New Milton Community Centre

INSIGHT

October 2026

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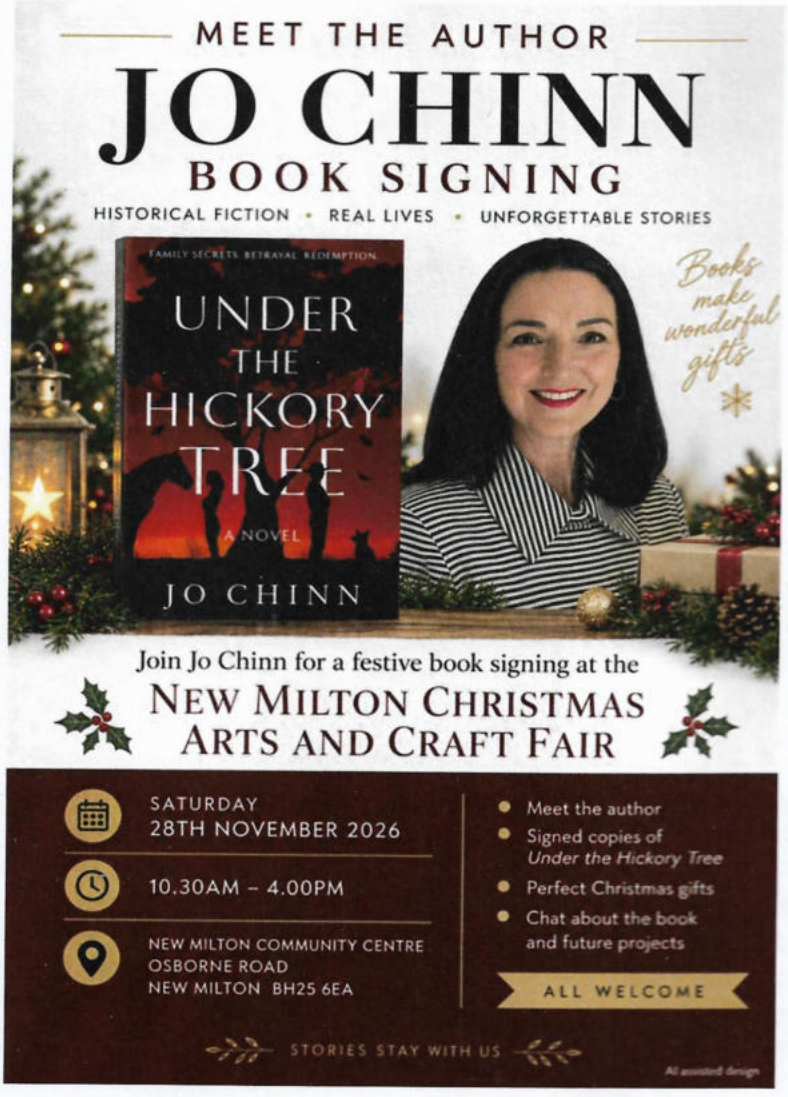
Welcome to the October edition of INSIGHT.
Autumn is here at last, a reprieve from the heat and hectic activity of summer holidays travelling through airports, train stations and/or dusty roads. The pigeons are gorging on the grass seed scattered to try and rescue our poor desiccated lawns and spiders are sidling indoors apparently looking for love! We are two thirds of the way through the year and already the shops are suggesting we start collecting for (whisper it) upcoming festivities.

Tracy Hayward gives us more 'insight' into activities that operate in the Centre that you may not know much about. This month it's a choir who are celebrating their upcoming 60th year —see page 3. And as we approach the time of remembrance, we report on New Milton's memorial clock and reflect through poetry.

INSIGHT likes to feature various community activities in our vibrant town—so do get in touch if you would like to promote your event or activity — there is always something going on around New Milton.

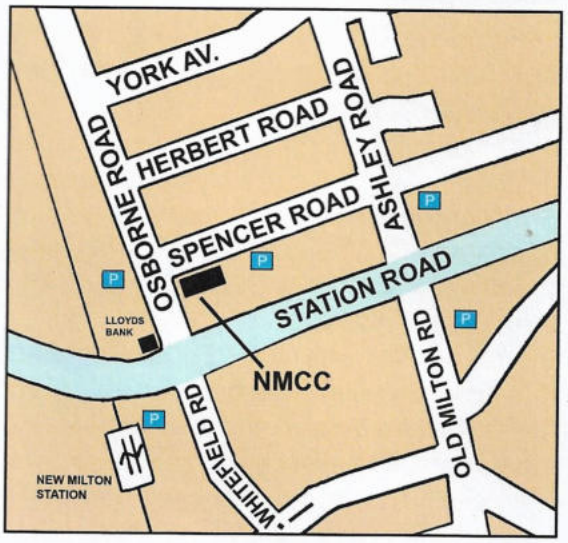
Inside, we have all the usual information to ensure that you can get the best out of your Community Centre. Some events at the Centre are open to all, whether you are a member or not. Why not come down for a visit to see what is on offer.

The Editor



Please do contact the Centre on 01425 610495 and our reception team will be happy to help with any enquiries.

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Tuesday afternoon sequence Dances

What is the name of this sequence dance?
Clue: *Shape with four equal sides danced in Argentina*

Tuesday afternoon sequence dances are held from 1:45 to 4:00 pm with a break for refreshments. We are a friendly group and welcome new members to join us.

A big thank you to Delia and Richard for the walkthroughs of Hatty Boo Blues, 6th October will be the last walkthrough.

On the 27th October we will be celebrating Halloween with a social sequence dance with live music and afternoon tea. Feel free to dress up for the occasion and spook us!

We welcome two new members: Jill and Roy; wishing both of them many happy hours sequence dancing.

We look forward to seeing you soon
Answer : Square Tango

Joan Farrar
Contacts. Elaine echarlton1@hotmail.co.uk
Or 28joanfarrar@gmail.com

Tuesday Sequence Dancing

Halloween Dance

27th October 2025

At New Milton Community Centre

Osborne Rd, New Milton, BH25 6EA



Live Music with Julia

Arrive 13:30, Dancing 13:45 to 16:00

Tickets £5 including Afternoon Tea, available from Tuesday Dance Group or echarlton1@hotmail.co.uk

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Ballroom/Latin & Sequence Section

The September weather has been a bonus with the grass recovering and time for all those gardening jobs before the autumn and winter sets in.
In October we have our annual Halloween Dance held on the 29th October 7.30-10pm, and our music hosts will be presenting themed music with fun and games during the evening. Why not come and join us in the halloween fun! Pay at the door on the Thursday dance session.

Pam King 01425 617946



New Milton u3a

In October, we have the return of Rosemary Legrand whose talk The Glorious Gardens of France will give us a tour around the inspirational and beautiful gardens of the Mediterranean, Dordogne and the Loire regions.
Come along on Thursday 22nd October 1.45 for 2.00pm at The Hub, New Milton Memorial Centre, Whitefield Road, New Milton BH25 6DE.
Visitors are welcome (cost £3). Join us after the talk for free tea/coffee and biscuits.
If you've stepped away from full time work, come and join us at one of our talks, try a new hobby, or continue with the things you love through one of our interest groups. You can learn together, make new friends and have fun. For more information about our talks and groups visit our website newmilton.u3asite.uk or phone Marie 07821 101990.
We look forward to welcoming you to New Milton u3a.

Can't Stop the Music! Jubilee Singers Celebrates 60 Years

Tracy Hayward met Janet Trows who reveals how the choir came to be

New Milton's Jubilee Singers will celebrate its 60th anniversary on 11 January 2027, marking six decades of music, friendship and community spirit.



Based at New Milton Community Centre, the accomplished community choir has earned distinctions in local competitions over the years. Its success began soon after it was founded in 1967, when it won a competition - an achievement recorded in Minutes held at the former Station Road council offices.
In 1994, newly appointed conductor John Barclay renamed the group the Jubilee Singers, taking inspiration from the Community Centre's Jubilee Hall.

Today, the choir is a friendly, supportive group of around 30 men and women who meet every Wednesday afternoon. Members present two shows each year at the Community Centre, sing monthly for residents at Grey Gables and perform at Windy Ridge nursing homes several times a year.
The choir's varied repertoire offers something for everyone, ranging from popular show tunes and light entertainment to more serious works and piano duets.


New Milton
Music Festival
"Celebrating local talent"
Certificate
of
DISTINCTION
Awarded to THE JUBILEE SINGERS
for ADULT COMMUNITY CHOIRS
in class 35 on 16th March 2008
Adjudicator.

Chairperson, Janet Trows, has been a member for 32 years and has formed many lasting friendships during that time. Her vision is for the choir to continue growing and become an even stronger part of the local community.
The choir is led by conductor Leigh Jerwood, a music teacher and pianist, who accompanies several other musical ensembles. Leigh also plays the organ at St Mark's Church in Pennington and runs an acappella group called Straight Bananas, that raise funds for Oakhaven Hospice.

New members are always welcome, and enthusiasm is more important than previous experience. There is no audition, and members do not need to read music, although a good ear and a willingness to persevere are helpful. New singers are encouraged to give themselves at least a month to settle in and learn new skills.

Joining the choir is a wonderful opportunity to improve your singing, enjoy making music, and forming new friendships as well as socialising at a garden party and attending a New Year luncheon. As this important 60th anniversary approaches, local audiences can look forward to the Jubilee Singers concert on 9th and 12th December and further shows in April at New Milton Community Centre.

The Choir meets:

When: Every Wednesday afternoon
Time: 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
In room: Downstairs room behind the reception
Cost: £60 per half year

For more information, contact: Janet Trows 01425 619062

JUBILEE SINGERS

Christmas concerts take place on Wednesday 9th and Saturday 12th December from 2pm.
We always need more singers, so if you are interested in singing with us, please contact Janet Trows on 01425 619062. There is no audition and she will be very happy to hear from you. See Tracy's article for more information on page 3!

We sing at various charities and organisations. If you would like us to come to your venue please contact Veronica Sacco our Bookings Secretary on 01425 611538 or e-mail: vesstuff@icloud.com

Liz Northcote

New Milton Sands WI

New Milton Sands Women's Institute
We meet every 3rd Monday at 7.30pm in the New Milton Community Centre, Osbourne Road. We enjoy a varied programme of speakers, outings and activities, socialising, friendship and fun.

Our next meeting is Monday, 19th October and doors open at 7pm. Our speaker is Cathy Mosley – The Wardrobe Genie and her talk is entitled 'Colour Me Happy'. Come along, we're a friendly bunch and we welcome new members — it's free for your first visit plus there's tea and cake!

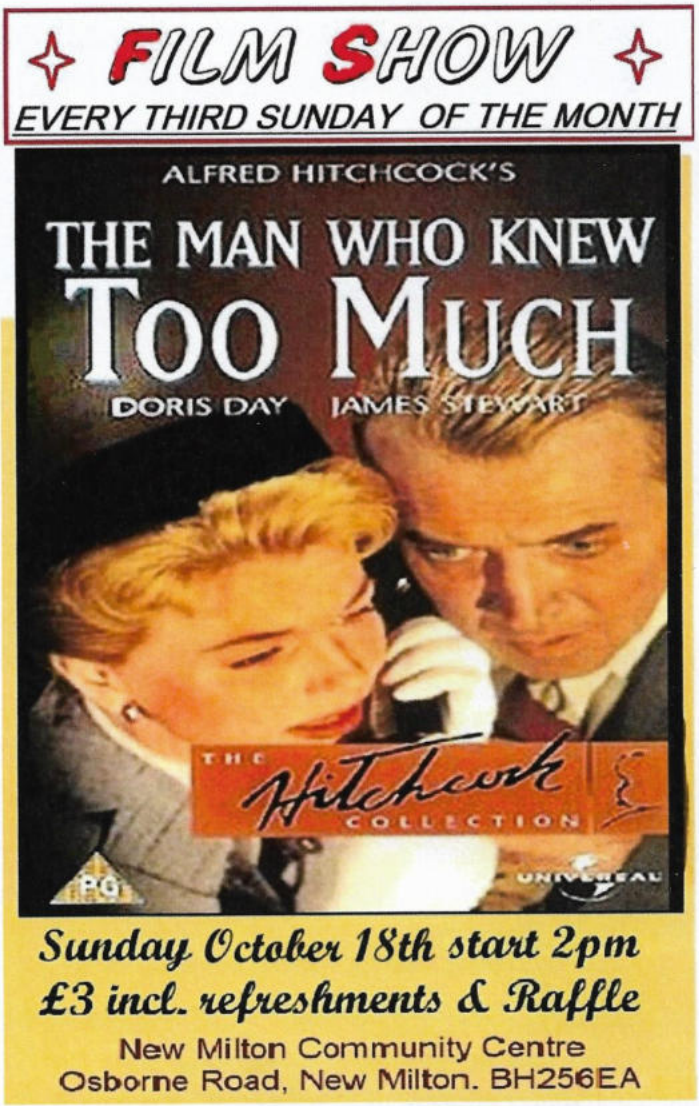
Any questions, please speak to Lin Rixson on 07730 820843, or email nmsandswi@gmail.com.

Short Mat Bowls

The short mat bowls section held its AGM on the 20th May 2026. With 27 members attending. The minutes are displayed on our Notice Board at the entrance to the Jubilee Room.

The new committee was elected and is as follows: Steve Goodchild - Chairman, Mike Dean - Vice Chairman, Beryl Goodchild - Secretary, Jackie Wain - Treasurer, with Graham Brown, Barbara Messingham, Jim Fearon, Roger Damen, Chris Haines and Rob Haines as members. The committee held its first meeting on the 30th June 2026.

Details of the Short Mat Bowls section can be found on the Notice Board in the reception hallway or, for further information call our committee secretary Beryl Goodchild on 07721 843950.





New Milton Remembers



The people of New Milton gathered in remembrance to honour the loss of 31 lives tragically taken during three bombing raids on the town in World War II. Those 31 lives representing children as young as 4 and 6 years old, as well as other family members across the ages from teen-agers to the elderly.

The act of remembrance is held annually on the date of 23rd August, being the anniversary date of the first bombing raid in 1940 when 25 people were killed.

Further bombing raids occurred on 8th August 1942 when one resident was killed and on 22nd January 1943 another bombing raid killed a family of five living in their home.

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Rob Maynard, welcomed the assembled residents to the Memorial Clock on Station Road south and referred to its installation in 2011. The Memorial Clock, funded by the people of New Milton, was erected as a symbol of collective remembrance.

Local resident, and Honorary Freeman of New Milton, also former Councillor and Town Mayor, Goff Beck, was a young boy at the time of the first bombing on 23 August 1940. Participating in the service and reading the 31 names holds great significance for Goff, as he recalled a bright summer morning 86 years ago, when he observed a low-flying, lone German Heinkel bomber approaching the town. Seconds later, the aircraft discharged a stick of bombs – which he was later to learn were 3 x 250-pounders and 19 x 50-pound anti-personnel and incendiaries weapons.

The annual remembrance ceremony continues to be poignant, bringing the community together to reflect, remember and honour those lives tragically cut short in New Milton.

As we are coming up to the period of remembrance, Insight reader Kenneth Gordon reflects through this poem

The End of All Wars

Faded photos on cottage walls
Of those who responded to the call
The generation who knew of them
All passed now from the realm of men

They stare at us across the years
From the other side of the veil of tears
Theirs was a war that cost so much
That it was to be the end of such

Faded letters tucked away
Medals important in their day
Now in museum dusty case
Or in regiments' pride of place

Where have they laid their naked bones?
Whose names are carved upon the stones
Across the Channel in foreign soil they lie
Those who did not want to die

Now farmers plough and harvest sow
Where once our brave boys fought the foe
The War to end all Wars was its name
But nothing was learned, all in vain

On Remembrance Day we gather round
The crosses in many towns
Wreathes are laid and prayers said
But does that truly honour our glorious dead?

Politicians still think their military might
Will solve all the problems in their sight
But for all those who grieve and mourn
The pain is still there with each new dawn

If the sacrifice was not in vain
Why is there still so much hate and pain?
If this was the war to end all wars
Why do we carry on as before?



Social Sequence Dancing Thursdays 1.45-4.00pm

Dancing has posed quite a challenge for both dancers and music presenters over the past few months. Temperatures have generally been a lot higher than we normally experience and with a desire to dance, socialize and meet this has involved a lot of reshuffling of programmes for the music presenters. They have worked hard to ensure that both tempos and choice of dances have been geared to take this into account. Well done and thank you to everyone who has come to support and enjoy the afternoon. It has been surprising how many people have expressed gratitude that Thursday afternoon dancing has continued as normal.

A note for your diary - December 17th is our last dance of the year and we hope to welcome you all back to the dance floor again on Thursday, 7th January 2027. Contact: **Dee 01425 627922**





New Milton's Summer of 2026

This summer New Milton Town Council welcomed music-lovers to enjoy another outstanding programme of live music on the Recreation Ground.

The sounds of a glorious summer were provided by local bands, Groovemeister, The Late Starters, Cash Converted and Guns of Navarone. A varied array of musical performances that were uplifting, calling out to the community to come together to dance and socialise, making the most of the summer ambience.

New Milton Town Council have a small budget to host these free gigs and were delighted to receive donations from local organisations – DPR Home Improvements, New Milton Residents Association, Innovus UK, Bethel House Care Home, Keffen Plant Hire, and Hays Travel. This support is greatly appreciated as it goes towards the performance fees, helping to provide the quality live music and sound system.

The Book and Puzzle sale on Saturday 19th September was a huge success.

We had quite a few very early customers, which was lovely to see. At one point we had customers queuing to go into the room with the puzzles, and people queuing to pay for their books. It certainly kept us all very busy.

We sold over 1000 books, and about 300 plus puzzles. I was so glad I kept all the bags that the donated books and puzzles came in. We want to thank everyone who generously donated their books and puzzles, and everyone who came to the sale and made it so successful. Also a huge thank you to the volunteers on the day, who worked so hard to keep it all flowing smoothly.

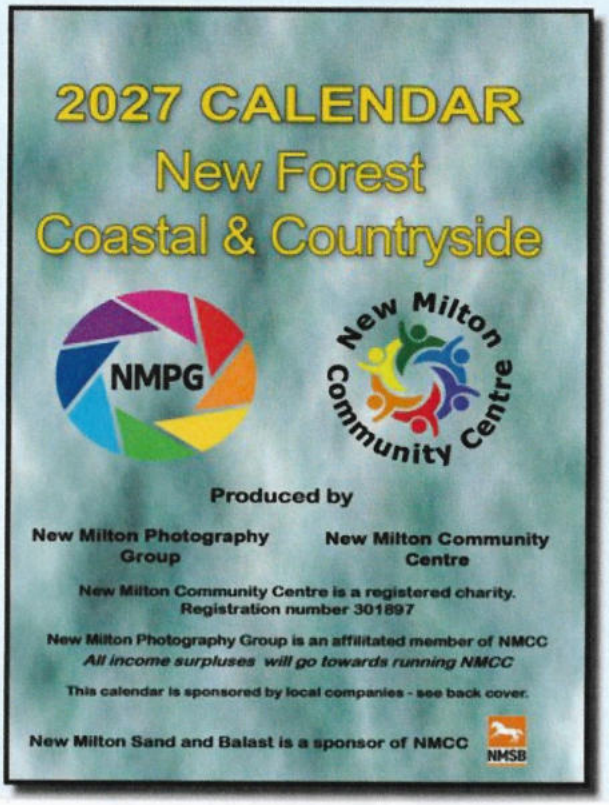
Watch this space for a date for the next sale.

Pat Cornwell

COMMUNITY CENTRE 2027 CALENDARS
DISCOUNTED PRICE TO CENTRE USERS

£4.00

AVAILABLE FROM RECEPTION



Send us details of activities you might be planning—we love to include community news. See back page for contact details.

New Milton Photography Group
Love photography?

This is a lively social Group. All welcome from novices to the more experienced. *The autumn season is starting on Monday 14th September at 2.00pm.*

Find out more about us on our website or Facebook where you will be able to see details of our activity programme which includes:

- *Talks*
- *Demonstrations*
- *Education*
- *Projects*
- *Fun competitions*
- *Workshops*
- *Photo clinics*
- *Advice*
- *Outings*
- *Socials*

Visitors and new members always welcome. Come along and give us a try.

We normally meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 2.00pm

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
email chair@nmpgrp.co.uk
www.facebook.com/groups/nmpgrp2
www.nmpgrp.co.uk

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Normal opening hours, other times by arrangement.

Monday - Friday
09.45 -13.00, 13.30 -16.30
18.30 - 22.00
Saturdays
09.45 - 13.00

Whats On Here







Arts & crafts
Art
Digital Art
Beading
Crafts
Photography
Quilting
Weaving & spinning

Special interests
Discussion groups
Horticultural society
Luncheon club
Mens social
Poetry
Choir
Piano
Computer/IT advice

Sport & fitness
Bowling
Dance & fitness
Darts
Keep fit
Keep fit gold
Kids football
Martial arts
Pickleball
Pilates
Table tennis
Tai chi
Yoga

Counselling
Police forum
Dementia & memory
Health & welfare

Regular events
Choral concerts
Coffee & cake
Social
Craft fairs
Film shows
Horticulture shows
Musical shows
Quiz nights
Table top sales
Ballroom dances
Themed dances

Education
French & Italian
German
Films u3a
History u3a

Dance
Ballet
Ballroom dancing
Dance tuition
Line dancing
Modern dance
Sequence dancing

Tabletop games
Bridge
Board games u3a
Canasta
Chess
Cribbage
Mahjong
Rummikub
Scrabble
War games







Hiring a Room
We offer rooms and halls for hire which can be used for various purposes. Contact our lettings department on 01425 620987 to discuss your individual requirements. Alternatively email us on lettings@newmiltoncommunity.org.uk

What's On Guide OCTOBER 2026

A=Arts & Crafts, D=Dance, E=Education, F=Fitness & Sport, M=Music, S=Special Interest, T=Tabletop Game

	User	Day	Dates
A	ART trad+digital	W,F	WK
A	Crafts various	M,W,TH	WK
A	***Photo Group***	***M***	***2,4***
D	Dancing ballroom	M,TH	WK
D	Sequence dancing	TU,TH	WK
D	***Debra Dance/Teach***	***M,TU***	***WK***
D	Line Dance	TU,W,F	WK
E	French all Levels	M	WK
E	German all levels	TU,WE	WK
E	***Italian***	***TU***	***WK***
E	IT Help & LPA help	TU	WK
E	***u3a Historys***	***M,W,TH***	***1,4***
F	Bowling 9:30 am	TU,W,TR,F	WK
F	Darts	M	WK
F	***Doohan Yoga***	***TH***	***WK***
F	***EXTEND***	***THUR***	***WK***
F	***Martial Arts, Fibbs***	***Sat***	***WK***
F	***Mels Fitness***	***M***	***WK***
F	Pickle Ball	M,F	WK
F	Table Tennis	M,T,W,T,F	WK
F	***Tangent Yoga***	***M,TH***	***WK***
F	***Seated Exercise***	***Ended***	

	User	Day	Dates
F	***JK Pilates***	***W***	***WK***
M	Choir	W	WK
M	Piano	M	WK
S	***CAMEO Ladies***	***W***	***1.***
S	Discussion Group	TU	2.
S	Horticultural Society	W	3.
S	Mens Get Together	TH	1.
S	***NM Sands WI***	***M***	***3.***
S	***Pheonix Holidays***	***F***	***3.***
S	Poetry	TH	3.
S	***u3a Cinema***	***M***	***2.***
S	***War Gaming Club***	***W***	***WK***
S	***Little Kickers***	***Sat***	***WK***
T	Bridge All vers.	TU,W,TH,F	WK
T	Canasta	TH	WK
T	Cribbage	TU	WK
T	Mah Jong	F	WK
T	Rummikub	W	WK
T	Scrabble	M	WK
T	***u3a T.Top games***	***T,U,F***	***3,4***

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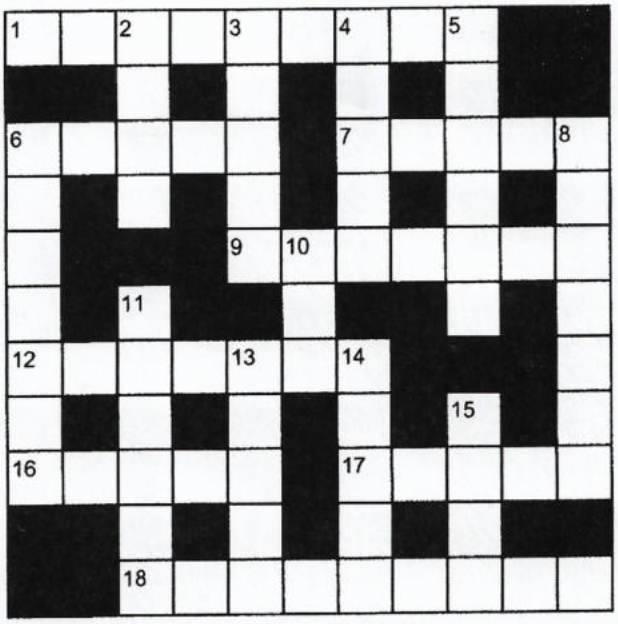
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	NAT WEST BANK	THUR	WK

S	**Halloween Dance**	**TUE**	**27th**
S	**Halloween Dance**	**Thur**	**29th**
S	**FILM SHOW**	**SUN**	**18th**
	IT/LPAs - HELP	**TUES**	**WK**

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Across

1 Examples (9)
6 Flow with a whirling motion (5)
7 Shoes (5)
9 Commercial form of zinc (7)
12 Encode (7)
16 Glazed earthenware (5)
17 The beginning of an era (5)
18 Looks like (9)

Down

2 Read quickly (4)
3 Collection of maps (5)
4 Strong thick rope (5)
5 Lookouts (6)
6 Large marine algae (7)
8 Scrape (7)
10 Seed of an apple (3)
11 Of the eye (6)
13 Abominable snowmen (5)
14 Unit of heat (5)
15 Move by rotating (4)

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A	Art	1:00 PM	Fri	WK
A	ART (Digital)	1:30 PM	Wed	WK
A	Beading Group	9:45 AM	Thurs	WK
A	Chat & Craft	2:00 PM	Wed	1,3
A	Craft	10:00 AM	Wed	2,4
A	Fabric Craft	2:00 PM	Thurs	2,4
A	***NF Quilts Group***	***E***	***Mon***	***1***
A	***Photo Group***	***A***	***Mon***	***2,4***
A	***Weavers & Spinners***	***M***	***Mon***	***3.***
D	Ballroom Dancing	2:00 PM	Mon	WK
D	Ballroom Dancing	7:30 PM	Thurs	WK
D	***Debra Dance***	***E***	***Mon***	***WK***
D	***Debra Dance***	***A***	***Tues***	***WK***
D	Line Dance Beg/Imp	6:15 PM	Tues	WK
D	Line Dance Beg/Imp	1:15 PM	Wed	WK
D	Line Dance Beg/Imp	12:45 PM	Fri	WK
D	Line Dance Imp/Int	0.59375	Fri	WK
D	Line Dance Abs bgn	3:45 pm	Fri	WK
D	Sequence Dancing	1:45 PM	Tues	WK
D	Social Seq Dancing	1:45 PM	Thurs	WK
E	French Improvers	10:00 AM	Mon	WK
E	French Int/Adv	9:55 AM	Mon	WK
E	German Improvers	10:00 AM	Wed	WK
E	German Intermediate	10:00 AM	Tues	WK
E	***Italian***	***10:00 AM***	***Tues***	***WK***
E	LPA Advice	10:00 AM	Tues	WK
E	Tech Advice	10:00 AM	Tues	WK
E	***U3A Cinema***	M	Mon	2
E	***U3A Fmly histry***	M	Mon	4
E	***U3A History***	M	Thurs	1.
E	***U3A Local History***	M	Wed	1.
F	Bowling	T/W/TR/F	Days	WK
F	Darts	2:00 PM	Mon	WK
F	***Doohan Yoga***	***E***	***Thur***	***WK***
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F	Pickle Ball	11:10 AM	Mon	WK
F	Pickle Ball	6:00 PM	Fri	WK
F	***Seated Exercise***	***FINISHED***		

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F	***S Eng Karate Fed***	***6:00 PM***	***T,W***	***WK***
F	Table Tennis	7:00 PM	Mon	WK
F	Table Tennis	9:30 AM	Tues	WK
F	Table Tennis (Trial)	1:30PM	WED	WK
F	Table Tennis	2:00 PM	Thurs	WK
F	Table Tennis	9:30 AM	Fri	WK
F	***Tangent Yoga***	***E***	***Thur***	***WK***
F	***JK Pilates***	***E***	***WED***	***WK***
M	Jubilee Choir	1:30 PM	WED	WK
M	Piano	11:00 AM	Mon	WK
S	***CAMEO Ladies***	***M***	***Wed***	***1.***
S	Discussion Group	2:00 PM	Tues	OFF
S	***Horticultural Soc***	***E***	***Wed***	***3.***
S	Mens Get Together	10:00 AM	Thurs	1.
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S	***U3A Cinema***	***M***	***Mon***	***2.***
S	***Little Kickers***	***M***	***Sat***	***WK***
T	Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Tue	WK
T	Bridge Partner	1:30 PM	Wed	WK
T	**Bridge Practice**	**1:30 PM**	**Thurs**	wk
T	Bridge Cut in	1:30 PM	Fri	WK
T	Canasta	1:30 PM	Thurs	WK
T	Cribbage	2:00 PM	Tues	WK
T	Mah Jong	1:30 PM	Fri	WK
T	Rummikub	10:00 AM	Wed	WK
T	Scrabble	1:30 PM	Mon	WK
T	***U3A Board games***	***M***	***Fri***	***WK***
T	***U3A Rumikub***	***M***	***Tues***	***4.***
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S	Cake & Coffee Day	10:00 AM	FRI	16TH
	NAT WEST BANK	10:30 - 11:30	THUR	WK

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