

Hampshire Children and Families Forum

Termly Meeting

Spring 2007

Blashford Lakes Study Centre - Ellingham



• Present

Marian Frey Parent / Chair NWF HCFF  
Roz Bradbury Co-ordinator HCFF NWF  
Rosie Tidby Poulner Brownies / Busy Bees Preschool  
Sue Brinkman New Forest West Scouts  
Sue Nutburn Ringwood Infants Jigsaw  
Trudi McDonald Ringwood Health and Leisure Centre  
Marie Harding Preschool Gym Club  
Charlene Bloomer Early Education and Childcare Centre EECU  
Tiffany Gibson Preschool Development Workers PLA  
David and Geraldine Stedman 115 Club  
Sue Little New Forest District Council  
Janet Keith Inclusion EECU  
Jackie Bennett Poulner Infant School Jigsaw / Foster Carers Support Worker  
Annette Mogg Hampshire PCT - Health Visitors  
Jill Barnett Portage  
Emma Ostler Library Services  
Heidi Rehman National Childminding Services  
Judi Strange Jobcentre Plus  
Jim Day Blashford Wildlife Trust  
Nigel Clarke HATS representative

• Apologies

Helen Tague Fordingbridge Town Council  
Dye Lockyer NFDC Leisure Services  
Helen Giles Library Services  
Lyndsay Osman EECU  
Bev Wickham EECU  
Mike Jones Its Your choice Youth Work  
Debbie Grace NFVSC



Welcome given to everyone and all asked to introduce themselves.

Roz shared information, about meetings she had attended on behalf of HCFF, and what she had gathered from many contacts with issues of interest to members of HCFF.

- Reminder to continually look up the web site [hcff.org.uk](http://hcff.org.uk) as it is always being updated with information.
- Last date for information to Roz for inclusion in the termly newsletter is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - and to contain anything YOU may

be doing in the Easter Break

- Alerted everyone to literature that was freely available for all to take away - covering issues such as Parenting Advice / Library Times / CIS / Youth Information / Connexions
- Reported that the 1 : 1 work with parents was still being undertaken and was filling a gap in the services available to parents. Many agreed there was indeed a great need for this or similar work to be undertaken especially with the cut back in Health Visitor hours and therefore services. Home Start was also discussed and seen as a way forward but not able to supply immediate needs in the community.
- The date for a Spring Conference for Parenting was given out 26<sup>th</sup> March Winchester
- Fordingbridge Drop-in for 13+ has ceased at the Victoria Rooms but a service is now available at The Pavilion in Fb 3-5pm on Thursdays and in the summer it will be 4 - 6.30pm There are rooms for confidential counselling and services provided are SRE, information and advice, condom distribution and pregnancy testing as well as access to Tier 2 services for drugs and alcohol. Mike Jones is the contact for this service
- HCC Locality Teams are being established post Every Child Matters
- New Forest Parenting Forum - the issue of how few parenting courses are now currently running in our patch due to funding issues. Please let Roz B know of anyone wishing to participate in any Parenting Group so they may be referred or a course can be set up in response to need.
- The Local Network Meeting EECU was attended and information exchanges took place
- Young Parents Group FB and Rw is now well established and a minibus runs regularly to collect YP's from Ringwood and take them to the URC Hall in FB on Tuesdays 10 -12 when they meet. Roz secured a grant from Rural Development HAPTC (£2499) which will allow for further improvements in the services provided this is a joint venture between HCFF and The Youth Service along with voluntary support from The Church and Midwifery.
- The Directory remains un-completed due to time constraints and a VOLUNTEER TO PULL this information together is desperately sought still!!!
- Swaythling Housing donated a grant towards the Turn Up For Fun Free Open Access Play Project that ran last summer and is planning to run again through the 6 weeks of the summer holidays. Anyone 18+ especially with relevant experience is asked to apply for Playworker posts that will become available.
- Roz sought funding to enable the SK8 Festival to take place again this year and a further meeting is organised to take this project further.
- Homestart for the Forest is being looked at and a funding bid is being put forward. HCFF are part of the steering group for this project.
- Family Caring Truist information was given out
- Community First information on free training they are delivering was given out especially pointing out how helpful their workshop on 'Giving Presentations' might be for many of the HCFF members. Contact Debbie Grace for more information on that or other free training to voluntary groups
- LNF still has money to be given out to grant applications - finishing 2008

- CAMHS Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services - training days - information sent out and given to those still wanting it
- SCARF have received their funding applied for to employ a youth worker for 11-16year olds with additional needs in Tiptoe - anyone out there seeking this type of work p/t??
- Princes Trust has cash for 14-25 year olds
- Special Needs Information Day - Totton College is the venue on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 10 -3 - this is a FREE day for PARENTS with special needs children 5 + there will be lots of information and advice along with some wonderful practical activities to join in with and the Honey Pot Bus will be there to play on! - please alert any parents you know of this event.
- FB Toy Library on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH have a CHILDRENS clothes sale on at Sandleheath Scout Hall 10 - 11.30am - for buying and selling - contact Jacqui for more info 01725 517379
- Look up netmums.com for some good info and also vouchercodes.co.uk for discount coupons!
- A reminder to flag up and also use Dorcas who collect unwanted homes goods and also sell them on to those in need
- Our area is still seeking a venue to house a Children's Centre in Ringwood - the Centre in Fordingbridge is still progressing and the site is being viewed and finances sorted.....BUT Ringwood is DESPERATELY NEEDING SOMEWHERE please please see if YOUR building has a spare room that could house this wonderful service!!
- A selection of brochures were made available and highlighted as excellent resources for all those working with children and families

## NETWORKING

- Charlene - Children's Centre in Pennington is progressing and venue needed for RW.
- Annette - lack of District Nurses in area Disappointing that the Twins Group has ceased, hope to see Homestart established. Hants PCT still waiting management structure - so rather dissatisfying and unsettling time for all. Great concern voiced by all present at the demise of HV Role and numbers and the support they are now being able to give - it was noted that there will be a great deal of negative effects on children and families in the future
- Heidi - introduced herself
- Jackie - said there was funding for a further year for the Jigsaw workers. Home-link worker to support families, good work being undertaken and a positive outlook. Fostering the role is changing dramatically along with the type of children requiring homes
- Tiffany - Level 3 course in April at Trinity Hall RW and the Branch Meeting is taking place in February.
- Janet - gave information out regarding conference on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. They are currently supporting out of school settings and training workers. Contact Janet for more info or to book for her to visit your group to give

information and guidance on supporting children with special needs within your setting.

- Trudi/Marie - gave out information about the benefits of attending their physical play gym sessions available for babies upwards. Also reminding all about their youth project for 11-18year olds on Friday evenings with football coaching and voluntary workers providing great activities to all. The issue about funding those on very low incomes not being able to access these activities was raised.
- Rosie - A reminder that Busy Bees run a Toddler Group on Tuesday's 1.15pm - 3pm and that 3<sup>rd</sup> Poulner Brownies still desperately needs volunteer help!
- Sue - Scouting celebrates their 1200 yr Anniversary this year so watch out for many varying celebrations and activities planned
- Sue N -reported a CPCK had just completed at the school - and recognises the need for further courses which would particularly support the families she works with
- David - the 115 Club is registered to provide training and they are possibly seeking running a holiday club provision this year in RW - they DO have this provision available to all parents in their Bournemouth club.
- Emma - available to visit local schools and settings with Baby Rhyme time and story telling sessions...new Toddler Time being launched in RW with crafts and activities along with story telling etc...trial period. Also Half-term activities in both libraries around Horrid Henry. Special Access cards are available for those with s/needs in order for them to access non-printed materials FOC. Don't forget to remind all parents about the FREE book start bags and treasure chests available to their children at set stages of their development - enquire at the local library for more info.
- Jill - report the Portage in Wiltshire had lost their funding to work with families in the FB and RW area so that in future all portage for these areas will be delivered by Hampshire staff. Both sets of portage workers have worked to ensure there is a smooth transition for current families using portage.
- Sue - First Steps to Playwork Course will be in Brockenhurst on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 - 5pm. Both Blashford Lakes and TUFF are recruiting staff for holiday provision. An inclusion course is planned for June
- Judi - talked about the amount of work that takes places even before Children's Centres and Extended Schools concerns can be addressed and promoted the work of Jobcentre Plus and all the benefits available.
- Nigel - talked about the project HATS and how he had found the meeting to be most interesting and informative.
- Jim - gave lots of information out about the projects and sessions available to all parents, children and grandparents at the Centre - see web pages of HCFF for more info! A special session for children 8 -12 years of age is run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month with lots of activities around nature. There is also a PHTOCOPIER AVAILABLE from the centre as theirs is being replaced
- \*\* Amendum : it was agreed for RB to receive payment of £10 per month paid as £120 towards her mobile phone bill that doesn't receive any funding - from ring fenced general funds 9to cover jan 07 - dec 07)

Date of next meeting

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7.30PM FORDINGBRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

