



Hampshire Children and Families Forum

SOUTHERN PARISHES (EASTLEIGH) BRANCH

(covering West End, Hedge End, Botley, Bursledon, Netley & Hamble)

Co-ordinator – Jane Parker, Tel 01489 691647, Fax 01489 691646

Email jane.parker@hcff.org.uk Web Site www.hcff.org.uk

c/o Freegrounds Infant School Hobb Lane Hedge End SO30 0GG

Minutes of Branch Meeting held 1st October 2003 10 – 12am At Community Room, Freegrounds Infant School, Hobb Lane, Hedge End

1 Welcome and apologies

Present:

Jane Parker (HCFF Co-ordinator)

Bob Stewart (Chair)

Sue Shearman (Hedge End Medical Centre)

Lorraine Tate (Parentline Plus)

Pat Statham (Pavilion Pirates Pre-school)

Debbie Harte (Area SENCO)

Sally Loader (HCFF Winchester Co-ordinator)

Karen Davies (School Nurse)

Jenny Warner (Family Match)

Marie Stride (Cool Katz Playclubs Ltd)

Apologies:

Jacqueline Rolls (Eastleigh Borough Council), Karen Etheridge (Childminder Network), Liz Weighell (Children's Librarian)

2 Jenny Warner – Family Match

Jenny described the work of Family Match who are based in Winchester but work with nannies and families throughout the borough of Eastleigh. Family Match is a nanny agency with 5 qualified and experienced staff. As well as nannies they also work with mother or father's 'helps'. Babysitting services can also be arranged.

The qualification for the role of nanny was originally the NNEB, but now BTECs and NVQs are available. There is also a Diploma in Nursery Nursing (2 years) or a Certificate (1 year.) When interviewing nannies all qualification certificates are seen and all references are followed up, as well as CRB checks being essential.

The agency suggest that families interview prospective nannies themselves, give parents advice on what legislation they need to comply with as employers, have a sample nanny contract and job description, and help inform the employing family on how to deal with tax requirements.

Apart from their role as a nanny agency, Family Match work to support local communities and charities.

They may be contacted on 01962 855799. They also have a web site – www.familymatch.com.

Jenny was not aware of any provision for nannies to get together other than when they already know each other and visit P&T groups together. She felt that a system of putting them in touch with each other would be valuable to them. She would be agreeable to issuing a flyer provided by HCFF to nannies living or working in our area.

3 Current Workplan

- The MMR Information evening on 25th November was publicised.
- The HCFF Web Site is now up and running at www.hcff.org.uk Dates of branch meetings, minutes, details of information events, the termly Newsletters are all available on the Srn Parishes branch pages of the web site. The web site is a facility for all the branch members to use, so if anyone has an event to publicise, information to share, questions to ask of parents or other professionals, these can be done on the calendar and bulletin pages of the site. There is also a local links page, so details of those working within the borough can put their details on there. All information for the web site to the co-ordinator please.

4 Information Exchange and any Other Business.

- A list of parenting classes available from Parentline was given out by Lorraine. They give support not only to parents but often receive calls from grandparents bringing up teenage grandchildren. Parentline are no longer running courses at Lincs at Eastleigh. They are linking with Highbury College with courses for pregnant teenagers on practical parenting, healthy eating, and childrens play. They are also working with Relate, and with school nurses.
- Pavilion Pirates have now been at their new location in Woodhouse Lane for 2 years. Hedge End Town Council have now approved plans for a play area at the back. The Baden Powell Lodge Committee have requested that this be a dog-free zone.
- The pre-school at Upham are in need of toys, so if anyone has or knows of any that are available, contact the HCFF co-ordinator who will arrange contact.
- Debbie Harte introduced herself as the new area SENCO. Debbie will be supporting a number of pre-schools and linking with the individual pre-school SENCO's.

5 Date and venue for next meeting

Thursday 22nd January 2004 7 – 9 pm at St James Primary school, Moorgreen Rd, West End.