



‘Open Door’
(Association La Porte Ouverte)
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NEWSLETTER – November 2011

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Mouse to House UK shopping

Just a reminder that if you want to order meat from www.riversidebutchers.com you need to contact Steve or Ian and the meat has to be delivered to Mouse2House on the Thursday before delivery. Also have a look at www.ocado.com which is another Supermarket which can be used and has an economy range plus Waitrose items.

Change of Dates

7th December order w/e 3/4 Dec
21st December double slot (Xmas slot so if you think you want to order let Lynn know asap please and how much value your shop will be)

Biddy Sales

The first of a monthly series of sales organised by Biddy Webber took place in October when items of household linen were sold to raise money for ‘Open Door’ all the items being sold have been collected by us or donated to us over the years and we now need the storage space. Biddy has been busy laundering, sorting and preparing the items and informs us that the next sale will be on Tuesday 29th November and will feature clothing.

Arthur Porter

We have received the following email from Arthur’s family:

“We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of Open Door who became close and dear friends of our Dad, Arthur Porter. Dad often told us of his busy social life with Open Door and the happy days he spent in the company of his friends. It was with this knowledge that we were comforted to know that Dad was never lonely, despite living alone in Champagne Mouton. So please extend our deep and sincere gratitude to all of his friends in Open Door and as Dad would wish, remember him with a smile. Regards, Rob, Jill Porter and family.”

Old Mobile Phones

We have been in touch with a French Charity called Malifest who support health, education and agriculture particularly in Africa who are, at the moment, collecting old mobile phones for re-use. We have nearly half a dozen from our household so if you can add to the number please let Lynn or Tony know.

State pension increase

The U.K. September Consumer Prices Index at 5.2% was the highest since September 2008 and it has never been higher since the CPI measure was introduced in 1997. This is good news for UK pensioners as your pension increase in April is based upon the CPI figure; This means that the basic state pension should increase by £5.31 per week from 4 April 2012 to become £107.46 per week.

Authoroute Breakdowns

Following publication on 7th October in the Journal Official the French Government has issued new rates that breakdown services may charge you for providing assistance on an autoroute or peage if you chance to breakdown that are 117 euros for vehicles with a total weight of under 1.8 tons and 144,50 euros for vehicles between 1,8 and 3,5 tons. These charges are increased by 50% for assistance rendered between 6pm and 8 am as well as weekends and public holidays

A note for credit card users

If you hire a car or book a hotel your credit card will be swiped to put a ringfence round a certain amount of funds just in case you do a runner. But once you've returned the car or booked out of the hotel, how long should it take for the workmen to come and take the fence down? The time that it takes to lift the ringfencing can vary widely so that if you are near the credit limit of your card, or the ringfence puts you near that limit you may be unable to use your credit card for sometime.

The Euro rescue.

The golden rule is – borrowing to pay off debt is not paying off debt, it is borrowing more particularly if you don't change the spending habits that got you into that state in the first place. Has the Eurozone rescue broken that rule? Or is getting help from a country like China (which has a cash pile of £2 trillion, most of it in euros) just a sensible response to years of overspending? Will the rescue brokered in October work?

Imagine this

Can you imagine working for a company that only has a little more than 635 employees, but, has the following employee statistics. 29 have been accused of spouse abuse. 7 have been arrested for fraud. 9 have been accused of writing bad cheques. 17 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses. 3 have done time for assault. 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit. 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges. 8 have been arrested for shoplifting. 21 are currently defendants in lawsuits. 84 have been arrested for drink driving in the last year, and, collectively, this year alone, they have cost the British tax payer £92,993,748 in expenses! Which organisation is this? It's the 635 members of the House of Commons. The same group that cranks out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of us in line. What a bunch of 'toss-pots' we have running our country, it says it all. And just to top all that they probably have the best 'corporate' pension scheme in the country!!

Treatment for burns

The following item, originating in the USA has been circulating the internet for some time. The information it contains runs contrary to usual U.K. First Aid procedures and as Our organisation has been responsible for facilitating UK originated First Aid courses we were reluctant to publish the following. However as this has resulted from one of the very rare instances of one of our readers submitting an item to us we publish it here with the rider that perceived wisdom of treating burns is to isolate the burn, douse it with cold water for 10 to 30 minutes and cover with a layer of clingfilm and seek medical assistance.

A young man sprinkling his lawn and bushes with pesticides wanted to check the contents of the barrel to see how much pesticide remained in it. He raised the cover and lit his lighter; the vapours inflamed and engulfed him. He jumped from his truck, screaming. His neighbour came out of her house with a dozen eggs, yelling: "bring me some eggs!" She broke them, separating the whites from the yolks and applied the whites on the young man's face. By the end of the summer, the young man brought the lady a bouquet of roses to thank her. His face was like a baby's skin.

One woman burned a large part of her hand with boiling water. In spite of the pain, she ran cold faucet water on her hand, separated 2 egg white from the yolks, beat them slightly and dipped her hand in the solution. The whites then dried and formed a protective layer. She later learned that the egg white is a natural collagen and continued during at least one hour to apply layer upon layer of beaten egg white. By afternoon she no longer felt any pain and the next day there was hardly a trace of the burn. 10 days later, no trace was left at all and her skin had regained its normal colour. The burned area was totally regenerated thanks to the collagen in the egg whites, a placenta full of vitamins.

A Teddy Bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says 'Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked.'

A Wife asked her husband: 'What do you like most in me, my pretty face or my sexy body?' He looked at her from head to toe and said 'I like your sense of humour'.

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We do not want to lose touch with you.**

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