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e-Newsletter – December 2017

Welcome to the 59th Rushmoor Schools Plus e-Newsletter, with contributions from many organisations working to support local children, young people and families. As ever, we suggest you select the bits of information that are relevant to your own organisation and share these with the people you work with.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2018 TO EVERYONE
WORKING WITH AND SUPPORTING CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES
IN HART AND RUSHMOOR**

The next Rushmoor Schools Plus e-Newsletter will be available in the week beginning 29th January 2018. If you want anything included, please send information to Tony McGovern, (Rushmoor Schools Plus Partnership Manager) at tony.mcGovern@rushmoor.gov.uk

Rushmoor Schools Plus Signposting

This e-Newsletter is one way that Rushmoor Schools Plus connects its schools, families and communities. Each month there are about 7,000 unique visitors to our website www.rushmoorschoolsplus.org, indicating that our signposting service is still the best you can find for local and national information for children and families, local news, what's on and celebrating good news. Please signpost to it from your own communications, newsletters, websites, etc., so that collectively we can make sure that information reaches the audience it's intended for.

WHAT'S ON IN RUSHMOOR

Princes Hall

Princes Hall, Princes Way, Aldershot, GU11 1NX. Box office: 01252 329 155

Aladdin – An action packed panto that is fun for all the family!

Friday 8th December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018. Tickets: £16 to £22

Join our hero Aladdin on this glittering magic carpet ride to the mystic east along with Widow Twanky, the Genie and the evil Abanazar. Aladdin has dreams of marrying the beautiful Princess Jasmine, but the law decrees only a Prince can marry a Princess. If only Aladdin could make his fortune then all their dreams could come true

<http://www.princeshall.com/event/35601/aladdin>

Peppa Pig's Adventure

Saturday 27th January 1pm & 4pm, Sunday 28th January 10am & 1pm. Tickets: £14 to £18 / Family (4) £64

Join Peppa as she gets ready to go on an exciting camping trip to the woods with George and her school friends, including Pedro Pony, Suzy Sheep and Gerald Giraffe. With lunch-boxes packed and Daddy Pig driving the bus, Peppa and friends are excited about their outdoor adventure, full of games, laughter and live music!

<http://www.princeshall.com/event/46401/peppa-pigs-adventure>

West End Centre – Half-Term Activities

48 Queen's Road, Aldershot GU11 3JD. Box office 01252 330 040. www.westendcentre.co.uk

COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS CHRISTMAS CRACKER!

Wednesday 20th December, 7pm. Tickets £8.50 each

Like the name says, it's a Comedy Club 4 Kids! A laugh guaranteed whether you're 6 or 66! Since 2005, the Comedy Club 4 Kids has been getting the best stand-ups and sketch acts from the international circuit to do their thing for an audience of children and their families... but without the rude bits! It's just like a normal comedy club, but it's on in the day, kids are allowed in, and thus there is a higher than usual chance of heckles like "why is that your face!?"

https://uk.patronbase.com/_WestendCentreEvents/Productions/WSCY/Performances

FAMILY CRAFTS AT THE WESTY

Saturday 20th January – Printed Wrapping Paper

Top-up your wrapping paper stash with some beautiful hand-printed designs.

These Saturday morning sessions provide a fantastic opportunity for families to create something amazing and enjoy precious quality time together. Sessions run from 10.30am to 12.30pm and cost £4 per person. The events are all suitable for children aged 3+, all children must be accompanied by a participating adult. Dress for mess!

https://uk.patronbase.com/_WestendCentreEvents/Productions/WWCK/Performances

WEEKLY CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Westy Youth Theatre – Term-time 15th January – 26th March (no class during half-term).

Whether you're an aspiring actor or simply want to have fun, the Youth Theatre groups explore a wide-range of acting techniques that will help to improve your confidence and develop your skills. Come and get stuck-in to some proper acting, including taking part in performances for an invited audience. Tutor Bekki Budd.

8-12 years – Mondays, 5 – 6.30pm £45 (£27 concessions – cannot be booked online)

12-14 years – Tuesdays 6 – 8pm £60 (£36 concessions – cannot be booked online)

14-19 years – Mondays 7 – 9pm £60 (£36 concessions – cannot be booked online)

https://uk.patronbase.com/_WestendCentreEvents/Seasons/View?season_id=WCCW

Westy Youth Ukulele

Mondays 5 – 6pm, term-time 15th January – 26th March (no class during half-term). £40 (£24 concession – cannot be booked online)

Tutor Dave Stewart will teach you how to play the ukulele. It's easy to learn and so much fun to play. Working together as a band you'll learn rock, pop and soul covers. Please bring your own ukulele. Age 10+

https://uk.patronbase.com/_WestendCentreEvents/Seasons/View?season_id=WCCW

Runway's End Outdoor Centre - Santa Scramble

1 Forge Lane, Aldershot, GU11 2RE

Help! Santa needs you on Saturday 16th December! Go on an epic adventure at Runway's End to rescue Santa and save Christmas!

Forgetful Santa has locked himself and all the gifts in his grotto and only he knows the secret code to open the door. Can you help find the secret password to unlock the grotto door in time for Christmas? You will be met by the Chief Elf, who will brief you on the adventure mission before leading you round each of the activity sessions. Complete each activity adventure game to win a letter of the secret word. Then unscramble the letters to reveal the secret password to save Christmas! All children will then have the opportunity to meet Santa in his grotto and receive a gift!

The Santa Scramble experience lasts approx. 1 hour and is suitable for children aged 6 – 12. Activities will include archery, low ropes, orienteering and bouldering (climbing).

More information and booking: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/outdoorcentres/ourcentres/runways>

Farnborough Leisure Centre and Aldershot Pools & Fitness Centre - Holiday Activities

Farnborough Leisure Centre

Westmead, Farnborough GU14 7LD. Telephone 01252 370 411. Website www.farnboroughleisurecentre.co.uk

NEW Fit For Sport Activity Camp 4-12 years

Places for People are pleased to partner with Fit For Sport – the UK's experts in engaging and educating children – to deliver children's activity camps every school holiday. Fit For Sport has been delivering OFSTED registered camps for children aged between 4-12 years old for 25 years and will be working with the existing team to continue the successful Activity Camps at Farnborough. They will be delivering a wide range of activities this holiday making sure kids have fun, make friends and keep moving during the holidays. To book your place this Christmas holiday visit www.fitforsport.co.uk or call 0845 456 3233.

Swim for £1 in the school holidays

For 16 years and under, swim for just £1 during Hampshire school holidays. Visit the website for details.

Family Fun Splash Times

Family Fun Sessions with floats. Monday to Friday 11am – 12.00noon and 2.00 – 3.00pm during Holidays *. Call 01252 370 411 or visit www.farnboroughleisurecentre.co.uk for swimming and fun session times.

Children Under 8 Swim FREE – one under 8 free with every full paying adult.

Adventure Reef Soft Play

The soft play centre has an underwater theme. For children under 12 years. Under 5's area with a mini ball pond, wavy slide and soft toy fun. Over 5's area with wavy slides, ball ponds, twisty swings and rope climbs. Height restrictions apply. Socks must be worn and children under 8 must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Junior Gym

11–16 year olds can use the gym between 10.00 – 11.00am and 2.00 – 3.00pm every day* during Hampshire school holidays. An induction session is required. Junior Gym session £4.50, Induction Session £16.00.

Crèche

The fully supervised crèche at Farnborough Leisure Centre is for children aged 8 weeks to 5 years 11 months while you use their facilities. Call 01252 370 411 or visit the website for Christmas opening times or more information.

Holidays at Farnborough Bowl

Look out for Christmas Holiday Bowling Deals. Call 01252 554 046 for more information or visit www.farnboroughbowl.co.uk

*Please visit www.farnboroughleisurecentre.co.uk or call 01252 370 411 for Christmas opening times.

Aldershot Pools

Guildford Road, Aldershot GU12 4BP. Telephone 01252 323 482. Website www.aldershotpoolscomplex.co.uk

Swim for £1 in the school holidays

For 16 years and under, swim for just £1 during Hampshire school holidays. Visit the website for details.

Family Splash Times

Family Fun Sessions with floats. Monday to Friday 3.00 – 4.00pm during Holidays*. Call or visit the website for swimming and fun session times.

Junior Gym

11–16 year olds can use the gym between 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday - Thursday and Saturdays during Hampshire school holidays*. An induction session is required. Junior Gym session £4.50, Induction Session £16.00.

*Please visit www.aldershotpoolscomplex.co.uk or call 01252 323 482 for Christmas opening times.

Alpine Snowsports – Holiday Programme

Gallwey Road, Aldershot GU11 2DD. Website for dates and details of various Ski camp dates and holiday activities is <http://activenation.org.uk/venues/alpine-snowsports-centre-aldershot/school-holidays/>
Email bookings@alpinesnowsports.co.uk Please call to pre-book on 01252 325 889.

£16 - Mini Activity Session (4-7 years) Wednesday 3rd January 1.00 – 2.30pm

This 90 minute session is especially for younger supporters. It includes a 50-minute ski lesson and a 30-minute donut session to finish. Fully supervised and great fun. Parents need to remain on site.

£32 - Beginner Ski / Snowboard Camps (8-16 years). These camps will teach you the basic skills you will need to start you on the way to be able to practice on your own. Each camp is 3 hours in duration and all equipment is included – just bring some gloves and long socks!

Level 1 Ski 10.15am – 1.15pm, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd, Wednesday 27th, Friday 29th December, Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Level 1 Ski 2.15 – 5.15pm, Wednesday 27th December

Level 2 Ski 2.15 – 5.15pm, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd, Wednesday 27th, Friday 29th December, Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Level 3 Ski 10.00am – 1.00pm, Friday 29th December

Level 1 Snowboard 2.15 – 5.15pm Thursday 21st December

Level 2 Snowboard 2.15 – 5.15pm Thursday 28th December

£40 - 1 Day Activity Camps (8-16 years). 9.30am – 5.00pm, Thursday 28th December, Tuesday 2nd January 2018

These camps are a full day of fun filled action! Throughout the day, you will experience the thrill of Skiing, Snowboarding, X-Bobs Toboggans, Donutting and team games. For all abilities from beginner onwards, these camps are a great way to keep children active. Bring gloves and a packed lunch. Drop off from 9.00am.

Practice Sessions Open every day so once you have the basics, come along and practice what you've learnt! Juniors can buy a 30-day pass for £29. This includes all the equipment and gives almost unlimited practice use of the slopes. Terms and conditions apply.

Monday 1st January £10 deal Practice sessions & Donut Sessions £10 per person! 11.00am – 4.00pm. Please ask for details.

Rushmoor Borough Council – Christmas activities in Rushmoor

ALDERSHOT

Light Up Aldershot Day - Saturday 16th December, 10.00am – 3.00pm

A day of family fun organised by Aldershot Community Together and the Council. Followed by a Magical lantern procession, 4.30pm – 6pm.

<http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/10414/Light-Up-Aldershot-Day>

Aldershot Day Of Merry Music - Aldershot town centre, Saturday 23rd December, midday to 5.00pm.

A day of family fun organised by Aldershot Community Together and the Council. Lots happening in the town centre, building up to [Carols In The Bandstand](#) at 5.30pm in Princes Gardens.

<http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/10415/Aldershot-Day-Of-Merry-Music>

FARNBOROUGH

Farnborough Christmas Craft Fayre - Saturday 16th December

The regular Craft Fayre will have a festive feel from 9am to 4pm in Queensmead. Find out more at

<http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/9680/Farnborough-Christmas-craft-fayre>

For further information about all these events and more go to www.rushmoor.gov.uk/christmas

Your bin collections days might change over the holiday period to take account of Bank Holidays. To check your bin collection day, please visit www.rushmoor.gov.uk/bincollections

FREE Festive Fairtrade Food and Film Evening

This year's Festive Fairtrade Food and Film Evening will be held in the Concorde Room, Rushmoor Borough Council, at **6.30pm on Monday 18th December**. The film this year will be 'An Inconvenient Sequel', the follow up to the Oscar-winning "An Inconvenient Truth".

This free to attend evening will also give you the opportunity to try some delicious festive Fairtrade refreshments, take part in a fun table top quiz and enter a raffle to win a fabulous Fairtrade Christmas hamper. All profits from the raffle and the refreshments will be donated to the Disaster Emergency Committee's Appeal for the Rohingya refugees.

To reserve your seats please e-mail les.murrell@rushmoor.gov.uk to help with catering numbers.

FREE Christmas wreath making at Wellesley Woodlands

Come along for a free craft session at Wellesley Woodlands on Thursday 21st December between 1pm and 4pm. You'll be able to make your very own festive wreath to take home using a range of natural materials. If you have a wreath ring or any items you'd like to use please bring them with you as there is a limited supply! The event takes place outside near the Wellington Statue so please dress according to the weather. No need to book – just turn up!

This activity is led by rangers from the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership, who look after the woodlands on behalf of the Land Trust and Wellesley development managers Grainger plc.

www.wellesleywoodlands.co.uk

Aldershot FC – Shots Girls Football Sessions

Sundays (Starting 14th January 2018), 10 – 11am. St Joseph's Primary School, Bridge Road, Aldershot GU11 3DD.

Ages 5-11 years. Delivered by UEFA qualified Coaches. Turn up and play (£2 each week). Participants get to learn new football skills, have fun and make new friends. For more information please contact Mark Simmons, Shots Foundation Manager mark.simmons@shotsfoundation.org or call 07825 688 168.

Shots February Half-Term Soccer Camp

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February, 9.30am – 4.30pm. Alderwood School, Tongham Road, Aldershot, GU12 4AS.

Ages 6-14 years. Holiday fun with UEFA qualified coaches. £15 per day, £60 for the week. Themed days. Play like David De Gea, Vincent Kompany, Lionel Messi or Harry Kane. Includes a visit from Aldershot Town FC players. Please bring kit, boots, water bottle and packed lunch. To book please contact Mark Simmons, Shots Foundation Manager mark.simmons@shotsfoundation.org or call 07825 688 168.

Quiz Night – Grange Community Junior School

Saturday 13th January 2018, 7.00 – 10.30pm. Maximum of 6 people to a team. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. £6.00 per head includes entry, a Ploughman's and dessert. Special prize for the winning team. Raffle on the night, 1st Prize £100!

Please book your ticket through the School office 01252 542 196 no later than 5th January 2018.

Farnborough Fins Swimming Club (FSC)

FSC is a not for profit, community-based company providing swimming lessons, subsidised school swimming programmes and teacher training courses alongside the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA). FSC also works alongside Hampshire County Council for children with Gateway cards. Telephone 07944 165 604. Email office@finsswimmingclub.org Website <http://www.finsswimmingclub.org>

Swimming Lessons

FSC enrolls new swimmers into lessons at any time in the year, subject to availability. Lessons run 7 days a week across three venues for beginners to advanced swimmers of all ages, with lessons for babies, pre-schoolers, school age children and adults. New classes continually opening, please check!

Half Term Intensive Lessons

Over the half term there will be group and 1-1 crash courses. Lessons will run from Monday 12th to Friday 16th February for half an hour. These courses are open to everyone, including those who do not currently swim at Fins.

Group Sessions

Over the February half term FSC offer a **reduced price** for their Group sessions in conjunction with the teacher training course. The lessons will be run by a Level 2 teacher and assisted by a teacher in training. With small classes and high teacher to child ratios, these 5-day courses are a great way to boost your child's water confidence and swimming ability! There will be pre-school classes, beginner classes and classes for abilities up to and including Stage 4. The course **is not** suitable for nervous beginners. Kings International College, 9.30 – 11.00am, Cost: £25 for the week.

1-1 Sessions

Lessons are set in a calm environment where lessons can be **tailored to the individual swimmer**. A maximum of 5 sessions will run at one time with a teacher in the water per class. The course is open to those of any ability or age. The venue is Kings International College, they have availability between 8.00 – 9.30am and 1.00 – 4.00pm, Cost: £90 for the week.

Bespoke Subsidised School Swimming Programmes

FSC offers bespoke School Swimming programmes where local schools can benefit from free pool time using FSC teachers, or subsidised lessons run by their own qualified teachers. This scheme ensures that budgets are maximised and that children receive the very best experience in the lifesaving skill of swimming.

Farnborough Winter Half Marathon / 5K / Kiddies 800m

Sunday 21st January 2018

Race entry fees

Half marathon (17+, 9am start)

Up to November 30th: UKA affiliated* £26, unattached £28

From December 1st: UKA affiliated* £33, unattached £35

5k Fun Run (8+, 9:10am start), £10

Kiddies 800m (5 to 8, 9:15am start), FREE (family members may run with child but do NOT need to enter)

<http://www.farnboroughhalf.co.uk/>

NEWS FROM AND FOR RUSHMOOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Farnborough College of Technology

Upcoming Open Events

Prospective students can visit the College on **Wednesday 21st February anytime between 4pm and 7.30pm** to discover Vocational Courses, A Levels and Apprenticeships. These events are especially suitable for students in Years 10 and 11 looking for their post-GCSE options.

Aldershot College, the home of construction training for Farnborough College of Technology students, also hosts Open Events. Prospective students can visit on **Wednesday 28th February anytime between 4pm and 7.30pm** to look at their options in training for a trade.

Visitors to Open Events can preregister at www.farn-ct.ac.uk/events or simply arrive on the day.

Farnborough College of Technology, Boundary Road, Farnborough GU14 6SB
Aldershot Construction College, Unit 2, Holder Road, Aldershot GU12 4PQ

New University Centre Farnborough Building opened by the Duke of Kent

HRH Prince Edward, Duke of Kent KG, was welcomed to the University Centre Farnborough on Tuesday 14th November. The Duke of Kent was invited to view facilities, meet students and staff, and unveil a commemorative plaque, which marked the official opening of Farnborough College of Technology's new University Centre Farnborough building. The new facility was funded by Farnborough College of Technology, with £2.61m Local Growth Fund from Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The new building houses a modern library, seminar and meeting rooms, and social study areas. Students also benefit from the use of the new Study Centre in an adjacent building, which houses a lecture theatre, study spaces, and further seminar rooms.

University Centre Farnborough's Class of 2017 Graduate

University Centre Farnborough's annual ceremony for students graduating from Degrees and Higher Education courses saw staff and students come together to celebrate student achievements. Over 250 students graduated at the ceremony held at G Live, Guildford. Surrounded by friends and family, graduating students donned their gowns and took to the stage to receive their certificates.

Students graduating from the University Centre Farnborough included those obtaining their first degree, in courses ranging from Sport Science to English and Criminology. Students also graduated from Level 4 courses, Profession Qualifications, and Foundation Degrees.

Farnborough College of Technology Students Help Promote Special Educational Needs Website

The website www.braain.co.uk was launched on Saturday 28th October and was supported by 20 students from Farnborough College of Technology who created marketing materials for the launch. BRAAIN, or Be Ready ADHD ASD Information Network, aims to help parents access resources that specialise in supporting children with special needs as well as information about schools and charities.

BRAAIN founders, Nikki Roberts, Emma Collyer, and Helen Mardles, are all based in Farnborough, and have children with ADHD and ASD. They decided to set up the website after struggling to find the information they needed to support their children. When he heard about the website, Michael Cornwall, a Foundation and Entry Level Studies lecturer at Farnborough College of Technology, immediately wanted to help. To help with the launch, Michael's students held a competition to design a social media post to promote BRAAIN. Ryan Thompson, 17, from Godalming, won the competition, and his post has already been viewed over 6,500 times!

Fernhill Primary School - Governor Wanted!

Fernhill Primary School, Field Road, Farnborough, GU14 9FX Tel. 01276 31554
adminoffice@fernhill-pri.hants.sch.uk

Fernhill Primary is currently looking for a new co-opted governor to join its friendly governing body. Their governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in the school. They would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

This volunteer position is open to people from our community. Co-opted governors are not elected by a parent election but are instead appointed directly by the governing body. Fernhill is particularly interested in applications from people with finance/budgetary experience or people who can occasionally visit the school during the day, although please do not be put off if you do not have these skills. What is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn. If you are interested, or know of somebody else who would be, then please contact the school office for an application form.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before submitting an application please leave your contact details with the school office and a member of the governing body will be more than happy to call you or meet up for an informal chat.

For further information please also look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>

Special Visitors for Science Week at St Peter's Junior School

St. Peter's Junior School in Farnborough organized a science week by bringing in a wealth of professional experts (and their rather impressive props) across themes of flight, space, habitats and cars. From scientist parents of pupils, to dedicated visits from scientists from as far away as the UK Space Agency in Swindon, they have been overwhelmed by the support they received and look forward to igniting a spark in their own budding scientists.

Walking around the school during science week, sights that could be seen included hatching chicks, a space station built with Surrey University staff, BMW cars from Barons arriving on the playground, giant centipedes crawling in the hall, helicopters spiralling down the main staircase, and exploding cola bottles. Also, they were honoured to have Martin Tye, the Invictus Games Gold, Silver and Bronze medallist, host a special assembly. The former Lance Corporal was medically discharged from The Royal Logistic Corps after being injured in Kabul in 2009, when a suicide bomber drove into his vehicle. He lost the ability to walk.

Martin competed in six different sports at The Invictus Games held in Toronto this year – rowing, wheelchair rugby, powerlifting, athletics, wheelchair basketball and sitting volleyball, winning six medals in five of the events. He came along to talk about his time at the games, about the sports he chose and showed the children and staff his medals. The children were truly inspired by Martin and had many thought provoking questions to ask. He gave the children an insight into his life, explaining that he trains twice a day every day for up to 3 hours. The children were fascinated by their guest and were very grateful to be given the opportunity to engage with a national hero.

Pinot Pepper Stories – Julia Roberts

www.pinotpepper.com/stories pinotpepper@gmail.com

The Pinot Pepper stories are written by friend of Rushmoor Schools Plus, Julia Roberts. The stories are designed primarily, to make children smile. They are lighthearted and fun but also carry some important messages for their young readers.

Julia was lucky enough to have one of her stories published earlier this year, 'The Day Pinot Pepper Turned Blue' by Pegasus Publishing. Although the book is doing very well, her focus remains on her short stories page on the Pinot Pepper website. The stories are all based around a cat called Pinot. Pinot is Julia's own cat, and is not only the star of the stories but is also fully interactive with his readers. Children are able to email Pinot directly to tell him a little about their own pet or favourite animal. Julia will then, if possible, write the pet into one of the free weekly stories.

At the end of each story there is also a 'Pinot Asks' section, where children are encouraged to answer a question or two, or draw a picture of something from within the story they have just read.

There is also a gallery on the website where Julia plans to feature readers' short stories, drawings and photographs of their pets, once they have been sent in. Every submission also receives a personal reply from Pinot. Julia is now busy arranging visits into primary schools and kids clubs around the UK so please do get in touch with her directly if your school or organisation would be interested in receiving a visit. Contact **Julia Roberts on 07903 008 393**.

TAG Farnborough Airport host Presentation Challenge for local schools

TAG Farnborough Airport hosted a Presentation Challenge for local schools' students on 6th December. The Year 9 and 10 students were from Ash Manor, Calthorpe Park, Cove, King's International and The Wavell Schools. They all attended a 'Presentation Masterclass' delivered by Brandon O'Reilly, CEO, TAG Farnborough Airport on 23rd November which gave them plenty of advice, hints and tips for giving a good presentation. All the students then had two weeks to prepare their presentations, which could be on any aspect of aviation. The range of subject matter covered everything from the unsung and minority heroes and trailblazers of aviation to Concorde, the Arrows and the future of flight.

TAG judged the presentations and were really impressed by the high standard of delivery from each of the teams as well as the quality of the content of each presentation. Elaine Turner, Events and Marketing Manager said, 'The standard across all the presentations was really high and better than many business presentations that I've attended. Having had this experience, we hope that they will now take the skills they have learnt and put them into practice when they take their next steps, whether that's college, university or work. They were all very impressive and we really enjoyed all of the presentations, we wish them the very best for their futures.'

The winning team was from The Wavell School with their presentation 'The Hidden Heroes of Aviation'.

WHAT'S ON BEYOND RUSHMOOR

Christmas on the Canal at Odiham

Only £8 per person. Price includes tea/coffee/squash and a mince pie plus colouring activities and a gift for a child under 12. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Trips run every 30 minutes from **2.00pm until 4.30pm on 15th, 16th, 17th and 22nd December**. The boat sails from Galleon Marine's Boatyard, Colt Hill, Odiham, RG29 1AL (Opposite the Waterwitch Public House).

Pre-Booking Essential. Don't delay - call the Elf Line 07934 926 683. All proceeds support Accessible Boating Registered Charity. www.accessibleboating.org.uk

The Anvil, Basingstoke – Peter Pan

01256 844 244

www.anvilarts.org.uk

PETER PAN

14th December – 7th January | The Anvil

Suitable for: the whole family, Running time: 2 hours 20 minutes (approx.)

Various prices. Discounts for Over 65s, under 16s and f/t students for most performances. Family ticket, Schools and Group rates available on selected performances.

Featuring Andrew Agnew (*CBeebies' Balamory*) as Smee, Gary Turner (*Emmerdale, Peter Pan* 2011) as Captain Hook, Jessica Punch (*Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* UK tour) as Peter Pan, Sarah Louise Day (*Cinderella* 2014) as Mrs Darling and comedy acrobats The Nitwits as the Pirate Crew. Fly far away to Neverland with Peter Pan, Wendy, John and Michael. Cheer the Lost Boys and Tinker Bell, and boo the wicked Captain Hook and his motley crew.

RELAXED PERFORMANCE - Tuesday 2nd January, 2pm, tickets £10 (includes £2 booking fee)

There is an adapted performance for those on the autistic spectrum and with other disabilities. Please visit <http://www.anvilarts.org.uk/peterpanrelaxed> for more details.

NEWS FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS

Community Matters Partnership Project (CMPP)

Need business support for a careers event? Want industry experts for your Mock Interview Days? Simply looking to expand links with local businesses and employees? Get in contact with CMPP today!

CMPP are here to help with a range of events that raise the aspirations of local young people. Have an event in mind that CMPP can help with? Please email Jenna Grant (jgrant@cmpp.org.uk) for more information on how CMPP can support schools and education.

3rd Farnborough Scout Group – Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts

3rd Farnborough Scout Group has places for children – boys and girls, aged between 6 and 14. To find out more, please visit www.3rdfarnboroughscoutgroup.org.uk or call Iain Roy on 07795 121 731.

Beavers meet on a Monday evening at their Scout HQ on Sand Hill 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Beaver Scouts are the youngest members aged between 5½ and 8. They meet weekly to take part in a wide range of activities including games, crafts, singing, visits, and good turns, along with plenty of outdoor activities. The Beavers also have the opportunity to take part in the fun and excitement of sleepovers and camps. It may be the first time they spend a night away from home so it's a real adventure for them!

Upcoming events include Christmas Camp and a visit to Portsmouth Dockyard.

Cubs meet on a Monday evening at their Scout HQ on Sand Hill 5.45pm – 7.15pm

For Cubs, excitement and adventure are key. The Cubs – aged between 8 and 10½, take part in a wide range of activities designed to be interesting and challenging. They meet weekly during school term and meetings consist of games and activities with plenty of time spent outdoors. Camps and days out are some of the most memorable events of the year for Cubs.

Upcoming events include Christmas Camp and a visit to Portsmouth Dockyard.

Scouts meet on a Thursday evening at their Scout HQ on Sand Hill 6.30pm – 8.30pm

For Scouts, outdoor activities feature prominently with the highlight being camping. Throughout the year, Scouts learn various skills such as map reading, camp cooking, and first aid. Rock climbing, archery, rifle shooting, pot holing, raft racing, photography, and caving are just some of the things the Scouts get up to.

Upcoming events include Archery, Christmas Camp, Night Hike, Wide Games in the dark, and Spring Camp

Hart and Rushmoor Family Support Service – Parenthood Support

Do you work with a parent / carer who needs advice, guidance and support to meet the challenges of parenthood?

Enrolling on one of the Family Support Service courses could be the answer they've been looking for! They have a range of courses that will suit parents/carers of children 0-19 years (up to 25 for SEN).

Courses are designed to meet the challenges faced by all parents on the journey of a child's lifetime. These can range from an hour's workshop to a 12-week course. The range of courses cover early communication, challenging behaviours, understanding teenagers, sexual health and healthy eating.

If a parent who lives in Hart or Rushmoor, would like to be referred, please complete the Level 2 request for support form which can be requested from hartandrushmoor.earlyhelp@hants.gov.uk, and ask the parent to sign before returning to the FSS team at the same email address. Or, post to either Park Children's Centre or Turners Wood Children's Centre. Their highly trained and friendly team look forward to welcoming your parents.

PEBL Update

PEBL Grants Pots

Individuals or community groups based on the Prospect Estate can apply for a PEBL (Prospect Estate Big Local) grant to help run a new local project that will benefit Prospect Estate residents. Applications can be made for between £100 and £500 (in exceptional circumstances £1,000 may be awarded).

Email pebl.coordinator@gmail.com or call 07879 384 014

PEBL Internet Café

Are you a resident of the Prospect Estate? Then come along and enjoy free refreshments, advice, support and Wi-Fi. Develop new skills or just keep in touch with family and friends. Every Saturday 10am – 12noon at the Prospect Community Centre. Email pebl.coordinator@gmail.com or call 07879 384 014

PEBL Money Advice

Free confidential, individual advice in all areas of money management including banking, budgeting and claiming benefits for residents of the Prospect Estate. Every Wednesday 10am - 3.30pm at the Prospect Community Centre.

Email pebl@rushmoorcab.org.uk or call 07468 860 450

PEBL Skills Café

PEBL's friendly team welcomes Prospect Estate residents for a chat over coffee. Come along and identify your skills as well as develop new ones, write a perfect CV, make job applications, and prepare for interviews.

Just drop in...no appointment necessary. Every Wednesday 10am - 3.30pm at the Prospect Community Centre.

Email skillscafe@pebl.info or call 07340 017 342

PEBL's Knit and Natter.

All welcome. Free entry! Good company! Free tea and biscuits! Come along and make new friends while knitting and nattering. 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 2.00 – 4.00pm at the Prospect Community Centre.

Email pebl.coordinator@gmail.com or call 07879 384 014

Unsafe to Safe

One-to-one support is available for young people aged 13 to 25 with a connection to the Prospect Estate. To have a chat and see how they can help with problems, troubles or worries, please call or text 07468 538 412 or Email

tracy@creatingfutures.org

PEBL's After School Reading Club

Children aged 4 ½ to 11 from Cherrywood School come in and discuss/read books that PEBL provide. They have the opportunity to practice their reading and parents can see how they can do this at home with their children.

Maureen Cole and Karen Bowman from PEBL read with up to 4 children each on Thursdays.

Free Weight Watchers sessions

Access to this offer is open to anyone resident in Hampshire and with a BMI 30+ (or a BMI of 28+ if of BME background or with a pre-existing comorbidity).

Eligible residents can call Weight Watchers to arrange to attend, for free, twelve coached group-sessions at a local venue. Access is also available to a remote app based level of support if this is preferred. These are running continually so you join anytime and enjoy twelve weeks of support. To register, **call 0345 602 7068 and quote WWRS095/Magazine.**

Foodbank Service in Aldershot

The Farnborough Foodbank this year opened a Foodbank Distribution Centre in Aldershot at New Testament Church, 83 Victoria Road, Aldershot GU11 1SH. The distribution centre is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.00-2.30pm** for those people who have been given a food voucher to enable them to receive a food parcel. For further details please email info@farnborough.foodbank.org.uk or phone 01252 331 668.

There are restricted opening times throughout Christmas and New Year for the Farnborough Foodbank outlets. The Last Foodbank opening will be Friday 22nd December 2017
The First Foodbank opening will be Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Please make any necessary contingency plans with the Foodbank in advance.

Farnborough Rotary Club

Farnborough Rotary Club has an established and growing programme of events and activities for young people with business, vocational and cultural aspects.

Interview Practice and Business Skills: The business expertise that exists within the Club is being put to use within our local community, with members sharing their knowledge to help students understand the many challenges they face in the employment world. They have a wide range of people with both career and business skills, which they believe would help and encourage your young students.

In recent years, the Club has been successfully helping students of all ages in local schools with **Mock Interviews, Enterprise Challenges** and an **Aspiration Week**. These activities are aimed at all ages including primary schools. They can also help to organise **Skills Festivals** where groups can visit about four business stalls for 30 minutes and conduct a task while learning about a job, career or higher education opportunities.

During the past year, they have provided around 150 man-hours of support to several local schools with mock interviews. Like the schools, they believe this is invaluable support to the students as they approach their first interviews. They remain committed to this service and would welcome further requests for help.

If you feel that your school could benefit, and you would like some help with these ideas or any other business issues please contact Charlie Fraser-Fleming who would be very happy to organise a visit by club members to discuss possibilities and needs. This can be done at any time in the school year. However, please give as much notice as you can. Contact Charlie Fraser-Fleming at charlie_ff@outlook.com 07714 322 352.

Arrangements for the 2017/2018 **Rotary Young Chef Competition** will be announced in due course. Please contact Jan Bowen for further details at jan.bowen1331@gmail.com

Young Carers Awareness Day

Young Carers Awareness Day is **25th January 2018** and events are being planned.

To find out more, please visit the website: <https://carers.org/young-carers-awareness-day-2018>

Citizens Advice – Help to get your ‘Energy Best Deal’

Your chance to save money now!

Until April 2018, Citizens Advice in Rushmoor is offering 1 to 1 advice appointments on all things energy. This includes help with

- Using energy comparison sites
- Switching providers to save money
- Dealing with energy debts
- Negotiating with energy providers
- Home insulation grants
- Benefits available towards energy costs

And much more...

For more details or an appointment contact us now and ask about Energy Best Deal appointments - available in their Aldershot and Farnborough offices. Call 01252 333 618 or email tony.tp@citizensadvice Rushmoor.org.uk

Parkside (Aldershot & District Learning Disability) - The Co-op Local Community Fund

The following Co-op stores are supporting Parkside (Aldershot & District Learning Disability). If you are member, your purchases will help Parkside continue to offer services to some 230 children and adults with a learning disability.

Farnborough Park – Woburn Avenue

North Camp – Queens Road

Cove – Fernhill Road

Fleet – Kings Road

Not a member? You can sign up by visiting <http://www.coop.co.uk/membership>

Parents Action Group for special play - MADD Club

A place to learn and socialise, for young people with different abilities and their siblings. Runs term time only. Parents and carers stay on site, in a comfortable place where they can sit and chat. There are professional tutors supported by enthusiastic volunteers.

Drama: Tuesday, 5:30 – 6:30pm, Princes Hall, Aldershot. Age 8 – 25 years

Music: Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30pm / 7:30 – 8:15pm, Rock & Pop Foundation, Aldershot. Age 10+

Dance: Thursday, 5:00 – 5:30pm (Under 5s) / 5:45 – 6:30pm (Age 5+), West End Centre, Aldershot

For more information about volunteering or attendance at the different groups, call Ann on 01252 837 112.

Hawley Community Garden – Spring Opening for Outdoor Classroom

Hawley Community Garden (HCG), Prince Charles Crescent, Farnborough GU14 8DL

From Spring 2018 HCG will be welcoming groups to use the outdoor classroom. School pupils, Cubs and Brownies, college students and community groups will be able to book a half day for up to 20 people. For the primary offer they have kits for bug hunting and pond dipping, as well as opportunities to help in the garden. For others, the garden is based on permaculture principles, growing communities alongside the veg. You have the opportunity to learn about the principles and socialise together.

Looking ahead, they plan to have regular community eat outs, build a clay oven and hold a variety of workshops on site for all the family. There are facilities for hot drinks, a dry compost toilet, plus plenty of seating. Check out the Facebook page for updates and when they will be open for bookings.

Email hawleycommunitygarden2017@gmail.com

TRAINING AVAILABLE

Traineeship Plus – Starting March 2018

Health and Social Care, Construction (18+), Business Admin and more

Do you know a young person keen to get their first job, but who needs a helping hand? Hampshire Futures' Traineeship Plus Programme is running again in March and applications are now open.

Traineeship Plus helps young people who are keen to work but lack the skills and experience that employers are looking for. The programme gives them the opportunity to undertake a three-month work placement in lots of different areas so their move into employment is not as daunting. At the same time, they gain support from dedicated tutors to improve their English and maths and attain an employability qualification.

Many trainees have gone on to secure apprenticeship opportunities within Hampshire County Council, and Hampshire Futures aims to ensure the young people benefiting from the programme have suitable opportunities for progression before they complete the course.

Applicants must hold a minimum grade D or level 3 in GCSE English or maths (non-GCSE qualifications are considered on an individual basis).

For more information, and to download an application form, visit www.hants.gov.uk/yourfuture - alternatively, email hyip@hants.gov.uk or phone 01962 846 193.

British Red Cross Everyday First Aid – courses for groups

The British Red Cross offer groups a two hour First Aid course to teach a few simple skills that could save someone's life. The cost is £60 for group sessions. They will come to your venue to deliver this course. For more information please contact: Becky Paton on 07590 445 388 or email: bpaton@redcross.org.uk

Rushmoor Voluntary Services Training Opportunities

Emergency First Aider at Work 2018

Wednesday, 21 st March	Wednesday, 4 th July
Wednesday, 10 th October	Wednesday, 5 th December

9.00am - 4.00pm, cost £50.00

Farnborough Community Centre, Meudon Avenue, Farnborough GU14 7LE

Emergency First Aider at work is regulated by HSE and effectively replaces the Appointed Person Course - Certification is valid for 3 years with HSE approval (No 38/04)

For more information and a booking form, please call 01252 540 162 or email: support@rvs.org.uk

'MiDAS Training' (Mini-Bus Driver Awareness Scheme)

Wednesday, 10 th January	Full Course
Wednesday, 14 th February	Refresher

Costs: Full Courses:

RVS members: £55 (non accessible) and £70 (accessible)

Non-members: £65 (non accessible) and £80 (accessible)

Refresher Courses:

RVS members: £35 (non accessible) and £50 (accessible)

Non-members: £40 (non accessible) and £55 (accessible)

Farnborough Community Centre, Meudon Ave, Farnborough GU14 7LE

Accessible training enables the driver to use the tail lift and take wheelchair passengers. The Trainer will arrange a suitable date and time for the driving assessment.

For more information, please contact Viv on 01252 540 162 or email: viv@rvs.org.uk

Accredited Food Hygiene

Accredited Food Hygiene Courses are facilitated by Rushmoor Borough Council. Cost is £40 for a three-hour course. The Food Safety in Catering Course is a level 2 equivalent certificated course for anyone working in a catering setting where food is prepared, cooked and handled. The course is aimed at volunteers and people working with voluntary and community groups. To book your place(s) please contact Sue Clements, Environmental Health and Housing Services, Rushmoor Borough Council, Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 7JU, telephone 01252 398 139 or email the required information to sue.clements@rushmoor.gov.uk

Hampshire EMTAS / RADE - Creating Culturally Inclusive Communities Within EY Education

14th March 2018 at Princes Hall, Aldershot. A one-day course for Early Years practitioners (EYFS) including Reception Class Teachers - **Creating culturally inclusive communities within Early Years education**

The aim is to promote awareness of and celebrate diversity within our own communities and in the wider world. The course will be a mix of practical activities and presentation.

Presented by Hampshire Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service in partnership with Rights and Diversity Education (RADE). Course code: EYFS0952. For more information log on to:

<https://learningzone.hants.gov.uk/learningzone/course.aspx?courseid=50042>

FUNDING & GRANTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Rushmoor Borough Council Grants

During the year Rushmoor Borough Council has awarded grants to a number of schools and organisations working with children and young people:

- Community grants –
 - Home-Start Rushmoor and Hart - £1,000 for school readiness groups
 - Rushmoor Schools Plus - £390 for youth activity and drug awareness day for young people from deprived neighbourhoods in Farnborough
 - Rotary Club of Farnham - £500 for Kids Out day 2018
 - Spotlight UK - £800 for a dance project culminating with a performance in the West End
- Uniting Communities –
 - Rowhill School - £1,000 for school uniform for loan to students whilst attending the school
 - Naya Yuva - £231 for youth activity and drug awareness day for young people from deprived neighbourhoods in Aldershot
- Farnborough airport community environment fund –
 - Southwood Infant School - £7,796 for replacing the surface of the outdoor trim trail
 - Wellington Primary School - £5,122 for 'Operation Toad' pond restoration
 - South Farnborough Infant School - £12,000 a natural play area on the old Linden Centre site
 - Fleet and District Beekeepers Association - £5,800 for a community bee and training apiary at Wellesley
 - Community Matters Partnership Project - £3,477 for Balmoral pond wildlife and school project

For more details and to apply online go to <http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/grants>

Rushmoor Community Lottery

70 organisations (including 4 schools, 3 pre-schools and 7 uniformed groups) have signed up. The Lottery is currently on track to raise over £27,000 for good causes across Rushmoor.

Visit <https://www.rushmoorlottery.co.uk/> to find out more and to sign up.

CMPP – Give & Get Days

Is your school in need of a revamp? Need a helping hand with an overdue garden or classroom project? CMPP are here to help get that project back on track.

Apply for a G&G day today! Simple tell CMPP what you need and they will do their best to match you up with a company who have the skills to complete your project. Volunteer field teams will range from 5-25 employee volunteers (and can be both skilled and non-skilled, depending on the project in question).

If needed, CMPP are also able to offer £500 for resources or materials needed for your idea. All applications received will be emailed to the Partners of CMPP for consideration. They cannot guarantee that your project will be sourced but they will try to get you as much support as possible.

Ideas might include: gardening or allotment projects within your school grounds, painting and renovation projects of youth charities or social enterprises, conservation projects that work with young people on local resources, education and business clean-up days, mentoring programmes, mock interviews, literacy projects, careers events and inspirational talks to name just a few....

For more information please contact jgrant@cmpp.org.uk or to apply for a G&G day:

<http://cmpp.org.uk/contact/givegetday>

Awards for All

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for grassroots and community activity that aims to improve life for local people and neighbourhoods. <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england>

Lloyds Bank Foundation

Lloyds Bank Foundation is accepting applications for its Enable programme to support people experiencing multiple disadvantage. Applications are invited on an ongoing basis. For more information, please visit the website:

<http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/our-programmes/>

The St. James's Place Foundation

The Foundation has a small grants programme for charities in the UK for helping young people with special needs or disadvantage. There are no deadlines. For more information on how to apply, please visit the website:

<http://www.sipfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding.aspx>

Ragdoll Foundation

The Foundation makes grants of up to £50,000 to organisations working with children and young people using the arts and creative media. The deadlines operate on a rolling basis.

<http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

DM Thomas Foundation

The Foundation provides funding for organisations that work to improve the lives of children and young people. The next deadline for submitting applications in 2018 is 6th February.

For more information, please visit the website:

<http://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants>

Dickie Bird Foundation

The Dickie Bird Foundation offers grants with the aim of helping disadvantaged young people to participate in sport. **No deadlines.** For more information, please visit the website <http://thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk>

Foyle Foundation

The Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities working at grass roots level.

There are **no deadlines**. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme>

Percy Bilton Charity

The Percy Bilton Charity is a grant making trust assisting disadvantaged youth, and people with disabilities. There are two types of grant to apply for and **no deadlines**. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/percy-bilton-organisations>

Ashworth Charitable Trust

Grants for charitable organisations undertaking general charitable projects funded up to £5,000. **No specified deadline**. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.ashworthtrust.org/funding.html>

Shanly Foundation

Since conception, the Shanly Foundation has donated over £10 million to those in need of a helping hand, from youth clubs, schools and woodland projects to centres for adults with physical and learning disabilities. The main philosophy of the Foundation is to help local good causes. In particular, they welcome applicants that are helping to improve the welfare and quality of life of those that are disadvantaged within the community. They also support many local community events and festivals, scouts and girl guides, local schools, sports and social clubs as well as international aid organisations. Full details of conditions and the application process are available at the Foundation website: www.shanlyfoundation.com

Blue Spark

Blue Spark is a charity that supports the education and development of young people and children by providing grants for educational, sporting, cultural and other projects. For more information, please visit the website: <http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>

Transform Facebook Grants

Transform is offering up to £5,000 grants to charities to spend on Facebook advertising. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis each month. For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/facebook-grants>

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