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OPENING OUR DOORS TO THE PUBLIC

The government roadmap is progressing and with luck and a fair wind, we will be fully open again from June 21st.

There are many groups now returning to the centre, so check out the list over the page and get back to joining in.

In the mean time we are still a Covid secure facility, have social distancing and cleaning measures in place to help keep everyone safe. Face coverings MUST be worn by all when inside the building. And, we are adjusting our risk assessments to take into account the greater numbers of people who will be using the centre.

OUR FIRST CAR BOOT OF 2021

It was so nice to get back out to meet up in the fresh air, and what a morning we had. Thank you so much to all those who turned out to sell and those who came along to view and buy. We were incredibly lucky with the weather and managed to raise £423 for Centre funds.

Dates for the rest of this year's Car Boot sales.
(All subject to the lockdown lifting going to plan)
June 6th, July 4th & 18th, August 1st & 15th,
September 5th & 19th

We are still operating under the current social distancing rules for everyone's safety, so we would really appreciate your help to follow the systems.



**Totton
Baby
Bundles**

Please follow **Totton Baby Bundles** on Facebook for information and activities for children aged 0 < 5.

We can also supply baby clothes and other baby items if required.

For more information ring Susan on **023 8087 3143**, email susan@compark.co.uk or ask at Totton and Eling Community Association office. Civic Centre Buildings Totton SO40 3RS Charity number 301815.

BABY BUNDLES / MOTHER & BABY DROP IN

Information gathering sessions are being planned to find out what different groups need from their local community by way of support.

Please check out the information via the contact details on the poster to find out more about what is happening and how you can get help and support if you need it.

Please also get in touch if you can offer support.

For more information either go to the facebook page "Totton Baby Bundles" or contact as per the poster details.

**FOR OTHER LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS,
PLEASE SEE INSIDE THE NEWSLETTER**

TIMEBANK & FARESHARE–COMMUNITY LUNCHES

We have a lovely shiny new cooker, donated by Timebank, and its first use was on April 29th for the Community lunch.



We use food we collect from Fareshare on the day, to provide a 3 course lunch, so meals will vary each month.

There is no set charge, but we are happy to take a donation for the meal, which helps us to continue to provide meals to those who would like them in the future.

Our next lunch will be May 27th, when we hope to have 20 people joining us to eat in the Palm Room.

24th June will be the first meal back when all facilities are allowed to fully open so we hope to have 60 diners joining us.

To book your space, please phone the office on 023 80 863 769

BRIC-A-BRAC SALE FRI 14TH/SAT 15TH MAY

Our indoor “Bric-a-Brac Sale” last October, proved to be a great success, so we are holding another in the Palm room on 14th May 11am -4pm and 15th May 10am-2pm. All current Covid measures will still be in place, so please remember your face mask and use the hand sanitisers / hand wash regularly.

REPAIR CAFÉ–3RD JULY

Do you have any small electrical items that are in need of a minor fix to keep them going for a while longer. We will be holding a “Repair Café” in the Palm Room, where our handy repair team, will be able to take a look and see if we can extend their lifespan for you. Don't buy new until you've checked out if it can be repaired.

TIMEBANK ALLOTMENT



The Community allotment is starting to take shape, though the recent high winds managed to whip the polytunnel away.

Thankfully it was rescued by other allotment holders and the volunteers have managed to restore it to its rightful place and are starting to grow things for community use in the future.

Timebank would like to thank those who are already helping out, but if you'd like to know more about getting involved or more about the allotment for the future, please contact Helen at the Community Centre Office and she can pass on your details or information.

PARKING CHARGES

A reminder that parking charges are now in place for the car park behind the Testvale Surgery (Civic Centre Car Park) for parking of 3 hours maximum.

The Town Council Car owned Memorial Car Park, and the Testvale Car Park in Testwood Lane, will still be free for shoppers and visitors to Totton for up to 5 hours.

A new barrier is in the process of being installed to regulate the 5 hour stay. There will be an overstay charge made if you go past the 5 hours. You will need to check the Council website for more information about these charges, but we understand it likely will be £10 at the current time. If there are changes in the future we will update again.

ROOM HIRE

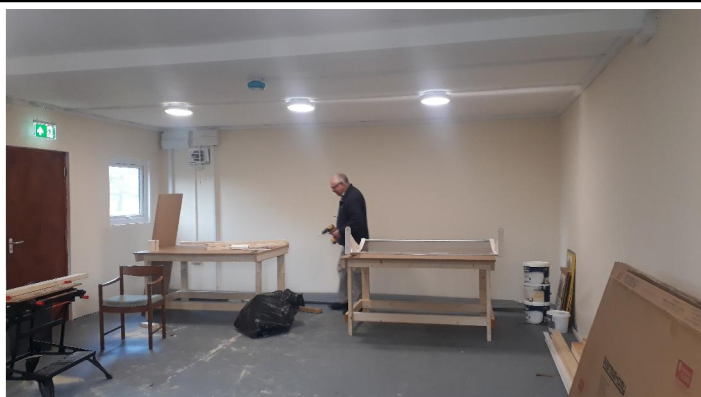
As we open back up to the Community, we have plenty of room spaces available if you want to hire for your classes or group meetings.

The Palm Room and Lilac room floors have been polished and are ready to go. Please contact the office if you are looking for a room to use, at a reasonable rate. We can offer one-off use or regular hire.

MEN'S SHED

The Men's shed will be allowed to open to groups soon, so we are still looking for people who can lead sessions for our "shedders".

Our Men's shed members have been looking forward to getting into the brand new surroundings to start creating and doing what shed groups like to do, so if you feel you have a session you could take the lead for, then please do come and have a chat and we can help you work out how to facilitate it.



We'd need you to take responsibility for opening and locking up, the session and its content. We can help support with advertising, guidance and Covid information, whether you want to run a one-off or a regular session.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS

People who are offering local & Community support

Totton Isolation Group. Helping Hands, Open Arms. Both are community support groups

Totton Together - community support group

Totton Area Men's Shed—currently closed for meetings, but contactable via the centre

Totton Timebank - Community Lunch - Last Thursday of each month. Book via the Centre.

And of course we are always available here at the Centre to help, chat, offer support and signpost you to others if needed.

WHAT'S COMING UP - THE STEPS BACK TO NORMALITY

Groups already back at the Centre

Jo Hyne Dance School
see website for classes
<https://johynedanceschool.co.uk/>

Mondays 10am-2.30pm – Baby Sensory
Classes

Monday 10.15am - Sing and sign

Action Club
Contact the centre for more details and
timings

Age Concern Foot Clinic
Diabetic Eye Screening

More Classes starting in May

18th May
Tuesday 7.30pm - Mum's dance
Contact Maxine 07704855919

19th May
Wednesday 12pm-1pm - In house Yoga

20th May
Thursday—Physio Pilates
Tricia 9.30—1.30pm various sessions

Thurs 6.05pm Yoga with Michelle

1st June
Age Concern Lunch Club
Contact the Centre for more details

21st June
All social clubs able to start,
subject to confirmation
There are now spaces available to book

Auction

Look out for our Auction date later in the
year. We will need buyers and sellers.



Fundraising / Community Events

During lockdown we have not been able to
hold any of our usual fundraising or
community events. Donations are always
welcomed to help us keep the support going.

We look forward to being able to welcome
you back to our Singing Afternoons,
Community lunches and Seated exercise
classes once the relevant Steps in the "Exit
from Lockdown Roadmap" have been
reached.

The Christmas Fayre, & lunch is in
planning

BECOME A MEMBER OR A VOLUNTEER

The Community centre thrives on the
Community being at the heart of all it does,
whether that is by becoming a member, or
helping us put on events (volunteers are
always welcome) or by coming along to
one of our fundraising events/Fayres and
helping us raise funds so we can continue
to support groups and individuals in the
community.

YOU are the important people and we do
need your help to keep that Community
going.

We hope that you will join us when we
return and take up membership for just £5
which will cover your membership until
December 2022 and will give you access to
discounted activities we provide as well as
your ability to have a say in the running of
the Association via the committee or at the
AGM.

Totton and Eling Community Centre is run by the volunteer Trustees of
Totton and Eling Community Association, which has been in
operation in various forms for 70 years.

If you would like to become a volunteer or can spare a few hours a month, or even a few hours for
special events, please contact the office on 023 8086 3769 or email
tandeca@hotmail.co.uk for more information.