



Victoria Centre

Annual Report 2011-2012

Annual Report Cover **2011-2012**

The pictures on the cover are quilt patches which were designed and created by the Women Have a Go Group. These were stitched together to create a Quilt depicting symbols which represent the history of Wellingborough in celebration of the Olympic Games 2012.

The Quilt was sent to the 'Gift of Quilts' project, to make and donate 500 quilts with the object to give a quilt to each country participating in the London Olympics and Paralympics in 2012. The quilt was exhibited at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, where it was voted into the Top 20 of the 500 quilts submitted by the people who viewed the quilt. As a result the Quilt will now be exhibited at the NEC's Twisted Thread, Festival of Quilts in August 2012. After this the Quilt will be given to one of the countries participating in the Games - Nepal.

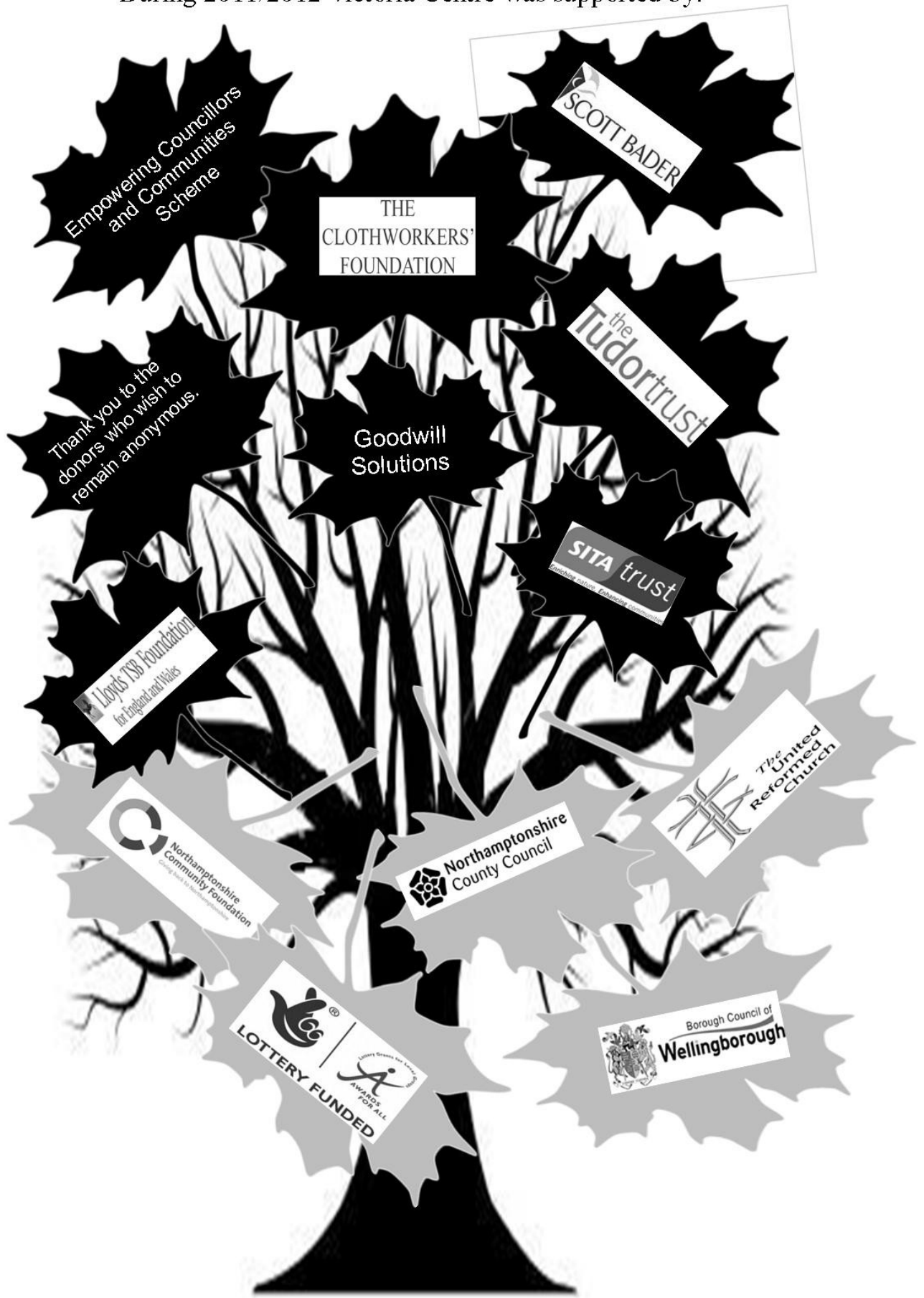
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During 2011/2012 Victoria Centre was supported by:



Members of Management Committee 2011/12

PRESIDENT:	Godric Bader
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CHAIRMAN	Ann Reynolds
VICE-CHAIR:	Cllr Bhupendra Patel
SECRETARY:	Anjona Roy
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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:	Mike Parnell Mollie Spittles Richard Jackson
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	Edeltraud Freund

SENIOR STAFF

Centre Manager	Edeltraud Freund
Childcare /Youthwork Co-ordinator	Jacqueline Clarke (until October 2011)
Centre Coordinator	Katrina Maher

Potted History



Victoria Centre was founded in 1979 by the Wellingborough United Reformed Church and the Community Relations Council (now Northamptonshire Rights & Equality Council) to provide a meeting place for the multi-cultural and multi-faith community of Wellingborough. The URC still meet here for worship on a Sunday and the NREC have their offices with us.

Over the years Victoria Centre has been the 'incubator' for many local community organisations; e.g. Wellingborough Afro-Caribbean Association (WACA), the Hindu Community Centre, Pravasi Mandal (Asian Elders Group), and even 'The Castle' Theatre has its roots in community action at Victoria Centre. They have moved to their own premises and new groups are starting up again. Who knows which community centres will grow out of these new groups?

For those wishing to learn more about the history of the Centre we recommend reading 'The Story of the Victoria Centre' by Mark Steinhardt. Copies are available from the Victoria Centre General Office for £5.00 (£3.00 for members).



At an annual awards ceremony by the Northamptonshire Community Foundation in November 2011, Victoria Centre was presented with the 'Transforming Lives' Award for its work with the local communities.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Being part of the voluntary sector is always a challenge and the past year has certainly proved to be time consuming and challenging for the Manager and staff of the Victoria Centre. Wellingborough Borough Council and Northampton County Council continue to be our main funders to whom we are extremely grateful. There are massive changes in the pipeline relating to NCC funding, these changes will result in the Management Committee and staff working together to take necessary actions to ensure the continued success of the Victoria Centre.

Jacqui Clarke our Childcare/Youthwork Co-ordinator left us to take up another position elsewhere, which led to re-organisation in Childcare.

Sincere thanks go to Edeltraud our Manager and to all the staff of the Victoria Centre for their continued hard work during the past year, thanks also go to the Management Committee for their guidance and commitment.

Whatever the next year brings forth one thing can be guaranteed and that is, that, the Victoria Centre will continue to “incubate” many local community organisations and will also continue to promote diversity and friendliness to people of all cultures.

Ann Reynolds

Chairman

THE VICTORIA CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT 2011/12

Overall the financial performance of Victoria Centre in 2011/12 was a sound one and a small surplus of £2,793 was achieved. This was a good result in a year when all local voluntary organisations were under great financial pressure. Centre income remained static at £242,443, a very good performance; especially as we lost a major tenant, Northamptonshire REC, during the year. Fundraising work during the year was exceptional, raising some £81,000 of which £51,000 was received "within year" and the rest secured to support our activities in 2012/13 and 2103/14. Costs rose by some £10,000 to £239,650 reflecting mainly necessary works on the building and the expenditure of restricted project funds for which dedicated funding had been received in 2010/11.

Achieving even a small surplus in such difficult times was a considerable achievement by Edeltraud and the staff of the Centre in avoiding all unnecessary costs and developing new revenue streams. I thank them for their continued outstanding work. I would also like to thank Brenda Peers-Ross from CVS who continues her invaluable support and advise us on financial matters and our auditors, Trevor Newell and Co for their excellent work with the Victoria Centre.

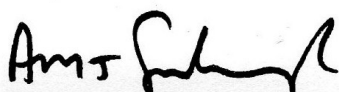
A particular challenge during the year, as identified in previous reports, was the continuing difficult financial position of the children and young people's services. Things did improve somewhat in 2011/12. Tight cost control and improved revenue collection led to a better overall contribution to Centre overheads but the underlying problems remain. The Management Committee is firm in its resolve to continue to provide affordable childcare for families struggling in hard times, and chose to defer increases in charges for children and young people's work. This area will be need continuing work in 2012/13.

The Centre received an annual grant from Wellingborough Borough Council (WBC) of £25,550 while Northamptonshire County Council also provided a grant of £18,023. Core grant now accounts for only 18% of Centre funding and this is rapidly falling as other sources of funds are accessed. Both Councils also contributed strongly towards the costs of specific projects detailed in the accounts. Victoria Centre owes a great debt to both Councils for their continuing exemplary support at a time when they are under intense pressure themselves.

We are also most grateful to our other funders, most notably the Northamptonshire Community Foundation for the "Friendship Group", to the J Paul Getty Trust for support for our vital "New Arrivals" work and the Tudor Trust for a most generous three year funding of our development worker, and to our founder organisations, the United Reformed Church and the Northamptonshire Rights & Equality Council, for their continued support. Thanks are due to our volunteers, whose unpaid work does so much to help the Centre.

On the building side we had a very busy year. The replacement of the failed boiler was a major project, requiring a major fundraising effort which raised over £30,000. We must express our thanks to the many generous people and organisations who helped us at this time of great need. Some wish to remain anonymous but I am able to thank specifically the Clothworkers' Foundation, the Sita Trust, Scott Bader, Councillor Jay Walia, the United Reformed Church, WBC and Goodwill Solutions for their generous help. We also carried out a number of projects to improve the energy efficiency of the building, most notably a suspended ceiling in the Youth wing. This work will do much to help us control our energy costs in the future, and our thanks go to Councillor Bhupendra Patel.

Our plans for 2012 must remain based on firm cost control. Desirable projects can only be undertaken when suitable funding is secured. After year end we secured a most welcome £15,000 for three years from "Children in Need" which will help us continue to work to strengthen the position for our children's and young people's activities. We will also further develop our "new arrivals" activities supported by NCC "Developing Local Communities" funding. The search for new sources of funds will continue and we will engage fully with the new NCC "Prevention" agenda. There can be no doubt that times will remain hard for the voluntary sector but high quality, well documented service delivery to vulnerable people and groups remains a high priority for funders. On that basis Victoria Centre is soundly placed to continue to deliver its mission to local communities.



Centre Manager's Report



Writing the annual report always seems a chore – that is - until you start collating the material and begin to realise and appreciate what a rich year it has been again. A year rich in challenges and joyous events, hopes and disappointment, hard work and fun.

A major challenge was of course the replacement of the Centre's boiler which failed in February 2011. Fundraising continued and we were amazed about the level of support we received not only from major funders but also from members and friends of the Centre who gave money but wanted to remain anonymous. The installers, Sterling, were accustomed to working around activities in a busy place and we would like to thank their staff for their understanding. In February we held a Boiler Celebration as a small sign of appreciation for the practical and monetary support we had received.

One of many joyous events was the unveiling of the Olympic Quilt which the Women Have a Go Group WHAGGs had made. It was displayed in Wellingborough Council Chambers before it went to a national exhibition where it was voted one of the top twenty out of 500 quilts. The quilt will go to Nepal as a present from the Olympics.

We were hoping that the changes in funding systems at Borough Council and County Council would still mean that the Centre was eligible for funding and we worked with both authorities on the consultation process. By the end of the year we knew that we had secured a contract with BCW to deliver services under the 'Support for Deprived and At Risk Communities' theme and NCC funding looked like a possibility.

A major disappointment was when the Northamptonshire Rights and Equalities Council left to move to Northampton in August. Although it makes sense for a countywide organisation to have a central base, the NREC as one of the founder organisations of the Centre had always been an integral part, our aims complemented each other and staff had become firm friends over the years. We wish them all the best. Part of the empty space was very quickly filled by a group of adults with learning disabilities from Social Services, who have enriched the work of the Centre. We also attracted ESOL courses for Eastern Europeans and training sessions for the voluntary sector by the Council of Voluntary Services CVS amongst other activities.

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As part of our community involvement we continued working with the Wellingborough Community Consortium, and the Wellingborough Strategic Partnership to name but two, and we got involved in the consultation for the Bandstand renovations in Castle Fields.

There were changes in staffing: Jacqui Clarke, the Childcare/Youthwork Coordinator left in October 2011 to take up a new post and we wish her well. This was an opportunity for us to pilot a restructuring of childcare and new opportunities for childcare staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who make this Centre what it is: Katrina Maher, Centre Coordinator, Carrie Masters, Fundraising and Development Worker, Juliette Henry, Cleaner, Melody Sibley, Cook, Heiner Waechter, Caretaker, Stephen White, Evening Caretaker, childcare staff who are mentioned elsewhere, Joanna, our office volunteer from Poland, and all the other volunteers too numerous to mention.

The same goes for the members of our Management Committee who again provided guidance and practical support over the year, and Brenda Peers-Ross and her team from Council of Voluntary Services CVS who ensure that our administrative and financial systems are sustainable and efficient.

The highlight of the year was the 'Transforming Lives' award from the Northamptonshire Community Foundation for the Centre's work. We can't really transform lives but we always do our best to create an environment in which people can transform their own lives.

Thank you all for another rich year.

Edeltraud Freund

Project Development and Fundraising



During 2011 -12 I have been continuing work on the Information Centre for New Arrivals, supporting people who are new to the country. This project was funded to the end of December by Lloyds TSB. We have now secured funding from the J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust to continue the project next year.

As many of you may be aware the boiler at the Centre was condemned last winter which meant some speedy fundraising was needed. We were fortunate to receive funding from the Clothworkers' Foundation, Sita Trust, Wellingborough Borough Council, Scott Bader, Empowering Councillors in the Community Fund, the United Reformed Church and also received many donations and money from in-house fundraising. As well as raising funds for the Heating Project, we also secured funding for:

The Victoria Centre Development Project - 3 year funding from the Tudor Trust to pay towards the post and overheads of my post to continue with fundraising and development of the Centre, which has included creating a new website for the Centre if you would like to take a look the address is: www.victoriacentre.btck.co.uk

The Friendship Club received funding from the Northamptonshire Community Foundation to pay for their activities for one year. They also received £250 from the Rotary Club through the Evening Telegraph Competition.

Goodwill Solutions paid for our Playscheme Children to see Peter Pan at the Castle Theatre.

A HUGE thank you to all of our funders and donors for making these projects possible.

And thank you to Edeltraud and Katrina for your support!

Carrie Masters

Project Development Worker

Wellingborough Inter Faith

The Chair's Report 2011/12



It has been yet another good year for the Inter Faith Group. Despite people's busy lives we have regularly had around 50% of the membership of 35 at the monthly meetings and have gained new members during the year. Sadly one of our previous committee members, Mr. Chandavara Vyas, died in June after a relatively short illness. He is greatly missed.

We were well supported at our last AGM when we held a debate on Assisted Suicide. Since then we have had some interesting discussion evenings on subjects such as Peace & Tolerance, Fasting and Love. We also enjoyed speakers on, The story of Jesus in Islam, Epiphany, Spring Festivals, Buddhism and Spiritual Aspects of Monarchy.

The highlights of the year, I guess, were:

Our 'Rhythms of the Heart' event in Inter Faith Week 2011. This event was held in the United Reformed Church and was a wonderful afternoon of musical contributions from different faith communities, adults and children. We are grateful to the Borough Council of Wellingborough for financial support for that event.

The production of our Faith Leaders DVD which was done in conjunction with the Infuse Youth Café Project and consisted of interviews with six faith leaders / representatives, on the themes of our Faith Resource bags. The bags were last year's project, showcased in May 2011. The DVDs have now been added to the bags which are kept in the local library for loan to schools and community groups. We are most grateful to Northamptonshire Community Foundation for securing us a grant from The Constance Francis Charitable Trust to fund this project and provide financial support towards a year of our running costs.

In May 2012 we were approached by Revd David Dean, from St Philips Centre for Study and Engagement in a Multi-faith Society, to do a placement with us for his MA in Interreligious Relations. This was based on our past, present and future.

My thanks go to the committee for their hard work and support this year. Thanks particularly to Carole Stephenson, our Secretary, who is standing down from the post today due to other commitments and to Cheryl Goddard, our Treasurer, who resigned at the last AGM but kindly came back in January when we had not managed to successfully fill the position.

Lastly, on a personal note, it's over 20 years, 22 to be precise, since I began as coordinator, then Chair, of this organisation. I am absolutely committed to Inter Faith ideals so it is a pleasure to be the Chair but a change is well over due and I personally canvassed hard, but unsuccessfully, to find another member willing to stand at our AGM in July. I therefore finally agreed to let my name go forward but made it clear that I won't do so at the next AGM. I am very grateful for all the support I have had over the years and will certainly continue my involvement.

Cynthia Bailey

Victoria Centre Preschool



It has been another busy year in Pre-school with lots of changes; firstly in April 2011 the Centre received funding to have the ceiling lowered and new lighting put into the Preschool. This had two main advantages; retaining heat more efficiently and giving the room better sound quality. The ceiling makes the place more attractive and the lighting has made a real difference to the room.

In July 2011 Emma Bryant (Preschool Assistant) left to go on maternity leave, Emma gave birth to a baby girl named Isla on 7th July 2011 and has just recently returned to work part time.

During the September term in Pre-school our numbers of children had started to increase quite quickly, and it was decided that we would need to employ a fourth member of staff to maintain adult to child ratios. As a result of this we were happy to welcome Mrs Dhani Patel into the Preschool. Dhani was currently employed as bank staff for Afterschool Club, and also covered in Preschool if any staff were away. It was decided that Dhani would assist in Pre-school whilst the numbers of children were increasing. In October 2011 The Childcare and Youth Work Co-ordinator Jacqui Clarke left Victoria Centre and as a result of this a change of management structure was needed. It was decided that Michelle Richardson who was currently Team Leader at the time would take a more managerial role and be responsible for the day to day running of the Preschool.

On Monday 21st November we had a visit from the Mayor Cllr. Bhupendra Patel. His visit to Preschool was to thank him for the generous donation made towards having the new ceiling installed. Indian snacks were made for him to try with the children which they all enjoyed thoroughly.

We now have a Lunch club up and running for Preschool children. It starts from 12.15pm-1.00pm every week-day at a cost of £2.00 per day. Children bring in a healthy packed lunch with them which is proving to be a real success and the money raised is used to replenish Preschool with more resources.

In January 2012 we had a new intake of seven new children which took us up to 18 children in total, with another 7 expected for April 2012 which means that Preschool will be full.

All the Preschool staff hope that next year will be just as much as a success as this year has been.

Team Leader Michelle Richardson
Preschool Assistants:
Lee-Ella Bull
Emma Haska
Emma Bryant

Avenue & Park After School Club



The Avenue and park after school club is held at the Avenue Infants School every Monday to Friday in term time from 3.15pm to 6pm.

The staff include Team Leader, Claire Hopkins, with the support of Terry Onley. We have regular staff of Melody Sibley, Laura Patchett and Dhani Patel. We have around 28 regular members and around 6 children who use us when needed, due to shift patterns etc.

Each day there is available, craft, a Nintendo Wii, footballs and other sports equipment. Also there is access to a laptop and toys including denmaking, dressing up and construction toys. The children also have access to the playground and can use skateboards, rollerblades and when we have a hot day, a paddling pool, which the children love.

This year the group have made their own teddy bears which they stuffed and decorated. The children enjoyed taking them home and showing their parents.

Junior Youth Club



The Junior Youth club is held every Friday in term time from 6.15pm to 8pm.

We have around 24 members who each pay an annual fee and a weekly charge of £1.50.

The young people can enjoy art and crafts, games, sports, a Nintendo Wii, and a chance to chat and hang out with their friends in a safe and comfortable environment.

As well as our weekly activities we have a trip to Wellingborough Laser Maze each half term and, when there is no rain, trips to the local parks both of which are very popular. This year we are planning on taking part in the Wellingborough Carnival in July 2012.

This year we said 'goodbye' to Carole Sebastian and 'hello' to Tracey Tailer, who previously volunteered and is now a regular staff member. We were sad to see Carole leave but welcome Tracey to work, alongside Claire Hopkins and Celandine Greenwood.

Kind Regards
-Claire Hopkins

Out-of-School Activities



A turbulent but ultimately successful year for our Out of School Provision. Victoria Centre runs two after-school clubs for children aged 4 – 11 years old, one at the Centre itself for children from All Saints, Victoria Primary, The Avenue and Park Junior School, the other at The Avenue School for children from Park Junior and The Avenue only. Despite the economic downturn numbers were good in both After-school Clubs and the various playschemes.

Nasima Ahmed was appointed Team Leader in Victoria Centre Out-of-School Activities in summer 2011. When Nasima went on maternity leave in early March 2012 Charlotte West was appointed as maternity cover. Little did we know that soon we would need to find maternity cover for Charlotte as well – possibly one for the Guinness Book of Records?

As always our programme in OSA was varied, based on children's interests and planned by staff. In order to keep our childcare affordable we arranged more playscheme activities which were free, local and easily accessible; e.g. visits to the library, Wellingborough Museum, Irchester Country Park, or Croyland Gardens. Activities at the Centre included crafts, cooking, sports activities, games - with den building being one of the favourites and of course play in the outdoor area – a great addition to our rooms.

A highlight of the 2011 Summer Playscheme was the Environmental Fun Day end of July when we celebrated together with the Friendship Club for the Over 50s the opening of the new suspended ceiling in Pre-school. The Friendship Club members showed us games they used to play when they were young while the children showed them how to play computer games or use the Wii to play tennis. It was great fun to learn from each other.

In October 2011 Jaqui Clarke, our Childcare/Youthwork Coordinator left VC to take up a position elsewhere and we would like to thank her for the work she has put into our childcare. Following a successful pilot it was decided at the beginning of 2012 to separate Out-of-School Activities from Pre-school to make both areas easier to manage. This system is working well.

Working round the contractors for the new heating was a bit of a problem but we managed as they were very helpful and cooperative and we really didn't want to spend another winter without heating.

We would like to thank the staff in Out-of-School Activities who have worked hard to see us through this turbulent year. They were: (in alphabetical order)

Nasima Ahmed, Team Leader VC OSA Emma Bryant Latoya Denton
Celandine Greenwood Michela Iacobucci Naima Haque Claire Hopkins
Sufia Khatun Terry Onley Laura Patchett Dhani Patel Rupal Patel Kelly Rogers
Mona Sayed Melody Sibley Tracy Taylor Charlotte West Team Leader VC OSA (Maternity Cover)

We would also like to thank Victoria Pinney, nee Starmer, our NCC Advisor, who throughout the year provided great help and advice.

ARTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMME



The Arts and Social Programme started in June 2011 with the unveiling of the Wellingborough Quilt created by the "Women Have a Go Group" based at the Centre. This quilt has since been displayed at the NEC in Birmingham and will be presented to Nepal during the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

In July an inter-generational and environmental Fun Day was held involving the Victoria Centre Friendship Club and the Holiday Playscheme. A good time was had by both groups and the Friendship Club pooled all their memories and tips and produced a booklet entitled "Waste not – Want not".

Our eighth year of participating in "Open Studios Northamptonshire" in September saw many art and craft forms being displayed and demonstrated in the Sanctuary and Bailey room and attracted a steady stream of visitors throughout the day who left encouraging comments in the visitors book.

In October, the first of two events this year staged in partnership with Northants Touring Arts saw acoustic roots group "Mambo Jambo" perform in concert at the Centre. This was an evening of music from around the world and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

As part of the fundraising effort in aid of the Centre's Heating and Energy Improvement Project, Kettering Silver Band played an evening of light music in November. Many thanks to the band for their time and support.

February 2012 saw the second NTA collaboration, with a wonderful tale entitled "How to be Glorious". This inspiring play was written and performed by Cat Weatherill and attracted an appreciative audience.

Another year of varied activities at the Centre. The Arts and Social Programme will continue in 2012/13 so please watch for further publicity and information. Better still, why not come along and participate - your support would be greatly appreciated.

Mike Parnell

Arts Programme Volunteer

Friendship Club



This past year, Friendship Group has been exceptionally busy, filling their Wednesday sessions with a variety of captivating talks & activities.

The year brought talks from group members, sharing their holiday, school memories and much more. One inspiring talk from The Royal British Legion, Crazy Hats, people's different faiths and religions and Anita Neal who represented Great Britain in the Olympics!

The group were entertained by foot tapping sing a long sessions, bingo, quizzes, Yoga and delicious strawberry cream teas, bring and buy, creative flower making and handicraft displays and even time to discover the delights of Tony Hewett's owls, which brought so many smiles to the group members faces (and a few feathery cuddles)

In summer 2011 we were asked to share environmentally-friendly ideas from our youth of games, toys, food, sweets and treats. We came up with so many ideas that they were collated by Victoria Centre office staff and made into a booklet called: "Waste Not – Want Not", now available from the General Office for 50p towards the copying cost. This booklet was the basis for a Fun Day in late July when we shared our ideas with the children in the Centre's Summer Play Scheme to celebrate the installation of the suspended ceiling in Pre-school.

In February 2012 we were even invited to share memories of Wellingborough with the writer of the community play "Well.....rough" which was then performed at The Castle theatre in June. It's good to be wanted.

We would like to thank Northamptonshire Community Foundation & Wellingborough Rotary Club for support with funding.

Lunch Club



It has been a good year at the Wednesday Lunch Club. Membership is up, which is great news. There is always room for more, please ask for more details at the General office.

Christmas Lunch was enjoyed by 25 guests for a traditional festive meal. Roast turkey and all the trimmings, followed by Christmas pudding.

At the end of June we celebrated the Queens' Diamond Jubilee with buffet lunch followed by an entertainer, singing songs from days gone by to the present day.
A good time was had by all.

My grateful thanks to the ladies who help me serve, wash up and collect the money. I really appreciate your help.

Monday and Tuesdays we provide a snack lunch, offering a delicious variety of homemade delights from, homemade soup, quiches, jacket potatoes and scrummy cake for dessert, all washed down with a cup of tea or coffee. All this for just £2.30.

Tuesdays numbers are building up nicely, but there is always space for more hungry people. Why not come along, everyone welcome.

Melody Sibley

Short Mat Bowls



The short Mat bowls sessions are now looking very healthy with regular attendance of 10 members.

We enjoy our bowls and find it good fun and above all, social. So if you are bored, retired, or about to retire, why not come along and enjoy yourself?

We do not play seriously, but just to have fun and make new friends. If you have never played bowls before, don't worry there are plenty of us to teach you how to play.

We are at the Victoria Centre every Tuesday mornings between 10am to 12 noon.

The price to play is £2.00 per session, which includes tea, biscuits and a chat. So come along and give it a try. We also supply the bowls for you

Wellingborough United Reformed Church



Dear Friends

Our church meets each Sunday, in the morning at 10.30 at High Street and at the sanctuary in the Victoria Centre on Sunday evenings (except 1st Sunday in the month) - services commence at 6.15pm and last for about an hour.

As I am writing, I remember my young days growing up at the Victoria Congregational Church (now Wellingborough URC) when the now sports/youth hall was the church, the bar and upstairs hall were the Sunday School and both were linked by a slim room now called the Bailey Room. The area below was an outside courtyard where we used to play. This is where the wonderful sanctuary was built in the 1979 conversion. It is a multi-purpose room throughout the week and ideal for us to use both for a large gathering like a united songs of praise or a quiet act of worship by just a few, and we value that very much

Since our report last year, we have been greatly blessed by the arrival of our new minister Revd Martha McInnes. Martha usually leads our service on the fourth Sunday in the month which includes Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to any of our services (entrance via Ranelagh Road car park)

Our church is most appreciative of the daily work that goes on in the Centre and one of our church groups (Mens Fireside) was most impressed after a visit by Edeltraud to one of their meetings.

We are pleased that some of our members play an active part in the management team and we wish you all every blessing in the wonderful work that the centre is doing.

Mike Lawson

Victoria Centre Membership List 2011/2012

Mrs	R	Abram & Family	Mr	MR	Orton
Mrs	N	Ahmed	Mrs	B	Osbourne
Mr	F	Aldwinkle		Our Lady	of the Roman Catholic Church
Mr	G	Bader	Mr & Ms	MS & N	Parnell & Johnson
Mr & Mrs	R	Brown & Family	Mr	L	Parsons
Mrs	C	Bailey	Mrs	D	Patel
Miss	E	Bryant	Mrs	R	Patel
Mrs	L	Bull	Cllr	B	Patel
Mrs	J	Carter	Mrs	J	Paterson
Mrs	P	Cass	Miss	L	Patchett
Mr	J	Clarke	Mrs	J	Prigmore
Mr & Mrs	C&J	Clavey & Family	Mrs	P	Ranby
Mrs	J	Cobb	Mr & Mrs	G & A	Reynolds
		Daylight Centre	Mrs	M	Richardson
Cllr	S	Dholakia	Mr	D	Richbell
Ms	L	Denton	Mrs	K	Rogers
Ms	J	Dixon	Ms	A	Roy
Mrs	C	Ette & Family	Mrs	M	Sayed
Mr & Mrs	R&D	Eveleigh	Mr	A	Scarborough
Mr & Mrs	P&A	Farr	Mrs	S	Scott
Mr & Mrs	D&H	Flower	Ms	C	Sebastian
Mr	A	Foot	Miss	M.A	Sewell
Mrs	E	Freund	Mrs	M	Sibley
		Friendship Club	Rev	J	Slow
Mr	D	Gorman	Ms	M	Spittles
Mr	B	Graham	Mr & Mrs	B & R	Stanbridge
Miss	C	Greenwood			Step by Step
Mrs	G	Harrison	Mr & Mrs	E&T	Stock
Mrs	E	Haska	Mrs	T	Taylor
Ms	N	Haque	Mr	B	Thomas
Ms	J	Henry	Mr	H	Waechter
Mrs	C	Hopkins	Cllr	J	Walia
Mrs	R	Hickson	Mr	L	Warner
Mr & Mrs	S	Holland	Mrs	M	Waudby
Mrs	C	Howell			W'boro Interfaith Group
Mr	M	Hussain	Mrs	C	West
Mrs	M	Lawbucci	Mr	S	White
Mr	R	Jackson	Mr	A	White
Mrs	S	Khatun	Rev	E	Worthy
Cllr	G	Lawman			
Mr	M	Lawson & Family			
Miss	S	Letman			
Ms	K	Lewis			
Mrs	K	Maher			
Miss	F	Mahmood			
Miss	C	Masters			
Ms	M	Matheson			
Mrs	J	Mcdowall			
Miss	P	Nichols			
Mr	MJ	Nicholson			
Mrs	L	Ogden			
Mr	T	Onley			

Victoria Centre User Groups 2011/12

Adult Learning
After School Clubs
Alliance For Black Children
Arabic Saturday School
Body Rocks Dance
Breakfast Club
Brahma Kumaris
CENCUS
Christian Aid
Choices Learning Disabilities Project
Council for Voluntary Sector
Dostiyo
ESOL
Enable
Five Wells Credit Union
Friendship Club
Pastor Mamodu Prayer
GKR Karate
Helen O'Grady-Drama Academy
Holiday Playscheme
Information Centre for New Arrivals
Irish Dance Classes
Junior Youth Club
JHP
Kettering Silver Band
Kick Boxing – PKA
Language Cafe
Learn 2b
Luncheon Clubs
Mears Ashby School
Monday Club
New Testament Church of God
Northampton County Council – various
Northamptonshire PCT – Changing Minds
Northamptonshire Police –various
Northants Touring Arts

Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council
Nene Valley Community Action
NHS Healthcare
NVCAB
Olympus Care
Open Studios
Orchard Block Management Services
Pilates
Polish Community Catholic Church
Polish Saturday School
Pre-school
Seascope Consultancy
Short mat bowls
SHAKHA
Sophia Lannarelli Drama
Step by Step Group
Step by Step Martial Arts
Speak Up English
Sunflower Centre
Summer Lunches
Tai Chi – A Egan
Tenants Association Group
Women Have A Go Group
UNISON
United Reformed Church
University of The Third Age
Ward Councillors Surgeries
Wellingborough Together
Wellingborough Alcoholics Anonymous
Wellingborough Borough Council
Wellingborough Shakha
Wellingborough Homes
Wellingborough Voluntary and Community Sector Forum
Wellingborough Women's Aid
Wellingborough Inter Faith Group
Zumba – M Bailey

Victoria Centre has supported and encouraged the following organisations/factors by displaying and distributing their information material for local networking

- Active Ageing
- Adult Learning - ESOL
- African Caribbean Day Care Centre
- Age Concern
- All Hallows Church
- All Saints Church
- Alzheimer's Society
- Arts Council England
- Boost Training
- Borough Council of Wellingborough -various
- Brahma Kumaris
- Bridges – Roots festival
- British Heart Foundation
- Careers Development Group
- Cats Protection League
- Chefs in Training
- Chichele College
- Churches - various
- CICT – Training
- Connexions - Youth Support Service
- Council for Ethnic Minority Communities-CEMC
- Crazyhats Breast Cancer Appeal
- Criminal Justice Board
- Dance 4
- Daylight Centre Fellowship
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Doddridge Centre
- Dostiyó
- Female Genital Mutilation Northants
- Finedon Independent Wesleyan Chapel
- Fire and Rescue Service
- First Click
- Friars School
- Great Park St Methodist Church
- Guide dogs for the Blind
- Healthy Walks
- Help The Aged
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Highfield Children's Centre
- Hindu Community Centre
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Improving Your Patch Awards
- Marie Curie Cancer Care
- Masonic Housing Association
- Mayor's Charity
- Migraine Action
- Millennium Volunteers
- Mind
- Muslim Youth Helpline
- Nationwide Community & Heritage Awards
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Nene Valley Community Action
- Next Step
- Northampton Association of Youth Club
- Northamptonshire Black History Association
- Northamptonshire Community Foundation
- Northamptonshire County Council - various services
- Northamptonshire Criminal Justice Board
- Northamptonshire Heartlands - Keep warm, well and safe
- Northamptonshire Hindu Samaj
- Northamptonshire Library
- Northamptonshire Link
- Northamptonshire Male Voice Choir
- Northamptonshire NHS
- Northamptonshire Orchestral Winds
- Northamptonshire Police Authority Northampton
- Northamptonshire Speakers Circle
- Northamptonshire Racial Equality Council
- Northamptonshire rights & equality council
- Northamptonshire Sport
- Northamptonshire Touring Arts
- Northamptonshire Waste Partnership
- Northamptonshire Women's Network
- Northants Association for the Blind
- Northants Community Sports Network
- Northants Fifty + Network
- Northants Trade Union Council
- Office of Fair Trading
- People's Dispensary for sick animals-PDSA
- Physically Disabled & Able-Bodied (Phab)
- Polish Society
- Pravasi Mandal
- Redwell Leisure Centre
- Serve, Rushden
- Service 6
- Sickle Cell & Lupus Support Group
- Sir Christopher Hatton
- Sofa Wise – Charity
- St Mary's Church
- Stage Coach
- Step By Step
- The Castle Theatre
- The Core at Corby
- The Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal
- The University of the Third Age
- UJAAS Arts
- University College Northampton - Further Learning
- University of Leicester - Lifelong Learning
- Victim Support
- Warwickshire & Northants Air Ambulance
- Wellingborough African Caribbean Association
- Wellingborough Black Consortium
- Wellingborough Borough Council – various events
- Wellingborough Boys Brigade - Deliveries of Xmas Cards
- Wellingborough Homes Tenants Resource Centre
- Wellingborough Interfaith Project
- Wellingborough Museum NN8 1XB
- Wellingborough Partnership
- Wellingborough Rose Recruitment Events
- Wellingborough tenant action group
- Wellingborough Town Football Club
- Wellingborough United Reformed Church
- Wellingborough Voluntary & Community Sector
- Wellingborough Volunteer Centre
- Women's Aid
- Word Works – Wellingborough Library
- Wrenn School
- Zindagi – life skills

Irchester Country Park
JHP employability
Kettering Embroiderers Guild
Learn Today
Lions Life Line
LSC - Learning & Skills Council
Macmillan Cancer Relief

Royal and Derngate Theatres
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to
Animals
Salem Hall
Samaritans
Samay
Save the Children