in making things happen in Clopton? Do you want to be part of a team of people who all live in the same area and are working together to make things better?

Forums meeting dates are as follows, all are at KKC at 7pm for around an hour.

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July

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