



ALTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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MANAGER'S UPDATE

THE warmer weather is finally on its way and we are all looking forward to the Summer. Since the last Newsletter we have hosted a very successful Drugs Awareness Event in conjunction with Eggar's School.

The event was aimed at year 6 children before they go on to secondary school. They attended an afternoon session and took part in interactive games and demonstrations. Then later in the evening there was a talk for parents. The feedback from this day was very positive and we will certainly repeat this event in the future.

Fundraising News

We held our annual 70's Glam Rock Disco in February, which was great fun and raised £280. People travelled from as far away as Devon

to attend and everyone dressed up and entered into the spirit of the evening.

Catherine (who franchises our bar) also held an 80's band night fundraiser for us, which was extremely busy and raised £310.

At present we are planning a Quiz Night in May with a very special music round involving the "Rocksteady Crew". Keep any eye on our Community Centre News Board for more details.

New Building News

To date the long awaited feasibility study has still not materialised! A draft copy has been received by E.H.D.C., but raised questions and was returned for further work before we had sight of it. We are still

eagerly awaiting the completed document and will keep Members informed as soon as we receive any news.

Membership News

Our Membership Trustee is Mary Bunn and she is the link between all Members and the Management Committee. If you have any queries or concerns as a Member of ACA, she will be happy to help. Mary can be contacted via the Centre or by telephone on 01420 542864

Summer Activities

We have received funding from Drum Housing, which will enable us to run 2 weeks of Children's Activities during August. Flyers will be circulated as soon as we have finalised dates and activities.

Maria Elliott

ALTON COMMUNITY CLUB

WE are pleased to say that our new lady, Kate, has settled in very nicely and completed her three month's trial with flying colours. Unfortunately our other new recruit did not complete her three month's trial and decided that the job was not for her. We are continuing with just the two of us, with the added help of a volunteer, Ann Clench. Her nursing skills and previous experience are of great benefit to us and we very much appreciate the fact that she is willing to give up her time to help us. We are fully aware that it would be very difficult for us to continue without her help.

Naturally we have been out and about now the weather has changed and the lighter nights are here. Try keeping us in! Of course the garden centres are obligatory. We have

been to the "Seale Tea Rooms" and have walked to "Kings Pond" on a couple of occasions. We also went to Southsea and sat and watched the waves. A bit chilly, but we had plenty of blankets. We will shortly be arranging our Summer trips and outings.

We have gained a couple of new ladies, who seem to be enjoying the company. There is also a possibility of a husband and wife joining us soon. We have a few spare seats on Mondays and would be pleased, if you, or anybody you know, would like to pop in for tea and biscuits. We don't like seeing empty chairs, especially, when we know the beneficial value of joining our Club.

It is with sadness that we have to report that Molly Charles died last

month. Although Molly had not been to our Club for a while, we still miss her. One of our Members used to visit her each week to keep her up to date with the gossip.

Please pop in and see us to have a chat and meet our Members. We don't bite and you may surprise yourself and actually have fun like our other Members.

Marilyn Archer



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PLAYGROUP

FRIDAY 3rd April. saw the 2009 Spring term come to a close.

The number of children enrolled in the group has steadily increased throughout the term and we now cater for 20 young learners aged from 2 years to 4 years and 9 months. However, limited spaces are still available for 2 and 3 year olds on a few days each week.

Throughout the Spring term the group has used the theme of "Books" to help the children progress in all the areas of development. Listening to and looking at books has encouraged communication, language and literacy skills. Whilst stories, such as 'The Hungry Caterpillar', have promoted their knowledge, understanding and numeracy development. Books, such as "Little Lamb", have provided opportunities to extend their thinking and understanding of the changing seasons and Easter Festival. All of the lovely stories used this term have inspired a vast range of creative projects and imaginative play opportunities.

"The Smartest Giant in Town", brought a special musical group of visitors to the setting, where they performed a musical version of the story to the children. A lovely treat and one, which we hope will be repeated in the future.

In addition to these visitors, Playgroup also welcomed a rabbit into the setting for the children to pet and learn about. Group outings around the local area linked to the books and stories have also played an important part in extending the children's learning experience.

All in all, with the gradual change to the weather and odd appearances of the sun allowing for more consistent use of the courtyard, it has been a pleasant term and now we look forward to the Summer term commencing on 20th April, 2009.

For the Summer term ACA Playgroup has joined the Pathway Scheme and we are now extending our morning sessions by half an hour. Our sessions now operate from 9.15 - 12.15 Monday to Friday. As EYE providers we offer funded places for children from the term following their third birthday. Fees for those under this age remain excellent value at £3:50 per hour. For more information please contact Vicky on 01420 85057

Vicky Cox

LEISURE LEARNING

THE Summer term is just beginning and we have many new courses on offer as well as all the favourites like Art, Yoga, Pilates, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Body-moves. We are also offering classes in Mandarin Chinese, Dance-fit, History of Music, Flower Arranging, Art History and many more

We also have lots of interesting Summer workshops on a variety of subjects, from Digital Photography to Indian Head Massage, Felt-making, Spinning and Japanese Braiding. For more information please give us a call at the Community Centre.

Marie Nottridge

RIVER WEY CAFÉ

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8:30am - 4:00pm weekdays

9:00am - 2:00pm Saturdays

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INDOOR MARKET DATES

Saturdays 10a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2nd. May, 6th. June, 4th. July, 1st. August, 5th. September

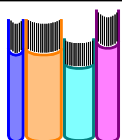


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