

**Minutes of Meeting of FARNBOROUGH & ALDERSHOT BRANCHES  
held on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2006 at Council Offices, Farnborough Road,  
Farnborough.**

**Present:**

Debbie Wall	Chairperson, Rushmoor Leisure
Caroline Keith	Co-ordinator
Audrey Greenway	Secretary
Margaret Baldwin	NE Hants Portage
Alison Cooper	Parity for Disability
Niki Densley	Area SENCO
Sue Dyer	PAG Special Play/Afasic Hampshire
Catherine Gobart	KIDS
Sharon Goodchild	HCC Parent Development Team
Sandie Hatwell	Park Children's Centre
Sarah Lees	Insight/PAG/KIDS
Nicki Munday	Farnborough EYC
Janet Morton	Hampshire Educational Psychology Service
Linda Turner	Park Children's Centre
Jo Valler	NCMA

**Apologies:**

David Bailey	Home-Start
Cay Byford	Contact-a-Family
Karen Evans	NE Hants Domestic Violence Unit
Chris Frankland	Farnborough EYC
Sue Hathaway	Rushmoor Voluntary Services
Ann Norton	Area SENCO
Lorraine Yates	Rushmoor Volunteer Bureau

**1) Matters arising from Minutes of Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 – none.**

**2) Co-ordinator's Report** – copy attached. Caroline informed that the Aldershot Army Show is on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July. Community groups can raise their profile by having a stall, applications to Philip Stoneman, Rushmoor B.C. on 01252-398760 by 30<sup>th</sup> June. North Camp Village Fayre 'Carnival Capers' is on the 8<sup>th</sup> July, 12-12.30 Procession, 12.30-4 Event at Queens Road Recreation Ground – an opportunity for groups to showcase their services, details from Sharon Lucas on 01252 373137 (am only). JJ's World of Fun, Morse Road, West Ham Industrial Estate, Basingstoke – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm-9.00pm has been set aside for children with special needs along with their brothers and sisters to play, £4.00 per child, age limit 14 years, no need to book but for more details call Paula, organiser of this event on 07813 298066. Karen Evans has produced a Domestic Violence Service Directory listing different agencies and people to contact. 'Playing on the Wildside' – The essential resource for people wishing to enable opportunities for children to play freely in and around natural outdoor environments - for further information contact Martin Maudsley, Co-ordinator, Playwork Partnerships, University of Gloucester, Francis Close Hall, Swindon Lane, Cheltenham GL50 4AZ tel: 01242 532949 or e-mail: [team@playwork.co.uk](mailto:team@playwork.co.uk). Hampshire Children's Trust Newsletter VISION prints news and views. Contact Karen Clark on 01962-845894 or e-mail [karen.m.clark@hants.gov.uk](mailto:karen.m.clark@hants.gov.uk). HCFE attend the CAMHS Local Implementation Groups (LIGS) and Caroline attends monthly meetings at Basingstoke where she can raise issues covering the North East area of Hampshire.

**3) Any other business – Catherine** explained she is based in Fareham and works with Rushmoor BC to provide Holiday Playschemes for children aged 5-13 years with additional support needs and their siblings. The KIDS scheme will be based at Henry Tyndale School, Farnborough from the 31<sup>st</sup> July to the 18<sup>th</sup> August 10am-3pm, cost will be £10 per session per child. They are currently recruiting staff plus volunteers who can be aged between 16 and 60. For a registration form and any further details please contact her at KIDS Family Centre, Delta House, Salterns Lane, Fareham PO16 0QS, tel: 01329 312312, or e-mail: [catherine.gobart@kids.org.uk](mailto:catherine.gobart@kids.org.uk). Those on their mailing list should have already received their forms. All completed application forms have to be returned to her by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June to allow time to assess the risk element etc. **Sarah** said her Insight group of parents and children is looking for another venue for their monthly meeting as change within their present meeting place is unsatisfactory. They need an offer of free premises as their numbers vary so much from month to month.

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**Sue** informed that Afasic Hampshire is a support group for children and young people with speech and language problems who provide activity days - one was recently held at Marwell Zoo. Afasic Hampshire can be contacted on 023 9271 9644. PAG is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. Last December they organised the 2<sup>nd</sup> special needs pantomime at Princes Hall and had received £5000 of funding to cover costs – it was very successful and has been booked again for the 19<sup>th</sup> December for which funding is again being sourced. **Alison** stated that their Easter Playscheme had been successful. They will be running their playscheme for 5 weeks from the 31<sup>st</sup> July at the Baptist Church in Fleet for children and young people aged 11 to 21 years who mainly come from Social Services referrals but they will accept those who would benefit from attendance and are unable to access other schemes. Catherine felt that liaison between their two organisations would benefit families as KIDS playscheme caters for children only up to 13 years of age.

**Niki** said the SENCO role continues to support pre-schools and nurseries attended by special needs children and they now offer telephone support to out of school clubs. Sue Wood is the Co-ordinator. **Sandie** informed their playschemes for children aged 3 to 8 years was held at Easter, and will be held at the end of May and for the first 3 weeks of the summer holidays. They have been charging £17 per day which includes a cooked tea but found numbers were low over Easter as neighbouring churches were offering playschemes from 10am-4pm for 50p per day, so they have decided to reduce their charges to £10 for a whole day and to £6 for a half day to encourage more take-up. Linda is in charge of family groups.

**Margaret** stated they have a large waiting list and have been given their half-time post back which should alleviate some of this volume. The Numicon taster session is offered to pre-schools on a Monday morning. **Jo** described her new role as a Childminding Development and Network Co-ordinator to encourage training in the Rushmoor and Hart area and she will be teaching ICP onwards supporting childminders right through to Network. Rushmoor Gym Club will host an event in National Childminding Week with a focus on Healthy Eating plus activities. **Nicki** said new groups are starting at the Early Years Centre. Their playscheme is taking children from 3 years and the summer scheme is open for the last 2 weeks of the school holidays and earlier depending on demand.

**Sharon** informed she is one of 3 Co-ordinators for Parenting Programmes in the County, the others cover the south of the county and the Andover/Eastleigh/New Forest area. Government funding for their courses has been withdrawn as they do not fit in to the computer/maths format but there may be funding available through Early Years Centres for the CPCK course Competent Parents, Competent Kids but not for SPOT Supporting Parents of Teenagers but there is a suggestion of tiered charging which is considered impractical and will be difficult to implement. Special Children, Special Parents is a 10-week course for parents of children with disabilities. A Special Children course aimed at the 0-16 age range where 6-8 people are trained as facilitators has just finished at Bushy Leaze EYC, Alton. 'Puberty Early' is in the early days of planning and there is a need to research the needs of parents in the area and how far they are prepared to travel. To find out if a course is being run in your area tel: 01962 876290. **Janet** said Sue Peters has had a daughter. The Telephone Helpline on 01252-814801 continues on Mondays between 12.30-4.30pm and SENCOs are alerting parents in pre-schools. In the Oak Farm area there will be a pilot arrangement from September to offer CAF (Common Assessment Frameworks) and opportunities for training.

**Debbie** said the Summer Fun brochure is being prepared for printing. Soccer at 6 is running again this year from 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> August for children aged 5-12 years. Mondays – Aldershot Park, Tuesdays – King George V, Wednesdays - Cove Green, Thursdays – Manor Park, Fridays – Queens Road Recreation Ground. All venues 6.00pm-7.15pm. Just turn up bringing a drink. Cost is £2.50 (£2.00 concessions). Rushmoor has City Tennis Club status and there is a free launch session on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am-12.30pm at Manor Park Tennis Centre, Aldershot for ages 7–13 (families welcome). No booking required – contact Chris Tucker on 07725 575 331. The Big Lottery Fund for Play has allocated £200,000 for various services for children across the Borough.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN & FAMILIES FORUM – FARNBOROUGH & ALDERSHOT BRANCHES:**

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, 12.30-1.30pm, Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough.**



