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e-Newsletter – October 2011

Welcome to the 22nd Rushmoor Schools Plus e-Newsletter with contributions from many different schools and organisations working to support our children, young people and families. As ever, we suggest you select the bits of information that are relevant to your own organisation, and disseminate these to the people you work with.

The next Rushmoor Schools Plus e-Newsletter will be available in the week beginning 5th December 2011. If you want anything included, please send information by 2nd December to Richard Mann rick.mann@btinternet.com

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EXTENDED SERVICES UPDATE

Rushmoor Schools Plus Website

The Rushmoor Schools Plus website is available at www.rushmoorschoolsplus.org. The site signposts to local and national information for children and families, points to local news and what's on stories, contains a photo gallery and a database of local out of school hours activities providers. It also has a Practitioner Resource Area. If you would like anything added to the website, for example an event, please email rick.mann@btinternet.com. We would be particularly interested to receive "good news" stories and photographs for the Latest News section on the home page.

Rushmoor Directory – Facilities and Services for Families

The Rushmoor Directory of Facilities and Services for Families, produced by Rushmoor Schools Plus with Caroline Keith, is now available. Copies are available for your school or organisation by contacting Tony McGovern, tony.mcgovern@rushmoor.gov.uk. It can also be accessed through the home page of the Rushmoor Schools Plus website.

Visit Rushmoor Schools Plus on Facebook

Rushmoor Schools Plus now has a Facebook page to complement its existing website. Anyone using Facebook can search Rushmoor Schools Plus to find the page. It is updated regularly with news and photographs about the partnership's work, plus information about what's going on across the Rushmoor community. If you would like to promote your news and events via the Schools Plus Facebook 'Wall' then please email details to tony.mcgovern@rushmoor.gov.uk

Please also 'Like' the page as this is the best way to spread its coverage across the borough.

Welcome to the Rock and Pop Foundation

The Rock and Pop Foundation is newly established in the centre of Aldershot and aims to help musicians to successfully map their route into the complex world of the music industry. Their support will include innovative music programmes and a network for information, advice, jobs, education, industry links and more. The driving force of the Foundation is Steven Sammut who is also the founder of [Scamps Music](#), one of the largest independent music schools in the UK. His education programmes have helped over 20,000 students learn to play an instrument and Scamps Music currently teaches over 3,000 children a week. Steven also uses his expertise to deliver team building courses within the business sector through his company [Corporate Music Development](#).

The Rock and Pop Foundation, Central Administrations, Suite 1, Wesley Chambers, Queen's Road, Aldershot GU11 3JD. Telephone 0844 879 3305. Email admin@rockandpopfoundation.com.
<http://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/>

WHAT'S ON!

Farnborough Grange Infant School – Half Term Playscheme

Farnborough Grange Nursery and Infant Community School, Moor Road, Farnborough GU14 8HW.

The playscheme is running from **Monday 24th to Friday 28th October** from 8.30am to 5.30pm. Playscheme fees:- 8.30am to 11.30am £6.00; 8.30am to 12.30pm £8.00; 1.30pm to 4.30pm £6.00; 1.30pm to 5.30pm £8.00; all day £15.00. If your child is staying all day they will require a packed lunch. Payment is required at the time of booking.

For more information and to book a place contact 0759 231 0246 or 01252 541879 9.00am to 3.00pm.

The Wavell-Cody Holiday Playscheme

The Rushmoor Borough Council run playscheme is for 4 – 11 year olds and was rated 'good' by Ofsted in its recent inspection. The playscheme runs every school holiday, except Christmas. Arts, crafts, music, reading and jungle gym. Sessions run from 8.30am to 4.30pm (£15.00) or to 5.30pm (£16.00).

The Autumn half-term playscheme runs from **Monday 24th – Friday 28th October** at the Wavell School campus, Lynchford Road, Farnborough GU14 6BH. To book, call 01252 317603 after 12.00 noon Monday – Friday.

Brightlight Theatre Company

The new local amateur theatre company Brightlight present their first production, a comedy called "Curtain Call", from **Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th October** at the Wavell School campus. For details of how to book visit www.brightlighttheatre.co.uk

A New Badminton Club at Farnborough 6th Form College

A new Youth Badminton Club started at Farnborough 6th Form College Sports Hall in October. The club runs on Tuesdays. 6.00pm-7.00pm for 14-16 year olds. 7.00pm-8.00pm for 16-19 year olds.

All abilities are welcome and rackets and shuttles are provided. Sessions are led by a qualified coach and cost £2.00 a session or £12.00 for 8 sessions. They include training and games and prizes.

For more details email amurdoch@farnborough.ac.uk or call Ally on 01252 688244 between 8.30am and 4.30pm.

A Rushmoor corporate badminton ladder has also just been launched. The aim of the ladder is to offer competition to employees from the Rushmoor area whilst promoting health and wellbeing within both the community and workforce and encouraging closer ties between local businesses. This new badminton ladder will offer participants a fun, social badminton opportunity in a friendly environment. For further information please contact Martin Sterio on martin.sterio@rushmoor.gov.uk or call 01252 398763.

Princes Hall

Princes Hall, Princes Way, Aldershot GU11 1NX. Box office 01252 329155. www.princeshall.com

Saturday AM Cinema. Tickets for Saturday films cost £6.00 / Screen Pass and Friends £5.00, and can be booked in advance online or from the box office. With every child ticket purchased for any of the kids films, you will receive a free adult ticket and a free ice cream. **Saturday 15th October** at 11.00am - Kung Fu Panda 2. PG. Running time 91 minutes. www.kungfupanda.com. **Saturday 5th November** at 11.00am - Rio. U. Running time 96 minutes. www.riothemovie.com.

Saturday 22nd October. Bob the Builder. 1.00pm and 3.00pm. £14.00. Child £12.00. Family £46.00.

Monday 24th October. Play in a Day Drama Workshop. 10.00am – 4.00pm. 7-11 years. £14.00. Bring a packed lunch.

Wednesday 26th October. Craft Workshop. 10.00am – 4.00pm. 4-7 years. £15.00. Wear messy clothes and bring a packed lunch.

Saturday 5th November. Rushmoor Fireworks Spectacular. Manor Park, Aldershot. Fireworks, funfair and live entertainment. Gates open 5.30pm, children's display 6.45pm and main display at 8.00pm. In advance adult £5.00, child (under 16) £2.00, OAP £3.50. On the gate adult £6.00, child £3.00. Tickets from the Princes Hall box office on 01252 329155 or from www.rushmoor.gov.uk/fireworks.

Thursday 10th November. Rushmoor's Got Talent: The Final. Come and support your school's acts. 7.00pm. Tickets £3.50 from Farnborough Police Station or by calling the Princes Hall box office.

Friday 11th November. SNAP disco. 7.00pm – 11.00pm. Top DJs and chart acts. 11-16 years. Tickets must be purchased in advance. £6.00 (£5.00 if purchased at least one week in advance).

Saturday 19th November. Aldershot Christmas Lights Switch On Event. Starting at 2.30pm. An afternoon of free fun and entertainment in Aldershot town centre with live music, a visit from Father Christmas and the unveiling of the town's Christmas lights. Contact 01252 327671 for more information.

Sunday 20th November. Chris and Pui – Roadshow 2011. 11.00am and 2.00pm. CBeebies' favourite double-act. £12.00 / Child £10.00.

West End Centre

Queen's Road, Aldershot GU11 3JD. Box office 01252 330040. www.westendcentre.co.uk

WEC concessionary prices apply to the children of those in full-time education and those in receipt of any state benefit – excluding child benefit. Proof of entitlement may be asked for.

Half term activities - limited spaces, booking essential.

Monday 24th October. Birds Eye View. 10.30am - 12.30pm. 8 - 12 years. £6.00. Create imaginative and unusual artwork.

Friday 28th October. Harrowing Halloween. 10.30am - 12.30pm. 8 - 12 years. £6.00. Create your very own Halloween or party bunting. All materials provided.

Friday 28th October. Forever Young Pottery Madness. 2.00pm - 4.00pm. 3+ years. £4.00. Something for the whole family to enjoy together.

Friday 28th October. Inspiring You Pottery Express. 11.00am - 1.00pm. 0 - 19 years. £3.00. Aimed at disabled young people and their families. Make charming objects out of clay.

NEW! Bean Bag Film Club. A new club for disabled young people from 0 - 19 and their families. A relaxed atmosphere where you can lounge on bean bags and watch family friendly films. 2.00pm. £3.00 per person.

Friday 28th October Mama Mia (Sing-a-long).

2nd November (x 6 weeks). NEW! Play with Clay. Have fun with clay through a series of exciting projects. Please note: this workshop is for young people with disabilities and their families. Although very limited, additional care assistance will be on offer. 5.30pm – 6.30pm. £12.00.

3rd November (x 6 weeks). Little Sew-and-Sews (12 places). Ages 8 – 12. Learn more about textiles and sewing. 4.30pm – 6.00pm. £45.00. Concessions £36.00.

Forever Young Family Saturdays. 10.30am – 12.30pm. £4 per adult and £4 per child, (concessionary price £3 per adult and £3 per child). A fantastic opportunity for families to work together and create something amazing to take home with them. Materials provided. All children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Dress for mess!

Saturday 5th November. House of Clay - build a magical, miniature house candle holder.

Wednesday 16th November. 8.00pm. Little Bulb Theatre – “Operation Greenfield”. £10.00 and £8.00. Suitable for ages 11+. The confusing, awkward and beautifully naïve time of adolescence. www.littlebulbtheatre.com

RHL Street Dance Classes

Street Dance is now one of the most popular forms of dance and provides a cool, fun way to keep fit. RHL’s classes are open to everyone aged 11 – 16 and are held at Wavell School, Farnborough on Mondays from 6.00pm – 7.00pm and at Connaught School, Aldershot on Tuesdays from 5.15pm – 6.15pm. Prices start at £3.00 per week and you can try your first class for free. Advance booking is required. For more information and to book a place, call RHL on 01252 362660, find them on Facebook or visit their website at www.rhl.org.uk

Sportivate Sessions

Street Dance - a fun mix of funky dance moves for everyone. Easy to follow steps, no experience required. For 14 to 25 year olds. Every Monday to 5th December (apart from 17th October). 5.30pm – 6.30pm. £2 a session. The Main Hall, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sand Hill, Farnborough GU14 8ER.

Street Basketball - come and improve your skills for the chance to play in a basketball festival. For 14 to 25 year olds. All abilities welcome. Ben, a professional coach, will be on hand to help you improve your game. Every Tuesday to 6th December (apart from half term, 25th October) 6.00pm – 7.00pm. £2.00 a session. Sports Hall 1, Farnborough 6th Form College, Prospect Avenue, Farnborough GU14 8JX.

StreetGames Central League Football - want to get back into football, or improve your skills? For 16 to 20 year olds. Led by Marc, a professional football coach. Have the chance to play on an AstroTurf pitch, improve your game and play in a tournament. All abilities welcome. Every Wednesday to 7th December (apart from 9th November). 6.00pm – 7.00pm. £2.00 a session. The Dame Kelly Holmes Sports Centre, Farnborough 6th Form College, Prospect Avenue, Farnborough GU14 8JX.

Contact Debbie Wall at Rushmoor Borough Council on 01252 398745 for more information.

PAG’s Music Arts Dance Drama (MADD) Club - Autumn 2011

Thanks to grants from Hampshire County Council and continued local support MADD is still going strong. It is for 5-18 year olds who have special needs. Siblings within the age band can also be included. At each session experienced tutors lead with the support of volunteers and a representative from PAG visits the club regularly. All have been CRB checked.

The cost for each child is £8.00 per half term. PAG want to make sure the experience is the best it can be for your son/daughter and places are limited, so please ring before coming along. Parents/carers are required to stay, in the comfortable area provided. To come and give it a try or for any other enquiries contact Ann on 01252 837112.

Until December the workshop calendar is Mondays 5.30pm – 6.30 pm, Singing and music group at the West End Centre, Aldershot; Tuesdays 5.30pm – 6.30pm, MADD drama at the Princes Hall, Aldershot; Thursdays 5.30pm – 6.15pm and 6.15pm – 7.00pm MADD dance at the West End Centre, Aldershot.

There is also a half term PAG Family Fun Day for special needs children and their siblings at the West End Centre, Aldershot on **Tuesday 25th October**. Dance, drama and singing workshops from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Children's Entertainer from 1.15pm to 3.15pm. Special performance by the PAG MADD group from 3.00pm to 3.30pm showcasing the Music, Arts, Dance and Drama groups. These details are provisional so please contact Ann on 01252 837112 for more details.

Events at Aldershot and Farnborough Libraries

Our libraries are regularly worth a visit for free internet access, DVDs, PlayStation games and books. Well equipped rooms are available to hire during and outside of opening hours at both Farnborough and Aldershot Library and Learning Centres. For Farnborough Library contact 01252 516458 and for Aldershot Library 01252 322560.

Events at Farnborough Library and in the Learning and Community Zone	
Prior booking for all courses and workshops is essential.	
Date/time	Enquiry and booking line for events at Farnborough Library: 01252 516458. http://www3.hants.gov.uk/farnborough-library/farnborough-library-whatson.htm
Every Tuesday 10.30 – 11.00am	Storytime. Stories, songs and rhymes for children aged 2-5 years accompanied by an adult.
Every Thursday 2.15 – 2.45pm	Baby Rhymetime. Songs and rhymes for you and babies aged 0-2 years.
Friday 28th October 11.00am and 2.00pm	Travels with Granddad. "Are you sitting comfortably?" Come and meet Granddad, eccentric traveller and storyteller extraordinaire. Suitable for children aged 3 +. £1.00 per child. Prior booking essential.
Thursday 24th November	Farnborough Library and Learning Centre will be closed all day.
Monday 12th December 9.45am	Christmas Mini Movers. Come along to this festive Christmas Mini Movers. Suitable for children aged 2-5 years. £4.00 per child. Prior booking essential. A five week course starts on Monday 8th January 2012, £20.00.
Monday 12th December 10.45am	Christmas Movement with 'Mummy' to help with the festive spirit. Suitable for babies from 3 months to walking. £4.00 per child. Prior booking essential. A five week course starts on Monday 8th January 2012, £20.00.
Events at Aldershot Library and Learning Centre	
Prior booking for all courses and workshops essential. Concessions available on selected courses.	
Date/time	Enquiry and booking line for events at Aldershot Library: 01252 322560. http://www3.hants.gov.uk/aldershot-library/aldershot-library-whatson.htm
Every Thursday 10.30am	Toddlertime. Fun, free session of music, songs and stories for ages 2-5 and their parents/carers.
Every Friday 11.15am – 11.45am	Baby Rhymetime. Songs and rhymes with your baby.
Monday 17th October 10.00am	Family Arts and Crafts Workshop. Come and try craft activities that are fun and will help children learn. Free.
Saturday 19th November 10.00am – 3.00pm	Christmas Craft Fayre. Your children can write a letter to Santa while you browse stalls selling a variety of art and craft items and you can enjoy coffee and mince pies when you've finished. Free entry. Vendors can book a place, cost £5.00 per table, by calling at the library or by telephone.
Sunday 27th November 11.00am – 1.00pm	Games for Children. Come and play board games and Sudoku. Bring your favourite games to share with others. Free.

The 2011 brochure for Aldershot Library and Learning Centre contains a great range of courses and regular events such as employment preparation, computers, leisure, craft and exercise. There are also specialist courses on signing for people who are deaf, numeracy, ESOL and citizenship.

In addition, a range of course discounts is now available. All employment preparation courses are free regardless of circumstances. Those in receipt of a means tested benefit only pay 50p per learning hour on most other courses. People who are over 60 get a 25% discount on course fees. For further information on courses, phone Aldershot Library on 01252 322560 or see the library website: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/aldershot-library.htm>

Mayfield and Grange Housing Drop-in

Friday 21st October 12.00 noon–4.00pm at The Prospect Centre, Farnborough.

Do you have any questions about housing? Help and advice is available on rent arrears, fire safety, overcrowding, disrepair and maintenance, and alterations to help you stay in your home longer. Come and have a chat about your housing options.

Who will be there? Rushmoor Borough Council’s housing team, Hampshire Fire Service, First Wessex Housing Association, Thames Valley Housing Association and the Citizens Advice Bureau. For more information, please contact Suzannah Hellicar, Housing Options Manager at Rushmoor Borough Council, on 01252 398641 or email suzannah.hellicar@rushmoor.gov.uk

Autism Friendly Cinema Screenings

Over 3000 people supported Autism Friendly Film Screenings at Odeon cinemas in August and the screenings will now be held monthly at cinemas around the UK. The next films will be Johnny English Reborn and Arthur Christmas. For details about your nearest cinema screening go to <http://www.dimensions-uk.org/what-we-do/autism/autism-friendly-films/#cinemalist>

When the films are being screened the lights will be on low, the volume will be turned down, there will be no trailers at the beginning of the film, you’ll be able to take your own food and drinks and you’ll be able to move around the cinema if you like. For booking of tickets for October screenings please go to www.odeon.co.uk.

Charity Family Fun Day

Sunday 30th October from 12.00 noon to 6.00pm at Farnborough Football Club, Cherrywood Road, Farnborough GU14 8UD. Fun fair with rides and amusements for all ages; auction including a signed Manchester United pennant, signed football shirts and pantomime tickets; raffle; face painting; and food, refreshments and a bar. In aid of Meningitis UK and The Meningitis Trust.

SCL Holiday Activities

SCL's holiday courses offer fun for children and peace of mind for parents during the school holidays. Children aged 4-12 can enjoy action-packed days, with the emphasis on fun and enjoyment in a safe and supervised environment.

SCL run **Club Energy** and **Soccer Camps**. Their OFSTED registered Club Energy childcare provision includes a combination of sport and creativity in one course. Activities include multi-sports, outdoor adventure games, indoor party games, arts and crafts, disco dancing, face paints, cookery, movies and munchies. The FA Charter Standard Soccer Camps provide expert coaching from SCL’s team of FA-qualified coaches.

Both activities run from 10.00am until 4.00pm, Monday to Friday, with the option of an extended day from 8.30am to 5.30pm. This offers working parents greater flexibility with drop-off and collection times. The venues are: Saint Augustine’s Primary School, Frimley; Frensham Heights School, Farnham; and Velmead Junior School, Fleet.

To find out more about SCL’s holiday activities look at www.scl-online.co.uk or contact them on 0845 644 5747.

All About the Gaming Zone

The Gaming Zone is a not-for-profit organisation that offers play and leisure activities for children and young people across Rushmoor. All of their staff and volunteers hold Enhanced CRB disclosures. They strive to offer a friendly, warm, welcoming environment with opportunities to get involved in a number of activities, or simply to just hang out. For more information about any of the projects managed by The Gaming Zone, and to find out how to join, to become a volunteer or to make a donation please call their Project Manager on 0784 134 0442 or email thegamingzoneatmayfield@gmail.com

Their current projects are:-

Heron Wood Youth. Mondays during term time. 4.30pm – 6.00pm (5-10 years). 6.15pm – 7.45pm (11-13 years). At the Heron Wood Community Centre, Andover Way, Aldershot. A wide range of activities including arts and crafts, computer (with internet) access, hama beads, gardening projects, themed events, outdoor activities, music, Wii, PS2 and handheld consoles.

Cheeky Monkeys. Tuesdays during term time. 4.30pm – 6.15pm (5-10 years). 6.30pm – 8.30pm (11-15 years). At the Mayfield Community Centre, Farnborough. A wide range of activities including arts and crafts, computer (with internet) access, hama beads, gardening projects, themed events, outdoor activities, music, Wii, PS2 and PS3, Xbox 360 and handheld consoles.

North Town Youth. Wednesdays during term time. 4.30pm – 6.15pm (5-9 years). 6.30pm – 8.00pm (10-15 years). At the North Town Community Base, North Town, Aldershot. A wide range of activities including arts and crafts, computer (with internet) access, hama beads, themed events, outdoor activities, music, Wii, PS2, Xbox and handheld consoles.

The Gaming Zone@Mayfield. Thursdays (46 weeks of the year - includes some holidays). 6.30pm – 9.15pm (11-18 years), with hot food from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. At the Mayfield Community Centre, Farnborough. The chance to hang out in a safe, friendly environment. Computers with internet access, pool, table tennis, Wii, Xbox 360, PS2 and PS3, hot food café, information and advice on issues of interest to young people.

The “Get it On” condom distribution scheme is available at the second (later) sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and at The Gaming Zone on Thursday evenings.

NAS@The Gaming Zone. Every other Saturday 10.30am – 1.00pm. For children on the autistic spectrum and their families. At the Mayfield Community Centre, Farnborough. Play console games, meet other children and families. An opportunity for parents/carers to chat and meet others in similar circumstances. For information about NAS@The Gaming Zone call Nikki on 01252 694934, call or text 07764 200 446 or email info@nasHandR.org

Greenfingers. Saturdays during term time. Various times - call Jamie for more info. At green spaces around Mayfield and at the Cherrywood Road allotments. An opportunity for children, young people and their families to get involved in gardening projects, growing and harvesting vegetables and fruit on their very own allotment plot and improving the green spaces within the community. Call Jamie Beaton for more information on 0783 152 8383 or 01252 642560, or you can email jamie.beaton@rushmoor.gov.uk or greenfingersproject23@yahoo.com

The Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy – The Rushmoor Rose Bowl

Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy, Pool Road, Aldershot GU11 3SN. Telephone 01252 320888. Email bernie@rushgym.co.uk. Website www.rushgym.co.uk.

The Academy has a major International happening on **Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October** with teams from all over the U.K. plus Senior and Junior ‘England’ teams, the national team of South Africa and a major team from the USA. Saturday starts at 10.00am and Sunday at 10.30am. Ticket prices and booking information are available on the website and tickets can be booked by phone with a credit card.

Group rates are available for schools. Free ticket for teachers. They can also do tickets at their club discount price on the Sunday morning at half price for groups of more than 10 children.

Butterflies and Dragonflies Children's Centre

Butterflies and Dragonflies Children's Centre, c/o Manor Infant School, Fernhill Road, Farnborough GU14 9DX.

Website www.hants.gov.uk/butterflies-dragonflies-cc. Telephone 01252 511556. Email butterflies.cc@hants.gov.uk

The Centre is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 5.00pm.

Half term activity - to book a place, please call 01252 511556.

Monday 24th October. Boogie Mites Workshop at the Centre. Boogie Mites write songs and run music workshops to inspire young children and their carers to make learning fun through music. Suitable for children 2-5 years. The workshop supports early listening, language, co-ordination and social skills.

After half term activities. These run in term time only. At the Centre unless otherwise stated. Please call 01252 511556 to book.

Monday mornings. Jobcentre Plus advisor booked appointments. Contact the Centre.

Mondays 1.30pm-2.15pm. Footy Monsters at Southwood Community Centre. For 2 years and over. Games to improve a child's learning and development. Starts 31st October for 7 weeks.

Tuesdays 10.00am-10.35am. Baby sensory learning and development for 3-12 months at Tower Hill School. Starts 8th November for a 6 week course. £12.00.

Tuesdays 11.30am-12.05pm. Baby sensory learning and development for 3-12 months. Starts 8th November for a 6 week course. £12.00.

Tuesdays 10.00am-11.00am and 11.15am-12.15pm. Baby massage from birth to crawlers. At Farnborough Rugby Club, Tile Barn Close. Starts 1st November for a 5 week course. Free.

Tuesdays at 11.30am and 1.00pm. Ante natal booked appointments.

Tuesdays 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Ante/post natal drop-in with the local midwife. No appointment necessary.

Wednesdays. Health Visiting Team booked appointments. Not weighing clinic. Contact the Centre.

Wednesdays 9.15am-11.00am. Stay and play for 18 months plus. Starts again 3rd November. £1.00 per family.

Wednesdays 1.00pm-2.30pm. Baby PEEP for 0-12 months at Farnborough Rugby Club, Tile Barn Close. Free.

Wednesdays 1.30pm-2.15pm. Sing and sign for 6 months to 1 year. Starts 2nd November for 6 weeks.

Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am. Hearing impaired stay and play. 1st week of the month.

Thursdays 10.00am-11.30am. Twins club. 2nd Thursday of the month.

Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am. Childminders stay and play. 3rd week of the month.

Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am. Young parents stay and play. 4th Thursday of the month.

Thursdays 1.00pm-1.45pm and 2.00pm-2.45pm. MAD Academy. Music and dance. Walkers to 4 years. Starts 3rd November for a 6 week course. £12.00 for 6 weeks.

Thursdays 1.30pm-3.00pm. Stay and play for 0 to 4 years at Tower Hill School. Starts again 3rd November. £1.00 per family.

Fridays 9.30am-11.15am. Stay and play for 0 to 18 months. Starts again 4th November. £1.00 per family.

Fridays 1.00pm – 3.00pm. Young Parents Group. Run by local midwives and the Centre. An opportunity for young people to get advice and support in pregnancy and on becoming a parent. Antenatal and with babies up to 1 year.

Fridays. Rushmoor Healthy Living advisor appointments. Contact the Centre.

Fridays. Health Visiting Team booked appointments. Not weighing clinic. Contact the Centre.

Saturdays 5th November and 3rd December 10.00am-12.00 noon. Dads Club. For male carers of children 0 – 5 years. Playing together, story-time, art and outdoor play. £1.00 per adult contribution towards refreshments.

Maple Vue Children's Centre

Maple Vue Children's Centre, Belle Vue Road, Aldershot GU12 4RZ. Telephone 01252 316963. Email

maplevuecc@hants.gov.uk. Website www.hants.gov.uk/maple-vue-cc

The Centre runs a variety of regular activities and courses such as Working with Children Level 1; Childcare Level 2 and 3; RHL adult health trainer sessions; child health clinics; speech and language; Job Centre Plus; first aid for parents; ante natal and child development checks; maths; quit smoking clinics; baby massage; ESOL; and music and dance. Call or check the website for the time table. Activities are run from their base in Belle Vue Road, their flat in Pegasus Avenue and from the North Town Community Base on North Lane.

Maple Vue Nursery is the new name of Children's Links full day-care nursery which is based in the Children's Centre. It is open Monday – Friday from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Children at the nursery have direct access to outdoor play from each room and can engage in a range of activities through free flow play, including painting, singing, climbing and much more. The standard hourly rates are 0-2 years: £4.40 per hour; 2-3 years: £4.30 per hour; 3 years+: £4.20 per hour. For more details please call 01252 316963 or on the direct line 01252 343772.

Mondays 12.30pm-4.00pm. Child development checks with a community staff nurse. Fortnightly by appointment only.

Tuesdays 9.00am-10.00am. Child health clinic weekly. Weigh your child and speak to the health visitor.

Tuesdays 11.30am-1.00pm. Chatterbox. Weekly in term time only. By referral only. A session to support children's language development in partnership with a language therapist.

Tuesdays 1.30pm-3.00pm. Active Play for Bumps and Babies. For pregnant mums and parents and their babies from 0 to walking. (1st Tuesday of each month Sensory Play. 4th Tuesday Baby Singing and Signing).

Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.00pm. Quit smoking clinic weekly. At the North Town Community Base.

Wednesdays 9.30am-12.00 noon. Ante natal checks. Fortnightly by appointment only.

Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am. Term time only. The National Childminding Association hold support sessions.

Thursdays 1.00pm-3.00pm. Active Play for Tots. For toddlers who can walk up to the age of 5. Free. Craft, painting, sand and water play, free access to all the toys and the new outside natural wooded area.

Fridays 9.00am-11.00am. Speech and language. Various dates by appointment only. Term time only.

Fridays 12.30pm-2.00pm. Ante natal Peep. Term time only. Are you expecting a baby or have recently given birth? Free drop in session. Advice and support on breastfeeding, weaning and play opportunities for you and your baby.

Fridays 1.30pm-2.15pm. MAD music and dance. Weekly for children aged 2 – 4 years old. £2.50 per child per week to be paid at the time of booking. Term time only. Booking essential.

Wednesday 26th October. Free Halloween Puppet Making Workshop. 10.00am-11.00am 0-24 months. 11.30am-12.30pm 2-5 years.

Friday 11th November 9.30am-12.30pm. Child protection workshop.

Dads' Club. Fun, games, construction activities, football, junk modelling, gardening and bacon butties for you to enjoy with your children or grandchildren. **Saturdays 15th October and 26th November** 10.00am-12.00 noon.

Owls Children's Centre

Owls Children's Centre, Mayfield Road (on the site of Cherrywood Primary School), Farnborough GU14 8LH. Telephone 01252 519920. E-mail owls.cc@hants.gov.uk. Website www.hants.gov.uk/owls-cc

In response to Homestart N.E. Hants closing at the end of September, it has been decided that Owls and Butterflies Children's Centres will continue the drop-ins and that Owls will also continue the twice monthly multiples group. Drop-ins are being run by the Farnborough Children's Centres at The Mayfield Centre (formerly the Homestart building) every Monday and Wednesday from 10.00am – 11.30am. All under 5's are welcome. Twins and More, a group for families with multiple children plus their siblings, will run from 10.00am – 11.30am every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. There is no need to book a place.

Adult and family learning opportunities are available throughout the year and a new timetable is produced each term. If you want to find out more about a course or put your name down for one their Family Learning Advisor, Jennie, is available on Mondays between 2.00pm and 3.00pm or just call or drop-in to the office and talk to their reception staff. If there is a course you would like to do which would help you get back to work, please tell the staff.

Family support sessions

Mondays 9.30am-11.30am. Stay and play for babies 0-1 years.

Mondays 1.00pm-3.00pm. Language group. Referral only.

Mondays 1.00pm-4.00pm. Breast feeding clinic drop-in with an advisor from Frimley Park.

Tuesdays 9.30am-11.30am. Childminders professional support group.

Tuesdays 9.30am-12.30pm. Counselling. By appointment.

Tuesdays 1.00pm-3.00pm. Stay and play for toddlers approx. 1-2 years.

Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am. Stay and play for toddlers plus. 2 years and over.

Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am. Stay and play for toddlers plus. 2 years and over. **At Farnborough Grange Nursery and Infants School.**

Wednesdays 9.00am-12.00 noon and 1.00pm-4.00pm. Job Centre Plus family advisor.

Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am. Child health clinic drop-in with Health Visitors.

Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am. Bumps and babes plus drop-in.

Thursdays 9.00am-12.00 noon and 1.00pm-4.00pm. Job Centre Plus family advisor.

Thursdays 1.00pm-4.00pm. Breast feeding clinic drop-in with an advisor from Frimley Park.

Fridays 9.30am-11.30am. Stay and play with your 3+ year old.

Fridays 9.00am-12.00 noon and 1.00pm-4.00pm. Job Centre Plus family advisor.

Fridays 1.00pm-3.00pm. Friday chill out drop-in. Meet other parents and staff while your children are looked after.

Dads Stay and Play – 0-5 years and siblings. **Saturdays 5th November and 3rd December** 10.00am-12.00 noon.

Adult learning – for families with children under 5. Each course has a free crèche on site.

Wednesday 19th October 9.30am-12.30pm. First aid course. With St. John's Ambulance. Understand how to deal with conditions and incidents involving children and infants.

Wednesday 2nd November 9.30am-11.30am. Sewing skills. A 5 week course. Learn basic sewing skills using a sewing machine. Bring your own or use one of the Centre's.

Wednesday 9th November 1.00pm-3.00pm. Play and language. A 6 week course. Develop your child's language skills through their play and develop your own literacy skills.

Park Children's Centre

Park Children's Centre, Gloucester Road, Aldershot GU11 3SL. Telephone 01252 338607. Fax 01252 331097. Email park.cc@hants.gov.uk. Website www.parkchildrenscentre.org.uk.

The Centre runs a range of courses throughout the year such as baby massage, baby sensory, cooking for baby, first aid, cookery and adult literacy and numeracy. Please contact the Centre to put your name down for the next course. They also have the MAD Academy (Music and Dance for walkers to 4 years old) and Stretch and Grow (exercise to music). Contact the Centre for more details.

Sunflowers Children's Centre

Sunflowers Children's Centre, Gloucester Road, Aldershot GU11 3SL. Telephone 07525 104015 or email Sunflowers.cc@hants.gov.uk. Website <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/sunflowers-cc.htm>

Sunflower's Children's Centre has moved offices into Park Children's Centre, Gloucester Road, Aldershot but they are still operating their groups and sessions in Aldershot town centre as before. From 31st October their new timetable will be running, where they will be offering a variety of groups such as MAD Academy, Baby Sensory, Inbetweeners, Bumps and Babes and a Stay and Play session. For locations and times, or to request a timetable and up to date newsletter please phone 07525 104015.

NEWS FROM SCHOOLS

A New Garden for Park Primary School

On 29th September, a new garden area was opened at Park Primary. The garden was the vision of the former Headteacher Mrs. Stephanie Kimber and was completed over the summer holidays. Features of the new environment include a boggy area, a willow tunnel and a vegetable patch for each of the eight classes. Staff and children are now looking forward to planting their own choice of fruit and vegetables. Research by the RHS "Gardening in Schools - A vital tool for children's learning", published last year, shows the enormous impact gardening plays in a child's wellbeing, learning and development. The research says that taking part in gardening can make a child feel happy and boost their development. It found children in schools that encouraged gardening became more resilient, confident and lived healthier lives.

Levi Goodridge Wins Gold

Levi Goodridge won gold at the British international taekwondo open event on 1st and 2nd October in Manchester. In his last fight he won 8 – 0 against Egypt. Levi is only 15 and attended the Oak Farm Community School. The event was attended by some 50 nations and this A-class G2 world event was being used by national teams as a test event for selecting potential Olympians for London 2012.

COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Intensive Interaction Workshop - An Introduction

Many people with profound learning disabilities and complex needs and/or sensory impairments find that building relationships with others can be a challenge. This can make it more difficult to be heard, valued and understood. This workshop is for anyone who is supporting people with profound learning disabilities and complex needs. In particular it could be helpful for residential and day services managers and staff teams, care managers and advocates.

Monday 28th November, 9.30am to 4.00pm, at High Cross Church, Knoll Road, Camberley GU15 3SY. The trainer is Janet Gurney, the Chief Executive of Us in a Bus which is an independent organisation that enables people to connect with others through interaction, play and self-expression. Participants will have the opportunity to understand the principles and techniques of Intensive Interaction, explore how these principles can be used and be enabled to build more fulfilling, interactive and equal relationships with the people they support.

The cost is £60 for the first person who attends and £40 for additional people from the same workplace. The fee includes lunch and refreshments. Booking forms need to be returned by Thursday 17th November. For more details call 01737 764774 or e-mail info@usinabus.org.uk

MIDAS Training

Rushmoor Voluntary Services are offering a refresher course for MIDAS training (Mini-Bus Driver Awareness Scheme) on **2nd and 3rd November**. If you are interested in attending please contact Viv on 01252 540162 or email viv@rvs.org.uk. Viv will also explain the cost for the course.

The National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy (NCYPE) - Course

On **Thursday 10th November** the NCYPE is holding a Study Day for Education and Social Care Professionals at the Holiday Inn, Eastleigh. This will be of particular interest to SENCOs, teachers, classroom assistants, support workers, carers, foster carers, social workers and Connexions personal advisors.

The course is delivered by trained specialists and costs £45 per person, including lunch, refreshments and a comprehensive delegate pack. Further information and a booking form are available from the website www.ncype.org.uk/epilepsy and via the Childhood Epilepsy Information Service, telephone number 01342 832243 ext 424 or email info@ncype.org.uk

NEWS FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS

Changes to Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and Adult Learning Grant (ALG)

The Government is introducing a new bursary scheme to help the most vulnerable 16-19 year olds continue in full-time education. There will also be additional transitional arrangements to help those who are part-way through their studies and are currently receiving EMA. Details about the administration of the 16-19 Bursary Fund are available to download from the Young Persons Learning Agency website <http://www.ypla.gov.uk/>

From August 2011, decisions about the use of adult learner support funding were fully devolved to Further Education colleges and training providers, in line with the Government's proposals in Skills for Sustainable Growth. The ALG budget will be combined with discretionary learner support, and allocated directly to colleges and training providers for them to distribute to those learners most in need. For further details contact the Learner Support Service on 0845 600 7979.

Scope Web Counselling

The disability charity Scope has teamed up with Relate, the relationship experts, to provide trained counsellors, who understand the impact of impairment, through the Live Web Chat counselling service. The free service is available to anyone whose family relationships are in difficulty. For further details visit www.scope.org.uk/ and click on 'Help and Information, Relate counselling'.

Hampshire's 2012 Open Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Expedition

You choose your mode of transport. If you are interested please come along to the information evening to find out more. **Tuesday 18th October** at 6.30pm at Basingstoke College of Technology, Worting Road, Basingstoke RG21 8TN.

If you have any questions please contact either D of E Field Officer Chris Golby on chris.golby@hants.gov.uk or D of E Field Officer Fiona Smith on fiona.m.smith@hants.gov.uk. To book your place on the information evening please contact DofE Admin Officer Abby Roch on dofe@hants.gov.uk

Information Evening at the Fleet Open Duke of Edinburgh's Centre

All young people aged between 14 - 24 living in the Fleet and Farnborough areas are invited to attend an information evening about the Fleet Open D of E Centre. They are able to offer opportunities for Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more so please bring your friends and family along. **Wednesday 19th October** at 7.30pm at the Youth Centre, Court Moor School, Spring Woods, Fleet GU52 7RY. For further information about the Open Centre please email Chris Golby on chris.golby@hants.gov.uk

If you wish to find out more about the D of E then please visit the website www.dofe.org

Working in Partnership to Raise Awareness of Debts Over Christmas

Are you concerned about vulnerable people racking up debts over Christmas? Debts can result in the loss of a home, fuel poverty, poor nutrition, severe depression, health problems, anxiety, family breakdown and suicide, all of which can have a serious impact on people's quality of life.

Local partners invite you to participate in a day of action to raise the awareness of the general public and provide practical advice and information that will help to prevent these problems affecting some of our most vulnerable communities. The event is run in partnership with First Wessex, Rushmoor Borough Council, United Savings and Loans and Rushmoor Citizens Advice Bureau. At the Wellington Centre in Aldershot on **Thursday 20th October**, between 10.00 am and 3.00pm, you will be able to take part in fun, practical activities such as product taste-tests, as well as learning important information about the cost of borrowing from various High Street lenders.

The partnership event which follows is being held between 4.30pm and 6.30pm at the Princes Hall, and is aimed specifically at organisations and individuals who work with vulnerable people. Light refreshments will be available. The event will include hands on demonstrations, information sharing, the launch of a new money advice DVD by First Wessex, networking, debt solutions and more. If you are able to attend the partnership event please RSVP by Friday 14th October to Sophie Clements on 02392 896762 or email sophie.clements@firstwessex.org

Aldershot Library – Proposed Film Club

Aldershot Library and Learning Centre are hoping to set up a Film Club. This could show films on a variety of topics and genres with no charge to see the films. Some suggestions so far have been children's Saturday morning, military and local history, and cultural films. They want this to appeal to as many people as possible so need help and ideas from all members of the community whether they are users or non-users of the library. Please join them for a cup of coffee and to share your views on **Saturday 12th November** from 11.00am – 12.00 noon at Aldershot Library, 109 High Street.

For more information contact Alison Friend, Learning Coordinator Administrative Officer, on 01252 322560.

A Funding Opportunity for Groups or Projects Working with Children and Young People

Artswork, the youth arts development agency, has been engaged by Hampshire County Council (HCC) to help deliver the Hampshire Young Creatives Programme 2011/2012. HCC has allocated funding as part of its focus on enabling young people to be the best they can be and to achieve their potential. The focus of the programme is:

- to develop cultural experiences for young people aged 0 – 19 outside of the formal school day or setting
- to develop activities with cultural partners in museums, libraries, archives and countryside as well as with arts partners
- to engage with community-based organisations as instigators and drivers of the programmes of activity in partnership with the cultural organisations.

There is a particular interest in:

- engaging young people in care and young carers
- hard to reach children and their families
- young people in areas of disadvantage, including rural isolation, who are NEET or otherwise at risk.

Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available and the deadline for submissions is **Friday 2nd December 2011**. Projects should aim to be completed by the end of June 2012, including the submission of final evaluation reports. For an informal discussion regarding your project proposal, a copy of the grant criteria or an application form please email Peter Taylor, Programme Manager, peter.taylor8@btinternet.com

Hampshire Childcare and Family Information Team

Need childcare? Then let the Hampshire Childcare and Family Information Team help. For information about childminders, day nurseries, pre-schools, playgroups, out-of-school clubs and holiday playschemes in Hampshire, contact the Team on 0845 603 5620 Monday - Friday 8.00am - 8.00pm and Saturday 9.30am - 4.00pm or visit www.fid.hants.gov.uk. You can also email childrens.services@hants.gov.uk

Children's Services Integrated Grant Programme for Voluntary and Community Organisations

The grant programme for voluntary and community organisations is now open for 2012-13 grants. The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon on **Thursday 1st December 2011**. Full details and the application pack are available on <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/grants/csgrants/csintegratedgrant.htm>

Town Twinning

Four junior chess players, ranging in age from 6 – 11 years old, and one senior player from Fleet and Farnborough Chess Club, represented Rushmoor at Oberursel's annual international chess tournament during the weekend of 27th-28th August. The trip was organised by the Twinning Association of Rushmoor. Out of a total of 32 players from Oberursel, Epinay (Oberursel's French twin town) and Rushmoor, Rushmoor ended up with a very creditable three players in the top eleven. The group stayed with host families in Oberursel and were treated to a visit to the reconstructed Roman fort of Saalburg where the junior members of the party could dress up in Roman costumes and try their hand at archery.

French dance students from one of Rushmoor's twin towns came to Farnborough as part of a festival called 'Dance Your Socks Off!' organised by the Dunlop Munnely Academy of Irish Dance in conjunction with the Twinning Association of Rushmoor. Four local dance schools from Aldershot and Farnborough spent 23rd-25th September taking part in workshops with dancers from Meudon and the weekend culminated in a gala performance for the Mayor at the Prospect Theatre at The Sixth Form College, Farnborough.

On Saturday 17th September, student musicians from Farnborough Sixth Form College were invited to perform a concert entitled Festival de jazz at a music festival in Meudon. Prospect V comprising students David Pitts, Hannah Richardson, Michael Woods, Bennett Soundy and Chris Hampson performed alongside other bands from Meudon's other twin towns Brezno (in Slovakia) and Mazkeret Batia (in Israel). Prospect V opened the festival and immediately proved to be a hit. The group performed again on Sunday to an even larger audience. This was the College Music Department's first visit to Meudon and so popular were they that they have already been invited back. In addition to Meudon, they visited the centre of Paris, including Notre Dame Cathedral and the Arc de Triomphe.

For more information about town twinning, please contact Alison Boukhobza on 01252 812442, or email twinning.association@rushmoor.gov.uk. The website is www.rushmoortwinning.org.uk

Naya Yuva

Naya Yuva is an independent voluntary organisation which was established in 2009 to encourage, guide, support and promote Nepalese youth in and around Aldershot, Farnborough and Camberley. They also aim to integrate with other communities and include young people from various backgrounds. Naya Yuva is an open group and welcomes young people to join and participate in its future events.

Their role is to raise awareness among young people regarding the different issues affecting their lives and their community. This is done by holding educational workshops and by taking part in different community events to show community support. On 18th September, for example, Naya Yuva supported the Mayor's Charity Cycle Ride.

If you would like to get involved or to know more visit the website: <http://www.nayayuva.org/#!naya-yuva-news>.

North Camp Matters Community Association – Open Meetings and Events

Open Meetings are held at the Baptist Church in Queen’s Road, North Camp and start at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 19th October – Tracey Coleman, the Project Co-ordinator at Rushmoor Borough Council, will talk about the current status of the Aldershot Urban Extension.

Wednesday 23rd November – PC Chris Thoday, the Beat Officer for North Camp, will review events over the last 6 months and seek views on policing priorities.

Week commencing 5th December – Christmas Shop Window Competition.

Saturday 10th December – Christmas Event.

The HIVE Information Service – Aldershot Garrison

The HIVE email address changed from aldershot@hivegb.co.uk to aldershothive@armymail.mod.uk on 1st October. Please can you amend any contact details you have for the HIVE.

The HIVE Information Service is available to all members of the Service Community including both married and single personnel, together with their families and dependants as well as civilians employed by the Services. The opening hours for the Aldershot Garrison HIVE at the Connaught Community Centre are 8.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday. The HIVE offers an extensive range of information on UK relocation; overseas relocation; Service families accommodation; single living accommodation; affordable housing schemes; childcare and early years provision; primary, secondary, post 16 and adult education; healthcare; employment; shopping including discount outlets; leisure and recreation; extended services and out of hours activities; motoring and travel; insurance, legal and financial matters; welfare and community support; pets and animal services; refuse collection and recycling; and cleaning companies.

In addition, the HIVE can offer support to families whose loved ones are currently on deployment. This includes deployment packs for families; an E Fax bluey facility; blueys; envelopes for 2kg parcels and various books.

For any enquiries please contact Karen Webster, Aldershot HIVE Information Officer, The Connaught Community Centre, Alanbrooke Road, North Camp, Aldershot GU11 2NX. Telephone 01252 347650 or Military 94222 2650. Mobile 07792 827958. Email: aldershothive@armymail.mod.uk. Website: www.mod.uk/hive

A HIVE ‘Outreach’ is also available in The HUB in St. Omer Barracks from 12.00pm to 1.00pm on Wednesdays.

The Source

237 High Street, Aldershot GU11 1TJ. Mobile 07801 233581. Telephone 01252 333330. www.thesourceforyou.co.uk

The Source is a charity that works with young people between the ages of 10 to 25. Their weekly diary of events is:-

Mondays 3.30pm-5.30pm. The Ketchup After School Club. A fun club for 10 to 15 year olds, which includes games, a free meal and the chance to meet with the team of trained, CRB checked workers. Young volunteers over 18 can be trained to run the Club. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Andy Barratt on andy.barratt@thesourceforyou.co.uk.

Tuesdays 7.00pm-9.30pm. Cafe Night for 14 to 25 year olds. There’s a rolling programme of activities offered each week including arts and crafts night, cooking night, games night and DVD and pizza night. Contact the Cafe co-ordinator andy.barratt@thesourceforyou.co.uk.

Thursdays 10.00am-1.30pm. Teen Parents Drop-in. A fun morning of activities and parental support, including a free lunch for parents, babies and toddlers. For more information please contact the Teen Parent Mentoring Project Co-ordinator Yvonne@thesourceforyou.co.uk.

Thursdays 7.00pm-9.30pm. Cafe Night for 14 to 25 year olds. Chill, play games, meet friends, and enjoy a healthy and hot free dinner. For details contact andy.barratt@thesourceforyou.co.uk

Branches

Branches, a local mental health support group, celebrated its 5th anniversary and World Mental Health Day with a Welcome Day at Farnborough Community Centre on 10th October. The theme to the day was the benefits to recovery of arts related activities. For more information about Branches call 07895 819400 or email branches.group@yahoo.co.uk.

Dating Abuse

A new government advertising campaign is currently running to challenge teenagers' attitudes to violence and abuse in relationships. But do you know where you can get local help and support if you, a friend or family member is affected? It is estimated that around 1 in 4 teenage relationships are abusive and boys, girls and those in same sex relationships can all be affected. The abuse can start with verbal or emotional abuse and can often escalate into physical. Some warning signs of potential and abusive behaviour include extreme jealousy, anger when time is spent with friends and family, putting the person down and trying to control their life.

There are new dedicated websites which have a lot of information about signs to look out for and where you can seek help and support as well as enabling you to view the adverts which depict everyday situations where a teenage girl is abused physically and emotionally by her controlling boyfriend. www.direct.gov.uk/thisisabuse provides information for teenagers. Advice for parents/carers can be found at www.direct.gov.uk/spotteenabuse

The Mayor of Rushmoor

The Mayor now has a Fundraising Page on Virgin Money Giving for his chosen charities <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=MayorRushmoor>

He also has a Blog <http://mayorofrushmoor.wordpress.com/> where he reports on his activities, such as visits to schools <http://mayorofrushmoor.wordpress.com/2011/09/29/talavera-juniors-give-us-a-great-warm-welcome/>

Tennis For Free

The Garden Gate pub, Church Lane East, Aldershot, just up the road from the Manor Park tennis courts, has raised almost £700 for the Tennis for Free (TFF) programme. This is a huge contribution towards the running costs and a great example of the community pulling together to give people the opportunity of free coaching and free tennis in the park. Tony Hawks, Patrick Hollwey's co-founder of TFF, visited on Sunday 9th October for a presentation of the cheque.

Anybody is welcome on Sunday mornings at Manor Park from 10.00am to 12.00 noon, and it is run all the year round except for two days. It is now 8 years since it began with many adults and children coming to the sessions. Many have gone on to join local clubs and some have stayed throughout and now help to run the sessions.

RECRUITMENT AND VOLUNTEERS

Qualified Playworker Vacancy

There is a job opportunity for a qualified playworker, for anyone who has a level 3 in playwork and is available during school holidays to work on the Borough Council playschemes. For further details call 01252 398745 or contact debbie.wall@rushmoor.gov.uk. The closing date is **Friday 25th November**.

Parent Voice

The Rose Road Association has been successful in securing a grant to run the Parent Voice service across the whole of Hampshire until April 2013. Their immediate priority is to recruit part time parent/carer participation workers in all the districts of Hampshire. The posts are 16 hours per week on a flexible basis working from home and there are vacancies in Hart and Rushmoor, East Hampshire and Basingstoke and Deane. For a job description, person specification and application form visit <http://www.roseroad.org.uk/?f=Recruitment/Vacancies>. The closing date is **Friday 21st October**.

**Many thanks to all the organisations who contribute
information to this newsletter**

Rushmoor Schools Plus

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