



ALTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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MANAGER'S UPDATE

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone after the Summer break. While you have all been relaxing we have been doing our usual summer jobs. This year our toilets have been given a facelift, with new wash basins and worktops.



The foyer and garden room have also had a new coat of paint. Following a flood back in July we are still waiting to have the flooring replaced in the Bar and Garden Room. This should go ahead very soon.

Minibus

Many of you will have read about the saga of our minibus being vandalised. We now have a lovely new bus thanks to donations from Rotary and the Alton Beer Festival. The bus has now been signwritten by Warren Signs and we are all delighted with the result.

Fundraising News

The Quiz Night in May was well attended and a very enjoyable evening. Catherine is planning two fundraising events, one in September and the other on 7th November

New Building News

East Hants District Council will now be holding a public consultation

about locating the new building in the Lady Place Car park.

Internet Café

We now have a computer with internet access for public use in the café this was funded by H.C.C. as part of a project by Community First East Hampshire to improve public access to I.T. equipment.

Maria Elliott



ALTON COMMUNITY CLUB

We have been very active at the Community Club this summer, and have taken every opportunity to utilise any good weather. We have visited the Lavender Fields at Selborne, the Packhouse at Farnham, Lee-on-Solent for fish and chips (they were lovely), and of course we have been to many Garden Centres. One of our trips this year was to the Hawk Conservancy over at Andover. It was an exceptionally hot day (one of the few) and we had a great day with the birds of prey. The other trip was to Marwell Zoo, which is the first time we have been there. This too was a great day, although hard work pushing the wheelchairs up some very steep slopes. We all enjoyed the animals and especially the ride round the Zoo. Our next trip is on the Basingstoke Canal, a yearly event. This is a lovely relaxing

afternoon especially trying to see who spots the heron first.

We were very fortunate to be asked to go to Winchester to "sing for your life". This was such a joy and all our Members got into the spirit of the event. Fingers crossed they will put it on again. We were also invited to the Jane Austen show over at the Swan to see a collection of dresses for that period, which our Members found very interesting.

We have gained some new Members, but unfortunately a couple of them are too ill to come to us at the moment. We are delighted that one of our ladies has returned after being unwell for a few months. Unfortunately Margaret Beer, who used to come on Mondays, died a little while ago, and we all miss her. She was always so busy knitting for

her family.

Kate has settled in very well and our volunteer ladies, Ann Clench and Ann Pernet are wonderful. They both help as much as possible and are there to cover when one of us is away on holiday. We cannot express how grateful we are to them both.

We still have room for more Members, so please come and see us for a chat and a cup of tea. If you know somebody that may benefit from our Club, please give us a ring. You can see that we are always out and about and busy, busy. Hope to see you soon.

Marilyn Archer.
September 2009

LEISURE LEARNING

We are just beginning the Autumn Term 2009 which will take us right into December which is a bit of a daunting thought. We have around 65 different courses and one day workshops this term in a variety of different subjects, with all the old favourites and a few new classes too.

We are continuing to claim the subsidy from H.C.C., which this year has been extended to allow us to claim up to 60 guided learning hours albeit at a slightly reduced hourly rate per year instead of last years 20 hours. Also as part of a government requirement, we are currently in the process of getting all our tutors registered with The Institute for Learning, which is a professional body for tutors, it is a way to ensure continual professional development and a constant updating of their skills.

We are also planning our next round of Children's Craft Activity sessions in the October Half term and after school finishes for Christmas so look out for leaflets in the centre.

The next challenge will be to begin to put together the brochure for January 2010, so if you have any suggestions for a course you would like to do, or you are a tutor in need of somewhere to teach please get in touch with me.

Marie Nottridge
September 2009

PLAYGROUP

ACA Playgroup would like to share a poem with you at the start of their new term (author unknown):

CHILD'S PLAY

Oh! What a busy morning,
I've been playing with the dough.
And with a little help,
Upon a card I learned to sew.
I helped my friend "Nurse Sarah",
To perform an operation.
Then fixed the track together,
For my train and built the station.
Popped inside the Wendy house,
To make a cup of tea.
And stood beside the cooker,
Making lunch for twenty-three.
I completed three whole jigsaws,
And played a new board game,
And had a turn on all the bikes,
The slide and the climbing frame.
I handed round the biscuits,
At milk and biscuit time.
Then listened to a story
And sang a nursery rhyme.
But now the mornings over,
The mummies are all waiting.
I hope my mother doesn't say
"I WISH YOU'D DONE A
PAINTING"

We still have spaces available so please contact a member of the Playgroup Staff on 01420 85057 for further details.
Vicky Cox Sept. 2009



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