Age Concern Menorca

Light at the end of the tunnel

The Shop

Thankfully, things are starting to move again at Age Concern Menorca. We have a date for re-opening the shop!

Organising this has been complex because almost all our volunteers are in a 'vulnerable' category and, as we deal with second-hand goods, donations must be quarantined before staff can handle them or put them out for sale. This means, certainly at the start, most of the furniture area will be out of bounds to customers and used for storing new donations (we will initially only be able to accept donations of small items). All our present stock has been quarantined for some time so will be on sale straight away. To start with, we will only be able to staff the shop for 3 mornings each week. The now 'normal' safety procedures will be in place and priority will be given to over '65s and other vulnerable people. **New donations will need to be bagged in a secure plastic bag and also labelled with the date of donation.** Unfortunately, there is currently a long waiting list for collections and under the current circumstances it may be some time before collections can be resumed.

AGE Concern MENORCA

Shop re-opening

MONDAY 15TH JUNE

New hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday ONLY

09.45 – 1.15

Number allowed to enter limited.

Priority given to over-65s

Donations of small items welcome but these must be **in plastic bags and labelled with the date of donation**.

No collections of large items at present.

We look forward to seeing you all again. We've missed seeing you all. Don't forget to pick up a copy of our newsletter (produced before the current crisis) and one of our new business cards, with updated contact information, when you drop in.

The medical and mobility equipment loan service has continued to operate to meet emergency needs. **This service is strictly by appointment: acmenorcamedequip@gmail.com** or 'phone **629016307** Returnable deposit required, donation requested on return. **Short term loans only** though we can assist you in finding long term solutions. In the light of the current crisis we have reviewed the range of equipment we loan and have decided, for the safety of our staff, that we will no longer be loaning intimate personal hygiene equipment but will, instead, offer our current stock for a donation. Please contact the equipment team for details.

Lifeline has continued to operate as normal to support individuals in need. We have been overwhelmed and greatly heartened by the number of people who have volunteered their help in providing additional support during the current emergency. At the time of writing we have had very few additional requests for help so have not needed to call on many additional volunteers but it has been very reassuring to know that the help is there is needed and we realise that many of those who offered help during the current crisis cannot do so when things return to normal. Thank you all again! Just a reminder that if you know anyone who would benefit from our support you can contact Lifeline for confidential help:
lifelineac@yahoo.com or 'phone **676 904 487**

Social activities. We hope to resume these as soon as possible but lunches will not be resumed until restaurants have opened with enough indoor capacity. It is possible that this may be in July but that may not be possible. Some of the regular attendees at the Bar Pons 'drop in' are already starting to meet on Tuesdays but for a shorter time. There are unlikely to be any trips arranged until after the summer.

Regular social events (to be resumed as soon as possible)

'Drop in': Just call in for a coffee, chat, dominoes, scrabble etc.

Each Tuesday 10.00 – 1.00 at Bar Pons, Cala en Porter

Each Monday 10.00 – 1.00 at The Centre de Jubilados, Es Castell

Lunches

- A Fish & Chip lunch Bar Pons, Cala en Porter on the **first Thursday** of every month
- Three course lunch Bar Espana, Es Castell: on the **third Wednesday** of every month**.**

For more information or to book contact**: menorca@ageconcern.org.es** or 'phone **699 901 777**

Membership

Membership costs just 12€ a year and not only helps us continue our work but also provides you with benefits. You can now apply for or renew your membership electronically and pay by bank transfer.

We also send news and information about events and offers electronically to all Friends and Members for whom we have an email address. Contact us on: **menorca@ageconcern.org.es** or 'phone **620 017 437**

Our AGM which was scheduled for 3.00 p.m. Wednesday 27th May, at Bar Pons has been postponed. A new date will be set once things are more settled.

Volunteers

Apart from the shop manager, Carol, everyone works for Age Concern as a volunteer. Though the number of volunteers has grown, we still need more Lifeline volunteers as the number of people we support continues to grow. Please contact us if you, or anyone you know, would like to volunteer.

As always, we also still need and strong and able bodied people to help with collection of large donated items. Contact us on: **menorca@ageconcern.org.es** or 'phone **971156110**

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Monday to Wednesday 09.45 – 13.15 ONLY

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