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Community Newsletter...

We are very excited to announce that we will be launching our very own monthly Lottery - a wonderful opportunity to raise funds to support local families but also a chance for you to win a monthly cash prize of 20% of the Lottery's monthly proceeds. A Lottery pack has been posted to all volunteers with five leaflets enclosed, in the hope that you will be able to encourage family & friends to support this venture. Thank you.

Events - What we have been up to!

We have just held our first fundraising Ramble on the Earl of Malmesbury's Estate which proved to be a great success raising £460.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day - marshalls, tea makers and those who donated cakes! These were a welcome sight for the Ramblers as they returned to Greywell Hill House.

Special thanks to volunteer Heather Wilson & her husband Richard, who were the main organisers of this event, and to Sally and James for being such generous hosts.



From Twitter:-
Stunning autumn boundary at Greywell House Estate seen during the fundraising walk



"Wine-tasting with a difference" was held on Friday 16th October, raising £2,000.

This type of event takes a lot of organising and we would like to thank everyone involved, Trustees, Staff Volunteers but especially to volunteer Tricia Lewin who very kindly gave up a lot of her time to ensure that the evening was such a success!



Thank you Tricia!

Our next event is a Quiz Night, which is being held on Saturday 14th November at Ramsdell Village Hall. Tickets have already sold out!

We would love to hear from you with any fundraising event ideas you have or if you would like to organise one yourself for HS NWH.

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THANK
YOU!

A very special Invitation from



Each year BBC South Today show their viewers where the Children in Need money raised in their area has been directed. As a beneficiary of this funding HS NWH was invited to take part in a special trip on the Watercress Train Line, where Pudsey was the guest of honour.

Families who participated were filmed enjoying the experience and parents generously shared their stories to highlight the support that Home-Start has given them over the past year.

A big thank you to those families who were brave enough to come along and be filmed by the BBC! You did us proud!

(Children in Need appeal show is on BBC - 13th November)!



Introducing our youngest Volunteer Flo!

My name is Flo and I am the youngest volunteer at 2 years and a half.

I go to the Wednesday group every week with my Nana Ann.

We get there nice and early so that we can help Kerry set up the hall. I put all the toys out and run around while Nana and Kerry chat about nothing of any great importance to me!

Sue arrives and once again the chatting starts.

I love it when all my little friends come and we play, do crafts, sing and dance, and the best of all we get to eat. I help a great deal at this stage by showing a great interest in this activity by being the first to sit down at the table and the last to leave.

After a couple of fun packed and very noisy hours once again I help to put all the stuff we have taken out of the store back in. This always baffles me why don't we just leave it out but adults including the three I have to deal with here are a law unto themselves!

I have included my last two pieces of art produced at the group . My Nana acted in her usual strange way and hung it out on the line when we got home. I always thought the line was for clothes but hey how obviously not!

Thank you Home-Start for lovely Wednesday mornings.

From Flo (youngest known willing volunteer)



WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Welcome to Carol, Catherine, Julia, Mark, Mary & Nicole who are currently on week 4 of our Volunteer Preparation Course. The course is being held at the YMCA in Basingstoke who have very kindly donated the room for free. This has given us the opportunity to have a snapshot of the work being carried out by another community group in the town. Sadly, many of the young people living there report that events in their early years have prompted the need for them to live in the YMCA - several have grown up in the care system or have experienced significant challenges from an early age.

Big Hopes, Big Future

From next Easter we are hoping to start working with local Primary Schools, in an endeavour to combat the growing problem of children starting school without the skills they need to start learning.

Do have a look on the Home-Start UK website for more information about the Big Hopes, Big Future Project and if you are interested in participating in it do let Philippa or Jane know so they can book you onto the volunteer training sessions being planned for the New Year.

GROUP NEWS!

Exciting news for groups this term, is our new Parenting Course "Surviving Until They're 5!". It is a 9 weeks course covering various child/family topics, from relationships and family dynamics to child development. We have had guest speakers from Portage and Health teams. A crèche is provided so parents can hopefully have a chance to digest the information, without a little person tugging at their side!

Basingstoke and Multiple Birth Groups have settled back well into the new autumn term - always an exciting time of leaf collecting and Halloween crafts. Not forgetting the countdown to Christmas (Sorry!) coming soon!

Just wanted to thank my special team of group volunteers who work so hard week in, week out. We couldn't do it without you all! Thank You...



Thank You!

After Christmas we will be starting a new Parenting Course and will need more volunteers for the crèche. If this sounds interesting to you please feel free to contact Sue or Kerry for a chat. It will take place on Tuesday morning's from 10.00 to 12.00. Venue is to be confirmed.

Many thanks,
Kerry and Sue
Sue-07827 295667
Kerry-07827 295642

PARENTING COURSE CRECHE PHOTOS!



3 Steps to easy Fundraising!

Whenever you buy anything online this Christmas - from the perfect gift and novelty socks to your turkey and pantomime tickets - you could be raising a free donation for Home-Start North West Hampshire

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline, and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

- 1. Join** - Go to the following website link :- <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/homestartnwhampshire2> and sign up for free.
- 2. Shop** - Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
- 3. Raise** - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Please help us this Christmas by giving more than a gift - there are no catches or hidden charges and Home-Start North West Hampshire will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support!



Home-Start Christmas Cards now on sale - please contact the office on 01256-405988 if you would like to purchase a pack or 2!
All proceeds go to Home-Start NWH.

Founder Member & Life President of Home-Start UK Margaret Harrison died on August 15th 2015.

Margaret founded the first Home-start Scheme in November 1973. From small beginnings Home-Start has grown to nearly 300 schemes across the UK supporting more than 33,000 families and 70,000 children. The concept has spread to 22 other countries on five continents. An amazing achievement!

Thank You!

In 2015 we have bid farewell to volunteers Mary, Kara, Marian, Joan, Pauline, Judy, Carolyn, Anne and Paula. We thank them for all their efforts in supporting Home-Start North West Hampshire and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Dates for your Diary:

A family service is being held on Sunday 15th November 2015 at St. Stephens Church, Baughurst where Home-Start NWH will receive toys and gifts donated by the congregation - all are welcome to attend!

Our **AGM** is being held on **Wednesday 2nd December 2015** at Dame Mary Fagan House, Basingstoke. Invitations will shortly be sent out to you and we hope you will be able to join us for coffee and cake at 10.30am, prior to the official meeting.

Number Crunching

43

Active home visiting/Group volunteers.

168

Children supported since 1st April 2015.

45

Requests for support received since 1st April 2015.