

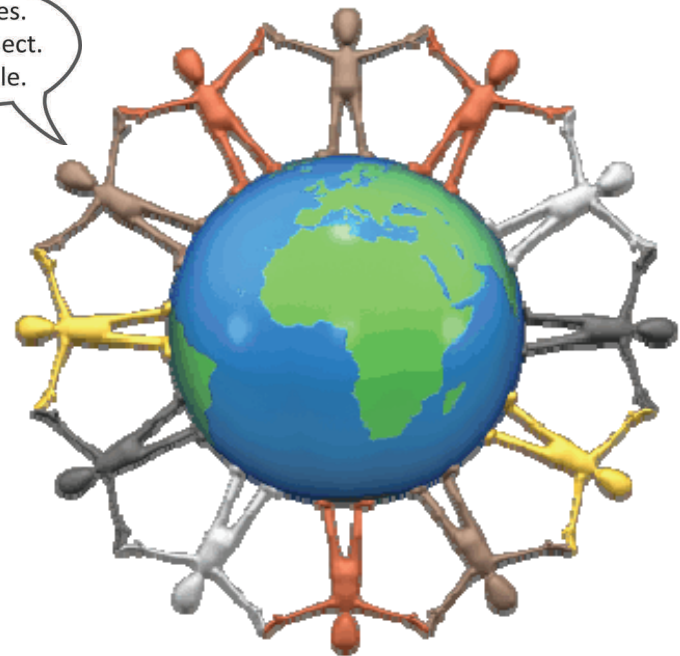


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SHARE is our Story, share yours!

SHARE is AA's magazine for England and Wales. Written by members for members, it is our *meeting between meetings*.

It's published every month and costs £12 per year (only £1 per copy!). For the same price get Share as a CD, if you prefer that format.

Send a cheque, payable to GSO, to PO Box 1, 10 Toft Green, York YO1 7NJ or email AAShare@gsogb.org.uk to pay by bank transfer. Order forms are inside copies of every Share magazine and also found on the AA GB website.

Your group can buy copies and sell them within the group; you can also buy a copy from any group that takes out extra subscriptions.

If your group sells every copy it costs the group NOTHING - recycling at its best. Should you have extra copies left at the end of a month, your group can do useful service with them (see below).

Why Does Your GROUP Need Share?

- Welcoming a newcomer to your group? Give them a January copy to help them identify and read about Step One. Some groups buy several January copies, to ensure they don't run out.
- Speaker let you down at the last minute? Get the ball rolling by reading a Share article aloud. You will have a *different* view of experience, strength and hope from, perhaps, hundreds of miles away.
- Feel like you have all heard enough about each other lately? Group News tells you about nearby conventions. Why not get a group together and all go for the day? Be adventurous, go for a weekend!

How Can Your GROUP Use Share?

(always remember to remove the centre pages, which contain members' phone numbers)

- 'Pass it On' to your local community with copies of Share; leave them in your local library.
- Take Share copies to GPs' waiting rooms to carry the message (best to ask permission first).
- Leave a copy on the bookshelf/hall table of the community hall/church where you meet, to attract newcomers and let people know AA help is at hand.
- Reach out to people who can't get to meetings by giving copies to prisoners, hospital patients on alcohol/detox wards, servicemen abroad - your Intergroup Liaison Officers will know how, or will be happy to take them.

How Can YOU use Share?

- Ever felt like you need a meeting right now and couldn't get to one? Reach out for a copy of Share - it's why we call it a *meeting between meetings*.
- Do you live in a remote area? Difficult to get to meeting with no driving licence? Join you AA friends in another meeting in the monthly pages of Share.
- Going somewhere beautiful but with no meetings? Inside the covers of Share, take AA with you and enjoy your holiday 'to the max' with a happy head.
- Travelling to work and feel nervous, or over-excited? Need extra AA input to stay sane and safe? Share is easy to read anonymously on trains, planes and automobiles. You will not be alone.
- Develop your programme of recovery, however well or badly you feel you are doing right now. Every month there is a focus on one of the Steps and Traditions; January is Step One, Tradition One; February Step Two, Tradition Two - right through to Step 12 and Tradition 12 in December. It's like a Step meeting in your pocket. Grow, through others' experience.
- If you are a sponsee, talk to your sponsor about the articles you don't understand OR the ones you really identify with. Keep your recovery 'evergreen' by reading the 'shares' of new people every month.
- If you are sponsoring, use Share to get an extra viewpoint or two on the Step you are doing right now with that new sponsee OR give them a copy, with the following Step, to prepare them.
- Writing an article for Share *is* service. You can carry the message to people on holiday, in prisons, sat alone at home with a sick child, or shaking with fear after another drink.
- In *Shareback*, you can connect with members who wrote the articles - just like you do with a chair/lead share in a meeting.
- Want to give an AA friend a gift that will be fresh all year? Subscribe to Share and it will be sent to them every month.

Have AA friends sitting on your bookshelf!

Subscribe to SHARE and be part of our world-wide community.

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