

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FORUM**  
**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2005**  
**AT BLASHFORD LAKES STUDY CENTRE**

ATTENDEES:

Lorraine Starks	Coach House Day Nursery
Lorraine Tate	Parentline Plus
Sue Brinkman	Busy Bees P/S and New Forest Scouts
Carol Phillips	Ringwood Jobcentre Plus - New Deal for Lone Parents
Lynne Rees	Lone Parents as above
Janet Keith	Early Education Childcare Unit
Rose Browne	Stepping Stones P/S
Lyn Belenger	Stepping Stones P/S
Kim Green	Social Services
Debbie Grace	Community First
Judi Strange	Childcare Partnership Manager Jobcentre Plus
Kay Marks	Connexions
Bev Wickham	Early Years Co-ordinator South West
Denise Phillips	Hampshire Portage Service
Sheila Burton	Hampshire Education Psychology Service
Jim Day	Hampshire Wildlife Trust
Julie Clark	Jack and Jill P/S Childminders and Bransgore Toy Library
Annette Mogg	Health Visitor RW and FB
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<b><u>APPOLOGIES</u></b>	
Marian Frey	Parent / Chair / Executive committee HCFF
Rosie Tidby	Brownies / Busy Bees P/S
Jill Barnett	Portage
Helen Tague	FB Town Council
Lindsay Osman	EECU
Dye Lockyer	NFDC
Helen Giles	Library Services
Jane Finan	Youth Services
Mandy Robbins	FB Junior School
?	Hale School
Denise Wiltshire	PLA 11

After early arrivals being taken on a short walk around the Blashford Lakes Study Centre – kindly given by Jim Day – the meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

Marian Frey – Chair – had given apologies due to sickness and therefore no Chair's Report was given.

Roz – Coordinator therefore read her report that included information on:

Focus Day Event to be held in Winchester on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Information on First Aid Training and the possibility of local free training being provided – anyone interested please contact her ASAP 07970 977572

The current Survey being conducted by HCFF on Dental Care – forms were available for parents to complete as to their local situation NHS / Private facilities etc. Further forms are currently available should anyone be able to complete one – those with children 0 – 19yrs of age – this can be sent by request from Roz or can be emailed for completion on line – again please contact her.

Further surveys and information gathering is likely to be on: Special Needs Children and their Siblings – any questions that practitioners might like included on this survey can be emailed to Roz – likely to include information about how families can access clubs/leisure services.....

Parent and Toddler work and facilities in the area

Support available for Single parents.

The results on the information collated with reference to After Schools Facilities were available.

The Directory is still in circulation and further copies were available for distribution. anyone requiring further supplies can access them via the Town Hall FB during office hours. The decision was taken to include the Directory in the future on our Web Site therefore being available to an even wider audience. Funding has been secured for the next edition but the project would still need some private advertising – anyone wishing to place small advertisement in the edition to be published in the Winter 05 for distribution in January 06 to contact Roz or Mandy Robbins

Courses for Parents starting soon included Confident Parents Confident Kids and Assertiveness for Parents. – information on both of these was available.

FB Town Council Holiday Play scheme is once again taking place on the first 2 weeks of the summer holidays also with increased places for lunch club being available. Contact Town Hall FB for bookings and further information.

A Kids Club will run in the Victoria Rooms Fordingbridge during the last week of the summer – more details to follow (see newsletter)

The Turn Up The Fun Play Bus will once again be on the road visiting Ringwood Junior School and Southfield Mews Ringwood and also Flaxfields and Parsonage Barn Play Area Fordingbridge both on one day per week throughout the holidays – open access and free of charge – see newsletter for more information.

The New Forest Parenting Meeting will be taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June in Ringwood at the Trinity Church Ringwood – all welcome from 10 – 12

There is to be a Fordingbridge Festival this year for a period of 10 days with a main Family Fun Day event on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm onwards. This day will include many stall, attractions, craft marquee, Farmers Market, Art and Photographic Show and more!! Entry is to be free. There will also be live music played throughout the day. From 6pm families are encouraged to bring rugs, tables, chairs etc along with a picnic and enjoy an evening of music culminating with a grand firework display at 10pm.

Any group of organisation wishing to do some fundraising and run a stall – cakes/game/tombola/toys etc can book a place – small pre-schools etc are to be charged only £5. this event will be well publicised and mini buses will be transporting holiday makers from Sandy Balls to the event – so this is a great chance to fund-raise and / or raise the profile of your group organisation locally!!!

Helpers were requested once again for manning the New Forest show Lost Children's Tent – a free ticket being given to all those volunteering 2 hours of their time to this event!! (All tickets for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> have now gone since this notice was given – but there may be times available during the Tuesday and Wednesday should you wish to help)

Nationally Childcare Week takes place this year on 6-12 June – information was available.

Use the Web Site!! Was the message – [hcff.org.uk](http://hcff.org.uk) – all information on what's on is there – if you would like your event however small or big put onto the web site for parents to access please send to Roz for inclusion thanks

A list of meetings Roz had attended and participated in was given:

Fordingbridge community Forum Workers Meeting

Children's fund

New Forest Parenting

Local Parenting Forum

Ringwood Town Council of £200 towards the Turn Up The Fun Scheme has awarded a grant – thanks were given.

Awaiting the outcome on a grant application to Swaythling Housing

PaultonsPark has also generously given free family tickets in exchange for distribution of their leaflets – these will be used in future events/holiday play etc.

Children's Chance Charity Funding was given out – thanks to Heidi Attwill (Parent) for the information.

The issue over us extending our remit to 0 –19 yrs has been approved by the Charity Commission and now waits to go forward to the Executive at the end of the month prior to there being an extra-ordinary meeting.

Reports were then shared by those present and sent in:

Helen Giles reported that the Ringwood Library was under re-fit which will include internet terminals a disabled loo baby changing facilities new counter and a teens area. – so watch out for the unveiling!!!

Denise Wiltshire reported that St Mary's P/S FB had a new supervisor and Hale have both a new Deputy and Supervisor. A new group is opening in Martin called Martin p/s and they can take up to 10 children from 2yrs+ 3 p/s have signed up for accreditation by the PLA and Hyde have succeeded in being granted £6800 by The Local Network fund for outside play and funding a 4<sup>th</sup> session for a year!! – well done!!!

Jim Day has plans for overnight camps for families to take place both in May and the August Bank Holiday – contact the centre for more info!!

Annette Mogg said that 16yr olds could ask for a mumps vaccine – with the outbreak of mumps in the area and indeed throughout Southern England. The Health Centre is now in various portacabins on Carvers Playfield whilst the centre is re-built. Major staffing problems as all staff on core time only and no one is being replaced should they leave/whilst on leave etc – due to financial difficulties of the NF PCT. This will have major implications on the time being available for the 'extra' work such as developing parenting courses/facilitating courses/attending meetings etc

Lorraine Tate told everyone about their 24hr helpline – free to anyone – parents – to access plus their courses and workshops available – not in our area but could access them at Eastleigh.

Kay Marks reported that Ringwood Senior School has 2 advisors available in the school to pupils. Burgate?? Connexions is seeking a town centre 'Centre' The Bridge Project at FB closed shortly and then re-opened ensuring it covered the work it originally set out to do there which was counselling and support services – it is now open Thursday (?) evenings from 3pm. The Pavilion is being looked at as an alternative site for a more youth club type of base.

Judi Strange is in post to look at gaps in childcare provision – encouraging childcare as a career and ensuring there is care for parents who wish to return to work.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS  
THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 7.30PM  
AT RINGWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

*PLEASE DO TELL EVERYONE AND  
BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU WHO  
HAS NOT BEEN BEFORE OR NOT  
ATTENDED FOR THE LAST 3  
MEETINGS (i.e. a year!!) YOU CAN  
THEN BE ENTERED INTO MY FAB  
RAFFLE!! BOTH YOU AND YOUR  
GUEST'S NAME WILL BE ENTERED!!!*

*Parents especially welcome!!!*