



Welcome to the 2007 autumn edition of the North Camp Newsletter.

Rushmoor Borough Council produces the newsletter twice a year and delivers it to 3,000 homes in the area to tell the community about progress with the North Camp Regeneration Project and other community initiatives.

Summer Fayre

Well we did it again and it was fun - in spite of the weather!

That was the verdict of the organisers of this year's North Camp Summer Fayre. They are now busy thinking about next year's event and have set a date of July 12th.

Organiser Sharon Lucas of the North Camp Matters Community Association, said:

"It takes a lot of time and effort to pull this event together and we are looking for members of the community to help us plan for next year. We need energetic people to help develop our plans and help out on the day."

Anyone who would like to help, can contact Sharon on 01252 373 137.

A new gateway to North Camp village

Work to improve the pedestrian link between the old Lynchford Road and Napier Gardens has been completed.

At a ceremony to mark the official opening of the site, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Environment, Cllr Mel Kendal, unveiled a commemorative plaque, donated by Farnborough Central Townswomen's Guild, to mark the occasion. Cllr Kendal thanked all those involved in helping make the North Camp regeneration project a success.

'It is particularly poignant that the local schools were keen to support the project as these youngsters are the future for the area, and will grow up in these enhanced surroundings,' he said.

The opening ceremony was extremely well attended and is a mark of the community involvement that has made this project work so well. **Further information will soon be available at www.northcampvillage.co.uk**



Award for www.northcampvillage.co.uk

North Camp's official website has scooped second place in the prestigious annual Hantsweb Awards.

The website beat off fierce competition from 192 other sites in the category 'Best Local Area Website'. It was set up in 2004 as part of the work by North Camp Matters and Rushmoor Borough Council to raise the profile of North Camp and to regenerate the area.

Since then, it has received more than 20,000 visits from more than 30 different countries and has become an important way of promoting the growth of the area and the wealth of shops, businesses, clubs, groups and societies.

Local business man and website host Steve Optix said:

"We are absolutely thrilled that www.northcampvillage.co.uk has been recognised in the Hantsweb Awards. The website is a real community resource and we are very proud of it."



Floral flourish!

The residents and school children of North Camp scooped many of the top prizes in the Rushmoor in Bloom local gardening competition and also in the hotly contested regional South & South East in Bloom competition.



Rushmoor as a whole was awarded first place in the Large Town/Small City category and a prestigious Silver Gilt award.

Children from the Samuel Cody School were presented with a Certificate of Excellence for the hanging baskets they nurtured for displays in the Queensmead shopping centre.

One of this year's oldest and most enthusiastic entrants was Mollie (*pictured*) from Shaftesbury Court who along with her fellow neighbours and friends won the Past Winners' Cup and a Certificate of Excellence from the South & South East in Bloom judges.

For further information about Rushmoor in Bloom or to get involved call Susan Jones at Rushmoor Borough Council on 01252 398 005, visit www.rushmoor.gov.uk or email susan.jones@rushmoor.gov.uk.

Creating a home for stag beetles

Work to improve the wildlife habitat at Queen's Road recreation ground is under way, thanks to a grant of £3025 from the SITA Trust, a recycling and waste management company.

The first part of the project will create an improved habitat for stag beetles. This will be done by installing two loggeries and increasing the number of woodland plants. Loggeries are made by burying logs into the ground and they are important for stag beetles because they provide the dead wood environment needed by stag beetle larvae to develop. It is the loss of dead wood that has led to a decline in stag beetle numbers across Europe.

The second part of the project will link the wooded area to the wildlife garden by planting a hedge along the eastern border of the recreation ground. This will help create a wildlife corridor, helping the movement of species between the two areas and increasing the overall environmental quality of the recreation ground.

Work will continue throughout October ahead of the woodland planting days in late October/early November.

Wavell School Rock Challenge

At the invitation of the organisers, a team from The Wavell School will be in Japan in July 2008 to appear as the UK Showcase at the Tokyo Global Rock Challenge.

This is Wavell School's second such appearance, following its success there last December, and it is the only UK school to be invited. Some 40 students and four staff will travel.

Rock Challenge is an anti-drugs, anti-smoking and anti-drinking dance competition for schools. It originated in Australia, reached the UK in 1996, and has spread to New Zealand, South Africa, Germany, Dubai and now Japan. Some 17,000 students are taking part in the 2007 UK productions.

The school has applied for its visit to be accredited to UK-Japan 2008 and would love to work with local business partners to help give them a national and global platform.

Headteacher Amanda Rowley said:

"As Headteacher of The Wavell School, I believe Rock Challenge is an excellent platform from which to show the positive power of young people, as figures symbolising health, energy and global citizenship."

The school has a dedicated website, www.wavellrock.co.uk which explains more and also has videos of its latest five productions, from 2002 to 2006. To support the school with the Japan-Wavell Rock Challenge, please contact Amanda Rowley at Wavell on 01252 341 256.



Have you had a home fire safety visit?

As part of their effort to reduce fire related deaths & injuries, Rushmoor's firefighters carry out home fire safety visits every day.

These visits are available to anyone thought to be seriously at risk from fire at home and are carried out free-of-charge. Local firefighters will visit at a time to suit the client and discuss the sort of things everyone knows but can forget, such as:

- *How to minimise the chances of fire*
- *Things to think about before the event*
- *Making sure you have a bedtime fire safety routine to help keep you and your family safe*
- *Planning your escape route*
- *What to do if a fire starts*

The firefighters will also make sure the person they are visiting has enough working smoke detectors, and if necessary will fit new ones that last for ten years without a battery change!

These visits are available to:

- *Households with someone over the age of 60 or under five*
- *People with disabilities or those with mobility issues*
- *Households in financial need (or on benefits)*
- *Households where English is not the first language*
- *Households where someone smokes*

To arrange for a visit call 023 8062 6809 or visit <http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/yoursafety/athome/hfsv/frm-homesafetyvisit.htm>

Contacts for further information

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Fizzy Kids

Since opening their doors in Camp Road, North Camp nearly six years ago, Fizzy Kids have played host to nearly a quarter of a million kids.

Fizzy Kids bucked the trend for play areas by siting themselves in a high street, where they liked the warmth the building offered compared with impersonal warehouse units.

Over the years Fizzy Kids have seen businesses come and go but recently businesses have been staying and thriving. And they believe it's only just the beginning, with customers saying that there is a growing need for speciality shops and while they will always visit supermarkets, they love the service and knowledge of the independent shops.

So, they say, why not visit them and North Camp's local shops to see just what the area has on offer.