



**'Open Door'**  
**(Association La Porte Ouverte)**  
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**January 2012**

**Biddy Sales**

This is to remind you that this Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, sees the first of this years 'Biddy Sales' which will feature bric-a-bac and 'things', in other words a fine selection of objects that you cannot really live without and all for the cost of a modest but reasonable donation to 'Open Door'.

The items will be on display and available from 10h00 until midday on Wednesday and for that one day only. So hurry down, grab yourself a bargain and help 'Open Door' at the same time

**Second Lunch of 2012**

The next lunch on Wednesday 8th February which will be provide by Stewart and Elaine Cronin from La Forges and if you have partaken of either of the last two meals they have provided, you will not want to miss this one. Rumour has it that they will be providing an individual Chicken Pie served with mash, and home grown carrots and celeriac and all this follow by sticky toffee pudding. There will be a vegetarian option available for the main course. It sounds so good that we ought to charge you double (what a good idea!) but at the moment the cost remains at 5euros per person for Friends of Open Door and 6euros per person for others. If you wish to attend let Lynn know or send an email to [info@opendoor-civray.com](mailto:info@opendoor-civray.com).

**First Aid Course.**

We have been asked to organise a basic First Aid Course and this will be held at 18 rue Pierre Pestureau on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February starting at 10am. If you are interested in attending this course or maybe a course on a future date please let Tony know or email [info@opendoor-civray.com](mailto:info@opendoor-civray.com). Mark, our instructor, is authorised to teach first aid in both the U.K. and France and makes the days instruction very enjoyable as well as informative. Certificates of completion which are valid for three years are awarded.

**Mouse to House Deliveries**

The next delivery of shopping is scheduled to take place on

February 20<sup>th</sup> – orders must be placed by Saturday 18 January

**Boules and Barbque**

A note of future events for your diary. We will be holding a Boules and Barbeque event during May and June this year at dates yet to be announced so there is no point in trying to book a place at the moment and we will be holding a Bastille Day Barbeque on Thursday 12 July. Cannot tell you of the cost of each event as yet but you know very well it will be a bargain. As usual the Friends of Open Door will be given advanced notice and booking facilities for each event.

**Sale of Library Books**

As an addition to the popular Biddy Sales we have a number of books that have been donated to us that are too good to be sold at 50cents each at a vide-grenier and Tony is in the process of listing these books which will be available at Open Door in the near future

**Given the present political EU position it is important to remember that the French have always been there when they needed us.**

### **Association Accounts and Annual General Meeting**

Our accounts for the financial year 2011 have now been prepared and the Income and Expenditure Account will soon be available for examination on the Friends page of the Open Door website. We usually hold the Annual General Meeting of the Association during the first quarter of the year and to this end the provisional date of Thursday 1st March is suggested. Once confirmed by the Executive Committee official notices will be sent to the Friends of Open Door;

### **Can Cold Water Clean Dishes?**

This is for all the germ conscious folks that worry about using cold water to clean. John went to visit his 90 year old grandfather in a very secluded, rural area of Derbyshire. After spending a great evening chatting the night away, the next morning John's grandfather prepared breakfast of bacon, eggs and toast. However, John noticed a film like substance on his plate, and questioned his grandfather asking, 'Are these plates clean?' His grandfather replied, 'They're as clean as cold water can get em. Just you go ahead and finish your meal, Son!' For lunch the old man made sausages and mash. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to have tiny specks around the edge that looked like dried egg and asked, 'Are you sure these plates are clean?' Without looking up the old man said, 'I told you before, Son, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them. Now don't you fret, I don't want to hear another word about it!' Later that afternoon, John was on his way to a nearby town and as he was leaving, his grandfather's dog started to growl, and wouldn't let him pass. John yelled and said, 'Grandfather, your dog won't let me get to my car'. Without diverting his attention from the Derby County football game he was watching on TV, the old man shouted! 'Coldwater, go lay down now, yah hear me!'

### **Seems Like A Good Idea!**

The room was full of pregnant women with their partners. The class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly and was telling the men how to give the necessary assurance to their partners at this stage of the pregnancy. She said 'Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier; just make several stops and stay on a soft surface like grass or a path.' She looked at the men in the room, 'and gentlemen, remember, you're in this together, it wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her'. The room suddenly got very quiet as the men absorbed this information. Then a man at the back of the room slowly raised his hand. 'Yes', answered the Instructor. 'I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?' *This kind of sensitivity just can't be taught.*

### **New Treatment For Sunburn.**

A man visiting in Hawaii fell asleep on the beach for several hours and got a horrible sunburn, specifically to his upper legs. He went to the hospital, and was promptly admitted after being diagnosed with second-degree burns. With his skin already starting to blister, and the severe pain he was prescribed continuous intravenous feeding with saline, electrolytes, a sedative, and a viagra pill every four hours. The nurse, who was rather astounded, asked, 'What good will viagra do for him, Doctor?' The doctor replied, 'It won't do anything for his condition, but it'll keep the sheets off his legs.'

### **A Little Poem**

Not every flower can say love,  
but a rose can.  
Not every flower can survive thirst,  
but a cactus can.  
Not every vegetable can read,  
But bless, look at you having a little go!

**Just to remind you that if you change your address, telephone number or email address please tell us  
We do not want to lose touch with you.**

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