**Woodcote Volunteers**

**Tea Parties for our clients**

Our clients loved the musical quiz in March and thank you to Brian for running it. Our next Tea Party will be on **Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 2.30pm, finishing at 4pm.** We are being treated to a talk by Vicky Jordan about an aspect of local history. It should be very interesting so please come along to our free event for tea, cake, talk and good company.

Tea Parties are held at the Community Centre in Woodcote. We provide tea and home-made cakes and there is no charge. Please give us plenty of notice if you need a lift by calling our office phone number below.

**New Client Liaison volunteer**

We are delighted to welcome Yvette Decmar, who some clients have already met through our tea parties as she comes along to those each month. She would like to gather feedback from our clients about how we can improve, or offer different services, so if you have any good ideas, she would love to hear from you. Please contact her via our office phone number or our email address and messages will be passed on.

**Woodcote Winter Wheels: Driving Health and Happiness!**

February was the last month this winter that our free drives were offered. We were able to offer free drives over the winter due to the generosity of both the Co-op Community Fund and Woodcote Rally and would like to thank them again. It was a very well received initiative, with over 150 drives undertaken in the period, resulting in significant savings for our clients. We hope to be able to repeat this next winter.

**Blue badges**

Having successfully helped several of our clients to apply for a Blue Badge, we now have the capacity on a first come, first served basis, to help others who live in our catchment area. If you think you may be eligible but require some advice or need help with the process, please call our office phone number in the first instance and someone will call you back.

**Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 16th April in the Pavillion Room, Village Hall, Woodcote, from 7pm. All of our volunteers and the wider community are very welcome to attend, to find out more about our service and meet those who are involved. A speaker from Age UK has kindly agreed to come along to talk about their services.

**Call out for new drivers**

We do need a few more drivers and we would love to hear from you! Being a volunteer driver is a wonderful opportunity to help others while making new friends. Please go to our website [**www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk**](http://www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk) to find out more about the role and how to contact us.

**TO FINISH…..**

If you need a driver, please give us at least three days’ notice as it can be hard to find someone at the last minute – but we will always try!

* **To book a driver,** **call** **01491 681171 giving as much notice as possible.**
* **To volunteer, email:** **info@woodcotevolunteers.org.uk**
* **Our website:** [**www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk**](http://www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk)
* **Facebook page:** [**www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers**](http://www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers)
* **General enquiries – call 01491 681171**