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HART CO-ORDINATORS REPORT 15th January 2004

HART BRANCH CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of HCFF I would like to welcome Sarah Franklin as the Chairperson for Hart Branch. We hope to break her in gently, so as not to frighten her off!!

INFORMATION EVENTS

This term I have held two information events both of which both were very successful. In October I had a stand and did face painting at the Family Learning Day at Frogmore College. It was well attended with approximately 50 adults and their children and was a definite success. During half term Lucy Ellis, the Parent and Toddler worker put on a craft morning for the under fives which again attracted at least 50 adults and their children and was another resounding success.

CHILDRENS FUND

Since my last report I have met with the Liz Johnstone from the Childrens Fund and have discussed the possibilities of more projects for the Frogmore/Darby Green area. The projects as they stand at the moment are: the Infant School uses the Fund to make weekly visits to Yateley Library, where members of the U3A join children and staff to share books. After each visit each child receives a free book to add to their own book collection at home. Frogmore Junior School uses the fund to run a Breakfast Club. Children of all ages are welcome to attend and can purchase a healthy breakfast for a minimal cost. Finally for the older children Frogmore Centre for Advanced Studies are providing a counselling service for children at the college and are in the process of setting up a peer mentor scheme where older children will help the younger ones to deal with some of the issues surrounding school life. For example: Bullying issues, coping with the amount of work they have and learning how to manage it. Alongside this they will be starting a literacy scheme with parents and children whose first language is not English.

On the 6th of December last year I was commissioned by the Childrens Fund to hold a consultation in Frogmore. I attended the Frogmore Infant School Christmas Bazaar and a copy of the result will be available for you peruse if you so wish.

YATELEY FAMILIES MATTER

At the end of November we were invited to attend St Peters Junior School Christmas Bazaar. This really was an information event to raise awareness for Yateley Families Matter and St Peters have asked if we would like to repeat this again next year.

TRAVELLERS FORUM

On the 23rd October I attended the Travellers Forum, which I am delighted to say has moved on tremendously since last year. Several travellers from the Star Hill site attended and had input and it really seems that communications between the travellers and the statutory and voluntary sectors is moving in the right direction.

NEWSLETTERS

2500 newsletters were delivered this term and were very well received. Don't forget if you would like anything in the newsletter give me a call or email an article to me at hart@hcff.org.uk

DIRECTORIES

The directory is now complete and is being proof read at the moment. All being well it won't be too long before it is available. It has been suggested that when it is ready we have a launch for it. If you have any ideas of a suitable event that we could do this, I would love to hear from you.

HCCF WEBSITE

Don't forget HCCF are now on the web at the following address: www.hcff.org.uk

INFORMATION DAY THIS TERM

This term for my information event I have organised a speaker on ADHD from Frimley Childrens Centre.