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MINUTES FOR HCFF HART BRANCH MEETING  
HELD AT YATELEY MEDICAL CENTRE  
ON 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006

**Present:** Kate Philpot, HCFF Hart Co-ordinator, Cay Byford - Contact a Family, Janet Turnbull - Health Visitor, Shelia Company - Health Visitor, Audrey Wood - Health Visitor, Jenny Radley - Hart Councillor, Anne Duggan - Educational Psychologist, Sharon Weaver - Health Visitor, Niki Densley - Area SENCO, Julie Walker - Family Learning, Yateley Centre, Helga Firth-Bernard - Parent Action Group, Helen Barrington - Student Child Nurse, Anne Went - Health Visitor, Sarah Rolls - PLA

**Apologies,** Mandy Prentice - Senior Development Officer (Childcare) NE Hants, Margaret Baldwin - Portage, Helen Butler - NCT, Sue Fisher - Hart Councillor, Sarah Horton - Parent, Ann Norton - Area SENCO, David Price - The Church on the Heath, Kandy Redwood - Young Carers

#### Hart Co-ordinators Report

Kate went through the coordinators report, which everybody had a copy of (please see attached). Kate also gave out copies of the new Hart directory.

Kate informed the meeting that she would be going on maternity leave at the end of the summer term and that HCFF hoped to recruit a maternity cover for Hart starting September.

#### Sure Start Programme

Kate explained that the next item of research HCFF would carry out is about vulnerable families, and she would let the branch know when she had more details.

Kate had a hard copy of the previous consultations 'Access to Leisure Services for Children with Special Needs' and 'Dental Health' and 'Parent and Toddler Groups' and she reminded everyone that the results of all previous consultations are available on the HCFF website.

#### Website Issues

Kate asked for any items for the website to be sent to her and also mentioned that the minutes of the meeting will be available on the website, as are results of previous consultations, which are available as PDF files for downloading. The new directory will be available shortly on the website, or please contact Kate if you require a PDF emailing to you.

#### Items for the Newsletter

Kate explained that the deadline for articles was the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

## Presentation – Richard Denham, Hart Community Warden

Richard Denham gave the meeting a detailed presentation on the role of the Community Wardens in Hart. He gave many examples of the sort of work the team are involved in and their aims and objectives.

Copies of the presentation are available on request from Kate.

## Local Issues/Information Exchange

### Kate Philpot – Yateley Families Matter and Pre-school Traveller Event

Kate said that due to LNF funding a further course of story sacks workshops has run successfully at Spring pre-school in Frogmore during the spring term. Further courses of numeracy and literacy skills will be run in the summer term.

Kate mentioned that she and Sam Wilson from the TES had organised a Preschool Traveller event which took place on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 12.30pm at St Swithuns in Yateley. The event was part of a project Sam is running which aims to encourage more traveller children into pre-schools.

### Cay Byford – Contact a Family

Cay brought details of the annual Lions FunFest which will be taking place on 25<sup>th</sup> June, for children with disabilities and their families. The event is free but guests must register in advance by calling Susan Jackson on 01252 626341 or email: [suejackson2@aol.com](mailto:suejackson2@aol.com).

Cay mentioned that CAF have produced a new factsheet dealing with debt problems and a new publication booklet called 'Growing Up, Sex and Relationships', both of which are available from the CAF helpline 0808 0808 3555 or via their website: <http://www.cafamily.org.uk/>

### Niki Densley – Area Senco

Niki mentioned that she and the other SENCOs has a new role in supporting out of school clubs up to age 14.

### The Health Visitors

Shelia Company said that the Fleet team would soon be fully staffed again.

Sharon Weaver mentioned that she has been approached by the Lions who want to give food to needy families in Hart, the task of nominating families is something she finds difficult. She suggested that we could invite a Lions representative to the next branch meeting so that they could understand how they could better help families in need in our area – perhaps by supplying toys or equipment to groups rather than food to individual families. Kate to progress.

### Julie Walker – Yateley Centre Family Learning

Julie said that Positive Parenting and Supporting Parents of Teenagers courses were due to start soon and that a Confident Parents, Confident Kids had recently been successfully run. There are many other family learning activities happening on an ongoing basis at Yateley Centre

e.g. craft workshops, all of which are free. Please contact Julie for further information: 01252 876552

#### Anne Duggan – Educational Psychologist

Anne reported that she has been part of a team developing child friendly versions of educational psychology information for pre-schoolers to teenagers. She will bring examples to the next meeting. Anne has also been developing a CD ROM/website for the above information and for statutory information so that this is available for children and young people.

#### Helga Firth-Bernard – Parent Action Group

Helga introduced herself as volunteer from PAG, a group representing parents with children with special needs. The group provides play opportunities for children with special needs and organises events for the children and their families, e.g. pub quizzes, craft sessions, a special performance of the princes hall pantomime. Activities are open to children from all areas.

Helga mentioned that the King George V playground in Farnborough has recently been refurbished for use by children with special needs, including wheelchair users. She also mentioned that PAG are hoping to start a youth group soon.

#### Sarah Rolls – PLA

Sarah introduced herself as the Pre-school Learning Alliance contact for nurseries, parent and toddler groups and pre-schools in Fleet and District. Sarah informed the meeting that Pavilion pre-school in Fleet was closing.

#### Jenny Radley – Hart Councillor

Jenny said that she was delighted once again to be able to attend the meeting and get a better idea of the issues affecting children and families within Hart. She said that she was aware that the council need to pick up more on children and young people's issues and also that better communication is vital.

It was good to see you all at the meeting and I hope to see you all again next term. The details for the next meeting are as follows:

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR NEXT MEETING\*\***

Date: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006

Time: 10.15am – 11.30am

Place: Yateley Medical Centre

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