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## Newsletter June '21

Dear friends,

We are thrilled to have been chosen by Co-op Ryde as one of their 3 good causes. Co-op members buy selected Co-op branded products and services, and have the opportunity to give their chosen cause a helping hand. Co-op also give all money raised from shopping bag sales to the causes, to help even more. You can become a Co-op member for just £1. If you are already a Co-op member, you can choose us as your chosen charity here: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/43967>

We are also delighted to have been nominated to be part of the Asda Foundation brand new Green Token Giving online vote, through Asda Newport IOW. Voting will close at midnight on Saturday 31st July so please visit the link below and vote for The Wight Brainy Bunch 🙌. You can vote once every 7 days, so please return and vote again. <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4786>

Gareth Bricknell will be running for The Wight Brainy Bunch at this year's Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday 3rd October. We were lucky enough to be awarded one small charity place at this year's race, and are confident that Gareth is the perfect candidate to represent our little charity at this iconic event. You can support Gareth here: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GarethBricknell1>

Huge thanks to Tracey and Pete for holding their Virtual Quiz for The Wight Brainy Bunch in May. Thanks also to everyone who signed up to have the quiz paper sent to them at home. This event raised an incredible £350.

A huge thank you to Howdens Newport for their recent generous donation of £250.

On Sunday 30th May, Ollie Cole took on a sponsored walk, in support of her son Steve in Australia, who was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma brain tumour in 2018. Ollie was joined by close friends for the 4.5 mile circular route from St Helens Green, raising £800 for the Wight Brainy Bunch.

**FINALLY**, we are delighted to announce the return of our monthly support group. The first group will take place **10-11am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Newclose Cricket Club**. Going forward we intend to hold the support group on the **first Thursday of every month 6-7pm**.

Whilst support groups have been able to meet for a while, with many vulnerable members, we felt we needed to find a larger venue, where everyone could spread out and would feel comfortable attending. And so, we have decided to trial this at Newclose, as this will hopefully give us the space to grow in the future. We would like to thank Mike and Wessex Cancer for allowing us to use their facilities for so long and we are incredibly grateful to them. We are looking forward to having the opportunity to catch up with our WBB family and give new patients and their families the opportunity to access and benefit from the support and friendship that this group has created over the last few years.

## Dates for your diary 2021:

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Support Group \*New Venue\***

Join us at Newclose Cricket Club 10-11am, for our first support group in over a year. There is plenty of room to socially distance, plenty of parking and if the weather is nice, we can use the outside area. It will then return to an evening group, which will be held 6-7pm on the first Thursday of every month.

**(Future dates: 5<sup>th</sup> August; 2<sup>nd</sup> September; 7<sup>th</sup> October; 4<sup>th</sup> November; 2<sup>nd</sup> December)**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Be Our Guest Ladies Tea Party**

With the delayed easing of restrictions, it will be necessary to host this years' tea party in two sittings. The first 11am -1.30pm and the second 2pm - 4.30pm. If you are planning to attend, please let me know which sitting you would like to attend. There is no charge for this event, although you will be asked to make a secret donation of whatever you feel your afternoon tea is worth. Unfortunately, this event is not suitable for young children.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Teachers vs Teachers Football Match**

As part of Gareth Bricknell's London Marathon fundraising, Primary School teachers will take on Secondary School teachers at Westwood Park in Cowes. Kick off 11am. Adults £3/ Children £1 entry.

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August: Charity Skydive**

We will be taking to the skies once again on Wednesday 4th August for our annual Charity Skydive. Many places have been carried forward from last year, but we still have a couple of spaces left ... so if this is on your bucket list, there is no better way to see the Isle of Wight!

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August: Warrior Festival**

The 'Warrior Festival' will see a whole host of local bands come together at Sandown Airport on 7<sup>th</sup> August to support The Wight Brainy Bunch. The family-friendly festival will run from 3pm-11pm and invites everyone to enjoy a fun-filled day with an array of food options, bars and live music from the likes of Hashtag, Close to Home, The Ohmz, Foo Fighterz and many more. Tickets are just £10. Under 12's free. For tickets, please visit: <https://book.events/warriorfestival/2021-08-07/29882>

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Charity Race Night**

We finally have a new date for our Race Night (Hoorah) 🐾🐾🐾 So please join us for a fun filled evening of fun entertainment, at Ryde Castle on Friday 10th September. 8 Runners \* 10 Races \* Prizes for winning owners \* PLUS charity raffle! Opportunities to sponsor a race or own your own horse 🐾. Tickets just £5 per person (includes prosecco on arrival) Bar meals available.

To book your tickets, please visit: [www.thewightbrainybunch.org.uk/product/\\_racenight/](http://www.thewightbrainybunch.org.uk/product/_racenight/)

### **September / October: Race for Stace – TBC**

Date to be confirmed. Join Stacey's friends for a round the Island cycle ride. Total distance is 66 miles, but even one mile will help. To register, please email: [claire\\_compton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:claire_compton@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Virgin Money London Marathon**

We look forward to supporting our runners who carried their ballot places over from last years' cancelled event and also Gareth who will be running in our charity space.

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Simply Health Great South Run**

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October, we will be lining up on Clarence Esplanade at the start of the 2021 Simply Health Great South Run. This run is very dear to us and we really missed it last year, so if you would like to join us, please email: [info@thewightbrainybunch.org.uk](mailto:info@thewightbrainybunch.org.uk)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October – All Hallows Eve Ball (FULL)**

Join us on the 30th October for our 5th Black-Tie Ball, this year at Gurnard Pines. Enjoy a sparkling drinks reception, two course meal and live music from Switch and The Mix.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Winter Wonderland Christmas Market**

We are excited for a return of our Christmas Market at Ryde Fire Station. More details to follow.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Kat & Mark

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The Wight Brainsy Bunch continues to offer emotional support and financial assistance to families here on the Island whose lives have been affected by the devastating effects of brain tumours.