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Committee

Chair: John Dodson. Vice Chair: Celia Camplin.
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Centre Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9.00a.m. – 4.00p.m.

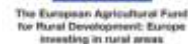
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NEWSLETTER

March 2013



Formerly
The Hospital Chapel Centre



Reopening and launch of the Beechtree Centre and Local Food Cafe

Thank you to everyone who joined us on January 11 when we launched the new community cafe and refurbished centre. Our local MP, Owen Paterson, kindly agreed to officiate at the reopening of the centre and unveil our commemorative plaque in the new entrance hall.



RT Hon Owen Paterson MP and Kath Goodchild, Centre Manager

For many years we had the vision to extend the centre to cope with the growing demand for the services and activities we were providing..... little did we know then about the lengthy process we would have to go through to get to where we are today!

This would not have been possible without the funding we received from the Big Lottery local Food programme, Shropshire Council, Bradbury Foundation Trust, the Roy Fletcher Charitable Trust and the Walker Trust. ... so a huge thanks goes to those funders who came with us on this journey and saw it as a worthwhile investment.

Then there were the team of professionals who were able to see our vision – from architect through to contractors – and turn our rough sketches and ideas into the building it is today.

Beginners IT Course
Starting on Wednesday 10 April
1.30 -3.30, cost £36

Emails! Word processing! Internet!

If any of the above fill you with dread then why not enrol on this course.

During the 6 weeks you will be given an introduction to the main aspect of basic computing.

Come along and learn all you need to get started.

The course is bookable in advance by calling the centre.

HEALTHY COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS & TASTER SESSIONS

New course starts on Wednesday 1 May, 10am.

Course content – TBC

Cost £20 for 5 weeks

SPRING FLOWER ARRANGING Workshop

Enhance your home this spring with beautiful floral displays created by you.

Monday 15 April
Beechtree Community Centre
10am – 12noon, cost £8



This session will need to be booked in advance by calling the centre on 01948 666612.

Come along to get some easy ideas for displaying your flowers in a stylish way.

Develop your own unique style and amaze family and friends.

Pick up tips and tricks of the trade.



From all of us here at the Beechtree Community Centre



Owen Paterson, John Dodson (Chair), Doris Ankers (Trustee), Kath Goodchild (Manager), David Clarke (Treasurer), Celia Camplin (Vice Chair), Stephen Andrews (Architect)

As a team we would also like to thank the Staff from the Bradbury Day Centre and Whitchurch Hospital. Without their help and effort we would not have been able to maintain a service for the 4 months that we were out of the building.

There have been rollercoaster days as the project progressed, days of perfect calm followed by periods of doubt. But we have supported one another and been able to laugh our way through it all.

The Community Café opened on 14th January 2013, operating from 9.30 to 4, Monday to Thursday and 9.30 – 3 on Friday, offering a range of delicious, affordable food to suit all appetites. As the name suggests, all food served in the café has been sourced locally (within a 25 mile radius of Whitchurch) and the menu fully reflects this local flavour.

Further along in this newsletter you will find a voucher for you to use against a cup of coffee and cake..so go on..why not pop in and visit the café. We look forward to serving you.

Garden Project News.

It has been some time since I mentioned the Community Garden Project but I can assure you that we are still working on ways to begin this.

We have experienced a number of hiccups with establishing this project. These being unable to secure funding, proposed building works at the hospital and subsequently the uncertainty of Shropshire Councils continued management of the Bradbury Day Centre meaning that we could not secure the lease of the land at this time.

However, I have been in discussion with Cherrill Knot, the manager of Bradbury Day Centre and she has agreed to let the Beechtree Centre use the existing garden in the short term to establish the project.



The initial clean-up of the site will be done by a carefully selected group of Category C prisoners from Stoke Heath prison. This group have been working for some time at Fordhall Farm at Market Drayton and are very enthusiastic about the opportunity to help set the garden up. This is being planned for the middle April after which we will be looking for volunteers to work on the planting and cultivation.

If you are interested in becoming involved please call Jan Cross at the Beechtree Centre



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Email: info@btcc.org.uk

Coffee and Cake offer!

Bring this coupon into the café inside the Beechtree Community Centre to receive an Americano Coffee and cake of your choice for £2.95!!

EXTEND

Chair based movement to music for the less mobile



- Increase your mobility and independence
- Improve your strength, co-ordination and balance
- Counteract loneliness and isolation
- Enhance your quality of life

Get the best mileage out of your body by joining our extend class where the emphasis is on **FUN!**

We meet every Monday at the Bradbury Day Centre at 2pm
Cost £3 a session

It's election time..... Make your vote count!

With Whitchurch Town elections due this May we saw this edition of our newsletter as an opportunity to ask you for your thoughts. How many of us feel we have something to say but don't actually make the point to those who maybe in a position to change things?

Questions could include;

What would you like to see from your town council?

What would you like to see happen in and around the town?

What would you like your elected councillors to do for you?

Two years ago the Whitchurch Town and Parish Plan * was launched, have you seen it? What else in the subsequent years has arisen that you feel needs attention?

Please let us have your comments and opinions and we will happily pass these on.

*For more information visit www.whitchurchshrop.org.uk



Help for those seeking work!

The **Click to Go** project is now in its 4th month and has offered help to over 40 people who are searching for work.

We offer free assistance with CV's, support in using computers and have run a Job Skills workshop. Many of our candidates have attended computer courses for beginners, given help with applying for jobs online and registering with the **Government Universal Gateway service**.

We have also been able to signpost people to access courses to help them to get their lives back on track e.g. **Taking Charge of Your Life – Relate**

We are also in discussion with Walford and North Shropshire College to look at offering accredited computer training, for example '**European Computer Driving Licence**' (ECDL). This will be free to those who are on Job Seekers Allowance.

So if you are looking for work and are employed for less than 8 hours per week, please contact Jan Cross for more information.

The Beechtree Time Capsule – into the future and beyond

Following the extension and refurbishment of the Beechtree Community Centre, a Time Capsule has been installed in the cellar of the building. The Time Capsule contains historical information and contributions from Centre users and is to be opened in 25 years – January 2038.



The Time Capsule was donated by Hawk Developments Ltd from Prees Green, Whitchurch.

COMPUTER HEALTH CHECK COURSE

Tuesday April 9th, 1.30 – 3.30
Cost £18 for 3 weeks



Learn the basics of computer housekeeping in a relaxed and friendly environment

Over time your computer can start to slow down due to programmes and websites taking up space. Like servicing a car or an annual health check, it does the computer good to give it a spring clean.

The course will include file management, deleting temporary files, backing up files and using the recycle bin.

To book on this course contact the centre on 01948 666612

OPEN COMPUTER ACCESS

From January 2013 open computer access will only be available in the main hall during the following times;

Mondays 7pm – 9pm

Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

Fridays 2pm – 4pm

Free Wi-Fi access will be available during these times if you bring your own machines and for Cafe customers

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