

HCCF Meeting 26th April 2007

Fordingbridge Junior School Hall

PRESENT:

Lizette Fennell connexions
Jane Parker – HCCF Area Manager
Sue Roberts – Night Stop
Carol Phillips – Job Centre Plus
Nigel Himmel – Ringwood Senior School
Jo Hooijmeyer-Brown – St Mary's P/s
Julie Hinton – Fordingbridge Toy Library + Martin Nursery
Helen Tague – FB Town Council
Rosie Tidby – Busy Bees p/s + Brownies
Sue Brinkman – Scouts
Heather Bevis – Children's Information Service
Sue Ledger – Ringwood Junior School
Annette Mogg – Health Visiting Team
Neil Eaton – Disability Wessex (Autism)
Tiffany Gibson – PLA
Marian Frey – Parent + County HCCF

APOLOGIES:

Jane Finan – County Youth Bev Wickham – EECU Library Services
Jill Barnett – Scouts
Forres Sandle Manor
Julie White – Jigsaw FB Schools
Library Services
Judy Strange – Jobcentre
Lyndsay Osman – EECU
Janet Keith – INCO
Debbie Grace – Community First

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

7.30PM START refreshments served prior to meeting

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER @ RINGWOOD SENIOR SCHOOL

TUESDAY 15th JANUARY 2008 @ POULNER JUNIOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM

UPDATE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

- New Forest Parenting Forum still seeking opportunities for parenting courses locally – still problems with those trained to deliver a range of parenting groups NOT being able to deliver this work as part of their core time, thus much of the work previously undertaken within the community is not happening.
- Directory – is in progress with information being included onto the WEB pages of HCFF in readiness for inclusion in a hard copy Directory. A request was made for the inclusion of postcodes in this data. A volunteer is currently updating this information for us – which is wonderful!
- SK* Festival this year is being supported and run by The Lions to be held on Saturday 21st July in the FB Recreational ground – participants and those wishing to have a stall or activity there should make contact with them
- Funding has been allocated in order to now be able to distribute 5,000 newsletters per area – this area actually needing around 3,000 to reach all families. (the rest of our allocation can therefore be allocated to other areas which need larger numbers)

CO-ORDINATORS REPORT:

Local midwife attended a Forest Teenage pregnancy Locality Team meeting with Roz and is now finding out more very useful information for her and the midwifery team.

An attachment disorder-training course was attended – further information from Roz – very helpful especially in regards to CAMHS work – children and adolescent community mental health team work.

Attended a County conference on Communication and negotiation and is to attend a Rights for Teenage Parents Course on May 16th

CAF – ongoing process linking with Every Child Matters – courses were advertised and are available to all concerned and involved in this process.

NCMA are holding an event on 23rd June

The Children's Trust Newsletter was made available to all to be taken away.

LNF, which will be completing during early next year, have an application in from all 3 Forest areas for a Family Away Day, so still waiting to hear about this.

Information on an anti-vandalism Competition was given out

New Incentive Plus resources were shared

Community First in Ringwood now has FREE membership and all were encouraged to join up also 2 courses were promoted on 15th and 22nd May.

HCFF are involved in a Special Needs information Day taking place at Totton College on Saturday 28th April – when HCFF will be offering some free pampering to parents of those with special needs children 5 –14years.

The TSA Parenting 8 – 11's website and newsletter were promoted as being especially excellent info for Junior Schools and clubs/parents with this age group

The next SRE meetings for ALL schools to send representatives to is on 26th JUNE at Priestland School on Marriage..... and the next date is 10th October drugs/cannabis

HCFF took the issue of subsidy cutbacks for school hall hiring further as this was raised by a group locally at our last meeting - charges to groups hiring school premises may well be increased in order for schools to claw back finances spent, but this meant some local clubs and societies who currently hire their premises might be excluded from doing so due to these increased.....for the group concerned this has been sorted out for this year.....we will continue to monitor this situation.

There are lots of current opportunities for funding and they are mostly posted on the web pages of HCFF - so notice was brought to that.

Summer holiday provision is going ahead with funding for Turn Up For Fun provided for this year - it will be delivered in Ringwood Fordingbridge and Damerham/Martin through the summer holidays.

Contact A Family for children with extra needs have many useful leaflets and information - contact them direct.

More resources were also display from an organisation called Understanding Standing Childhood, which have a good selection of leaflets on parenting issues from Divorce and Separation through to Management of Behaviour. Sample Packs cost £5.00

NETWORKING

1ST July Poulner Scouts have their Annual Family Fun Day at Blunts Barn Gorley where you can ride down water chutes, swim, eat from the BBQ and much much more! - This is a fund-raiser so take the family along and support them throughout the day.

Library Service restructuring at present and all expressed their concerns about losing any part of their very valuable services.

Neil Eaton from The Wessex Autistic Society Support Service, which also covers Aspergers. support children through to adult hood in seeking appropriate benefits, liaising with schools and looking at diagnosis.....FREE confidential and impartial advice and guidance contact 01 202 312085. Child does not need to have a current diagnosis

The CIS - Children's Information Service - Heather Bevis - explained what support and information they could supply people with as a point of contact for Childcare Services.

Care To Learn - which is for under 20's parents returning to education was promoted.

Contact heather on heatherbeavis@hants.gov.uk

Scouts also celebrating their Centenary this year and August 1st is the date for events.

Carol Phillips is back at the Jobcentre Ringwood supporting Lone Parents.

Helen Tague gave thanks to Viv Artingstall for her drive and determination in getting the play area in Sweatsford Waters up and running - well done and it looks FAB!

12th May there is opening of the play area at Flaxfield end. The Summer Play scheme will once again run via the FB Junior School premises - an appeal was made for paid helpers 18+ - to contact Helen at the Town Hall FB

Julie Hinton spoke about the £2,500 that the Toy Library has had to spend on new toys and equipment for children aged 0 - 8years. Open once per month at Sandleheath Scout Hut.

Charlene Bloomer is in charge of overseeing the development of the new Children's Centres - progress is being made in both FB and RW with sites still being investigated and negotiated. Steering Group meetings are to be held shortly to pull together all those interested in being part of this new venture.

Lizzette from connexions told everyone about the new Shop Front Service that is now open in Ringwood on Tuesdays 1.30-6.30 Wednesday 10.30 – 12.30 and Friday 11.30 – 2.00pm all young people aged 13-`9 years and up to 25years for those with disabilities or learning difficulties can access a wide range of information and advice whether still in full time education or not. 02380 87 79 60. Office space is available on this site if this is of interest to anyone.

Sue from Night Stop which provides short-term homes for young people who find themselves homeless 16 – 25years talked of the funding they have been granted and the hopeful expansion of their programme. – all great news!

Sue Ledger from Jigsaw in RW – the team is still working well and will be working with Secondary Schools too.

Annette reported that it was still a dire situation with staffing hours cut back and no time allocated for vital parenting support let along health checks on little ones – all appreciate the constraints under which the health team now operates.

Tiffany from PLA has been busy visiting local groups and will be updating the information on p/s and nurseries in the directory.

DONM SEPTEMBER.....SEE ABOVE!!!