



Summer Activities

Go Thursdays

Come and join us at the Beechtree Centre , Whitchurch

Open from 9.30am to 1pm every Thursday.

Help with: Welfare Reform

Support with your tenancy

Benefits

Assistance into work

Further education opportunities

Drop in session, no appointment needed but appointment can be arranged if preferred.

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FREE VALUATION

EVENING

You are invited to our charity open day and valuation evening

Where: Whitchurch Antiques Emporium, The Old Baptist Chapel, Green End, Whitchurch

When: Thursday 23 July 2015

Time: 5.30pm—8.00pm

Free Valuation courtesy of **Trevanion & Dean.** Auctioneers and Valuers

All money raised in aid of the Beechtree Centre

Youth Project

This term I am keen to support charities who have supported the Beechtree Centre and make the most of the young peoples motivation to do some fundraising. Young people worked together with volunteers and made

cakes to sell at the hospital. They used different coloured icing, hundreds and thousands and loads more to decorate the cakes. They raised £35. Well done

Tom Nielsen, Youth Engagement officer



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Special points of interest:

We have been fortunate to receive a grant from Whitchurch Town Council towards our summer programme. With the money we will be putting on a range of activities aimed at all the family..... More details on page 2.



**Whitchurch
Town Council**

Crafty Wednesdays

Wednesday 15 July

10am –12.30pm, Cost £5

Silk Painting with Sarah Evans.

For beginners or for someone who wants to try something different. Create your own unique piece of art that you can take home at the end of the session..

It is a chance to explore different techniques to create your masterpiece.

This workshop needs to be booked and paid for in advance.

Wednesday 22 July

10am –12noon, Cost £4

Needle Felting Workshop

Starting with a prepared felt base which you will be able to decorate using the needle point technique. This is a quick and easy way to add embellishment to plain felting from simple lines to shapes.

(over 18's only as sharp tools are used in this session)

Contact the centre to book your place.

Wednesday 29 July

10am—11.30am, Cost £3

Children's Craft Session

For 8 –11yr olds

Fun and entertaining activity for your child. They will be able to produce something to take away with them at the end of the session.

This session does need to be booked and paid for in advance.

Wednesday 12 August

10am—12noon, Cost £3

Story Telling for 5 –10 yr olds

Jake Evans has gained a reputation for enthralling children with his storytelling workshops which can include wizards, magic, animals, heroes and villains—all with much audience participation.

This session does need to be pre -booked



Wednesday 19 August

10am—12noon, Cost £7

Introduction to Floral Art

Make and take away your own floral creation. This workshop is suitable for beginners who would like to pick up some helpful tips..

This workshop does need to be booked and paid for no later than 12 August

New Snippets

SUCCESSFUL COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you goes to all our volunteers who helped out at our coffee morning on Friday 12 June at Whitchurch Civic Centre. As with all our events we

appreciate your continuing support.

During the morning we raised around £240 which helps towards running costs of centre activities.



Eventful Tuesdays

Tuesday 21 July

10am—12noon, Cost £4

Introduction to Geocaching

Outdoor activity with a twist! Treasure hunting for the digital generation. Geocaching is an exciting adventure for the whole family. There are probably Geocaches near you now.

To join this session please contact the centre on 01948 666612



Tuesday 4 August

10am—1pm, Cost £4

From Ground to Plate

Eat seasonally from your garden. Harvest produce from the community garden then prepare these to produce a delicious soup, main and pudding. All seasonal and without the air miles.

Please book by contacting the centre

Fundraising Activities

We are still collecting used stamps which will help us generate funds for the centre. They can be cut or torn from the envelope but please make sure that there is at least 1cm left around the stamp.

They can then be dropped off at Beechtree reception.or alternatively at Sentiments , Green End Whitchurch

We would like to say how much we have appreciated the support of Sainsbury's over the last 12 months. As their local charity of 2014/15 they have raised over £2700 for us. This has helped us to purchase new laptops and software for the centre.

The Centre will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August.

British Sign Language Workshop

Bring the whole family to this fantastic British Sign Language workshop in Whitchurch. You will learn:

- The Alphabet
- A song
- 12 words relating to meeting and greeting

The workshop will be fun, relaxed and you will learn a new skill that you can use at home or out in the community.

For more information or to enrol contact Andy Dowdall on 07825 877831 or email andy.dowdall@tcat.ac.uk



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EXCERPTS FROM CHAIRMANS REPORT TABLED AT AGM

The Beechtree Community Centre does what it says on the tin, it provides an important service to the residents of Whitchurch and the surrounding districts. Its key role is enabling people of all age groups to engage in activities and use services that offer stimulus for many reasons. This stimulus is far ranging and important to many in our community that includes those recovering from illness or injury, a domestic crisis, or simply to avoid loneliness through engaging in activity groups or receiving sympathetic counselling.

The Centre is therefore a HUB that not only draws people who themselves seek stimulus or help, but also those who can be recommended to engage with what the Centre provides.

The term HUB was a buzz word used a lot some time ago but a concept not fully understood or exploited for the benefit of geographical areas. I believe that our Centre, the Community Hospital and the Care Centre should be a HUB where all three facilities direct to and draw from each others expertise for the benefit of the local community. This is a concept that can and should work with the full cooperation of doctors, hospital staff, care centre operators and our own Centre's staff, volunteers and 'Friends'. A simple but important example of a hub service is our centre café, open Monday through Friday, which offers pleasant surroundings to sit, eat and relax at a time that might be stressful for some

We are working through a plan of vigorous Centre promotion by attending events, widening our newsletter and promotional flyer distribution and media involvement.

Input from the '**Friends of the Beechtree**' is vital to achieve these fund raising and promotional activities. We already have a small group of active 'Friends' but we need more to spread the load of already agreed and planned activities to ensure sustainability – every bit of help will be very welcome because **this is the Community Centre for the people of Whitchurch and surrounding area.**

Finally I would like to thank the staff and volunteers of the Centre for their hard work in

these difficult times travelling through uncharted waters.

If you would like a copy of the full report then please contact the Centre

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

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