

Yellow Times

Newsletter Autumn 2011

Annual General Meeting

**You are invited to
Belle Isle Elderly Winter Aid AGM**

10.30am Wednesday 19th October 2011
at Belle Isle Working Men's Club

There will be a FREE light lunch, please book your place ASAP

A Nomination form for the BIEWA Management Committee is enclosed, please return this to us as soon as possible.

Holiday 2012

**The Ambassador Hotel Llandudno
4 NIGHTS BED, BREAKFAST, EVENING MEAL
& ENTERTAINMENT
MONDAY 25th June to FRIDAY 29th June 2012
PRICE PER PERSON: £290**

Includes transport between the 59 Centre / Middleton Elderly Aid and Llandudno, accommodation and meals in the hotel and excursions.

A perfect seaside vacation, staying in luxury hotel accommodation, the Ambassador is renowned by many regular returning guests for its comfort, service and friendliness. The Hotel is relaxed and informal, but with a commitment to standards and disciplines. All rooms are en-suite and accommodation will be in twin rooms.

Belle Isle Elderly Winter Aid

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Home Security - Autumn is coming!!

Don't forget that the clocks go back 1 hour on Saturday 29th October.

This means we are at that time of the year when the nights are getting significantly longer and that means it is time for your Timer Switches to be reprogrammed to deter thieves. We have a few timers available for £2.50 if you want one.

Criminals much prefer to steal from unoccupied houses and whilst house burglary is still very low in this area to keep it that way it is important to give your house the appearance of being occupied, even when you are out.

Thermal Clothing

We've had some requests for thermals right through the Summer months and, now, with Winter definitely in the air, it really is time to start thinking about how you're going to keep warm through the colder months. Each item will cost £3.00 and you need to order now to ensure we will have all sizes available.

If there are any other items of winter clothing that you might find useful please let us know, as we may be able to provide them as well.

To order ring 2778208

Beauty & Beast

Oh, *YES* you do...want to come with us to this matinee

Pantomime Performance at the
Carriageworks Theatre on
Wednesday 14TH December 2011.

£19.00 including pantomime ticket
& door-to-door transport.

Book early to avoid disappointment
Ring Steve on 2778208

CALENDAR 2012

We will be supplying a Calendar again this year. The calendar is of course free to Belle Isle clients. However it does cost a lot of money to produce. If you want to make a voluntary donation towards the cost then we would be most grateful.

If you want to purchase a calendar for a relative we will have a few spare which you can purchase for £4 50.

Gardening

We are pleased to say that gardening is nearly over for the year. The gardeners have done well and with the help of some dry weather have again managed to keep on time. In fact they finished a little ahead of time. Some gardens may need another cut this year. We are able to fit in another visit if you want one in the winter, maybe to tidy up before Christmas let me know and I will pass your name to Danny.

Nuisance telephone calls

People are being tricked out of substantial amounts of money through 'phone scams. This is what happens:-

- *They tell you that you have won a prize!!*

THE PRIZE DOES NOT EXIST

Hang up!

- *They may ask for personal details or your bank account information. They may even say they are from your bank.*

DON'T GIVE ANY INFORMATION

Hang up!

- *You pick up the phone and nobody's there.*

Hang up!

For advice on how to deal with these calls cal 0845 0700707

Join us for the world famous musical: "ANNIE"

Come and enjoy this non-stop snowball fight of little girls, comic book characters and spectacular songs including "It's A Hard Knock Life", "Easy Street" and most famously "Tomorrow"

When: 7pm Tuesday 22nd November 2011

Where: West Yorkshire Playhouse

Price: £16 to include door-to-door transport

Limited ticket numbers so book early with Steve on 277 8208

With rising fuel costs, more Leeds households are struggling to pay their energy bills.

If heating your home costs more than 10% of your income then you are officially 'fuel poor'. Older people particularly tend to fall into this category and need the most help. The Green Doctor service has been established in Leeds to help improve energy efficiency in your home and heating system. Its a free service and they can make improvements which will save you money and help keep the house warmer.

If you need any help, let us know and we will make a referral to them for you.

Ring 2778208

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Useful numbers

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| 59 Centre | 2709426 |
| Police Non urgent | 0845 606 0606 |
| Bus Pass/ Blue Badge | 2224401 |
| BITMO Repairs | 0800 389 5503 |
| BITMO Office | 2141833 |
| Aire Valley Homes | 0800 915 6660 |
| Rubbish Removal | 2224406 |
| Social Services | 2224401 |
| Local Councillor | 2785995 |
| BIEWA | 2778208 |
| Checkpoint | 0845 838 8851 |
| Electrician Plumber | Fred Tasker 2792185 Barry 2779507 |
| Family Centre | 2774819 |
| Access Bus | 3481900 |
| Fire Safety Check | 08005874536 |
| Nuisance Calls | 08450700707 |

WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS

You should receive your Winter Fuel Payment before Christmas. This payment is for everybody over the age of 60 and is not means tested. Those over the age of 60 currently receive £250 a year while those over 80 get £400 after the last government topped-up the winter fuel allowance.

The present government has decided that payments will now revert to £200 and £300 respectively from winter this year.

Don't go cold this winter, spend the money on what it is intended, to keep you warm!

If you need any help or advice please ring:

The Winter Fuel Payment help line is 08459151515

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS

We realise that in the winter months we all like to wrap up warm and cut out all the draughts in the house. Now that we have all got the Winter Fuel Payment we can afford to keep the heating turned up a bit. Some of you have told us that you are aware of the dangers of Carbon Monoxide gas building up in the home. We can get you a Carbon Monoxide Alarm and fit it in your home if you want one. The cost is £13.00 if you have your own we can fit it free of charge.

Computer Classes

Our popular computer classes started again in September. We have started with people who told us they had very little on no experience with computers. This year we are working with Age UK who are supplying the tutor and the computers.

The course is held at 59 Centre, 59 Belle Isle Circus. Call us if you are interested in joining in.

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