



Important News

Sherwood Community Association CIO

Our application to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation was accepted by the Charities Commission at the end of August last year, and at the AGM in September members voted to transfer everything from the old SCA to the new Association. Since then the Trustees, Committees and Staff have been working hard to complete all the necessary changes to contracts, policies, finance and all other legal paperwork by the end of the Financial Year in March. This change was advised by the City Council after changes in the Charities Law.

What difference will it make to you, the Groups, Users and General Public of Sherwood? Well we hope any change will be for the better. For example we have more security for our Trustees who are all volunteers and the new status may make it easier to apply for funding and grants.

Apart from that we hope that everyone will still enjoy using our facilities and that we can forge a greater partnership and collaboration between us and other local organisations to further benefit all those who live in the area.

As part of the change we have adopted a new Logo, designed by a member of the Centre, which is shown above.

We felt that this design symbolised the Community Centre in several ways. Firstly there are many trees surrounding the Centre, the logo is bright, colourful and modern, with strong, deep roots, as we, having been established for over 65 years, are looking forward to a bright future. Finally it looks strong with branches spreading out as the Centre is reaching out into the local Community.

TAPATHON 2014

On Sunday 16th November, at 1pm, 68 tap dancers from the Jill Gregory School of Dancing took part in the Tapathon 2014, an annual event taking place in major cities throughout the UK. Held in conjunction with the Performers Project, it is a Nationwide **World Record Attempt** to break the world record for the number of people performing the same dance at the same time in multiple venues to raise money for Children In Need. Refreshments and snacks were available from Christine's Community Café based in the Centre.

I don't think the record has been broken yet, but a Tapathon 2015 is already being planned for this year. Watch out for info from Jill later in the year and why not come and take part.



The dance is suitable for anyone with good co-ordination or who has done Zumba, Line Dance, Latin or other types of dance as well as for Tappers.

Toilet Refurbishment

The refurbishment of the toilets began on Monday 26th January. The current Ladies toilets will become unisex, while the Gents toilets are refurbished. Phase 2 will involve the former Gents becoming unisex



whilst the former Ladies toilets are refurbished. When the work has been completed, the toilets will have swapped sides, the Ladies on the left, the Gents on the right. This is because the former gents is larger and we will be able to install a baby changing unit.

While the work is being carried out, the toilet upstairs, and in the evenings the disabled toilet downstairs, which are unisex, may be used, preferably by Gentlemen.



It is hoped that the work will be completed by 21 March.

MacMillan Coffee Morning 26th September 2014

The Community Centre, together with Christine's Community Café and Care2Quals, held a coffee morning as part of MacMillan's Cancer Support national coffee morning fundraiser. Care2Quals rent offices here and recently delivered some First Aid training to Trustees, The café was enhanced by an outdoor area with a gazebo and tables and chairs. Many people, including playgroup parents and children enjoyed a coffee or tea and cake in return for donations for the charity. A collecting box was also left for a week in the café. The total raised was £180. Thank you to all who helped in any way.



Christmas Fayre

At our Christmas Fayre on 23rd November there was a Craft Market, Book and Cake Stalls, a Family Games Room with old favourites such as Roll-a-Penny, Craft activities and the children's choir from the Dance School sang a selection of carols. Refreshments and snacks were available in Christine's Café. The highlight for many children was a visit to Santa in his beautiful Winter Wonderland Grotto where he was



assisted by some fairies. The option to pay 50p on the day, to see him and choose a chocolate bar was extremely popular.



It was a very enjoyable event which raised £435.76 and thanks go to everyone who helped. Special thanks to Kevin and Alison, and some of the committee members who gave up a lot of their time in preparation for the Fayre. Special thanks also go to members of the Zumba and Reiki classes who volunteered to help out on the Day. Jean from Zumba said,

"I volunteered as I think it is important to support local communities especially when you are using the building yourself. It was good to meet new people and know you were helping. A fun way to spend a free afternoon!"

The afternoon was summed up by another volunteer, "The Christmas Fayre at Sherwood Community Centre was a fantastic day, plenty of stalls to walk around and some workshops for the more crafty minded people. The event was well attended and even had morning faces



coming back in the afternoon. The cafe was always busy and the children singing choir songs was a sheer delight. From the smiles on the faces of the people attending and those on the stalls a enjoyable day was had by all"

FUTURE EVENTS

Storytime with Sprouts

On Friday 20th February at 2pm, Helen from Sprouts is holding an hour of stories, poems and creative fun aimed at the 3 - 8 age group at Christine's Café in the Community Centre.

Why not sit and have a coffee whilst your children enjoy the stories or come along early and have some lunch before it starts. Only £1 per child.



Booking not necessary, just come along but children must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the activities

Jill Gregory School of Dancing presents Lights, Camera, Action

Jill is presenting her new show, which features dances to music from film and film musicals, on

Saturday 7 March 7pm

Sunday 8 March 2pm

Saturday 14 March 7pm

Sunday 14 March 2pm

At Djanogly School Theatre, Sherwood Rise (not the one on the Forest)

Adult Ticket @ £8 each

Under 18 Ticket @ £6 each

Over 65s Ticket @ £6 each



Forms can be picked up at the Community Centre (some in the pigeon hole in reception) or fill in the form on the website, www.jillgregorydancing.co.uk. A form can be emailed or is on the Dance School's **public** Facebook page.

Proceeds will go to various charities. We have previously given to Clic Sargent, Meningitis Trust, Happy Days and of course carried out improvements at Sherwood Community Centre.



Pot Luck Supper

We will be holding another Pot Luck Supper on Saturday 9th May. Places are limited - if interested see office staff for details.

PLEASE WE NEED YOUR HELP

Fundraising affects **everyone** and **every group** in the Centre If you can offer help or join the fundraising committee please contact the office staff 0115 9621153 or the Secretary on 07899938425