

Harborough District Sports and Activity Alliance (HDSAA) Newsletter No. 4 October 2006

The aim of the HDSAA is to make sport and active recreation accessible for all people throughout the Harborough District enabling them to fulfil their potential through sport and physical activity

Thrill and Chill

August 12th 2006

The Satellite Centre in Market Harborough's Welland Park was the venue for the first 'Thrill and Chill Extreme Sports Day'. Over 60 youngsters signed up to take part in activities with even more attending. Skateboarding, BMX bikes, Graffiti Wall, Go Carting, Archery, Rodeo Bull Riding and Circus Skills were among the activities.

The Satellite Centre, Harborough District Council and the HDSAA intend to make this an annual event and Rachel Kind is already starting to plan next year's event. If you would like to get involved Rachel Kind (Children's Services Manager) on 01858 821266 or r.kind@harborough.gov.uk

Welland Park Sports Day

August 19th 2006

A number of Sports clubs from across the District were invited Welland Park to promote Football, Rugby, Tennis, Baton Twirling, Fencing, Inline skating, Cycling, and Table Tennis. Over 200 young people and some adults took part in the activities with some clubs picking up new members as a result. Cycling and Rugby had 70 participants. The weather stayed fair and many parents observed a frenzy of sporting activity during the afternoon. Once again the HDSAA intend to make this an annual event and intend to extend it next year to include a similar event in Lutterworth as well as Market Harborough. Provisional dates of June 30th and July 7th have been allocated.

Thanks to Ineke Ward, Jayne Wisely and Andrew Watson for their commitment to the Thrill n Chill and the Sports Day.

Scatch Project

Market Harborough recently staged a football project, ran by Leicestershire Youth Offending Service. The SCRATCH project saw teams of young people who either have offended or who were assessed as being at risk of offending, train together over a week on Welland Park. As well as daily penalty shootout competitions, the project culminated in a football tournament where teams from across the County and City competed in 5-aside match games. The tournament attracted a new Market Harborough 5 a-side team who will now compete in a new league, set up due to the success of the project.

HDSAA Coaches Scholarship Fund

The first allocation of these funds was made in early October and more applications are welcome.

This fund has been developed to assist local sports coaches and instructors broaden their knowledge and gain appropriate qualifications, whilst also encouraging new volunteers into sports coaching. In turn this will hopefully improve the quality experience of people receiving sport coaching in the Harborough District whilst contributing to the development of coaches in the local area. For further details contact Jayne Wisely on (01858) 821288 or email j.wisely@harborough.gov.uk

GP Referral Active Lifestyle Scheme and Healthy Walking

Healthy Harborough Walks Update:

Dates for your diary:

- First aid training for walk leaders. Thursday 2nd November, 7pm – 9pm Market Harborough Congregational Church in the Langton Room (Please book with Jo Elliott by October 19th).
- Refresher course for walk leaders. Thursday 16th November, 10am – 12pm Welland Park Café.
- Walk leader training. Friday 17th November, 10am – 2.30pm Satellite Centre, Market Harborough (Lunch provided!).

Walking Scheme Evaluation:

The scheme is about to be evaluated and any suggestions about this will be gratefully received. A questionnaire for walkers and leaders is being planned.

For further information please contact:

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Harborough Mail Sports Awards 2006

The HDSAA is to sponsor an award at the forthcoming Sports Award the category will be open for nominations. The award is to recognise an individual who has had a significant influence on sport in the Harborough area. They may have helped increase participation at a club, created a school/club link or started a new club. The nomination form is in the Harbough Mail.

Blaby and Harborough School Sports Partnership

A number of forthcoming school activities have been announced by Ruth Mann

Gymnastics

Three gymnastics support sessions have been held in primary schools, a competition will be held at Corby Gym Club on March 20th 2007. The long term aim is to work with British Gymnastics to link to Market Harborough Gym Club as a high quality club for young people.

Girl Force

An event is to take place at Loughborough University on the 19th/20th October 2006 looking at participation of girls in physical activity, body image and health, training older girls to work as mentors to younger pupils.

Lottery bid successful

A successful lottery bid has resulted in a range of Out of School Activities to be developed over the coming 12 months, working with target groups of young people who currently don't participate. Activities will include SAQ training and a multi-skills coach to develop fundamental movement skills, huff and puff training for lunchtime supervisors, In-line hockey for disaffected boys, school dance sessions for girls and a Special Educational Needs SAQ award.

Leadership

Three leadership programmes for students across age ranges are to be developed, including Step into Sport, Young Leaders Award and a 'Super Leaders Project'.

Skipping

Welland Park Community College will host the Jump Rope for Heart skipping training on 23rd November 4-6pm open to all schools to attend.

Young Ambassadors

Three young students have been selected as 2012 Young Ambassadors. Their roles will be to promote the benefits of participation in sport and the Olympic ideals to other young people.

Top up Swimming

From 2007 a programme of swimming activities for Year 6 students not achieving 25m will be developed with primary schools.

Rugby

From November an RFU Community Rugby Coach will be available to work in schools free of charge- in curriculum or after school.

If you would like more details on any of the above projects please contact Ruth Mann Countesthorpe Community College, 0116 277 1555, r.mann@countesthorpe.leics.sch.uk

School Sport participation (PESCCL)

All schools have recently completed a questionnaire as part of the government's PE, School Sport and Club Links strategy, measuring participation in PE & school sport. A few highlights are listed below:

- Pupils participating in 2hrs of school sport have risen from 51% to 67% in the last year. (Schools in the Welland Park family have achieved 77% and Kibworth 92%).
- Competitive activities within schools have risen from 20% to 61%.
- All schools hold a sports day during the year
- Pupils competing in inter school competition during the year has risen from 24% to 39%.
- School club links have risen from an average of 3.35 links per school to 5.96
- Pupils participating in a community dance, sport or multi-skills club in the last year has risen from 7% to 24%
- Pupils involved in volunteering and leadership in school sport has risen from 0% to 2%

Job Opportunities

Sports Development Officer - Harborough District Council (£23,175 - £24,708) The primary responsibilities of the position will be to: -

- To extend and improve the opportunities to participate, and develop in sport across the district
- Play a key role in the development of the Local Sports Alliance.
- Promote and monitor the work of the Physical Activity programme throughout the District, ensuring that specific targets of increasing physical activity are met.
- To provide advice and assistance to voluntary organisations and public bodies to increase / improve sports provision.

Closing dates for applications is noon 18 October 2006, details can be obtained by contacting the District Council Jobline on 01858 821300

Physical Activity Co-ordinators (Harborough) – Mariann Boyle has been appointed to this post, and is due to commence duties in November.

Her job will involve increasing the levels of physical activity amongst non participant adult groups through direct delivery and partnership working with voluntary and statutory agencies.

HDSAA Sports and Bursary Grants

Recent grants have been awarded to

- James Ward (Welland Valley Archers)
- Elizabeth Longhill (Leicester City Swimming Club)
- Michael Wood Sailing (Lutterworth Grammar School)
- Nicholas Daley (Lutterworth Harriers Basketball)

Community Sports Club News

Harborough Town FC

Now inclusive of Junior (boys and girls), Youth, Senior and Veteran sections – are proud to confirm that they have recently achieved FA Charter Standard Community Club status which is the highest accolade currently available and recognises best practice, on-going development and positive impact within the local Community.

The club has been providing quality football in the community for over 30 years and are well established at their Northampton Road ground which currently accommodates 20 teams playing regular league football and has a playing membership now approaching 300 with around 90% of those being aged under 18.

Former players have included Richard Stearman (Leicester City FC + England), Chris Carruthers (Northampton Town FC, Bristol Rovers FC + England) and Martin Johnson (Leicester Tigers FC, England + British Lions). The club has also over recent years seen a number of players move into Centre of Excellence and Elite squads at local Professional Clubs.

To find out more information about joining the Club please contact Tony Passingham on 07738-933745.

If you have some news that you would like to include in the next copy of the newsletter, please forward information to Jayne Wisely (01858) 821288, or j.wisely@harborough.gov.uk by Friday 1st December