

News flash

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Early news of 2017 events:

EXPLORING THEATRE CRAFT (4)

Puppetry Workshop coming soon.

THE CONCORDE CLUB QUIZ – Tuesday, May 2, 2017

QUIZ + CURRY+ RAFFLE = A GREAT NIGHT OUT!

SAFER PLACES SCHEME revisited

Jenny Bunyan, a volunteer from One Community has been visiting all the Safer Places that our ACTIVE CITIZENS group set up in 2010/11.

Members of the Active Citizens took part in a briefing to the Community Safety Partnership about the scheme in December and we are hoping for the scheme to be revitalised in 2017. Watch this space!

ROBIN HOOD



MAYFLOWER PANTO TRAIL PROJECT 2016



Participants visited Hilliers Gardens before Christmas

Participants in our Mayflower Panto Trail project enjoyed the rewards of attending the project, by visiting the Trail and Sir Harold Hilliers Gardens in mid December on a warm, dry winter's day. They also saw a matinee performance of Robin Hood at the Mayflower Theatre in early January and met some of the cast. Will you be part of the project in 2017? Rumour has it Snow White is this year's offering...!

The Effects of T17 – are you feeling them?

Here we are in 2017, the year by which the changes to the Learning Disabilities services outlined in the “T17 plan” for April 2017 must be completed. It remains to be seen how these changes will affect peoples’ lives, it is likely to be varied.

We are interested in your experience and opinion. Perhaps you are not yet aware of any changes, though they are becoming more apparent now and this is not the end. “T19” is the next stage of transformation. Plans are being made that must be implemented by April 2019 to save even more money from the Social Care budget.

CONTACTING ADULT SERVICES- TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

In our last edition in 2016 we asked you for feedback on using the Contact Centre, HANTS DIRECT. We reported that a specialist group within Contact Centre staff were being trained to assist you with a wider range of issues and that you would not necessarily have immediate or direct access with The Learning Disabilities Team any more. The next stage of the plan is that all members of the Contact Centre are to receive the specialist training so anyone who answers your call will be able to assist you.

We are interested to know if you have called the contact centre, what your experience was - did you have to wait for a long time for the call to answered? Was the query dealt with to your satisfaction? Did your call have to be diverted to the Learning Disabilities Team after all?

Please let us know by email or phone so that we can pass on this feedback to the managers who have planned this change. It is important for us all that feedback is provided.



FARM CAFÉ COMMUNITY MATTERS DONATION



We have been fortunate to start the year with a welcome donation of £300 from the Waitrose Community Matters Scheme at Leckford.

Our Photo shows Committee member Henry Rau receiving the donation from Harry Brown, the Partner Co-ordination manager inside the Farm Shop in early January. We are increasingly reliant on this form of funding since financial support from Adult Services has ended. Any members who have ideas for fundraising schemes should contact the office for an enthusiastic hearing and discussion!

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