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Looking Forward, Looking Back



It's that time of year where we tentatively start planning next year's May Fayre. It is also a time to look back and celebrate the achievements of 2011. This year we have been able to support 17 local groups with the funds raised at the May Fayre and Barn Dance (see below for details). This is in addition to the money raised by the 24 charity stalls. But it was also a great local community event with over 2,000 people of all ages having a great time watching the free events, trying out their circus skills, racing on the Space Hoppers, socialising and much, much more.

So looking forward we aim to provide another equally successful event on Sunday 13th May 2012. But that relies on the support of our community: - to help organise the day, to help on the day, to book a stall, advertise in our programme, give a prize, perform in the arena, enter the dog show. If you can help please contact us via the website or contact me at claire.skeates1@virginmedia.com.

BRA looks forward to your continued support in 2012

2011 May Fayre – Making It All Worthwhile

Burghfield Residents Association (BRA) assembled at the CSA to present all of the £4,700 which was made at the May Fayre to the good causes who requested donations. This was the first time BRA had made formal presentations to all groups at the same time and it gave us a chance to meet and greet the wonderful people we have in our area who give up their time to help others. Each of them gave a small speech about what they did and how the money would help them.

We welcomed Peter & Pam Hazelden and Peter & Rosemary Sanders-Rose from the Burghfield branch of the Royal British Legion to accept their cheque. Richard Jackson, Scheme Co-ordinator from the South Central Ambulance Trust also turned up to receive our gift towards kitting out their new local responder. Colin Thompson accepted our contribution towards the upkeep of St. Mary's Church and Reading Girls Football club coach Ricky Evans brought Molly whose under-10s teammates can now wear proper kit.



Natalie Foote receiving a cheque on behalf of Burghfield Charities

Christine Harrison from Mrs. Blands School Gardening club accepted our gift for the purchase of a greenhouse and we gave our help towards the extension of another building, the local scout hut courtesy of Burghfield & Sulhamstead Deputy Chair, Mark Penston. Natalie Foote received her Burghfield Charities donation to help local people in times of poverty. 2402 (Burghfield) Squadron Welfare Fund's Eric Hull & Ian Smith accepted help towards the purchase of radios and Sarah Vallins & Amy Trueman talked about our gift towards the setup of the Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach.

Clare Downey talked of the benefits received by her three organisations: Flying Pigs to provide a bus & driver for two schools in Moldova; Blast Off! for overnight camping for children with learning disabilities; and the Willink school trip to visit the school twinned with theirs in China.

We also made contributions towards Mrs Williams Pre-school permanent building, Jane May's Berkshire Autistic Society and Steph Awbery's Starlight charity which attends to seriously and terminally ill children.

If you want to make your contribution towards causes like these then come along to support the May Fayre at the Hatch Sunday 13th May 2012 or better still, help us prepare for it by contacting one of the telephone numbers on this Newsletter. See you there.



Responders urgently required



Community First Responders are local volunteers trained to answer 999 calls and dispatched along with Ambulance Crews. The service in Burghfield is currently very short of trained responders. Training is quick and easy with a 6 monthly re-qualification check. Please give just a few hours each week or month on a rota. Contact the local SCO: David Gregory on 07 59 59 59 479 or go to <http://www.scas-responders.info/> and look for Burghfield. Please join us – it is very rewarding.

Girls!

Come and play the fastest growing sport in the UK. Reading Girls Football Club, the premier 'Girls Only' club in the area is looking to recruit enthusiastic girls aged 8 to 14 yrs of age who would like to play football. So why not give it a go? Whether experienced or you've never played before! Sessions held on Wednesday from 6pm at Burghfield CSA, James Lane,



Burghfield. RG30 3SR. Tell your friends and don't forget your shin pads, boots, astros and a drink!

For further information contact:
Call: Ian on
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Say 'No' to the Burghfield Highstreet

The Firlands Square Development threatens to destroy



RESIDENTS AGAINST
FIRLANDS SQUARE

Burghfield village as we know it today by turning the rural setting of Hollybush Lane into a 'High Street' and our village into a town. The multi-phase development will begin by building a supermarket the size of Tilehurst Asda opposite the entrance to the Willink Leisure Centre and is likely to be followed by multiple housing developments.

RAFS are a newly formed action group opposed to this development and we need your help:

- Join our distribution list by sending an email to residentsagainstfirlandssquare@yahoo.com
- Discover more at www.rafs.co.uk or visit our facebook page
- Complete and return your Parish Council Questionnaire
- Write in opposition to your MP – John Redwood
- When the application is submitted (if you are on our distribution list or watching our Facebook page then we'll let you know) send a letter of opposition to West Berkshire Council

BRA extends its grateful thanks to

Wellington Country Park * Beale Park * Warings Bakery * Mortimer Pharmacy * Panasonic UK * White Tower Nursery * Burghfield Vets * John Mould * AWE * Mrs Blands Infants & Nursery * The Red Lion * The Fruit Shop from Wellers * Dad's Shop * Thames Water * Tadley Angling * The Old Bell * The Comfort Hotel * Burghfield Post Office & Nisa Local * The Hatchgate * Burghfield Spices * The Six Bells * Village Stores * Co-Op Stores * The Cunning Man * Parkers * Homebase * The Forge Garage * The Horse & Groom * SITA Waste Management * James Cuff * The Fox & Hounds * The Water Palace * Guide Dogs for the Blind Association * St Oswalds Church * St Marys Church * Thames Valley Police * Willink Leisure Centre * Garlands School * Pets in Practise * Waitrose * Budgens * Theale Taxis * Burghfield Methodist Church * Joanna Bevan School of Dancing * Blue Bella * Heavenly Bodies * Kestrel Windows * Phil Prince Carpets * The Bantam * Burghfield St Mary's School * The Aircrew & staff of RAF Odiham * The Old Barn Beauty & Spa Treatments * Davis Tate * Express Clearance * Pinnerton Video Systems * Roselawn Hotel * Graham Spence * RPM Electrical * Gerry Piercy * Burghfield Parish Council * And to all the many people who gave their time and effort so freely to make the Burghfield May Fayre a success.

What's On

- Carols on the Hatch: Saturday 17th December 5.30pm for 6pm
- Quiz Night at CSA: James Lane Friday 3rd February 2012 in aid of BRA
- Barn Dance on the Hatch: Saturday 12th May 2012

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