

# **WATCHIT**

#### The newsletter for Nailsea's Neighbourhood Watch April 2018 edition



#### **STOP PRESS – URGENT:**

We urgently need someone to take on the role(s) of Newsletter Collator and/or Distributor asap. If you are interested in taking on one or both roles please contact Sue Lomax Tel: 01275 542713 or colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk for more information. We will no longer be able to supply the newsletter if no one comes forward.

Welcome to this month's edition of Watch It. You may notice that the newsletter has gone through a few changes; the general format has changed and we are now able to print full colour photographs. This is not only to keep it interesting and relevant but also to make it easier to read.

We welcome any feedback from you all (positive or negative!) and would appreciate your suggestions for subjects that you would like us to cover in the future. Please give your input to any of the Committee members at the open meetings or contact us directly at <a href="mailseanhw.org.uk">newsletter@nailseanhw.org.uk</a>.

A very big thank you goes out to Sarah who has worked so hard over the last couple of years producing the newsletter and also to Peter Smith, for organising the February edition.

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for any confusion caused by the subscription request in February's newsletter. To clarify, we are not after your money yet! It was just a reminder for members who are yet to pay from Sept/Oct last year, as we need to have this money by the end of our financial year (31st May 2018). Subscriptions for next year will be due from September 2018. Newsletters will be carrying the payment request slip as usual.

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# THE NEXT OPEN MEETING: May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018

The next open meeting, as the name suggests, is open to all NHW members. It would be lovely to see some new faces, so please do come along. These meetings are a great way to get to meet your Committee, other Nailsea residents and hear about any local security issues.

Our speaker will be Philip Unwin and the title of his talk is: **The SS Great Britain, the Concorde of her day**. The talk will cover the conception of the ship, the four phases of her life, her salvage from the Falkland Islands and her return to Bristol (into the very dock in which she was built!)



SS Great Britain picture courtesy of www.ssgreatbritain.org

Our Open Meetings are held at the **United Reform Church**, **Stockway North** and start at **7.30pm**. There is no admission charge and even the tea, coffee and biscuits are free!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

The events below will give you an opportunity to come and meet your local neighbourhood policing team and other local agencies to discuss any issues or queries you may have and to bring them up to date with goingson in your community.

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April:

'Coffee with a Cop' at Waitrose, High Street from 2:15 and 3.15 pm

#### Saturday 21st April:

Community Event at Crown Glass Shopping Centre from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:

'Coffee with a Cop' at Costa Coffee, Tesco from 2.15 – 3.15 pm

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:

Community Road Show at Crown Glass Shopping Centre from 12:00 – 2:00 pm WATCH IT April 2018

#### 999 or 101? That is the question!

Everyone knows the 999 number but do you know when you should use it and when you should instead use 101?

999 was chosen as the number for the world's first automatic telephone service for emergency services in 1936. It is for **EMERGENCIES ONLY**, for example, when a crime is occurring or has just happened, when there is a danger to life, when violence is being used or threatened or for any incident on the motorway.

999 can also be reached by SMS text and is useful if you have hearing or speech difficulties, or if you are in a situation where it may be dangerous to talk. Your phone must be registered before you can use this service. Please visit **www.emergencysms.org.uk** for details.

The 101 number was launched in 2011 to replace local police station telephone numbers across the UK. This number can be used for reporting incidents which do not require emergency action, for example, reporting a crime/incident that has already happened and where there is no emergency, minor traffic collisions that do not require emergency response and for providing information about crime in your area (e.g. anti-social behaviour). 101 can also be reached by text phone on 18001 101.

For reporting terrorist activity, you can call 999 if you suspect immediate danger, or contact the police via the anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789321 or online at www.gov.uk/contact-police.

When life is at risk or a crime is in progress call 999. Use 101 for non-emergencies

#### **NAILSEA NHW ONLINE**

Website: www.nailseanhw.org.uk / Facebook: www.facebook.com/nailseanhw

You may have noticed that the main menu of the website has been revamped so that we now have four top subjects that can be expanded by clicking on the '+' sign next to them. We are aware that some pages still read 'Under Construction' and will endeavour to update these as time permits. The website continues to be updated on all the latest police reports etc. so please make sure you check these. Our website whizz, Colin Oliver, is currently trying to juggle both the website and the facebook page. If you are a fan of social media and are interested in running the facebook page, please get in contact with him.

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#### RIDING FOR LIFE

Imagine being woken in the middle of the night and having to jump out of bed and onto a motorbike, ready to travel many miles, delivering vital medical products. This is what Colin Stone, our speaker at the March Open Meeting has been doing since retiring.





Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service is a registered charity which provides free motorcycle courier service to the NHS. They work from 7pm - 7am, Monday to Friday and offer a 24-hour service at weekends and bank holidays.

Blood, frozen breast milk, drugs, patient records and X-rays are just some of the items that get loaded onto their BMW R1200RT bikes, complete with blue lights, sirens and full livery to get them quickly to where they are needed with no charge being made to the NHS.

Thank you to Colin for his excellent talk and we hope you all enjoyed the evening. For further information contact Freewheelers EVS at www.freewheelers.org.uk

#### **SCHEMES UPDATE**

Replacement Coordinators are still needed for: Bucklands Batch, Station Rd 1, Corfe Close, Riverway, Southfield Rd 2 and The Willows & Withy Close. These schemes will be deregistered (and signs removed) if we cannot get replacements

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999: Emergency services

101: Non-emergency calls

0800 555 111: Crime Stoppers

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