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e-Newsletter – October 2016

Welcome to the 52nd 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.

The next Rushmoor Schools Plus e-Newsletter will be available in the week beginning 5th December. If you want anything included, please send information to Tony McGovern.

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RUSHMOOR SCHOOLS PLUS UPDATE

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.

Rushmoor Arts Hub

Rushmoor Schools Plus is pleased to have been involved in an Arts Council England project about raising the aspirations for arts in the borough. At its most recent network meeting, we presented the first stage of the Rushmoor Arts Hub [website](#), and we are working now to get the launch version of the site up to date. As well as news and steering group updates the site will be a place for Rushmoor arts groups, providers and creative professionals to be listed in the directory, and we will soon be adding an events listing. We also have a [Facebook](#) page where we can put your news between the Rushmoor Arts Hub newsletters appearing.

The Arts Hub has recently grant funded Finn Oakley to pursue a filming project, and his sister Ellen Oakley, who needed a new sewing machine to help her in her passion of designing and making period costumes. Ellen is one of five grant recipients who feature in a fantastic short film produced for us by Whitestone Media – it can be enjoyed [here](#).

The arts grants scheme has been a real success in helping young people with very diverse interests to make the next step towards a lifetime of arts participation and creative development. Alex Jones, the third recent grant recipient, received funding to upgrade her guitar. She's just registered for her Master's degree so is officially studying music composition. We all wish her well and look forward to hearing how she's getting on. She also passed on her old guitar, (which is still good for learning) to a mum who has always wanted to learn!

WHAT'S ON IN RUSHMOOR

Connaught Leisure Centre Holiday Playscheme

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October, Tongham Road, Aldershot GU12 4AS. Full day 8.30am to 5.30pm £18.00. Part day 8.30am to 3.30pm £16.00. The scheme is open to children age 4 – 12 years; 4 year olds need to have been in school for one term. Activities include Indoor and outdoor play, Dance, Sports, Arts & Crafts and Free Play. Children will need a packed lunch, non-fizzy drink and comfortable clothing to play in and enjoy themselves. Registered with Ofsted, 507919.

Enrolment can be made in person, by e-mail at connaught.leisure@rushmoor.gov.uk or by telephone on 01252 344438. In each case, a booking form will need to be completed. Website www.connaughtleisurecentre.co.uk

Wavell Community Playscheme

October Half Term Playscheme from Monday 24th October to 28th October at Wavell Community Campus, The Wavell School, Lynchford Road, Farnborough GU14 6BH. Sessions run from 8.30am to 4.30pm (£16.00 per day) or to 5.30pm (£17.00 per day). A packed lunch is required. Activities include outside play with the jungle gym, arts, crafts, construction, board games and den making. This Rushmoor Council run playscheme is for 4 to 11 year olds and is Ofsted registered. 4 year olds must be attending school. The playscheme runs every school holiday, except Christmas.

Pre-booking is required - To book you can either email Wavell.campus@wavell.hants.sch.uk or call the Wavell Campus office on 01252 317603 Tuesday to Friday from 10.00am to 5.00pm. You can also check for regular updates and availability at www.wavellschool.org.uk/leisure/homepage/playscheme

Aldershot Town FC's Community Trust

Half-term holiday football course is taking place **Tuesday 25th - Thursday 27th October, 10am to 3pm at Oakley Park, Fleet.**

Football coaching for 5 to 15 year olds of all skill levels. Skills development, matches and a chance to win trophies and medals! Courses cost £35 each or £15 per day. To book a place or for more information visit the website www.aldershottownfctc.co.uk or call 01252 339384

Also, **Monday night football at Peter Driver Playing Field, Church Crookham.**

5.00-6.00pm for 5 to 8 years

6.00-7.00pm for 9 to 12 years

£3 per session, pay on play basis. No booking needed just turn up and play! For more information call 01252 339384 or email FITC@theshots.co.uk

Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy – Rushmoor Rose Bowl

Pool Road, Aldershot. GU11 3SN. Phone 01252.320 888. Email bernie@rushgym.co.uk

The Rushmoor Rose Bowl which will take place on the **Saturday 22nd (start time 10.00am) and Sunday 23rd October (start time 10.30am)**. Top teams from home and abroad including a Great Britain team, two England teams, one from Spain and three from Canada. Tickets for single days or both days are on sale at the Club reception.

	ADULT	CHILD
Saturday's team competition	£14	£7
Sunday's Apparatus Finals	£10	£5
Two day ticket	£18	£10

Junior Activities at Farnborough Leisure Centre and Aldershot Pools

Farnborough Leisure Centre

Westmead, Farnborough GU14 7LD. Telephone 01252 370411. 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 October Half Term making sure kids have fun, make friends and keep moving during the holidays. To book your place this October Half Term 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 11.00am–12.00noon and 2.00–3.00pm during October Half-term Holidays. Call or visit the website for swimming and fun session times.

Call 01252 370411 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 10.00am–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. You can also use their Shop & Drop service while you do your shopping. Please call 01252 370411 or visit the website for the Centre’s opening times or more information.

Half-Term at Farnborough Bowl

Look out for the Half-term Holiday Bowling Deals. Call 01252 554046 for more information or visit www.farnboroughbowl.co.uk

Aldershot Pools

Guildford Road, Aldershot GU12 4BP. Telephone 01252 323482. Website www.aldershotpoolscomplex.co.uk.

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Family Splash Times

October half-term holiday Family Fun Sessions with floats. Monday to Friday 3.00pm-4.00pm during half-term holiday. 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 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays during Hampshire school holidays. An induction session is required. Junior Gym session £4.50, Induction Session £16.00.

Alpine Snowsports – Summer 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.

£15 Mini Activity Session This 90 minute session is especially for younger supporters, 4-7 years. It includes a 50 minute ski lesson and a 30 minute donut session to finish. All fully supervised and great fun. Parents need to remain on site.

£30 Beginner Ski / Snowboard Camp (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!

£35 1 Day Activity Camps Starting at 9.30am (drop off from 08.45), these camps are a full day of fun filled action! Throughout the day you will experience the thrill of Skiing, Snowboarding, X-Bobs, Donutting and team games. Aimed at children from 8 to 16 yrs. and for all abilities from beginner onwards, these camps are a great way to keep children active. Bring gloves and a packed lunch. Camps finish at 5.00pm.

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 £27. This includes all the equipment and gives almost unlimited practice use of the slopes. Terms and conditions apply.

To book call 01252 325889 anytime 10.00am – 8.30pm Monday to Friday and 10.30am – 5.30pm on weekends.

Runway's End Outdoor Centre

1 Forge Lane, Aldershot GU11 2RE. Website www.hants.gov.uk/runwaysend Telephone 01252 344421. Email rwe@hants.gov.uk

After School Club

Wednesdays 2nd November to 14th December from 4.30-6.00pm. For 8-14 year olds. One activity per week from archery, indoor and outdoor climbing, caving, shooting and crate stack. Activities are subject to change, dependent on the weather. There is a ratio of 1 instructor per 10 students. £8.00 per session with 1 session free. All 6 sessions must be booked and are on a first come first served basis.

Climbing Club

Tuesdays 1st November to 6th December from 4.30-6.00pm. For 8-14 year olds. A six-week club for those who want to climb for fun, to build on experience and confidence. At a later stage there will be an opportunity to join the National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme (NICAS) Climbing Club.

Cost £48. All 6 sessions must be booked and are on a first come first served basis. Ratio 1 Instructor to 10 students.

School Holiday Adventure Day

Thursday 27th October, age range 8 to 14 years. Each group will take part in 4 activity sessions per day from a selection of activities such as canoeing, archery, climbing, abseiling, caving, rifle shooting and high ropes. Activities start at 9am and finish at 5pm and children will need to be ready to start on time. The Centre will be open from 8.30am-5.00pm. Children must be collected by 5.30pm. Children will need a complete change of clothes, including footwear and a towel, plus a packed lunch and drinks. £45.00 a day. Additional siblings are offered a reduced rate of £22.50. There are limited spaces available on each date, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

West End Centre

48 Queen's Road, Aldershot GU11 3JD. Box office 01252 330040. www.westendcentre.co.uk.

Half-term Activities

The Big Draw Free Workshop - Wednesday 26th October, 10.30am-4.00pm

The Big Draw is the world's largest drawing festival and this is a free event for the whole family, just come along and unleash your creativity! This year's theme is STEAM and artist Kev Munday is taking over the gallery so you can cover the walls with your amazing art.

Family Theatre – Wednesday 26th October, 2.30pm £6.50, ALBEE VECTOR THE SOUND COLLECTOR

With the help of Mustard, Albee's epic sound hoover, he goes around collecting noises. All is going well until Albee's best friend, Andromeda, is kidnapped by the evil King, who will only release her in return for the most beautiful noise in the world. Albee's going to need a lot of help – he needs people who can make popping, fizzing, hissing, wooshing, wizzing and banging noises if he stands any chance of releasing his best friend! This show is a relaxed performance that is ideal for anyone aged 3+.

Workshop – Pottery

Thursday 27th October, 10.30am -12.30pm, £5 pp, 8-12 years

Friday 28th October, 10.30am-12.30pm, £5pp, 3+ years

The West End Centre's pottery classes are always popular and this half term tutor Lucy is running two sessions so you can make your own creative clay creations! The session on Friday 28th is for children aged 3+ and adults are more than welcome to come along and give little ones a bit of help too.

Workshop/Family Show – Thursday 27 October, 10am, 12.30pm & 3.30pm, £6.50 pp

INCREDIBLE SCIENCE (by Working Science)

Dr Gareth from Working Science returns with three Incredible Science workshops. Join Dr Gareth and become a 'mad scientist' too – turning apples and pears into batteries, making smelly chemical reactions and of course exploding rockets. These fun sessions are open to everyone but under 8s should be accompanied by an adult (who'll have fun too!).

Classes for young people:

Westy Youth Theatre

Monday 31st October – Monday 5th December, 5-6.30pm, 8-12 years, £27 / £20.40

Tuesday 1st November – Tuesday 6th December, 6-8pm, 12-14 years, £36 / £27

Whether you're an aspiring actor or simply want to have fun and improve your confidence these drama groups explore a wide range of drama techniques, so come and get stuck-in in to some serious acting, including taking part in a performance for an invited audience. Under the expert guidance of tutor Bekki Budd you can express yourself and be whoever you want to be!

Forever Young Family Workshops: Saturday 5th November – Fun Fireworks

Come and join in this crafty class, enjoying the colour and pattern of fireworks using a range of different mediums and techniques. These Saturday morning sessions provide a fantastic opportunity for families to work together, create something brilliant enjoy some precious quality time. Sessions run from 10.30am-12.30pm and cost £3pp, Age 3+, all children must be accompanied by an adult and please, dress for mess!

Christmas Holiday

Monday 19th December, 2.30pm, £8. Comedy Club 4 Kids Christmas Cracker!

All the fun of Comedy Club 4 Kids with a Christmas twist! The perfect alternative Christmas treat for the entire family. Starring Comedy Club 4 Kids regular host Ternan Douieb himself, Howard Read of 'Little Howard' and CBBC fame, and a special guest. Expect the finest Christmas Cracker jokes, tinsel tomfoolery, festive funnies and even Santa doing stand-up. Suitable for age 6+

Free Half-Term Fun at Wellesley Woodlands

Small Mammal Event, **Wednesday 26th October, 9.15am - 10.30am**, to see what little critters are living at Thorn Hill, Aldershot! The event is FREE - however **booking is essential** as places are limited. Please email or call to book a place and you will be given parking details for the day.
blackwater.valley@hants.gov.uk Phone: 01252 331353

Parkside Christmas Fair

Please come along and support the event! **Saturday 3rd December, 1.00-3.00pm.**
Cakes, Gifts, Tombola, Christmas treats, Cards, Animal Christmas stockings, CD's & DVD's, Bric-Brac, Carol Singing and more...
No visit would be complete without seeing Santa in his magical grotto! Parkside is at 57 Guildford Road, Aldershot, GU12 4BP

Farnborough Frost Fair & Countdown to Christmas

Farnborough Frost Fair on **Saturday 26th November** is inviting local choirs to perform live at the festival throughout the day. If you would like to take part, please email jenny@fuseprojects.co.uk

The Frost Fair is inviting 50 festive local food, drink and craft stalls to take part, including a small number of local community organisations. The stalls cost £45. Farnborough Frost Fair is the biggest event in a 6 week 'Countdown to Christmas' celebration. The festival will include the large festive Christmas market, the Princes Mead Shopping Centre light switch-on with a visit from Santa himself, an ice rink, a full programme of live music, stunning street performers, family craft activities and a small fun fair. The event opens at 11.00am and runs until 6.00pm, and 3500 visitors are expected on the day. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 19th October at 5.00pm – the application pack is on the website www.fuseprojects.co.uk/upcomingevents

Also on the Countdown to Christmas programme there will be a charity Christmas Pudding Race, a Christmas Carol 'Big Sing' and lots of other fun, free activities.

Parents Action Group for Special Play (PAG)

PAG is a registered charity in Rushmoor which provides after school activities for children and young people with a disability. These activities are open to children and young people living within and outside Rushmoor, all are very welcome. Activities are Drama, Music and Dance (music and movement). All the groups have approximately 12 young people. A qualified tutor and volunteers present during the activity, and parents need to stay on the premises. For ages 4-19 years. A small charge is made to help towards cost of tutor and venue.

Drama 5.30-6.30pm Tuesday at Princes Hall, Aldershot

Music 6.30-7.15 and 7.30 - 8.15pm (4 students only per session, ages 11-19)

Dance 4.45-5.15pm, age 4-7 years (inclusive)

5.30-6.15pm, age 8-19 years

For more information please contact Ann Evans (Chairperson) on 01252 837112 / 07966 434462

pag.specialplay@gmail.com

Farnborough Half Marathon and 5k Fun Run

Farnborough's first ever half marathon takes place in January. The 13-mile route for the event on **Sunday 22nd January** will follow a route steeped in local aviation history, starting and finishing at the iconic airship hangar on Farnborough Business Park. The route then heads towards Aerospace Boulevard before returning alongside Farnborough Airport, out to Southwood woodland and then to Fleet before returning past the army golf course and back to the hangar. For more information and to enter to the Farnborough half marathon website.

Basketball Coaching

Fridays 5.00-6.00pm at Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College sports hall. Starts 4th November. For 14-25 year olds, £1.50 a session pay and play. For more information please call 01252 398 128 or email communitydevelopment@rushmoor.gov.uk

Hart & Rushmoor Young Carers Club

There are places for 8-13 year olds who are young carers at the Hart and Rushmoor Young Carers Club which meets in Farnborough on Wednesday evenings (5.30-7.30pm) and for 10-18 year olds at the Fleet Club on Monday evenings (7.00-9.00pm). More details are available on the Hampshire Young Carers Alliance web-site <http://www.hyca.org.uk/> or by calling Hart Voluntary Action 01252 815652, or e-mailing youngcarers@hartvolaction.org.uk

They would also be interested to hear from anyone who could volunteer their time to transport young carers to and from both clubs through the same contacts.

The Carers Trust **Young Carers in Schools** initiative at <https://youngcarersinschools.com/> provides resources for the early identification of young carers and school awards for good practice in supporting young carers.

Change of hours for Connaught Leisure Centre

Rushmoor Borough Council has approved a change in opening hours at Connaught Leisure Centre. The centre, in Tongham Road, Aldershot, will now open from 5pm to 10pm on weekdays instead of 8.30am to 10pm, cutting operating costs and subsidies. Opening hours at the weekend, which are 9.00am to 5.00pm, will remain unchanged. The changes will come into effect by the end of October.

Since the introduction of the new 3G artificial grass pitch last year, evenings and weekends are busier at the leisure centre and to provide extra staff cover an apprentice will be recruited.

Further information about the centre is available on the [Connaught Leisure Centre](#) page.

CHILDREN'S CENTRES IN RUSHMOOR

Children's Centres aim to give every child the best possible start in life. They are places where families with children under the age of five can easily access a range of different services to help and support them.

Rushmoor's Children's Centres have a website where you can find out lots of information about their services and partner agencies. There are also downloadable resources for parents and professionals, including forms. The website is <http://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/rushmoor-childrens-centres>.

WHAT'S ON BEYOND RUSHMOOR

Farnborough Fins Swimming Club (FFSC)

FFSC 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). Telephone 07944 165 604. Email office@farnboroughfins.org Website <http://www.farnboroughfins.org/>.

Autumn Term 2016

FFSC is enrolling for the Autumn term which starts in September! They run lessons 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. If you are interested in any of the above, please call or email.

October Half-Term Crash Courses

Group session

There will be 6 classes of 4 children running with a trainee teacher on poolside and a trainee teacher in the water with each group, all overseen by the course tutor. There will be pre-school classes, and classes for beginners and up to and including Stage 4. The course is not suitable for nervous beginners. Kings International College, from 9.30-11.30am, duration 30 minutes, cost £16.80 for the 4 days.

1-1 sessions

Lessons are set in a lovely 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. Kings International College, 1.00-5.00pm, duration 30 minutes, cost £90 for the 5 days, Monday 24th to Friday 28th October.

Gateway Cards

FFSC have a number of children swimming with them from Hampshire who hold a Gateway card. If you are, or know of, a Gateway card holder please get in touch to see what FFSC can offer you.

Bisley Bowmen

Bisley Bowmen are a Field Archery Club based at the N.R.A Bisley Camp. There are 38 Faced Targets in the 20-acre woods and a tree-stand to shoot from. Shelter is provided by a large permanent wooden gazebo to allow some shooting in bad weather. They are open for membership and are able to offer NFAS Coaching with DBS Checked Coaches for Children and Adults of all ages above seven years. The club is open for 365 days per year for club members, without prior booking, and membership includes 3 or 4 Club Shoot Days with free refreshments thrown in.

They coach at Schools and Colleges and are mobile as well as coaching at the Club in Bisley.

If you want a very special all-day event they can arrange a Total Archery Experience for children and adults including beginners Coaching, trying every type of bow including longbow, flat bow, Sythian, Mongol, Native American, Compound and Crossbows. Followed by shooting on their 20-acre Field Course. They will give you a complete guide to the rules, safety rules and shooting etiquette, and you usually manage about 20 targets in the time allowed. There are excellent catering facilities on site for an optional meal and debrief. You will not be finished until about 3.30pm. The cost is £35.00 per person. If there are 4 or more of you, there is a discount to £30.00.

Contact Mike Murphy on 01483 224653 or 07715 701 348. <http://www.bisleybowmen.co.uk/>

Anvil Arts, Basingstoke – Upcoming Shows

Why the Whales Came, Saturday 29th October, 11.00am & 2.00pm, The Haymarket

Award-winning performer and storyteller Danyah Miller brings this enchanting tale from Michael Morpurgo to life. Join children Gracie and Daniel as they discover the secrets of the mysterious Birdman, the superstitions of their neighbours and why the whales came to their island.

Suitable for ages 7 and over, £13 (includes £2 booking fee)

The Night Before Christmas, 1st - 4th December, Thu & Fri 10.30am & 1.30pm, Sat & Sun 11.00am, 2.00pm & 4.00pm, The Haymarket

It's Christmas Eve, and as Emily stares out of the window waiting excitedly for the morning, a little mouse called Eddie can't understand why only humans celebrate Christmas. Join Eddie on a fun-filled journey as he sets off to find Santa and uncover the true meaning of the holiday. Suitable for ages 2 and over, £13 (includes £2 booking fee)

Sleeping Beauty, 8th December - 2nd January 2017, The Anvil

Only Fools and Horses' Sue Holderness, CBeebies' Katrina Bryan and Sarah-Jane Buckley (Hollyoaks) star in this dazzling pantomime. Suitable for the whole family. From £16 (includes £2 booking fee)

Telephone 01256 844 244, Website www.anvilarts.org.uk

NEWS FROM PARTNER ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS

Veolia Recycling projects for Rushmoor Schools

Veolia have a whole programme of lessons, assemblies, hands-on experiments and interactive outdoor sessions available to KS1 and KS2 pupils. They would like to visit primary schools in the borough during the next academic year at no cost to schools. Bringing a Veolia Recycling vehicle into the school playground and encouraging the children to look around the vehicle and ask questions is highly effective. This is usually run alongside a Recycling poster competition.

Sample lesson plans and the Recycling poster competition details are available from Robert Noble, Contract Manager, at robert.noble@veolia.com who'll be happy to discuss the needs of individual schools.

Gurkha Connection Project – 11-18 year olds invited to participate

The Hampshire Cultural Trust is about to begin a project called The Gurkha Connection. The project will celebrate and commemorate over 200 years of the relationship between the Gurkhas and the British Army, and is for young people aged 11-18 years from Rushmoor and Hart.

There will be three groups taking part, and one group is meeting at the West End Centre in Aldershot on a Tuesday, 4.00-5.30pm, between now and March. They still have some places for this group. The project would appeal to anyone interested in history / military / creative response and the young people will research and create their own exhibition and photographs. This is a chance for positive engagement with the local community and there are definite links with employability and team work.

Contact Ross McGauran, Cultural Engagement Co-ordinator for Young People at Hampshire Cultural Trust for more information and a consent form.

Telephone: 07710 093831

Email: ross.mcgaaran@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

TAG Farnborough Airport Gives Away Free Trees for Local Schools and Colleges

Free Trees are available to schools and colleges in the local area courtesy of TAG Farnborough Airport. TAG Farnborough Airport has been measuring and reducing its Carbon Footprint since 2008 and as a result have reduced annual carbon emissions by over 1,500 tonnes. TAG aims to offset its remaining annual carbon emissions in collaboration with 'Carbon Footprint Ltd' through tree planting in the local area. They are offering local educational establishments the opportunity to apply for trees to plant and use to enhance the surrounding environment.

3,500 free trees (native broad leaf species) will be available for planting within the next 6 months to local establishments who sign-up to the project. **The application deadline is 31st October.**

The benefits of this scheme include a great opportunity to educate young minds on the importance of trees and their role in balancing our ecosystems plus hands on experience with the planting and initial/after care. Further to this the trees can enhance the school environments and provide important habitat for a range of native animals.

There are 20+ species of native broadleaf trees available and the airport/Carbon Footprint Ltd can work with the school to find the species that will work best. If your school or college would be interested in taking part in this project, please email Charlotte Dunlop cdunlop@tagfarnborough.com for some more information and an application form.

Ollie Rastall – School Speaker

Local entrepreneur Ollie Rastall is offering Rushmoor schools the opportunity for FREE speaking engagements in schools as part of his company's commitment to the Community Matters Partnership Project (CMPP). Ollie covers a variety of subjects in his public speaking. Each subject can be tailored to focus on the specific areas that resonate with his audience. Schools find value in Ollie sharing his entrepreneurial journey with students, providing an unconventional perspective on making the next steps in life and business.

- Identifying and making the best of your golden opportunities
- Developing ideas outside of school education
- Recognising your strengths and how to maximise them
- Broadening your horizons
- Unearthing your entrepreneurial flair
- Learning how to fail

His website is [here](#) for more information and to contact him about making a booking with Rushmoor schools.

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.

The Rotary Annual **National Young Writers Competition** is now under way with the theme of 'Reflection'. This has been very successful in previous years and they hope that you will support the competition again this year. The three stages of the competition are local, district and final heats with entries required by February 2017 for the local heat. However, it would greatly help Rotary to have an early indication of your intent to take part, preferably by the end of October 2016. Please contact Mary Madine for information at mary.madine3@gmail.com

The annual **National Rotary Young Chef Competition** is also under way with local heats taking place before December 2016. The final will be on 25th February 2017. Please contact Moira Hutchings for further details at moira.hutchings@hotmail.co.uk

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. Club members have a desire to share their many years of experiences with your students and discuss opportunities to pass on that hard learned experience.

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. We 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.

Since late 2015, Mock Interviews have taken place at Ash Manor School and Wavell School. The feedback from the schools is extremely positive from both the students and staff. They are planning to participate in mock interviews at Fernhill School during October and again at Farnborough College Construction School, Ash Manor and All Hallows Sixth Form later in the year.

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.

School Transport: A Guide for Parents in England

School Transport: A Guide for Parents in England has been published by Cerebra. It explains the legal duties on local authorities to provide free school transport for disabled children in England. Cerebra's aim is to help parents and carers understand their legal rights, but this guide is not intended to be legal advice and it should not be relied on as such. The law relating to school transport can be complicated and you may need to take independent legal advice to find out how the law applies to your particular circumstances.

[Click here](#) to download the guide or call their Freephone helpline number 0800 328 1159. [Click here](#) to view their website.

British Sign Language for Hampshire Families

Do you have a deaf child? Are you deaf parents of hearing children? Do you wish to learn British Sign Language (BSL) as a family? Sonus can offer five fully funded sign language sessions per family taught at your home with an experienced deaf sign language tutor for families wishing to integrate BSL within the family environment. Open to families in Hampshire only. For more information please contact Crissy Dommett, Business & Communications Manager, on c.dommett@sonus.org.uk or telephone 02380 220225. [Click here](#) to view their website. Please spread the word.

Cove Brook Greenway Group

Cove Brook Greenway Group is an environmental group in Farnborough, Hampshire, which looks after the Cove Brook. Cove Brook drains off the hills west of Aldershot in north east Hampshire and runs north through Cove, Farnborough, to join the River Blackwater on Hawley Meadows, north west of the M3 motorway at Junction 4.

The group, made up of volunteers, seeks to improve the greenway for people and wildlife, and is open to everyone. The group holds conservation working parties and open meetings, and works with Rushmoor Borough Council, Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership, the Environment Agency and other parties.

Work parties take place on the second Saturday of each month for two/three hours, meeting at a different location along the Brook each time. All welcome but children under 16 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult. All equipment is provided and each work party starts with a safety briefing and ends with refreshments!

Cove Brook Greenway Group members are local residents who see the brook as a valuable asset both for people and wildlife (a Kingfisher was spotted recently). Meetings and other events are open to everyone and the group can provide resources for schools. The group supports the council with litter picking events in the spring and winter. They also work with council officers to carry out improvements such as path surfacing. They manage the Birchbrook Reserve off Birchbrook Road as a nature area and also carry out conservation work on Southwood Meadows. The group has a free quarterly newsletter and four open meetings a year with invited speakers. In the summer, they arrange walks and wildlife surveys. A leaflet describing the work of the group is available.

The field centre at Blunden Hall has resources for schools and groups.

Half Term Fun – Halloween Quiz Night at Blunden Hall Tuesday 25th October 7.30 pm – teams of 4 £4.00 per head.

The next work party is a litter pick on **Saturday 12th November at 10.00am** meeting at **The Curly Bridge**, the last work party of 2016 **Saturday 10th December 10.00 am** meeting at **Blunden Hall** for their **Christmas Sparkle** clean up around the area.

Contact Details: Email covebrookgg@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07510 881 939 Facebook: Cove Brook

Breathe Easy

26th October, 30th November. 2.00-4.00pm at Mayfield Medical Centre, Croyde Close, Farnborough GU14 8UE. Breathe Easy is a local support group for anyone living with a lung condition, their friends and family. Supported by the British Lung Foundation, join Breathe Easy meetings to hear guest speakers, find out about the sing-a-long group Lungs Aloud and have refreshments whilst meeting new friends. Contact Maureen on 01252 409360 for more information.

Fleet Phoenix

Fleet Phoenix, The Point Youth Centre, Harlington Way, Fleet, GU51 4BP. Fleet Phoenix is a youth and community organisation dedicated to the young people of Hart. www.fleetphoenix.co.uk

Open Door. For young people aged 16-25 struggling with something in their lives. Drop in Advice & Guidance sessions, Tuesdays and Fridays 1.30-4.30pm. Contact Karla Reale for more information or to book an appointment karla.reale@fleetphoenix.co.uk

Munchies Youth Café. Saturday nights 8.00-11.00pm at The Point, for young people aged 14-19 years wanting something to do on a Saturday night. Chill and chat, drinks, games, snacks and support. More information from Maddie Brown Maddie.brown@fleetphoenix.co.uk or phone 01252 812308 / 07340 706158.

PEBL Free Money Advice

Are you struggling to make ends meet? Help is available.

Confidential, individual advice in all areas of money management including banking, budgeting and claiming benefits. Regular group sessions on benefit changes, banking options, reducing household bills and dealing with debt, including council tax recovery and bailiffs.

Every Wednesday 10.00am-12noon at the Prospect Community Centre, 201 Mayfield Road, Farnborough GU14 8UB. Call 07468 860450 or email pebl@rushmoorcab.org.uk

Citizens Advice Rushmoor delivers this service on behalf of PEBL.

Halloween

For Halloween advice for elderly and vulnerable members of the community as well as children and parents, and to download a 'No Trick or Treat' Poster, visit:

www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/campaigns/halloween-no-trick-or-treat

Hampshire Local Offer web pages

If you are advising families with disabled children or working with disabled young people, the Hampshire Local Offer web pages provide a range of information on services available in Hampshire for children and young people from birth to 25 years who have special education needs and/or disabilities. This includes information about:

- Education and childcare
- Respite and support
- Equipment and therapies
- Health
- Preparation for adulthood
- Leisure and play

There are also sections including jargon busting, hints and tips for parents, along with updates on a range of relevant and targeted information.

The Hampshire Local Offer pages can be accessed at https://www.hantslocaloffer.info/en/Main_Page
Further information is available online at the link provided or by telephone 0300 303 8603.

Grainger Plc - Wellesley Development update

Wellesley is now home to 50 households with the new community growing every week. The second phase of Maida zone is now on sale with Bellway. Ground works to the second zone, Corunna, are on-going with construction of the new homes starting next year. The School End zone, where the first of Wellesley's new schools will be located is being prepared and will be handed over to Hampshire County Council in the autumn.

Grainger have recently been granted planning permission for 74 new family homes to be created within the Cambridge Military Hospital and 41 homes in the area of the former Louise Margaret Hospital.

COURSES, TRAINING, WORKSHOPS AND JOB SEARCHING

TAG Flying Scholarship 2017 - Private Pilot's Licence Training Course (PPL)

TAG Farnborough Airport will be working with The Honourable Company of Air Pilots for the 2017 TAG Flying scholarship. Application Forms will be available from the first week in January from The Honourable Company of Air Pilots website www.airpilots.org/career-matters/scholarships. Candidates need to apply via the application form in their own handwriting. The closing date for the scholarship is March/April 2017, after which successful applicants will be contacted by The Honourable Company of Air Pilots and invited for an interview in April 2017. The aim of the Scholarship Programme is to assist successful individuals who might otherwise not have the necessary resources to achieve their Licence.

The criteria for successful applications include:

- Your ability to demonstrate a serious ambition and ability to pursue an aviation related career
- Your availability to undertake and complete the Scholarship during Summer 2017
- Your educational achievements, demonstrable knowledge and/or experience in science, mathematics or other aviation related subjects
- You must be able to satisfy the relevant medical standard to enable issue of a Class 2 Medical Certificate issued in the UK in accordance with part Med
- You must be aged at least 17 on 1st June 2017

The Company will expect training to be carried out at a Flying School approved by the Company; to be commenced during June 2017 and to be completed by October 2017.

For successful candidates at the interview stage, details of awards, along with the full terms and conditions will be sent for formal acceptance in due course.

A Selection Committee appointed by the The Honourable Company of Pilots administers the scholarship and selects the successful candidates. Candidates who are short-listed for the PPL Scholarships are required to attend at their own expense an interview in London at the Company Office in Gray's Inn.

For further information, please contact Charlotte Dunlop at cdunlop@tagfarnborough.com

Jobs Website

Hampshire County Council has a jobs website www.newjob.org.uk that advertises vacancies in the public and voluntary sectors. You can search by geographical area or job type.

Arabic Speaking Bilingual Assistant

Hampshire Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) are looking for an **Arabic Speaking Bilingual Assistant** who can support new arrival pupils. Working in partnership with class / subject / EMTAS teachers you will be helping pupils to access the curriculum so that children and young people can achieve their full potential and have their culture valued.

Details can be found on www.newjob.org.uk reference HCC2295938

Local Careers News from Job Centre Plus

- National Careers Service and Gurkha Welfare Centre are at Aldershot JCP each Friday to offer CV writing, opening UJ accounts, labour market information, Interview Techniques, job hunting – an interpreter will be provided.
- The Vine Centre Catering Programme is holding regular interviews for those wanting to join .
- Job Activity Group starting 17th October – 2 weeks intensive course followed by 6 weeks coaching by phone/face to face/email for Work Programme returners. All those attending will receive a tailored action plan and CV.
- KFC is holding regular recruitment sessions for the new restaurant in Aldershot – approximately 60 vacancies
- Christmas recruitment workshop 8th November, 1.30-3.00pm at Aldershot JCP – understand which employers and sectors are recruiting for the season, strengthen your CV and employability skills.
- Interview Skills workshop 8th November 10.00-11.30am at Aldershot JCP – covering competency based interviews and the importance of making a good impression.
- 17th October – Meet and greet with Paul Berry from Supply Desk – are you considering a role in a local primary or secondary school? Come along with your CV and find out what roles are available.
- Encore are recruiting at Aldershot Jobcentre each Wednesday for pickers and packers for R&G Fresh Herbs in Farnborough.
- JCP will also be running A More Positive You course in November for our claimants – this will be a two week confidence building course

Hampshire Futures

Showcasing Your Future

Hampshire Futures is holding an apprenticeship and traineeship awareness and recruitment event on **Wednesday 2nd November 2016**, from 3.00-7.00pm, Ashburton Hall, Elizabeth II Court, Sussex Street, Winchester, SO23 8UJ. Entry is FREE!

Through the Hampshire Youth Investment Programme, Hampshire County Council has committed to offering 1,000 employment opportunities for young people by 2018: come and see the range of opportunities on offer and find out how you could build a career path with one of the largest employers in Hampshire.

Tickets can be reserved by going to www.hants.gov.uk/yourfuture or direct to [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

First Traineeship

If you're 16-19 years old (or up to 24 on 31st August 2016 if you have an Educational Health Care Plan) and got less than a D in English and Maths GCSE Hampshire County Council can help you:

- Build your confidence and team working skills
- Improve your English and Maths through engaging and interesting activities
- Develop job search skills to help plan your future

Help may be available with costs incurred during the programme through the bursary scheme.

To find out more email hyip@hants.gov.uk

Traineeship Plus

If you're 16-24 years old, with a minimum grade D GCSE or equivalent in maths and English this is a great opportunity to develop your work place skills and provide that extra bit of experience to boost your CV and help you grab your first job. If you are thinking of applying for an Apprenticeship, the programme will provide support to reach that goal.

Traineeship Plus offers you:

- an action-packed induction programme preparing you for the world of work
- dedicated members of staff to support you through the process
- valuable work experience with Hampshire County Council or a partner organisation
- an opportunity to work towards qualifications
- Improve your English and Maths through engaging and interesting activities
- the chance to develop skills and experience that will make you more attractive to future employers
- support to plan your next steps following completion of the programme.

Help may be available with costs incurred during the programme through the bursary scheme.

To find out more email hyip@hants.gov.uk

Schools' Health & Safety Training Courses at The Wavell School

Accident Investigation Training Course – Monday 14th November
Legionella Management Training Course – Monday 21st November
Fire Marshal & Fire Extinguisher Course – Monday 28th November

All courses 9.00am – 12.30pm – Cost: £55. For invoicing purposes, please confirm the Schools Finance Officer's email address when booking. The Wavell School, Lynchford Road Farnborough Hampshire GU14 6BH
01252 341256 bookings@wavell.hants.sch.uk

FUNDING & GRANTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Community Matters Partnership Project – Youth Aspirations Fund

CMPP will offer grants of between £500 and £2000 to organisations who are able to demonstrate unique ways and ideas for projects that raise aspirations and promote progression in young people. The grant can be used for one-off projects, equipment or resources but you cannot use the money to pay for projects that already exist or are already funded. Alongside this financial support you can also apply for volunteer support to help your project come alive.

Applications will be considered from voluntary organisations, community groups, schools, colleges and charities or individual project ideas.

The Youth Aspiration fund is open now until Monday 7th November.

Full details: <http://www.communitymatterspartnership.org.uk/Page/Show/youthaspirationsfund>

Farnborough Airport Community Environmental Fund

Every year thousands of planes take off and land at Farnborough airport. A levy is charged for each movement, generating around £50,000 a year for the Farnborough airport community environmental fund to support local projects.

Schools in Rushmoor are eligible to apply for a grant for environmental projects. There is no limit on the amount you can apply for (subject to availability) and you will need to meet the conditions of the fund and supply all relevant documents (see website).

Schools who have received a grant have used the funding in various ways, including:

- Outside musical instruments
- Outdoor classrooms
- Development of a pond, wildlife garden and hide for all-weather learning
- Allotment projects
- Music therapy garden
- Playground equipment
- Outdoor adventure trails

Full details of the fund and the application form are on the Rushmoor Borough Council website:

<http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/airportfund>

Community grants

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to voluntary, community, arts and youth groups for projects which benefit local people. The grant can be used for things like one-off projects, equipment, individual events and uniforms. Full details and the application form can be found at: <http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/communitygrants>

Rushmoor Sports Forum grants

Small grants of up to £300 are available to individuals living in Rushmoor and up to £750 for local sports clubs to cover sporting costs such as equipment, coaching qualifications and help to take part in sport at national and international levels. For full details, conditions and application form please visit:

<http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/article/3601/Rushmoor-Sports-Forum-grants>

RBC Uniting Communities Fund

Grants of £50 - £1,000 are available to local groups (voluntary and community groups, schools and churches) who want to develop projects to bring our communities together. Full details and the application form can be found at: <http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/unitingcommunities>.

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 which will benefit Prospect Estate residents. Applications can be made for between £100 and £500 (in exceptional circumstances £1,000 may be awarded).

Examples of awards made so far include:

- £100 to Church of the Good Shepherd towards their Prospect Estate gardening project.
- £168 to the Mayfield Community Partnership towards their Sports & Fun festival to buy a pop up Badminton set.
- £500 to the Mayfield Community Partnership towards their English language sight and sound programme to buy a projector and screen.

For further details please email pebl.coordinator@gmail.com

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. Tower Hill Primary School was recently awarded £10,000 for an outdoor fitness gymnasium.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england>

**Many thanks to all the organisations who contribute
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