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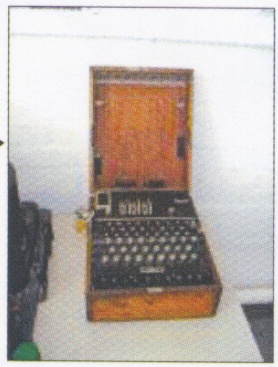
DECEMBER 2006

DAY TRIP TO BLETCHLEY PARK



The place where "code breaking" all began in 1938

A German Enigma machine that produced the supposedly "unbreakable" codes!





Joyce Hall and Joan Martin standing in front of the "Bombe" decoding machine that they operated when they were WRNS during WW2

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If you have any comments about this or any other publication of MiScellany or wish to put in articles or items please don't hesitate to contact the Editorial Team.

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HOMEPAGE

CLIFTON ROAD CENTRE
will be closed for Christmas
AFTER OUR PARTY ON
MONDAY 18th DECEMBER
and will re-open on
MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2007

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 7TH 2007

WESTFIELD COURT HOTEL

7.30 PROMPT

Applications are invited from members for positions on the committee.

Brief descriptions of committee posts are available at our Advice Information Centre, Clifton Road for anyone interested in putting their names forward for a committee position.

The Trip to Bletchley Park

This fascinating event was attended by several of our members making their own way by car. It was particularly special as it was open to all past operators of the Enigma de-coding equipment and so many of these veterans were there and happy to answer questions.
Featured on front cover, Mrs Joyce Hall and Mrs Joan Martin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

5TH RICHARD BURGESS
20TH SUSAN FOSTER

JANUARY

2ND COLLEEN HUMPHRIES
4TH JOAN WOODWARD
9TH VIV BARNES
10TH NEIL COLEMAN
14TH PAULINE COMMANDER
15TH COURTNEY BROWN
24TH TRISH INMAN
28TH SUSAN KEELING
29TH KATHLEEN BARKER

FEBRUARY

2ND TONY CONNEELEY
12TH CHRISTINA DUNLOP
20TH LORRAINE WOODWOOD
27TH JAYNE GOUGH

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped with our MS collecting and awareness days in 2006

We raised a Total of

£2584.39

HOMEPAGE (CONTINUED)

Thank you very much for the positive response to our request for help at the Clifton Road Centre. Maria Slater is now spending time with us on Monday but we are still looking for someone who is ambulant and can assist in opening and/or closing the Centre. The hours are 10am till 2pm.

Contact Jayne 308 5641

A very BIG Thank You to "Bondy" a.k.a. Adrian Bond, for his inspirational help and generosity for providing the polystyrene upright supports for our display stand at Clifton Road Centre. The have made a very big difference to the otherwise droopy and rather tatty display of all the MS literature we provide for all our members and as a duty as an "Advice and Information" service.

Respite care at Helen Ley

There are some weeks available in the spring 2007 for respite care at The Helen Ley Centre in Leamington Spa. Special rates are on offer.

Sutton MS Branch is prepared to offer some help with the funding but it will be "means tested".

Contact the Clifton Road centre for more information. 354 8593

MS NURSES

Due to lack of funding and job cuts nationally
our MS Nurses are under threat.
These people are a very valuable asset to us and we do NOT want to see them disappear.
We need to let the appropriate people know our feelings so we are asking YOU to write to the address below to confirm this.

Send your letter to :-Mr Anand Shah, Business Manager, Neuro Sciences
With a copy to Ms Sue Gray, Nurse Manager, Neuro Sciences
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Edgbaston

EXAMPLE LETTER

I am/We are concerned about the continuing provision of MS Nurses and are worried about the job cuts and lack of funding. The MS nurses have been particularly beneficial to me because .....

.....

Please if every member could send a letter then maybe the QE might realise that the local MS Community have a voice.

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SUTTON COLDFIELD & DISTRICT BRANCH

MONTHLY BRANCH MEETINGS

1st Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m.

Westfield Court Hotel

Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield

ADVICE & INFORMATION CENTRE

Monday and Friday 10.00am 'til 2.00pm

Clifton Road Youth Centre

Clifton Road

Sutton Coldfield B73 6EB

0121 354 8593

email :- suttonms@hotmail.com

Website : - www.mssociety.org.uk /branches/ west_midlands / sutton_coldfield/

COMMITTEE 2006-7

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SCAM ALERTS

No.1

There is a new "Scam" going around which came to light when someone at my wife's firm went out to buy 100 stamps from the local corner shop. Within a short while the Post Office contacted them to inform them that the stamps were counterfeit and those that were left were seized with no recompense. The shop that supplied the stamps had their stocks seized but said that as far as they were concerned they had bought their stocks via a Post Office Representative. The Police say this is part of a national swindle and is ongoing.

The moral of the story is buy your stamps only at The Post Office, especially with Christmas coming up.

No.2

A card is pushed through your door from The Post Office stating that they were unable to deliver a package/parcel and it is necessary for you to telephone the number listed for further details of where and how to redeem it. Do not telephone this number as you will be passed from one department to another. It will cost you £20.00 per minute.

Contact your local post office for instructions if you are in any doubt

No.3

You may receive a phone call on your mobile from someone, claiming to be a company engineer saying they need to check your mobile line. You may be asked to press #09 or #90 then end the call immediately then do not press any numbers. This is a FRAUD company who, once you've pressed #09 or #90 can access your SIM card and make calls at your expense!

Please forward this message to ALL your friends and relatives and colleagues to prevent it happening to them.

Crime Prevention Officer : Phil Corris 01524 596696



M.S. CD COMPILATION



With all the new compilation C.D.'s available in the shops, how about a special MS sufferers compilation?

We had a great time thinking of a few at our regular club meeting. As we have a resident D.J. [your pal Pauline] if we could select a good collection we may be able to get Pauline to 'lay down the tracks'. We would not be allowed to sell this item. We could perhaps raffle it off.

As a C.D. needs 14 or 17 tracks thereabout got any suggestions? Here's a few to get you started .... Let's have your ideas.

Bits and Pieces -The Dave Clark Five
Needles & Pins -Jackie de Shannon
I'm still standing -Elton John
He aint heavy he is my brother-The Hollies
3 wheels on my wagon - Barrie Mcguire
Jake the peg -Rolf Harris
Reelin & a Rockin -Chuck Berry
Comfortably numb -Pink Floyd
Twist and shout -The Beatles
Puff the magic dragon -Peter Paul & Mary
Can't get my Mojo working -
Shake rattle and roll - Bill Hayley
Stand and deliver -Adam the Ants
These boots were made for walking - Nancy Sinatra
I would walk 100 miles -The Proclaimers
Walk on gilded slippers -Narsha Hunt
Don't stop moving -S Club Seven
Tiger feet - Mud
You'll never walk alone - Jerry & The Pacemakers
Hang on Sloopy -The McCoys
All shook up -Elvis Presley
Sexual healing -Marvin Gaye
When I'm back on my feet again -Michael Bolton
I can see clearly now -Jimmy Cliff
Stand by your man -Tammy Wynette

I can see for miles -The Who
Dizzy -Tommy Roe

Walking in the Rain -Johnnie Ray
Walk of Life -Dire Straits
Walk Like an Egyption -The Bangles
I Walk the Line -Johnnie Cash
Keep on Running -Spencer Davis Group
Sit Down -James
Falling into You -Celine Dion
Wheels on Fire - Julie Driscoll
Take It Easy -The Eagles
Bend Me Shake Me -Amen Corner

Falling Backwards - John Waite
Falling Sickness - Because The World Has Failed
Plunge - Falling With Grace
Falling Forward - Hand Me Down
Falling Down Laughing - Living Daylights
he Art Of Falling - Jeff Johnson
All We Know Is Falling - Paramore
Falling Down - Jehst
Still Falling -Virgil Shaw
Please Help Me - I'm FallingHank Locklin
Bend It - Dave Dee Dozey Mick and Titch
Hold Tight - Dave Dee Dozey Mick and Titch
Wide Eyed and Legless - Andy Fairweather Lowe
I Can't Dance - Jitterbug - Wham

MESSAGE BOARD

THIS IS YOUR PAGE TO PIN UP NOTICES

LOOK OUT FOR PAULINE COMMANDER ON BBC's "NEWSNIGHT" & RADIO 4's "YOU & YOURS"

A film crew called to see Pauline at her home on Tuesday 14th November to discuss her ACT "Stem cell" experience in Rotterdam earlier this year as detailed in October's issue of MiScellany. Hopefully this will be televised early in the new year. Also Radio 4 interviewed her on Thursday 30th November for a forthcoming programme on MS. We will keep you informed of further developments.

We are thinking of having a qualified hairdresser to come to the Clifton Road Centre to attend to our coiffure. If you are interested, please tell us and we can arrange it.

There will be a limit to what can be done due to our facilities, but a cut and blow dry or re-style etc. etc. LET US KNOW

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

DIARY DATES 2006/7

Please do your best to come along. We'd love to see you.

DECEMBER

4th	Beautician-Jayne	Clifton Road Centre	10.00 - 2.00
6th	**Christmas Quiz and Buffet**	Westfield Court Hotel	7.30 - 10.00
18th	**CHRISTMAS PARTY**	Clifton Road Centre	10.00 - 2.00

Clifton Road Centre closes at 2 pm for Christmas Holiday

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

2007

JANUARY

3rd	Bring and Buy Sale	Westfield Court Hotel	7.30-10.00
8th	**Clifton Road Centre re-opens**		**10.00 - 2.00**
15th	Beautician-Jayne	Clifton Road Centre	10.00 - 2.00

FEBRUARY

7th	Skittles	Westfield Court Hotel	7.30-10.00
19th	Beautician-Jayne	Clifton Road Centre	10.00 - 2.00

MARCH

7th	**AGM**	Westfield Court Hotel	7.30-10.00