

# British Community Weekly Newsletter

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## What's On This Week

Sat 19	SHAPE Bake Off: Showstopper Week. For info contact: <a href="mailto:Curtis.Perry254@mod.gov.uk">Curtis.Perry254@mod.gov.uk</a>
Sun 20	9.30am Chapel Service both in person in West Chapel SHAPE and Zoom ID: 603 803 4287 Passcode: Hope123
Mon 21	
Tue 22	11am Adult Coffee Morning at Shape House Garden 1.30pm Active Tots at Shape House Garden
Wed 23	
Thu 24	10am Early Years Play at Shape House Garden 6.30pm Q&A via <a href="#">Zoom</a>
Fri 25	10am Bumps & Babies Shape House Garden

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# Q&A

## COME JOIN US!



THURSDAY 24 JUNE



6.30PM



ZOOM

Hosted by the SNR: Join us on zoom to have your questions answered.  
Zoom Meeting ID: 871 4061 8444 Passcode: 893823

PLEASE SEND YOUR QUESTIONS BY WEDNESDAY 23RD JUNE AT  
1200HRS TO:  
[EJSU-NSE-COMMUNITYHUBMAILBOX@MOD.GOV.UK](mailto:EJSU-NSE-COMMUNITYHUBMAILBOX@MOD.GOV.UK)

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**Guest speaker Mr Toby Rumford, Deputy Head of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery team, will be returning to give us an update on the situation back in the UK.**

## Travelling and COVID Restrictions:

If you are planning a trip this summer, this website provides up to date information on COVID measures that are in place. It also has a useful 'Travel Plan' where you can enter your country of departure and destination. This is for travel within the EU only and does not cover the UK: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en>

For guidance on travel to the UK please follow: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>

For clarification or further advice please contact the COVID Ops Cell:  
[EJSU-COVID19-WG@mod.gov.uk](mailto:EJSU-COVID19-WG@mod.gov.uk)

Date of distribution:  
10 June 2021



Base Support Group  
Morale & Welfare Branch

### MWB Activities Reopening 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

#### PIZZA BOWLING LANES

- Monday-Thursday:  
11:30h-21:00h
- Friday:  
11:30h-22:00h
- Saturday, Sunday & Shape Holidays:  
**Closed.**

#### SHAPE CLUB

- Monday-Friday:  
11:30h-14:30h
- Saturday, Sunday & Shape Holidays:  
**Closed.**

#### B3

- Monday-Thursday:  
16:30h-22:00h
- Friday  
15:30h-22:30h
- Saturday, Sunday & Shape Holidays:  
**Closed.**

#### PIZZA BOWL SNACK BAR

##### RENDEZ VOUS

##### SILVER SPOON (HQ CAFETERIA)

- Monday-Friday:  
Provide indoor limited seating.

MWB Staff are excited to welcome customers back into our activities, although service will be limited initially we are keen to extend operations to meet our valued customers demands. Support MW & we will be proud to Serve you...

#### CINEMA

- Friday & Saturday:  
19:30h-22:30h
- Sunday-Thursday:  
**Closed.**



Please see below the updated MW opening hours for next week, with changes in **Bold**. Food and Beverage changes are from Monday 14th June. Sports & Fitness from Wednesday 9th June.

Activities	Status	Information
Rendez-vous	0730-1630 Weekdays <b>Limited indoor dining</b> /Takeaway	065-44-5220 <a href="mailto:rendezvous@shapemwb.be">rendezvous@shapemwb.be</a>
iTaste @ SHAPE Club	1130-1430 Weekdays	<a href="http://www.shape2day.com/community/lodging-dining/shape-club">www.shape2day.com/community/lodging-dining/shape-club</a>
Pizza Bowl - Bowling	1100-2100 Weekdays 1100-2200 Fri	065-44-5696 <a href="mailto:admin.pizzabowl@shapemwb.be">admin.pizzabowl@shapemwb.be</a>
Pizza Bowl - Lunch	1100-1800 Mon-Wed 1100-1900 Thu-Fri <b>Limited indoor dining</b> /Takeaway	065-44-5697 <a href="mailto:admin.pizzabowl@shapemwb.be">admin.pizzabowl@shapemwb.be</a>
Silver Spoon	0730-1400 Weekdays <b>Limited indoor dining</b> /Takeaway	065-44-3323 <a href="mailto:silverspoon@shapemwb.be">silverspoon@shapemwb.be</a>
Gym Annex	0630-1930 Weekdays	065-44-5325 <a href="mailto:shapesportsandfitness@gmail.com">shapesportsandfitness@gmail.com</a>
Fitness Classes (Main Gym)	Open Check Shape2Day for schedule/ signup	
Pool	Open Check Shape2Day for schedule/ signup	
Performing Arts Centre	<b>CLOSED</b>	065-44-3312
Ration Itemed Store	1030-1800 Weekdays 1000-1600 Sat	065-44-5628 <a href="mailto:ris@shapemwb.be">ris@shapemwb.be</a>
Arts and Crafts	1000-1400 Mon/Wed/Fri By Appointment	<a href="mailto:artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com">artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com</a>
Outdoor Recreation	0900-1400 Mon/Wed/Fri	065-22-5246 <a href="mailto:outdoor.recreation@outlook.com">outdoor.recreation@outlook.com</a>
Library: In-Library Service	1000-1700 Mon/Wed/Fri	065-44-5631 <a href="mailto:usarmy.shape.library@mail.mil">usarmy.shape.library@mail.mil</a>
Library: Return Service	Anytime	
Language Centre	<b>Online Course Only</b>	065-44-4971 <a href="mailto:languagecentre@shapemwb.be">languagecentre@shapemwb.be</a>
<a href="http://www.SHAPE2day.com">www.SHAPE2day.com</a>		

Concessionnaire	Status	Information
Book Shop	<b>Open</b> 0730 – 1300 / 1400 – 1600 Mon - Fri	065-311-002
Carrefour	<b>Carrefour Market: Open</b> 0730-1900 Mon-Fri 0730-1730 Sat 0900-1300 Sun  <b>Selexion :</b> 0900-1900 Mon – Fri 0900 – 1730 Sat	065-32-8570  <a href="mailto:info@market-shape.be">info@market-shape.be</a>
Dry Cleaning	<b>Open</b> 1100-1800 Mon-Fri <b>LAUNDRY: 24/7</b>	065-44-7058
Flower Shop	<b>Open</b> 1000-1800 Tue-Fri 1000-1300 Sat	065-44-5623  <a href="mailto:flowershop@skynet.be">flowershop@skynet.be</a>
Insurance Meraini	<b>Open</b> 09:30 – 13:00 / 14:00 – 16:30 Mon – Thu 09:30 – 13:00 Fri	065-44-5355  <a href="mailto:FRa@assurteam.com">FRa@assurteam.com</a>  <a href="mailto:shape@assurteam.com">shape@assurteam.com</a>
Barber Shop Bldg 102	Mon-Thu: 0900-1700 Fri:0900-1600	065-44-5498
Barber Shop Bldg 504	Mon-Fri: 0930-1800 Sat:0900-1700	065-44-2614
Beauty Shop	Tue-Sat: 0900-1800	065-44-5983
SHAPE Optical	<b>Open</b> 1030 – 1800 Tue – Fri	065-44-5621  <a href="mailto:shapeoptical@yahoo.fr">shapeoptical@yahoo.fr</a>
TOTAL FINA	Shop: <b>Open</b> 0830-1800 Mon – Fri 1000-1500 Sat Garage: <b>Open</b> 0830–1800 Appointment ONLY Car Wash: <b>Open</b> Gas: <b>Open 24/7</b>	065-32-8300    <a href="mailto:autopneu@skynet.be">autopneu@skynet.be</a>
AION	Open 1000–1500 Mon-Fri	065-44-6789  <a href="mailto:biljana.stefanovska@aion.be">biljana.stefanovska@aion.be</a>

### Belgian Tax Reminder

Our Host Nation Liaison Officer (HNLO) Nadia, wishes to remind you that the Belgium tax form is due back no later than 30 Jun 2021 as per Belgian guidance. When not completed on time, this may result with a fine being raised from €50.00 to €1250.00.

**Please check your letter box.**

Tax forms completed must be sent to HNLO by **28th June 2021** to be checked, any questions please contact: HNLO [Nadia.ElHamdi329@mod.gov.uk](mailto:Nadia.ElHamdi329@mod.gov.uk)



### **HEAD OF LOCATION UPDATE – ANTIGEN TESTS FOR TRAVEL**

There are many Countries that require a negative test certificate before travel/entry into the country, previously these were all PCR tests, however recent weeks have seen a change to allow specific Rapid Antigen tests to be accepted in some countries, **you must check the requirements for the country you are visiting/transiting before travel.** Antigen tests can, currently, be used for entry to the UK and France however Belgium still requires a PCR test for the return. Below are locations where Antigen testing for travel can be undertaken (at private cost) without a NN or prescription.

**As further enhancements are made more opportunities for Antigen Testing will likely become available however these are the current ones the NSE are aware of who have been confirmed for travel testing.**

#### **Rapid Antigen Testing without NN/Dr prescription**

Antigen test in Soignies **cost €16.85:** Results within 2 – 4 hrs in English by email

**Where : Le Tilleriau -** [laboratoire@chrhautesenne.be](mailto:laboratoire@chrhautesenne.be) Chaussée de Braine 49, 7060 Soignies

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir//50.5824779,4.0795874/@50.582276,4.0095772,12z>

**When : Mon - Fri 07.30 to 18.00. Sat 08.00 to 12.00**

**Brussels Airport.** Appointments should be booked in advance and you can register online. Open from 0330 until midnight daily for testing but the Call Centre is open Monday to Sunday 08:00 until 22.00 on +32 (0) 78 48 58 26.

Tests available are:

- €67 for a standard PCR test – **results available within 24 hours.**
- €135 for the PCR rapid test – **results ranging between 4-6 hrs.**
- €47.4 for an antigen test - **results available within 50 minutes after the test was taken.**



***For information on;***

***Local events, Things to do, Discounts, Training, Accommodation, Education, Relocation and lots more...***

**<http://shapehive.blogspot.com/>**

**Information on this week's Blog includes;**

**Men's Health Week - 14 - 20th June**

**Weekly Belgium News; The Recap: 30°C Before The Storm**

**Thomas Davidson - SSAFA Stories**

**Chievres Library - Story time, every Wednesday at 10.30 am and 1.00pm**

**Reopening on the 14th June at SHAPE**

**Chievres Freedom Fest 21 and Freedom Fighter Obstacle Run - July 4th**

**Heatwave - How To Cope In Hot Weather**

**For things to do this weekend... [CLICK HERE](#)**

**To receive regular HIVE info updates go to;**

**<http://shapehive.blogspot.com/>**

**At the top click 'Follow by Email'**

**Any questions - contact Hannah at the HIVE;**

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## **Vehicle Registrations – Head of Location Notice**

You should all have seen the recent SNR Note on SHAPE Vehicle Registrations informing us all of our legal responsibility to register our Privately Owned Vehicles (POV). With the start of the Summer churn for assignments just around the corner, as well as the restrictions on our social interaction for those who have arrived in SHAPE over the last 12 months, it is a timely reminder of the rules surrounding the registration of POV's on assignment to SHAPE and EJSU.

As the SNR has mentioned, there are two specific SHAPE Directives that cover our legal status, registration (of personnel and vehicles), entitlements and privileges that ALL Military and Civilian members of NATO Armed Forces stationed in Belgium, including their dependant family members, should make themselves aware of. These are:

- SHAPE Dir 100-002 – Vehicle Registration and Operation.

SHAPE Dir 100-001 – SHAPE Personnel Legal Status, Registration and Related Entitlements and Privileges.

The Directives cover the HN legal requirement to register all privately owned motor vehicles (POV), trailers, electric cycles and mopeds and gives the parameters of the provision of tax free fuel for our personal use linked to that registration. Failure to comply to these Directives could lead to discipline action or further sanctions by the CO, SHAPE and/or the HN Federal Police so it is in our best interest to ensure we are fully conversant with the rules. Please see the information below regarding what the rules say and how to complete the processes of Registration and de-Registration of your POV's for your ease:

- All SHAPE and EJSU personnel permanently assigned are personally responsible to the Belgium authorities for compliance with Belgium laws and regulations concerning vehicle registration, operation and disposal.

All vehicles, normally used or located in Belgium, are to be registered. Applications to register must be started within 90 days of the vehicles importation into Belgium or procurement in Belgium (or other EU countries), and must be started regardless of the operational state of the vehicle. You must be in receipt of your SHAPE ID and the vehicle must be CT'd iaw Belgium [regulations](#) prior to booking your vehicle registration appointment. Appointments can be booked via [SHAPE2 Day](#) and further information on what documentation you should take to your appointment can be found [here](#) – remember to read the section From NON-EU now that the UK has exited the EU.

- Once registered all SHAPE and EJSU personnel permanently assigned must renew their registration each time their insurance is renewed, diarise your annual insurance review date to book an appointment for renewal of your registration. Insurance must be valid and recognised in Belgium and you will need a Green Card from your Insurance company.
- Registration must also be renewed on an extension in post or on an internal move to another entitled PID. Renewals are to be started at least 10 days prior to expiry to avoid any issues. If a renewal is not started in a timely manner, and the registration expires, it will result in a full 'initial' registration process to be completed including the relevant charges so ensure you book a Vehicle Registration appointment after your SHAPE ID has been extended.
- The SHAPE Vehicle registration system allows our personnel to be exempt from certain elements of the Belgian permanent vehicle registration system and allows for the purchase of tax free fuel cards for both permanent and temporary vehicles (i.e. hire cars). This entitlement is only for a POV that has been registered. The AMIS card will be enabled for fuel purchase on registration of the vehicle, this provision The provision of Tax Free fuel is strictly for personal use and for a registered vehicle. Purchase of tax free fuel for use within a non-registered POV, is against the law and the person buying and/or using the tax free fuel will be subject to National and SHAPE disciplinary action and possible Host Nation penal/fiscal sanctions. Abuse may lead to the withdrawal of all, or some, of the entitled privileges.
- SHAPE and EJSU personnel permanently assigned are entitled to own, and register, at any time, two POV purchased free of taxes providing it is for personal use mainly in Belgium. This Tax-Exemption will only be valid when the POV is registered at SHAPE.

Registration of POVs under this directive gives you 'temporary' registration in Belgium and will allow you to be exempt from import taxes on your first vehicle. On permanent departure from SHAPE you must de-register your vehicle via the [GEO](#). The process needs to be started 6 weeks prior to departure and will result in you leaving Belgium with a UK registered vehicle so you can hand in your Belgium plates before travel.

Further advice and guidance can be found on [SHAPE2 Day](#) website or +32 (0) 6544 5147 / 834/ (fast lane).



## Police Watch

The local Belgian police offer a “Police Watch” scheme if you are going away and leaving your house empty for a while. They will carry out patrols to check that everything is ok and can call you if needed.

If you would like to sign up to the scheme please email

[EJSU-NSE-CommunityHubMailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:EJSU-NSE-CommunityHubMailbox@mod.gov.uk) for a form.



Time has come to think about enjoying the sunshine, visiting...BUT don't forget the protection of your home!!

If you're going away, think beforehand about what could happen to your house. Indeed, if your home looks unattended, unwanted visitors might visit your residence.

Burglary is just around the corner....

What can you do to prevent this situation?

Make sure your home looks lived in by asking someone you trust:

- To pick up your mail
- To open / shut shutters from time to time
- To leave a car outside
- To mow the lawn (if you're going away for some time)

- Don't advertise you'll be away
- Program a light timer
- Don't leave tools or ladder outside your house
- Visit Shape Federal Police office to ask for advice and our POLICE WATCH scheme form.

What's "POLICE WATCH"?

The Police can provide checks on your house while away.

Fill in the POLICE WATCH SCHEME form & hand it in at least **5 working days** prior to departure.

Police patrols will be conducted while you're away around your house (according to police availability).

Please provide us with your timetable (departure and return / dates & day periods), and name with phone number of someone that could come if needed.

Don't hesitate to contact any Shape Federal Police member for help.

You can join us during the day at 065/44.47.16 – 0473/850430

or 24/7 at extension 3334.

Our office is located Bdg 247 - Avenue de Berlin.



## **COVID-19 VACCINATION CERTIFICATION - DEFENCE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE**

If you received your COVID-19 immunisation at a DPHC clinic (or sent us evidence for your records), you will soon be able to demonstrate your vaccination status in the same way as those immunised in the UK NHS programme. MoD are working with DHSC and NHS Digital to arrange the secure flow of your vaccination information into the NHS database. To obtain your COVID-19 vaccination status certificate, you can create an NHS.uk online logon at <https://www.coronavirus-record.service.nhs.uk> and the certificate will be available [here](#) following data transfer.

### **Preparation**

1. Set up an NHS login at <https://www.coronavirus-record.service.nhs.uk> using a personal device with camera access (not MODNet). You will be required to validate your account with a form of ID such as passport or driving licence. Note: this system *does* work overseas and is separate to the NHS App.
2. When you are asked for a postcode, use the DPHC practice postcode **BF1 2AG**
3. You will need to know your NHS Number. NHS numbers are also on all NHS correspondence and prescriptions and some emails about immunisation invite or screening. If you do not hold this it can be found on MyNavy, MyRAF and the Army JiveResponse Apps on the [Defence gateway](#). To help the practice reduce phone traffic in these busy times, if you have not found your number in these ways then please [email](#) us to request it.

### **Certification**

4. A link to the Government information on COVID-19 Certification is [here](#) and certificates may be downloaded at <https://covid-status.service.nhs.uk/>. This will work once the data has been loaded by the NHS and no earlier than two weeks after you have completed a full course. We anticipate the first data transfer in the next few weeks.
5. The COVID 19 vaccination certificate has a 4 week expiry date but you can refresh it as required. There is an option to print your certificate from your device.
6. For any problems with the NHS online service the Defence COVID-19 Vaccination helpdesk may be contacted using this form: [Defence COVID Vaccination Helpdesk Enquiry Form-V2-20210426](#) . Please remember that full data transfer is still to occur and that there is an interval between second immunisation and your immune status being certified as the vaccines take time to be effective.

## **The Great British Book Club**

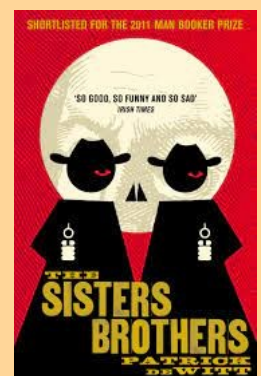
Next meeting: Tuesday 13th July at 8pm

Location: In person at Shape House Garden

Next Book: The Sisters Brothers by Patrick DeWitt

Email for more info:

**[EJSU-NSE-CommunityHubMailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:EJSU-NSE-CommunityHubMailbox@mod.gov.uk)**



## Useful Links

<b>COVID-19</b>	<a href="https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/">https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/</a>
<b>EU Transition</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/duty-free-goods/arriving-in-Great-Britain">https://www.gov.uk/duty-free-goods/arriving-in-Great-Britain</a> <a href="https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-1-january-2021">https://www.gov.uk/visit-europe-1-january-2021</a> <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animalproducts/personal_imports_en">https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animalproducts/personal_imports_en</a>
<b>Medical Info</b>	<a href="https://www.ejsu.net/health/medical-practices-shape-brussels/">https://www.ejsu.net/health/medical-practices-shape-brussels/</a>
<b>BFPO</b>	<a href="https://www.ejsu.net/EJSUNET/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/">https://www.ejsu.net/EJSUNET/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/</a>
<b>Welfare</b>	<a href="https://www.ejsu.net/welfare/">https://www.ejsu.net/welfare/</a>
<b>DIO</b>	<a href="https://www.ejsu.net/dio/">https://www.ejsu.net/dio/</a>
<b>Info on SHAPE</b>	<a href="https://www.shape2day.com/">https://www.shape2day.com/</a> <a href="https://www.ejsu.net/mons/">https://www.ejsu.net/mons/</a>
<b>Opening times of facilities on SHAPE</b>	<a href="https://www.shape2day.com/event-listing/mwb-operating-hours">https://www.shape2day.com/event-listing/mwb-operating-hours</a>
<b>Shape Fitness Timetable &amp; News</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/SHAPEfitnesscentre/?ref=share">https://www.facebook.com/groups/SHAPEfitnesscentre/?ref=share</a>
<b>Belgian News</b>	<a href="#">The Bulletin</a> <a href="https://www.brusselstimes.com/">https://www.brusselstimes.com/</a>

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