**Mixed Blessings Programme – Summer 2024**

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| **Date** | **Talk/ Activity** | **Speaker/ Organizer** | **Meal** |
| 16th Apr | Lifting the Lid | Miranda Pender |  |
| 23rd Apr | A Career in the Military | Neil Murdock | Cooked Meal |
| 30th Apr | Wobble (Seated exercise) | Gill Tennant |  |
| 7th May | Tales of a Roving Reporter | Alan Jones | Fish and Chips |
| 14th May | Craft | Jenny Singleton |  |
| 21st May | Music | John Harpham | Cooked Meal |
| 28th May | Put Your Best Face Forward | Jane Glennie |  |
| 4th June | Origins of Pub Names | Anthony Poulton Smith | Fish and Chips |
| 11th June | Visit to Branksome Dene | --- | Bring your own lunch.  Pudding will be provided |
| 18th June | Call My Bluff bygone quiz | Morgan, Ivan and Eric | Cooked Meal |
| 25th June | So Far So Good | Malcolm Wells | Planning Meeting |
| 2nd July | Wobble (Seated exercise) | Gill Tennant | Fish and Chips |
| 9th July | Coach Trip to Redlands Yard and West Bay |  |  |
| 16th July | Visit from Merley First School | Year 4 Children |  |
| 23rd July | Musical favourites | Nick Sellers | Cooked Meal |
| 30th July | Coffee and Chat | - |  |
| 6th Aug | Coffee and Chat | - |  |
| 13th Aug | No Mixed Blessings | Childrens Holiday Club |  |

Coffee and Chat sessions continue until the Autumn term which begins on 3rd September.

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Hello!

Welcome to a new term of Mixed Blessings. You will see from the programme overleaf that we have a full and varied selection of activities this term. There are return visits from old friends and speakers fresh to us.

We have booked the community room at Branksome Dene for 11th June so that we can have our annual visit to the seaside. No guarantees, but the weather is usually very kind to us for this and we spend time sunbathing, playing games, strolling along the prom, and chatting.

On 9th July we plan to have a coach trip through the wonderful Dorset countryside to Redlands Yard in Broadwindsor, and the harbour at West Bay. Redlands Yard is a craft centre with a handful of retail outlets and a very pleasant restaurant where you can enjoy a coffee if you want. West Bay has a very picturesque harbour and a plethora of fish and chip emporia and cafes where you can take pleasure in lunch. You can even go crabbing if it takes your fancy!

We end the term with a visit from Nick Sellers. Last time he came, people said that his voice was good enough to sing on the London stage, and between songs he keeps us entertained with his witty repartee.

If your new to mixed Blessings, here is the normal pattern of the meetings:

**10:30** Arrive, drink hot drinks, chat and eat biscuits.

**11:00ish** Notices, Birthdays, Bible talk, Prayers, Talk or Activity

**12:00** End or (fortnightly) Meal

With kind regards,

Derek.