



UK NSE, Milan Community Newsletter



Welcome to the January Newsletter!

With Christmas and New Year gradually fading into the background I hope everyone is enjoying the last few days of Minimum Manning and is looking forward to the cold crisp winter months, rather than the soggy grey days. It's a new year and a new start, 2020 was a challenge for everyone but there is hope for 2021!

This will be a short newsletter, mainly focussing on the post-Brexit world that we now find ourselves in, events are rather thin on the ground and hopefully after the next DCPM we will have more of an idea of what we can do.

Take care and stay safe.

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Post

Due to Government restrictions the postal service to all BFPO locations was suspended until 04 Jan 2021. Services for several locations, including ours, have been **suspended until 21 Jan**. I will endeavour to update everyone as soon as I have notice from Northolt that services are resuming and in which form of delivery. Please also bear in mind that the increase in CV-19 numbers and the UK National Lock-down could affect our service further.

With the UK leaving the EU the international post service will also be affected including what items may be sent and taxes that may need to be paid.

The latest information and requirements can found here: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/british-forces-post-office-services?](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/british-forces-post-office-services?fbclid=IwAR2nqIg2w68pxQYe0EoYVQ4tdWUHaoqPMq0Hw1iUbjcG7Gzi9_Lwh-yQxJ4#announcements)

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If you are using the BFPO system please ensure that the correct address is being used. It should be written as:

Name

NRDC ITA

UGO MARA CASERMA

BFPO 61

The alternative address is:

Street: 61

Town: BFPO

Postcode: BF1 2AY

EU Transition

There are many questions floating around at the moment about what the final deal will mean for all of us. EJSU.net has now gone live with a 'one stop shop' for all of these questions (and more) and can be found at the following link— <https://www.ejsu.net/eustransition/>

The key points to consider are:

Passports— check whether your passports will be valid from 01 Jan 21 (even if the expiry date is later than Jan 21), if it isn't or will be valid for less than 9 months speak with the NSE to apply for a new passport <https://www.gov.uk/check-a-passport-travel-europe>

UK Driving Licences— ensure that your drivers licence has your BFPO address or that of your UK residence, this can be done online, <https://www.gov.uk/change-address-driving-licence>

Pets— following the agreement pets returning to the UK will still be able to use their UK Pet Passport for a short while. However, if you visit the UK on a regular basis and take your pet with you, you will need to plan ahead and apply for an Italian Pet Passport. Further details on how to do this will be added to the Milan EJSU page in due course.

UK bank accounts— ensure that your UK bank has your BFPO address or UK residence and not the address of your accommodation to avoid any confusion moving forward.

EHIC and Travel Insurance— It has now been agreed that UK Nationals living abroad who currently have an EHIC will be able to continue to use it until it expires. One major difference is that it will not be valid in Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein, who are not members of the EU, but had previously accepted the EHIC from UK Nationals. For those who do not currently have an EHIC or who need to renew, you will now need to apply for a GHIC. This will entitle holders to emergency or necessary state (not private) medical care at the same cost as a resident of the EU country. It is not a replacement for travel insurance and will not cover everything—such as mountain rescue or being flown back to the UK for treatment.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4	5	6 Italian Public Holiday Epiphany	7	8	9	10
11 Minimum Manning ends	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Contingent Coffee 10am	20	21 Book Club 8pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Contingent Lunch 12.30pm	28	29 Contingent Bingo Night 8pm	30	31

Diary Notes

As always, the diary is a 'living document' and changes will happen depending on the weather and general interest ... I will update as necessary on the NRDC Contingent Facebook page and WhatsApp chats as appropriate.

Unfortunately the diary is very slim this month due to the uncertainty around the decree. If we are allowed out and about more then I will add some walks and runs as and when it is possible. Events will be virtual unless restrictions are lifted.

6th January—Epiphany (Italian Public Holiday)

11th January—Minimum Manning End

19th January - Contingent Coffee 10am

21st January— Book Club 8pm

27th January— Contingent Lunch 12.30pm

29th January—Contingent Bingo Night, 8pm. Details to follow.

Best Wishes Charis

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