

September 2016

Bulletin

The leaves are falling and the summer is gone.... Time for something new! In this bulletin:

- First news on Adult Education courses
- AGM - all welcome
- The Doctor's Surgeries
- Volunteering - loads of new people!
- Three-bedroom flat for rent

It's a long bulletin, but full of goodness.

AGM - more fun than it sounds

Our Annual General Meeting includes a short formal section, then a presentation on what we're up to and how we're doing. Your chance to catch up with the Directors, staff, volunteers and other members - please come if you can

You are invited to

The Peninsula Trust Annual General Meeting

Thursday 29th September 7.30pm

The Balcony Room, Millbrook Village Hall

[Agenda](#)

- The Annual Accounts and balance sheet to 31st March 2016, with the Directors Report to the membership
- Elections to the Board of Directors
- The application of profits
- Any Other Business

Presentation

The formal programme will be followed by a presentation on the Trust's work and forthcoming activities.

The meeting is open to all, not only members.

Flat to rent at the Rame Centre

Three-bedroom flat on two floors, big light rooms, separate access up steps, central heating. £650/month plus bills. We will accept shared group rental, and benefit claimants. No dogs, sorry.

The flat will be available from October. If you're interested, please ring or e-mail - we have an Application Form to give everyone an equal chance. Closing date for applications is **30th September**.

The Library and the Children's Reading Challenge

Our microlibrary is getting pretty macro. Up to August, we had 241 users and 426 books borrowed - better than many small branch libraries.

We expected about 8 children into the Library for our first summertime reading challenge, and hoped to get as many as 12. In the end, **thirty** children took part - well done everybody. Amazing! And thanks to Cindy Arscott for running the sessions.

As a direct result of the success, we've started opening Monday afternoons 2.00 - 4.30, so that children can come in after school (and anyone else who wants to!!).

What's Happening with the Doctor's Surgeries?

Following many months of rumours and confusion about the future of the Doctor's Surgeries in Cawsand and Millbrook, a few of us decided to call a public meeting and try to find out what's going on. It was great. Doctors McEleny and Barnes came from the Rame Group and addressed 120 local people in Millbrook Village Hall. They explained the situation and likely future and answered questions for an hour - our grateful thanks to them. The main points covered were:

- Financial/ organisational limits mean that *only one surgery* can remain in the two villages.
- Although no final decision has been taken by NHS England, the *likelihood is that Millbrook Surgery will reopen* under the Rame Group, and *Cawsand surgery will then close*. The recent questionnaire had some 760 responses, with 80% in favour of this solution.
- The timetable is not certain, but the hope is for a reopening in *Millbrook in early 2017*.
- The move will cause difficulties for some in Cawsand, especially **older patients**. All parties will work to try and help, for example by grouping appointments where possible for shared Community Bus travel, setting up a local volunteer driver service, etc.
- There have been a number of complications and difficulties with appointments, reviews and prescriptions, due to the huge sudden increase in patient numbers for Rame Group. These are gradually being resolved and the situation is improving.
- **NHS England** have accepted that their communication with residents has *not*

been good, and they are working to improve that. They have set up 3 drop-in sessions at Millbrook Surgery to answer questions and provide information:

- **Wed 21st Sept** , 4.00 - 6.00pm. Rame Group doctors will attend
- **Thurs 22nd Sept**, 2.30 - 4.00pm and 5.00 - 6.30pm. NHS England will attend

- NHS England have a Community Bulletin: write to rachael.crawley@nhs.net to subscribe. The Peninsula Trust will have printed copies available at the Rame Centre.

- A large number of patients have **not yet re-registered** with Rame Group. There is a risk that those people' electronic medical notes may be deleted after a few months, meaning a slower service - it's important to re-register. Simple forms are in Cawsand, Penntorr and Millbrook Pharmacy.

- The meeting asked Millbrook Parish Council to consider making the car park next to the surgery into Patient Parking during surgery hours.

Adult Education classes

We are off again with a new set of classes for you. We're still getting the full details, and will send out a special bulletin next week. For now here's the list we've got so far:

Confirmed:

Daytime classes: Spanish / French for Beginners, Spanish for Improvers, Creative Writing for Beginners and Advanced, English, Maths.

Evening Classes: Spanish, French, Dayskipper

Not confirmed yet: Italian, IT courses.

New volunteers and new energy

We thought the summer would be quiet, but it's been really busy and wonderful. Thanks very much to everyone, especially the new volunteers who have come forward.

We're very pleased to have had so much interest from young people. Thank you **Adam, Bryn** and **Hayden**, who did a week's work experience in July and then carried on voluntarily in the summer, clearing our rear yard amongst other good stuff; thanks **Tom** and **Callum** for the IT work; thanks **Olivia** for getting us going on Facebook and doing admin.

Many thanks to Mandy Shillaker, who has taken on coordinating the volunteers rota, training and activities. If you'd like to join us, please e-mail, ring or come in to see Mandy.

Membership - come and join us

We are a membership-led community organisation, trying to meet some of the needs of our area. We're now in our second year, and it's going great - 542 people have joined to date, with more coming in each week. It costs £1 for life to be a member, which gives you a say in deciding our activities and aims. Please drop in to the Rame Centre and join us

How to find us

We're at 3 West St, Millbrook - next to Widdicombe's shop

We're open Tues, Weds, Thurs and Sat, 10.00 - 12.00, also Mondays 2.00 - 4.30pm.

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