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CCPS news

Autumn 2009

Welcome to the spring edition of CCPS news. There is much to update you on from the last few months.

AGM update

Please find below a brief summary of the points discussed at the AGM which took place at Oakgrove College on the 5th of May.

- The AGM was not as well attended as in previous years however a range of interested parties from those involved in CCPS were present; committee, parents, drivers, team leaders and helpers.
- Keith Woodcock reported as the new organiser that everything was well underway for the Playscheme 2009 (now passed!) although drivers for the minibuses was an area of concern but hopefully would be resolved [and it was!].
- The numbers of places would, from now on be restricted to the 75 agreed as per the policy on the web site. This was primarily a decision based on safety and manageability on a day to day basis.
- Congratulations were extended to Chris W (CCPS Chairperson & coordinator - not present at AGM) on the birth of their son Zac.
- Ann J [CCPS Treasurer] was unable to attend - her report indicated that funds were healthy and that Mervyn Parker should be thanked for recouping some £4,600+ from the Tax Man!
- Finally some new members were elected onto the committee to represent the Parents – K Parker, D May, A Terry. Jan Hone [Drivers] and Sara Beldam [Nurse] were re-affirmed as co-opted members to offer advice on the specified areas.

Thanks go to..

Becky Batchelor who stood down as Vice-Chair and CCPS Coordinator. Becky was thanked for all her work over the past decade with CCPS. She is setting a similar scheme to CCPS based in Horsham – we wish her luck with this venture. [We have since heard it was successful and will help to serve the northern part of West Sussex].

Nicola Garrett who stood down as CCPS coordinator after many years of service.

CCPS 2009 - summary

Once again the numbers associated with our wonderful playscheme continue to astonish all who come to know us....

- 70 – 75 children per week for 4 weeks from 106 different families,
- Another 23 families with children on the waiting list,
- 163 teenage youngsters willing to give up some of their Summer Holidays to help our special children,
- Around £45 - £50,000 spent to keep the playscheme running for the last year, around £16,000 on Transport alone !!,
- 14 Drivers, 18 Team Leaders, 2 venues, 9 buses, 3 coaches, 2 BBQs,
- ?? the total hours put in by everyone to make playscheme the success it was
- A BIG THANK YOU especially to Sam Fish & Sara Beldam [new Co-ordinators].

WELL DONE TO EVERYBODY INVOLVED !!

CCPS 2010

Summer Playscheme 2010. *

Here are the dates for NEXT YEAR....

- Week 1 - Monday 26th - Friday 30th July [Rydon]
- Week 2 - Monday 2nd - Friday 6th August [Rydon]
- Week 3 - Monday 9th - Friday 13th August [Oakgrove]
- Week 4 - Monday 16th - Friday 20th August [Oakgrove]

Upcoming Fundraising Events..

We are always in need of **FUNDS, FUNDS, FUNDS, FUNDS**, to keep the Playscheme going, so if you can raise some money for us through an event or get CCPS some sponsorship from someone please, please we would be very grateful.

Three EVENTS coming up in the near future are

- Sat 14th Nov – Henfield Xmas Fair**
- Sat 28th Nov – Steyning Xmas Market**
- Sat 28th Nov – Mencap Xmas Fair [Worthing]**

Any help would be greatly appreciated; good, clean unwanted gifts for Henfield and items for our £1 Boxes for the other two venues. (Contact Keith W or Ann J) via the web site.

CCPS IN THE NEWS 2009

I am so grateful for holiday playscheme

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My son has just attended the Chanctonbury Playscheme for children with special needs and disabilities for the past four weeks. I wanted to say a great big thank-you to everyone who is involved with this scheme. My son has thoroughly enjoyed his time there, from swimming to trips out. It has been a big relief to me knowing that he is enjoying himself and socialising with other children.

The minibus drivers are fantastic and so accommodating. This charity fund-raises all year round so they can offer this playscheme to children four weeks of the year.

They have many volunteers, of whom are college students and high school students that give up their time to entertain and look after our children. So a great big thank- you goes out to you, too.

For many of these children that go it is the only playscheme they can attend that is appropriate for their needs. A few years ago, I would dread the summer holidays but now this playscheme has changed that. I know you are all looking forward to a nice break now, but rest assured, you have many children and families out there that are so grateful for what you do and we look forward to next year!

*Lindsey Butterfield
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The mention of this might make the more cynical of us think that there are going to be hoards of teenagers hanging around on the street corners getting up to no good! However not at the Chanctonbury Community Playscheme based in Storrington, West Sussex.

Here around 169 young teenagers have decided to give up some weeks of their summer holidays to help children less fortunate than themselves. The charity CCPS [Chanctonbury Community Playscheme]. started some 32 years ago. seeks to provide up to 4 weeks respite care for 75 disabled children and their parents every summer.

Operating for 2 weeks at Rydon School, Storrington and at Oakgrove College, Durrington for 2 weeks. CCPS lays on a programme of activities for the disabled children, whose ages range from 5 to 19 years, helped by the able-bodied teenagers. Activities range from swimming every day to horse riding, canoeing, farm visits as well as in-house entertainers doing drama and magic.

Organiser Keith Woodcock says that without the young teenagers to help then the scheme could not operate each summer. The scheme costs around £50,000 a year to run so these volunteers, many of whom use the experience of working with the disabled children for educational purposes such as GCSE courses & Duke of Edinburgh Award, provide a very welcome resource for our cash-strapped charity.

The volunteer youngsters come from many of the local schools along the coast from Shoreham College to Durrington School; also the Towers Convent School and Farlington School further away and even help as 'escorts' for the disabled children on the 9 mini-buses used to ferry everyone into the scheme each day between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

Anyone interested in learning more about CCPS can visit the charity's Web Site at www.ccps-sussex.org.uk. Funds are always welcome as is publicity for this very worthwhile cause involving the teenagers of West Sussex.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUCCESS..



Lee Rix won three medals for ten pin bowling at the Special Olympics

DESPITE a last-minute injury, A Rustington sportsman bowled over the competition and left the Special Olympics with a clutch of medals.

Lee Rix, 20, who has Down's Syndrome represented Brighton and Hove with a team from Hove's Grace Eyre Foundation day centre.

Editor's note: Lee had been a CCPS regular for the last 14 years before leaving us in summer 2008.

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CCPS Website

Just a quick note to say that you can find us on the web at <http://www.ccps-sussex.org.uk>. Application forms will not be posted on the site but will be sent out in early 2010. Helper's forms will be available on the site.

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