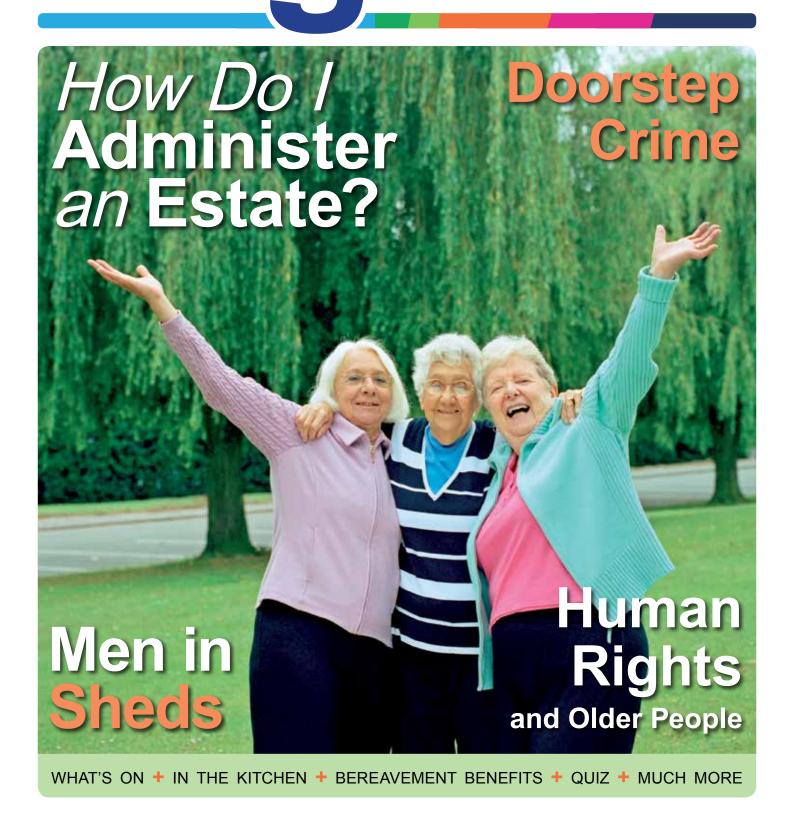






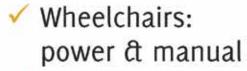
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Foreword from the Editor

Welcome to Engage, the first issue of our magazine – a joint effort between Age UK Derby



& Derbyshire and Age UK
Nottingham & Nottinghamshire.
This magazine is for people
in later life and those who
want to know more about our
organisations. There will be 4
editions per year, each packed
with informative, exciting
and interesting articles.

Inside this issue of Engage are the regular gardening, recipe and quiz features plus What's On in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire with events and activities that you could attend. There are also some much more useful and interesting reading including how to administer an estate, bereavement benefits, human rights, how to safeguard against doorstep crime and history of Easter. In addition, read about what we are up to.

Throughout the magazine, you will see some helpful advertisements for local tradesmen and services which might be relevant to you, as well as a host of other information from Age UK Derby & Derbyshire and Age UK Nottingham & Nottinghamshire about our services, service users, staff and volunteers.

We hope you enjoy the magazine and we would love to hear what you find useful or what you think of it, so engage with us. Send us your letters, your ideas and stories. We would love to make you part of our magazine.



Angel Child Editor

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Human Rights and Older People

We do not normally equate older people living in the UK with the Human Rights Act. Yet we should all be mindful that the **Human Rights Act applies to** everyone of any age and that they are just as applicable to an older person living in the UK as anywhere else in the world. **Human Rights are the minimum** standards each and every one of us should set ourselves to ensure those we live alongside are treated fairly, justly and with respect and dignity in equal measures regardless of who they are or whatever they have done.

We often see Human Rights being demonised in our media making us think that human rights have no value. This confusion is due to extreme headlines and stories such as war criminals cannot be deported due to breaching their human rights or axemen must be given the vote. It is very rare that we see the true stories of how older people are helped by Human Rights, such as the daughter arguing that her father should be treated rather than just let slip away by the doctor just because of his age or individuals and organisations insisting that care workers and other professional staff should be treating older people with dignity and respect when providing care or when challenging those significant decisions being made on behalf of older people by those who think they know best.

Human Rights should not be demonised or brushed under the carpet. They are there to be used to protect older people and the most vulnerable and are an important tool, not only for them, but anyone advocating on their behalf to secure their rights. The Human Rights Act enables anyone to challenge our public authorities who might be or are breaching an older person's rights. Public authorities under the Act have a duty to investigate breaches and be proactive to ensure a person's human rights are respected, protected and upheld.

Some of the Rights in place to assist someone helping an older person are:



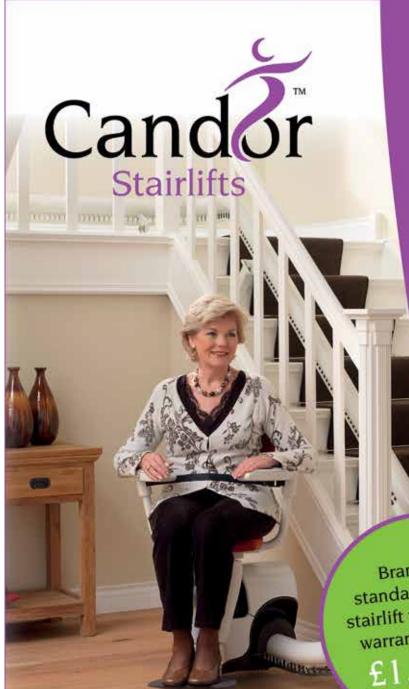
Article 2: Right to life; Article 3: Right not to be tortured or treated in an inhuman or degrading way; Article 4: Right to be free from slavery or forced labour; Article 5: Right to liberty; Article 6: Right to a fair trial; Article 7: Right to no punishment without law; Article 8: Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence; Article 9: Right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; Article 10: Right to freedom of expression; Article 11: Right to freedom of assembly and association; Article 12: Right to marry and found a family: Article 14: Right not to be discriminated against in relation to any of the rights.

The hardest bit for most people is translating the language of the Articles into how we can help older people secure their rights. This is where we need to look at each Article and translate it into what is happening to the person whose rights are being possibly breached. For example, Article 8 could relate to care staff opening and reading an older person's post without first requesting or securing permission to do so. Or care homes not allowing gay partners to sit and spend time together or show affection to each other in public

because it may upset other residents or staff. Article 5 could relate to locking windows and doors so residents can't come and go where there is no legal or practical reason. Article 3 could be being left in soiled clothing for long periods of time due to neglect by care staff.

It is not easy translating human rights into practical situations and partly due to negative media presentations of the use of human rights, it is taking a long time to embed human rights into health and social care practice and for it to be understood as a positive way to bring about change.

For more information regarding older people and their human rights checkout the British Institute of Human Rights or Age UK's website which hold and signpost to a number of other good resources. If you're interested in joining a Human Rights Group then the Seen Ya Rights Group based in Derby can be contacted by contacting Ray Gumbley at Age UK Derby & Derbyshire on 01332 343 232.



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How to take care of yourself and your loved ones in later life

More and more people are facing a financial dilemma as they grow older.

any people would like to make monetary gifts to provide immediate benefit to loved ones as soon as possible. But there is a growing fear that money could run out, leaving them unable to maintain a standard of living later in life, especially if long term care is required.

With nursing homes charging on average £731 a week, the spectre of having to sell property to meet care costs looms large for many. Over the last ten years, the average cost of nursing care has increased by almost 75% and residential care by 70% (Laing & Buisson Care of Elderly People UK Market Survey 2012/13).

Even if people choose to remain in their own homes and receive care there, the cost is significant. And on top of all this, there is the threat of Inheritance Tax (IHT) taking as much as 40% of assets exceeding the nil rate band of £325,000 for a single person, or where the full allowance is passed to the surviving spouse, £650,000 for a couple. This can have a serious impact on people's estates. More and more people are affected by IHT every year, It used to be a tax that was the preserve of the very wealthy, but escalating property values in the last ten years have put pay to that,

For single people, Inheritance Tax applies at the top rate of 40% to assets worth over £325,000. This threshold is known as the nil band rate. For married couples and civil partnerships the threshold is £650,000. But the higher £650,000 limit only applies when assets are passed between spouses and civil

partners and this figure reduces if any money is passed onto any of your benefactors during your lifetime. There are also other financial implications to consider, particularly if you are a widow, widower or divorcee.

And with the threshold remaining unchanged by the coalition government until at least 2015 and subject to further legislation, the freeze will be extended up to and including the 2017/2018 tax year. More people could get sucked in as the minimum IHT threshold usually increases at a rate equivalent to at least inflation.

Davy Hudson, a local Partner of St. James's Place Wealth Management, is concerned that most people do not consider the big picture when planning for later life, often not taking the time to understand the impact that care fees or IHT could have on their wealth, "It's clear that people are confused by IHT policy and many mistakenly believe they are unlikely to be affected by this or the need for care in later life," he says. And he is also concerned about a potentially more serious knock-on effect,

"The good news is there are solutions to help safeguard your wealth in later life" says Davy. "Simply understanding what you can gift to loved ones now, or place in trust for later, can give you access to the income you need today and also mitigate any future exposure."

your personal circumstances, but even ensuring your Will is up to date could reduce the risk of

Davy Hudson is based locally and is inviting Engage readers to discuss how they could reduce their potential Inheritance Tax exposure and plan for long term care.

Later Life Planning Surgeries are being held, by appointment only, between 10am - 4pm on 23 April 2015 at the Age UK Nottingham Office, Bradbury House, 12 Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, NG1 4FQ All surgeries last approximately 30 to 45 minutes and are held in the

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your estate being severely reduced through IHT and the high cost of long term care."

The best action anyone concerned about these issues can take is to seek professional advice and establish how you can protect your hard earned assets.

The writing of a Will involves the referral to a service that is separate and distinct to those offered by St. James's Place. Wills are not regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

If you would like further information on this or any other financial matter, please contact Davy Hudson of St. James's Place Wealth Management. Davy can be contacted by phone on 0115 8770211 or by email on davy, hudson@sjpp.co.uk.

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Method:

- 1. Cook together peeled, cored and sliced apples, soft butter or margerine, sugar and rind and juice of a lemon
- 2. Put through sieve with wooden spoon (or you could use a blender).
- 3. Separate the yolk from the egg white and beat the egg yolk.
- 4. Then in a clean basin whip the egg white until stiff or at the 'soft peak' stage.
- Add the beaten yolk of the egg to the warm appley mixture and allow to cool a little. Add the stiffly beaten white of the egg and fold in until mixed.
- 6. Spoon into 5 or 6 individual glass dishes.
- 7. Top with whipped cream or shavings of lemon rind.
- 8. Serve with sponge fingers or shortbread biscuits.



Coffee Morning

On 30th January 2015, the Age UK Derby & Derbyshire coffee morning celebrated its fifth birthday. The coffee morning started off as a small affair at Derby County Football Club Stadium with the support of Specsavers from the Crown Walk shop in the INTU Centre in Derby. The group has now grown to between 45 and 60 people and it regularly meets on the last Friday of each month at St Peter's Church in the centre of Derby.

Ray Gumbley who runs the coffee morning says "Looking back over the five years it's amazing that in all that time only one coffee morning has had to be cancelled due to bad weather and even then it was touch and go until the last minute."

The coffee morning has raised several thousand pounds for Age UK Derby & Derbyshire over the years due to the kind support provided by Specsavers in the last five years and through the regular coffee morning raffles.

Over the five years, the coffee morning has had talks from ex Derby County Footballers, Radio presenters and had presentations on Burlesque culture, meditation, holistic healing and even had wild birds flying from guest to guest during a presentation of Eagles and Owls by a bird sanctuary. They have held artefacts from prehistoric times to modern art sculpted by an international artist living in Derby. They have all been on a trip around the City on a vintage



bus and last year they attended a World War One re-enactment where they were treated to a display of vintage steam trains and WWI cavalry demonstrations.

You could say no two Fridays are exactly the same except in the fact that they have regular raffles and quizzes, loads of tea, coffee and biscuits and they all leave having had a brilliant morning. The coffee morning has now become like a small community in itself. It is friendly, inviting and a warm group to be a part off and they look after each other keeping an eye out if someone does not turn up or are away sick.

This year the coffee morning even provided their own pantomime Cinder Flipping Ella written by one of the coffee morning regulars and performed by the group themselves. This was followed by a buffet and presents delivered from Santa which was kindly donated by Simpson Solicitors in Derby.



For more information about the coffee morning call the Morledge office of Age UK Derby & Derbyshire on 01332 343 232.

If you are interested in attending coffee mornings held by Age UK Notts Kindred Spirits to make friends and put the world to right at various venues throughout Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Please email membership@ageuknotts.org.uk or call 0115 841 4473 to find out more.



In the Garden

Top 5 tips to prepare your garden for Spring:

1. Plant summer-flowering bulbs

This is the perfect task for a sunny Spring day! Summer-flowering bulbs such as Gladiolus, Lillies and Ranunculus can be planted in early Spring for a colourful summer display. Always plant bulbs with the pointed growing tip facing upwards and as a rule of thumb, most bulbs can be planted at a depth of approximately 3 times their own height.

2. Clear up borders and flower beds

If you would like to be wildlife friendly, you can cut back the old dead growth of deciduous grasses and herbaceous perennials in early Spring. If the soil is workable, you can dig a 5cm layer of organic matter such as compost,

well-rotted manure or recycled green waste into empty garden borders.

3. Hunt down garden pests

Hunting down and removing hibernating pests in Spring can save a lot of trouble come summer. Take a closer look at the crowns of your perennial plants and you may find slugs, snails and aphid colonies sheltering for the winter. If you have yet to clear out last year's pots of summer bedding then do this now and look out for the white vine weevil larvae. Destroy any you find and treat using parasitic nematodes.

4. Move deciduous shrubs

If you have a badly placed deciduous shrub then now is the time to move it whilst it's dormant. Choose a still day

to prevent the roots drying out. Take a wide berth around the shrub when digging it up and try to take as much of the root ball as possible for the quickest establishment in its new location.

5. Create a composting area

Set up a compost area in your garden, if you haven't already done so. This could simply be a ready-made compost bin or you could build a compost bin yourself. Not only will you have somewhere to put your garden waste but your plants will benefit from the rich compost created when it all breaks down! Make sure you have a good mixture of grass clippings, vegetable peelings, paper and woody prunings. Most importantly, turn your compost with a garden fork each month to keep it aerated.

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Bereavement Benefits

When someone close to you dies you'll have to make decisions and arrangements at a time when you are very upset. Financial matters raise concerns for so many who have never had to deal with them by themselves before. There are several financial aspects that need to be considered that will save money, but could also help a widow(er) who finds themselves in financial hardship. Here is a list of some of the things to consider but for more detailed information about any of these, please contact Information and Advice in Derbyshire on 01773 768 240 or Nottinghamshire on 0115 844 0011.



You will need to inform the Pension Service of any changes as the way your pension credit is calculated will change. This can be done through the 'Tell Me Once' service at the Registrar Office at the time of registering the death or by telephoning the Pension Service direct on 0845 606 0265.

Council Tax support

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Tax changes

You may find your tax allowances change after your spouse or civil partner dies, or you may need to pay a different amount of income tax.

- If you were getting Married Couple's Allowance, you'll receive it for the rest of the tax year but not the year after.
- If your spouse or civil partner was receiving Blind Person's Allowance and they didn't have enough income to use it all up in the year they died, you can ask HMRC to transfer what's left to you for that tax year.
- If you get extra income following their death, such as bereavement benefits, a pension or annuity, your tax status may change.
- If you become liable for income tax for the first time and you have some savings, you will have to pay tax on the interest.

Financial help for bereaved people You may be entitled to benefits based on your spouse's or civil partner's National Insurance (NI) contributions. The type of benefit will depend on your age.

State Pension

There are different rules for widows, widowers and surviving civil partners.

- If you're a widow who is over State Pension age and not receiving a full basic State Pension when your husband dies, you may be able to use his NI contributions to increase your basic State Pension. If your husband was entitled to any additional pension or Graduated Retirement Benefit, you may be entitled to some of it.
- If you're a widow who is under State Pension age when your husband dies, you may be entitled to a State Pension based on his contributions once you reach State Pension age.
- If you're a widower or surviving civil partner and you reached State Pension age after 5th April 2010, the rules about inheriting State Pension are the same as for widows (see above). If you reached State Pension age before that date, different rules may apply depending on your wife or civil partner's date of birth, date of death and your date of birth.

Bereavement payment

You may be entitled to a tax-free lump sum bereavement payment of £2,000, but only if your spouse or civil partner paid NI contributions and either you were under State Pension age when they died or if they were not entitled to a Category A



State Pension when they died. If you have dependent children, you may also be entitled to Widowed Parent's Allowance.

Bereavement Allowance

You can claim Bereavement Allowance if your spouse or civil partner paid NI contributions and you were under State Pension age when they died. The amount you get depends on your age and your partner's NI contribution and it is taxable.

Benevolent funds and charities

Help is sometimes available from benevolent funds linked to a spouse's, civil partner's or your own past employment.

War pensions

If your late spouse or civil partner served in the armed forces you may be entitled to help.

Funeral Payment

You may be able to get a grant to cover the costs of a simple, respectful funeral from the Social Fund, but there are strict rules about who can get help and how much. A Funeral Payment will have to be paid back from the deceased person's estate (if there is one).

Budgeting Loan

If you don't qualify for a Funeral Payment or it does not cover the full costs of the funeral, you may be entitled to a Budgeting Loan. These are interest-free loans of between £100 and £1,500 which are repaid out of your benefits.

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Easter

Easter Sunday this year falls on the 5th April and for many people it is a welcome long weekend with both a Friday and Monday bank holiday.

For Christians the Easter holiday is of special significance as it celebrates and commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with many Churches holding special Easter ceremonies.

Interestingly the time of year of the Easter holiday varies, and can occur as early as 22nd March or as late as 25th April. To discover the reason for this variation we need to look to the history of Easter celebration.

History of Easter

According to St Bede, an English historian of the eighteenth century; Easter owes its origin to the old Teutonic mythology. The name Easter was originally derived from the name of the ancient Greek goddess of Spring, Eostre. It was believed that every year, Eostre returned to Earth after a long, cold winter and brought along with her the light and warmth of Spring. Thus, the ancient Greeks held pagan festivals to welcome Eostre and herald the onset of Spring.

These Pagan festivals always coincided with the Spring Equinox on the 21st of March every year. Though the Greeks did not fully understand when and why Spring came, they believed Eostre must be pleased to ensure that she returns year after year. The festivals were lavish feasts that celebrated the blooming of new flowers, the chirping of birds, butterflies, and sunshine and in general the feeling of rejuvenation that is inherent of Spring.

With the growth of the Christian Church Easter changed from a celebration of Spring to a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Prior to 325 A.D., the Church celebrated Easter Sunday not on the Spring equinox but on very first Sunday following the full moon on or after the Spring equinox. In 325 A.D., the Church Council of Nicaea sought to standardise the date of Easter and as astronomers were able to approximate the dates of full moons in future years, the Western Christian Church used these calculations to establish a table



of ecclesiastical full moon dates. These dates would determine the Holy Days on the ecclesiastical calendar. Therefore Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon after the 20th of March. To further complicate matters the rules for determining when Easter falls can be different depending on where you live, as Eastern Christianity uses a different method to Western Christianity. So, ever since the days of early Church history, determining the precise date of Easter has been a matter for continued argument.

Easter Today

Current Easter customs vary across the Christian world, and include sunrise services, clipping the Church, where people hold hands in a ring around the Church and sing and dance, and decorating eggs, a symbol of the empty tomb. Often Easter lilies, a symbol of the resurrection, are used to decorate the chancel area of Churches on Easter Sunday and for the rest of Eastertide. Easter has also been commercialised

to a large extent by the greeting card industry and companies manufacturing Easter related goods and items. With cute chicks and bunnies often being the symbols of commercial Easter.

Customs that have become associated with Easter and are observed by both Christians and some non-Christians include egg hunting, the Easter Bunny and Easter parades. There are also various traditional Easter foods that vary regionally like the Paska, which is a pyramid shaped dessert made from cheese in Russia and Tsoureki a Greek brioche like bread decorated with hard boiled eggs.

Easter is a festival that denotes life, rejuvenation, renewal and rebirth and in 2015 there will be many events to mark the celebration of Easter in the United Kingdom and across the globe.

Whatever you may be doing we wish you a happy Easter!



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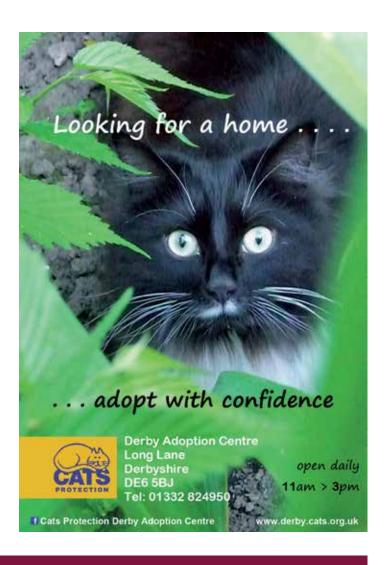
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Is there a Will?

First of all you need to find out if there is a Will. If there is a Will, it should appoint the people responsible for dealing with the estate (the property, money and possessions). They are called the 'executors'.

If there is no Will, the process is slightly more complicated. In this situation the law states who can deal with the estate and who should benefit, known as the 'rules of Intestacy'. Under such circumstances, the people responsible for dealing with your estate are known as the 'administrators'.

The death of a relative or friend is a difficult time, even before you start thinking about dealing with their financial affairs. It is easy to become confused by a host of legal terms and procedural requirements. Where do you start?

James Bolton, a solicitor with Actons in Nottingham, and a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners, provides some practical advice.

The collective name for executors or administrators is 'Personal Representatives.'

What is a Grant of Representation?

A Grant of Representation is commonly known as 'Probate'. It is the document issued by the Probate Registry. If there's a Will, a 'Grant of Probate' is given to the executors. If there is no Will, the rules of intestacy apply. A 'Grant of Letters of Administration' will be given to the administrators.

Both documents are collectively known as 'Grants of Representation.' They confirm that the people named have the authority to administer the estate.

Not all estates require a Grant of Representation. Many banks, building societies, etc. will release quite large sums of money without it, providing their own procedures are satisfied. However, if the estate includes property or significant investments or savings, a Grant of Representation will be necessary.

What does it involve?

There are four key stages to administrating an estate:

1. Investigation on the size of the estate

A careful review of the deceased's personal papers, and increasingly his or her electronic records, will ascertain what was owned and owed at the date of death.

2. Do you need to pay Inheritance Tax?

Inheritance Tax may be payable if a person's estate (his or her property, money and possessions) is worth more than £325,000 when he or she dies. This is called the 'Inheritance Tax threshold'. Meanwhile, the application for the Grant of Representation can be submitted to the Probate Registry. Once they receive confirmation that any tax has been paid, the grant will be issued.

I Start ninister Estate?

3. Collect or sell assets and pay debts

Once the grant has been received, the Personal Representatives can administer the estate by closing bank accounts and selling investments and property which have not been passed to someone else in the Will. Any money raised can be used to pay any outstanding debts, and reimburse any expenses of the personal representatives.

4. Distribution

Once the Personal Representatives know everything has been accounted for, they can distribute the estate in accordance with the Will or the rules of intestacy if there is no Will. Estate accounts will then be prepared to show how the final balance for distribution has been calculated.

Do I have to do it myself?

Although some people are happy to take on the responsibilities of being a personal representative, you do not have to do things all by yourself.

Before you start the administration of an estate, you should consider the following:

1. The call on your time

Depending on how complicated the estate, the administration can take several months to finish. You must be sure that you can cope with the additional demand on your time.

2. Estate complications

There may be complications with the estate which may require some legal expertise to resolve. For example these can include issues such as Inheritance Tax, what to do if there is no Will, or there are doubts about how valid the Will is or it may be particularly complicated.

3. Family relationships

The death of a close relative is a stressful time and this can sometimes result in family feuds about how the estate is being administered which can be very distressing.

4. Are you happy to take on the responsibility?

As a Personal Representative, you are legally responsible for dealing with the estate correctly. Any failure in carrying out your legal duties can result in you being personally liable and subject to putting things right out of your own pocket.

How can a solicitor help?

By using a solicitor to deal with this for you, you'll have the peace of mind of knowing that everything will be dealt with legally, correctly and efficiently. Once the solicitor has assessed the value of the estate, they will provide you with a breakdown of the charges involved.

For information, or for a no-obligation discussion, please contact James Bolton on 0115 9100 279 or email james.bolton@actons.co.uk



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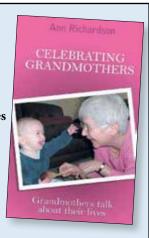
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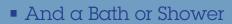




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Do you know someone who has had a diagnosis of dementia?

Are you a carer or involved in the care of someone with dementia?

Can we help?

We are running an A to Z of Dementia series of information sessions, the next one starting in April. The sessions begin on Wednesday morning the 29th April from 10am to 12noon, and will continue every Wednesday for a further 6 weeks finishing on Wednesday 10th June.

It is specifically for families and friends, not paid carers, and is called Making Sense of Dementia (an Information Programme for carers of people with dementia). The 'Programme' runs for seven weeks and is just two hours a week. During the two hour sessions, carers learn about the different types of dementia, how dementia affects the brain. Carers will also learn how dementia can affect communication, behaviour and appetite and what to do when the situation becomes difficult.

One very positive aspect of the sessions is the chance to meet other carers in the same situation which enables people to share experiences, feel less isolated and learn a lot from each other. Many friendships are made at these groups. There are usually about 10 people but may be more. The April sessions will be run at

Castle Cavendish Works Dorking Road Nottingham NG7 5PN Opposite the castle retail park on Radford Boulevard. (a map will be sent to you when you register).

We can also offer respite care for the person with dementia and also try, where possible, to help with transport. The programme is available to carers in Nottingham City and the County. Carers are asked to contribute £2.50 per session. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided and lots of written information to take home. Every effort is made to ensure that the groups are very friendly, relaxed and welcoming.

"The carers are asked to let us know what they think of the programme and there have been some very positive comments".

"Saturday mornings won't be the same without the group,"

'I have never learnt so much in such a short time'

'I wish I had known this five years ago'

'This has helped me look after my father much better'

"I feel so much more confident about making decision now - this has been really helpful.

"It is great to hear other carers and know that you are not on your own"

If you can't make these sessions in April we are hoping to continue the sessions recurrently throughout 2015. Introducing an evening weekday option and weekend Saturday morning.

INFORMATION PROGRAMME FOR CARERS OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Wednesday morning 10.00 - 12.00 April to June 2015

SESSION

No	DATES	ТОРІС
1	29th April	Introduction to dementia
2	6th May	Understanding the experience of dementia
3	13th May	Being a carer and looking after yourself
4	20th May	Understanding the changes in communication and behaviour
5	27th May	Nutrition. Understanding the assessment process. Moving on – accepting help, sharing the care, respite and long term care. A look at local services
6	3rd June	Welfare benefits - (Guest speaker). The legal implications of caring for someone with dementia.
7	10th June	Health issues - Infection control. Continence care. Guest speakers from the specialist nursing teams)

All the sessions will be run at Castle Cavendish Works, Dorking Road, Nottingham, NG7 5PN
Please TEL: 0115 9786133 to reserve a place for the full programme. A charge of £2.50 per session will be made to cover the cost of refreshments. We are hoping that carers will try to attend all the sessions in order to maximise the benefit of the information.
However, we quite understand if this is not possible.

We are a local charity supported by our partners in Nottingham



In the Community

Kindred Spirits get festive at St Mary's Church

Kindred Spirits members were at St Mary's Church in Nottingham on 8th December to decorate a Christmas tree for the Church's second annual Christmas Tree Festival. Members who attended were Carol Bradshaw, Gill Deacon and Jennifer Letts, who thoroughly enjoyed decorating the tree. The Church also put on a seasonal spread for everyone to enjoy so the atmosphere was truly festive!



Derby City Libraries are supporting people living with dementia

Derby City Libraries have been running popular sessions over the last few months to support people living with dementia and their carers and are continuing in 2015.

The sessions are based around reminiscence with a focus on Derby, including looking at old photos, books and memorabilia and encouraging people to come and share their stories. If people prefer, they can just sit and have a chat over a coffee or look around the library in their own time. During 2015 these free drop-in sessions continue at three libraries between 11am and 1pm each month except August at the following

Derby libraries and all are welcome:

- Mackworth Library: Every 3rd Thursday of the month
- The Phillip Whitehead Memorial Library, Chaddesden Park: Every 3rd Friday of the month
- Mickleover Library: Every 4th Wednesday of the month

For further information call Margaret Jay on 01332 641 718 or visit www.derby.gov.uk/libraries.



Kindred Spirits choir at John Lewis Nottingham

Kindred Spirits members were also invited along to the Christmas department at John Lewis in Nottingham on 16th December to bring some festive cheer to shoppers by singing some Christmas songs. Their singing generated lots of applause as shoppers clearly enjoyed listening to the wonderful choir whilst taking a break during gift shopping.

Kindred Spirits is an Age UK Notts service which aims to reduce loneliness and social isolation through friendship and activities.

For more information about Kindred Spirits, please call 0115 841 4473 or email membership@ageuknotts.org.uk.





Annually, falls affect 35% of those over 65s and 45% of those over 80s. Age UK "Strictly No Falling" brings together Derby and Derbyshire health and social care organisations that aim to reduce falls in older people by providing a range of activities, services and information to help people improve their mobility, strength and balance and reduce their risk of falling.

We are looking for motivated people with some spare time to deliver chair-based exercise sessions for older adults. No experience is needed and we offer a recognised qualification. There is also funding available for classes set up in areas of high need and support given to set-up your own community classes. We are also looking for volunteers to support the sessions.

This service is provided by Age UK Derby & Derbyshire, funded by Derbyshire County Council and in partnership with Derbyshire Community Health

services NHS Foundation Trust. To find local falls prevention activities, visit www.activederbyshire.co.uk/fallsprevention. For more information about this service and getting involved, please contact 01773 768 240.



Kindred Spirits Celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2015



Kindred Spirits began in 1995 and has always existed to help people in later life who are experiencing some form of loneliness or social isolation through bereavement, retirement or simply a move to a new area. Kindred Spirits gives people the opportunities to make friends and socialise at a pace that suits them.

There is a team of volunteers and staff who help people along their journey with encouragement and motivation and there is also a monthly newsletter delivered to their door. This is packed with over 150 things to do each month including: exercise classes, lunches, day trips, coffee mornings, walks, special interest groups, holidays, bowling, darts, theatre, social afternoons and lots more! Whilst some activities are included in the membership fee, some have a small charge to cover costs, such as trips and holidays.

Carol Wilby, who has managed the service for 9 years, says: "I'm looking forward to celebrating our 20th anniversary as it really is a fantastic service. Over the years it has enabled around 3000 people to enjoy lots of different activities. I could

list all the activities we provide but actually they are immaterial in a way, it is the platform Kindred Spirits offers for people to make friends, enjoy life and be part of a community that is important. Bereavement, retirement, a decline in health and other life changing situations can often result in loneliness and subsequently a lack of confidence or motivation to get out and about. Kindred Spirits helps people with those first steps along the journey, whatever the pace, to enjoy a fulfilled social life and realise they are not alone."

Our members constantly provide positive feedback about how the service changes their lives for the better. For example:

- Kindred Spirits has changed my life in too many ways to detail. I am happier than I have ever been.
- Since becoming a member I have made a new life for myself.
- I feel I now have a reason to go out and meet people.
- Kindred Spirits enables me to choose as much or as little as I wish to do over the month. It is helping me to have confidence to book things on my own and not to feel isolated.

 Having been a member for 10 years I have seen with my own eyes the very positive side it has for members in terms of relief of loneliness, sometimes caused by the loss of a spouse.

To celebrate Age UK Notts will be holding a special event for our members on Older People's Day (1st October 2015).

If you are interested in finding out more, Age UK Notts hold regular Welcome Mornings where anyone who is thinking about joining Kindred Spirits can dropin and meet some current members and some of the team, to see if it is for them before they join. The next welcome mornings at its Shakespeare Street office are: Tuesdays 7th April, 12th May and 9th June 2015 from 10.30am – 12noon.

To find out more about Kindred Spirits just email membership@ ageuknotts.org.uk or give Age UK Notts a call on 0115 841 4473.



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Men in Sheds

sets to open for older men in Daybrook, Nottingham

A project that brings older men together to share skills and socialise is set to be launched in Daybrook, Nottingham.

Several Men in Sheds projects have already been set up in Nottinghamshire, including one in Blidworth, one in Nottingham and one in Worksop; and a new shed with necessary equipment has now been set up in The Stores Building, Jubilee House Compound, Nottingham Road, Daybrook. The Daybrook shed is funded by Gedling Borough Council and supported by the Mayor, Jenny Hollingsworth. It will officially open in early Spring 2015.

Project Manager, Nicky Wheddon said: "This project is an ideal opportunity for men to be more socially active. There's a lot of skill amongst our elderly gentlemen and it is not being used. This project will provide them with the facilities and to put these skills to good use."

Men in Sheds is an exciting project that supports men aged 60 years and over who want to get together to





share and learn new wood-working skills, based on the very successful Australian Men's Shed movement.

Age UK Notts provides the 'shed' – a workshop, tools and equipment and a co-ordinator for support. But the day-to-day running of the shed is left to the shed members who choose the activities they want to participate in. Shed members come from a wide variety of backgrounds ranging from highly skilled to beginners. All work together and there is a role for everyone.

The benefits of joining this project include:

 Opportunities to socialise and make new friends

- Experience the camaraderie of working with other men
- Put practical skills to good use and share them with others
- Try something new and learn new skills
- Support your local charity to reach out to more vulnerable older people

Members can put their skills to good use, share their knowledge, learn new skills and put the world to rights over a cup of tea for merely £1.50 per session.

The products produced by the shed members are sold to further the work of this project and support vulnerable older people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

For more information, please contact our co-ordinators:

- Blidworth shed Christopher Riley t 0787 283 9556
- e christopher.riley@ageuknotts.org.uk
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1930's

- 1. What well known comic in 1937 introduced Desperate Dan?
- 2. Who was known as the Cheeky Chappie?
- 3. Who was the beautiful film star from Sweden who began to talk in the movie "Anna Christie"?

1940's

- 4. Which capital city was occupied by the Germans on 14 June 1940?
- 5. Which Hollywood star was well known for her exotic costumes and tooty fruity head wear?
- 6. Which radio series was set on an imaginary RAF station?

1950's

- 7. What new fashion footwear made women look taller?
- 8. What was the name of the first national branded sliced loaf?
- 9. Who was Christopher Craig's partner in crime?

1960's

- 10. What famous street made its debut on to our TV screens in December 1960?
- 11. Which infamous novel was cleared for general sale by a Jury at the Old Bailey?
- 12. What was the name of Dr Finlay and Dr Cameron's housekeeper in the series "Dr Finlay's Case Book"?

11. Lady Chatterly's Lover. 12. Janet. 9. Derek Bentley. 10. Coronation Street. in the Marsh. 7. The Stiletto. 8. Wonderloaf. 4. Paris. 5. Carmen Miranda. 6. Much Binding 1. The Dandy. 2. Max Miller. 3. Greta Garbo.

Quick Quiz Doorstep Crime -Don't be a Victim!



Bogus Callers or Distraction Burglary

Bogus callers target vulnerable people in their home, arrive uninvited and pretending to be from legitimate companies. Their main aim is to distract the occupier, get into the home and steal from them without them realising it.

If you think you have been a victim inform the police. They can help with advice and support, additional security and your information can help them protect others.

Rogue Traders

Many doorstep criminals pretend to be from a legitimate business, usually property maintenance and repair. These traders knock at the door uninvited and may tell the householder that urgent work is required on the property or drive. The work is often unnecessary and completed to a very poor standard. A low price is normally quoted initially and often escalates to an extortionate figure once the work has commenced. They put pressure on the victim to pay immediately.

If you have a problem with rogue traders take action immediately. Don't pay the bill and contact Trading Standards who can use legislation to intervene via the Citizens Advice consumer helpline 03454 040 506. Your experience can help them build up a case against traders or identify a pattern and protect other people. If you are threatened or intimidated ring the Police on 101 or in an emergency ring 999.

What can you do to stop this happening?

The most important thing to remember is to say NO to doorstep callers.

- Don't buy from or let uninvited callers into your home.
- Don't feel rushed or pressurised into having work done on your home.
- · Check the caller's identity. Don't ring the number on their identity card – look in the phone book.
- · Call a neighbour or local Neighbourhood Watch if you have a caller at the door you are uncertain about.
- Remember that reputable workers don't have to go knocking on doors looking for work.

Practical steps

- · Have a door chain or bar fitted.
- Fit security lighting.
- Plan maintenance and use businesses you can trust.
- Only deal with callers by appointment.
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General Election and Dissolution of Parliament



When are general elections held?

Since 2011 and the passing of the Fixed Term Parliament Act, a general election must be held every five years. The date of the next general election is set to be 7th May 2015 as general elections must be held on the first Thursday of May.

However, two other events could possibly trigger an election other than at five year intervals.

- A motion of no confidence is passed in Her Majesty's Government by a simple majority and 14 days elapses without the House passing a confidence motion in any new Government formed.
- A motion for a general election is agreed by two thirds of the total number of seats in the Commons including vacant seats (currently 434 out of 650).

Before 2011, the Prime Minister could call a general election at any time

We are sure you are aware that 2015 is a general election year, rather than focus on the possible nature of the campaigns we thought this issue we would have a look at the processes a general election triggers.

within the five year period and not all Parliaments lasted the full five years. Usually a sensible Prime Minister would call an election at a time when he or she was most confident of winning the election (getting more MPs (Members of Parliament) than any other party).

Dissolution of Parliament

Since 2014, Parliament is dissolved 25 working days before the general election. When Parliament is dissolved every seat in the House of Commons becomes vacant. This year, Parliament will dissolve on 30th March. On this day, a proclamation will be made announcing when Parliament will meet after the general election and setting the date of the Queen's Speech at State Opening.

What does dissolution mean for MPs?

MPs immediately revert to being members of the general public and lose all the privileges associated with being a Member of Parliament. They are allowed access to Parliament for just a few days in which to remove papers and equipment from their offices. All facilities and services for MPs at Westminster are closed at 5pm on the day of dissolution. Until a new Parliament is elected, MPs do not exist. Those who wish to reapply must stand again for election as candidates in their constituencies.

Who runs the country while there is no Parliament?

The Government does not resign when Parliament is dissolved; essential business must carry on and government ministers remain in charge of their

departments until after the result of the election is known. Only then will the Queen ask the leader of the majority party to form a new administration. During the period between dissolution and polling day, however, the Government suspends any advertising campaigns and refrains from major policy decisions or announcements. This was known as 'purdah' but is now usually called the pre-election period.

What does dissolution mean for the House of Lords?

Members of the House of Lords are appointed - not elected - and during dissolution they remain Members of the House of Lords. All business in the House comes to an end, and while Members of the Lords can access the premises of Parliament, only limited facilities and services are available to them.

The general election

MPs for each constituency are elected from a choice of candidates by winning a simple majority in that constituency. The candidate with the most votes then becomes the MP for that constituency. Candidates may be from a political party registered with the Electoral Commission or they may stand as an 'Independent' rather than represent a registered party. After all the campaigning has ended and the polls have closed and votes counted each of the 650 constituencies in the UK would have elected their MP. The political party whose candidates win the majority of constituencies and therefore seats in the House of Commons usually forms the Government.



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7 March Calke Alive 18th Century Meet the characters who lived and worked at Calke. Free entry (normal admission apply). 12.30pm – 4pm at Calke Abbey. Call 01332 863 822.

10 March Jazz Steps Live Join Nottingham Youth Jazz Orchestra for an evening of live music. Entry: £10 / £8. 7.30pm at Worksop Library. Call 01909 535 353.

10 – 22 March Model Railway Exhibition Featuring Grange over Sands, Mettesford and the fictitious Wingfield Junction layouts. Free entry. 11am – 4pm at Gothic Warehouse, Cromford. Call 01629 823 256.

26 March Pride & Prejudice Enjoy an afternoon screening of the film adaptation of Jane Austin's classic novel. Entry: £3. 2.30pm at Mansfield Library. Call 01623 651 337.

29 March Rescue! Join Mines Rescue and Mansfield Fire Museum for a themed afternoon with rescue equipment and vintage fire engines. Free entry. 12pm – 4pm at Bestwood Country Park. Call 0115 976 2422.

30 March Spring Fayre Various stalls and activities to raise funds for Age UK Derby & Derbyshire Bakewell Centre. Entry: £1. 10am – 1pm at Bakewell Centre, Granby Road. Call 01629 813 221.

31 March Cancer Awareness Attend an informative health and wellbeing event. Free entry. 10am – 12pm at Derby Eagle Centre. Call 01332 343 232.

31 March – 17 April (date to be confirmed) Intergenerational Event Enjoy creative activities in the school holidays with grandchildren. Entry: £2. 10am – 12pm at Chaddesden Park Centre. Call 01332 674 562 to confirm date and book.

3 April The Snail and the Whale Follow the snail's amazing journey and be prepared for great storytelling. Entry: £7.50. 1pm – 2pm at Lakeside Arts Centre. Call 0115 846 7777.

7 April Kindred Spirits Welcome Morning Find out more about making friends and enjoying healthy activities. Free entry. 10.30am – 12pm at Bradbury House. Call 0115 841 4473.

16 April Bretano String Quartet Enjoy a programme that includes James MacMillan's Third String Quartet. Entry: £16 / £14. 7.30pm at Lakeside Arts Centre. Call 0115 846 7777.

19 April Derby 10k, 3k Fun Run Bring your family to join in the fun and see you or others run. Free entry. From 9am (10k), 10.30am (3k) at iPro Stadium.

21 April – 9 May Beautiful Thing Enjoy a glorious urban love story between two young men. Entry: £10.50 – £28.50. 7.45pm at Nottingham Playhouse. Call 0115 941 9419.

25 – 26 April Bakewell Food Festival Taste excellent local produce and enjoy the splendid offerings of food fayre. Free entry. 11am – 4pm throughout the town centre.

28 April Healthy Mind & Body Attend an informative health and wellbeing event. Free entry. 10am – 12pm at Derby Eagle Centre. Call 01332 343 232. 1 May Jimmy Carr Funny Business Enjoy Jimmy's brand new stand up. Entry: £25. 8pm at Royal Concert Hall. Call 0115 989 5555.

2 – 25 May Belper Arts Festival including literature, art, theatre, film, photography, dance and music. Free entry. Events at various times and venues around the town. Call Amber Valley Tourism on 01773 841 485.

9 May 1Outreach Annual mass community outreach which presents the gospel through music, dance, spoken word and more. Free entry. 12pm – 5pm at Old Market Square.

15 – 17 May Dodson & Horrell Chatsworth International Horse Trials Equestrian sport, displays, a shopping village and entertainment. From 8am at Chatsworth. Entry: To be confirmed. Call 01246 565 300.

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23 – 25 May Wirksworth Well Dressings and Carnival A unique Peak District tradition, where wells are decorated with natural materials. Free entry. Activities throughout the weekend in Wirksworth.

27 May Sophie Snell and Mel Bhavsar Discover storytelling with the beauty and drama of elemental landscapes. Entry: £7. 8pm at Lord Roberts pub. Call 01332 840 007.

30 May Nottingham Triathlon Bring your family to see you or others swim, bike and run. Free entry. From 7.30am at National Watersports Centre. Call 0115 982 1212.

Remembering Yesterday

PROJECT UPDATE

Eight months ago, Age UK Derby & Derbyshire received some funding from the Big Lottery Fund 'Awards for All' to tell life stories of some members from the Bakewell Day Centre. In that time, six life stories have been completed.

A lot of time was spent visiting the member's houses and chatting to them about their lives using their own photographs as prompts. Their memories, stories and photos were digitally recorded and sent off for printing. The end result is a hardcover book of their life story for them to keep and treasure.

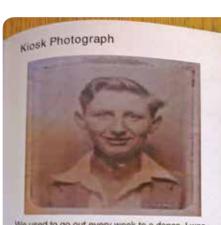
The members have enjoyed the process of putting their life stories together. Their eyes light up when reminiscing about the past. It is fascinating listening to the stories behind the photographs and



their ability to recollect vivid details is amazing. For example, the memory of their mother being chased by a baby giraffe called Shorty in South Africa. Or the exact words a son said to his mother when she was going into hospital to have her baby, "if you're going away take that bump from under your pinny." Or a childhood memory of being dragged through the mud by their dog; illustrated by a photograph of them with one hand bandaged, dressed in their Sunday best. Another childhood memory of waking up after a tonsil operation to the cheep, cheep of sparrows nesting outside their hospital window. Then there was the anecdote from a member who had bought half a hole from a farmer to put in a septic tank.

The project has been a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. Their memories have been funny, entertaining, poignant and uplifting as well as providing invaluable historical accounts of times gone by. The life stories have given the day centre staff and volunteers an insight into members' lives and it has been a privilege getting to know them deeper as individuals.

Mary Ward, Day Centre Manager at Bakewell said, "A wonderful project capturing memories and lives recorded, for the members to share with family and friends."



We used to go out every week to a dance. I was fortunate to have a car. Even before I had a car a local chap with a big old banger would cram as many people you could into it. He would take them to the dance in the next village. The dance moved around every weekend. Three or four bands in the area. You would go to different ones If you knew the bands were any good. At Bradwell they had all time dancing in the memorial hall and at the works across the road, where there was a canteen. The works made all kind of metal work in the war. On special occasions you bought on licket and got into either. There was a local bobby in each village. There used to be ten or twelve in a laxi, three at the side of the driver, two girls on his knee.

At the beginning some of the members were reluctant to tell their life story as they thought it will be of no interest to anyone else and they have nothing of importance to say. Telling their life story has helped them to understand the path their life has taken and the lives they have touched.

To find out more about this project, please call 07415 064 900 or email belindathepoet@outlook.com.

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Testing a new drug to treat tinnitus

Professor Deborah Hall, Director, Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit

Tinnitus describes any sound a person can hear from inside their body rather than from an outside source. It affects up to 10% of adults in the U.K and it can be very distressing. Unfortunately, there is no cure, and it costs the NHS £27m a year to help people manage their symptoms through hearing aids and/or counselling. Our research at the Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit, addresses this problem. Our core work assessing the effectiveness of current NHS treatments is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). We also partner with industry to evaluate novel treatments that are not yet available to the NHS. Having worked closely with the British Tinnitus Association over 10 years, as a member of the Professional Advisors' Committee and Board of Trustees, I am aware that

many people who experience tinnitus would like a drug treatment to be made available.

In June 2014 Autifony Therapeutics, with the University of Nottingham as the academic partner, were successful in securing a grant of over £2 million from the Technology Strategy Board to evaluate a potential new therapy to treat tinnitus. This collaboration will help to assess whether Autifony's lead compound (AUT00063) can successfully treat the symptoms of tinnitus. Autifony Therapeutics Limited (trial Sponsor) is a UK-based company formed in 2011 as a spin-out from GlaxoSmithKline. The company directors worked within GlaxoSmithKline's Neuroscience Centre of Excellence for Drug Discovery and so have a lot of experience in the drug pipeline.

Recent scientific evidence indicates that tinnitus is associated with abnormal changes in the hearing regions of the brain.AUT00063 targets a specific part of the nerve cells which play a key role at many levels of the hearing brain. The trial is the first of its kind in the UK to test the effectiveness of a tablet taken orally (swallowed) to treat central (i.e. brain-related) tinnitus.



The multi-site trial is called QUIET-1 and it will recruit up to 150 people across 10-12 participating NHS sites in England with Prof Jaydip Ray as the Coordinating Investigator at the Royal Hallamshire Hosptial, Sheffield. It started from about October 2014. QUIET-1 is a randomised controlled trial. This means that if a participant is accepted into the trial, he/she will be chosen at random to take either the medication or a placebo (dummy drug). Participants would be required to attend the clinic on five occasions to have some study assessments made, over a period of about 10 weeks. The key assessments will further determine the safety profile of AUT00063 and explore if the severity of tinnitus is improved. Within that time, participants will take the medication

or placebo daily for 4 weeks. Volunteers for this study need to have been diagnosed with subjective tinnitus for more than 6 months but less than 18 months and are at least 18 years of age. Reimbursement for time and travel is offered.

More details will be appear on the Autifony company website. For specific queries about volunteering contact the Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit (BRU): +44 (0)115 823 2600 to speak with one of the study team (10am-3pm).

For more information about the company, please see their website: www.autifony.com



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