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Centre Opening Hours
Monday – Friday 9.00a.m. – 4.00p.m.

Registered Charity No: 1073546
Tel: 01948 666612

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014



Seeking appropriate grant funding, increasing revenue generating income and being even more prudent with expenditure to run your Community Centre are the areas of keen focus.

This time in 2013 saw the Centre receiving the fifth and final annual payment from the Big Lottery. Sadly, as has been reported in the local media our application to the Big Lottery for new funding has been rejected, a fate being suffered by other Charities across the country.

However, despite this setback and I am very pleased to report that with the vital backing of full and part time staff, paid activity providers and volunteers it is business as usual. We are open all five week days and four weekday evenings per week plus a regular Saturday booking. Additional enquiries to book space for activities or services are regularly received which simply adds to the good news about use of the Centre's facilities.

Enhancing our ability to become less dependent on grant funding is very important, an aim appreciated by your Trustees. They have recognised that it is vital to attract new Trustees with experience and expertise that can help generate this greater financial independence. I am very pleased to report that we will be electing one new Trustee at this meeting and hopefully attracting a second one within the next month. This will no doubt help us considerably to 'think outside the box'.

As well as attracting new Trustees we must also seek addition volunteers to swell the number of dedicated ones we already have. We greatly value our volunteers, all of whom play import roles in enhancing the activities and services we offer.

We must get to the point where everybody in the Whitchurch and surrounding district know the name Beechtree Community Centre and the activities and services it offers to residents of this area. For this reason it is intended to launch the role of 'Friends of the Beechtree' which will spread the word about the Centre and will engage these 'Friends' in attending local events and participating in fund raising.

I devoted half of my last Chairman's report to the potential link between your Centre and the Bradbury Day Centre, a link I have always believed to be one that would create a vibrant community centre that would incorporate the involvement of a number of local organisations.

COMPUTER ESSENTIALS

Tuesday 24 June, 1.30 – 3.30

New to computing or want to gain more confidence.

Why not join our 5 week course that will cover

File management

basic word processing,

setting up and sending emails

Internet and internet safety



The cost of the course is £40 and includes handouts and tea/coffee
This course must be booked and paid for in advance

CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Try your hand at working with clay

Thursday 3 & 10 July, 10am – noon

During the first session you will be able to design your piece and then decorate it at the second session.



The cost of the workshop is £15 and does need to be booked and paid for in advance

FELTING WORKSHOP
Thursday 24 July 2014
10am—2pm, cost £10

Wool and equipment provided, as well as shared items to work with.....

Using only bowls of warm water and soap to damp down the wool, it magically turns into a piece of workable fabric.

Everyone will be able to make a piece that they can take home with them

You will need to bring a towel to work on.

There will be samples on display to show the possibilities.....

Tutor: Jackie Rathbone

Anyone wanting to book can contact the centre on 01948 666612.

Sadly factors have dashed this ambition. First, constraints on our funding means that we could not devote funds or people to help refurbish, enhance and rebrand the Bradbury Day Centre

Second, despite words about helping local development, Shropshire Council were not willing to offer a three year grant funding on a reducing scale to pay for the initial redevelopment work we believed to be necessary. Third, we discovered the need for serious updating of equipment that could cost upwards of £50,000, a burden we could simply not take on board. As of the date of this report the future of the Bradbury Day Centre remains unknown.

Finally a plea;

Those already involved with your Centre are doing a great job. However we need every bit of help we can get to promote what this vital community asset offers through identifying and encouraging possible new Trustees, volunteers plus an army of 'Friend of the Beechtree' to get in touch with us.

Chairman's AGM Report – John Dodson



We were all shocked last week to learn of the sudden death of Sylvie Jackson.

Sylvie had worked tirelessly with us for over 10 years delivering the Wednesday Healthy cooking sessions and working with the youth group to support young people and enabling them to make healthier life style choices.

She has helped improve the lives of the people she had worked with.

Our thoughts are with Mike and Mitch at this time.

In her memory we are running a cake stall at the coffee morning on Friday 27 June.

THANK YOU.....

To all those who bought tickets and came along to the curry & quiz night here at the centre.

Also a huge thank you to the winning team who donated back their winnings

We raised over £500

Watch out for our QUIZ EVENING in JULY. Date to be confirmed

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Wednesday 25 June, 1.30 – 3.30
Cost £40

Learn how to get your camera to capture what your eye sees to produce better pictures

This 5 week course will cover
basic camera functions
cropping and manipulation
saving and storage of images
and much more

This course must be booked and paid for in advance

COFFEE MORNING

The Beechtree Centre will be hosting a Coffee morning at
Whitchurch Civic Centre on
FRIDAY JUNE 27th
10am onwards



Please come along and support us.

- Raffle:
- Tombola:
- Cake stall(in memory of Sylvie)

RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE

Starting on Wednesday 24 September 10am –Noon for 10 weeks,
cost£50

This course has been designed to get you started on researching your family tree with special reference to using the Internet as a resource.

The internet will never replace family knowledge and recollections or documents you already have in your or your family's possession but it can save you a lot of leg-work and help you actually draw out the tree.



- You should be familiar with using a computer at least for searching the internet.
- Bring along any family documents you may have and a few photos.

THIS DOES NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

autism west midlands



North Shropshire Saturday Group 10.30am -12.30pm

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month at the Beechtree Centre.

For young people aged 9-18 years who enjoy board games and who are on the autism spectrum or have social skill difficulties.

Come and join the group or if you would like more information contact Hilary on 07881109486 or email hilarym@autismwestmidlands.org.uk