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HESTERS WAY  
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West Cheltenham's  
FREE magazine  
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# Viewpoint Magazine

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Easter

The **Viewpoint magazine** is distributed throughout the local area via schools, shops, community centres and other outlets happy to stock them. We also have a door to door service provided by volunteers. We attempt to offer as broad a coverage of the local area as our resources allow. If you would like to help us with distribution, even if its only to your street, please let us know and we will supply copies. Thanks!

If you would like a copy of our **Local Directory** listing all that goes on in the West of Cheltenham please let us know. Free copies can be picked up at Hesters Way and Springbank Community Centres and an online version of the magazine and the new map can be downloaded at

[www.hwpartnership.org.uk/](http://www.hwpartnership.org.uk/) or contact the Hesters Way Partnership office:

01242 575638 / 228262 [jennyperkin@hwpartnership.org.uk](mailto:jennyperkin@hwpartnership.org.uk)

We at **Hesters Way Partnership** (HWP) are keeping the West Cheltenham residents up to date with all that's best in the area. We will happily visit your event, promote your new project or give you a little extra publicity if you are strengthening our community.

## Highlights of the Spring 2016 issue;

**Easter Eggstravaganza 12th MARCH;** See details of this year's Easter Eggstravaganza to be held at Hesters Way and St Marks Community Centre on Brooklyn Road (p16/17).

**Neighbourhood Development Plan;** Have your say on the future development of West Cheltenham from housing and transport to business and parks (p3/4).

**Springbank Easter Fair 28th MARCH;** See the details of the annual Easter Fair at Springbank Community Resource Centre on page 25.

**HAYDEN LANE ALLOTMENTS ON OFFER;** If you've got green fingers and fancy growing some veg for the summer see details on page 7.

**OASIS ACTIVITIES;** There are lots of activities on offer at the Oasis Centre on Coronation Square. See page 27 for a full list of fun activities.

**IT DROP IN for FREE;** If you'd like to brush up on your computer skills and need some one to one help try the drop in at Hesters Way Community Centre see page 29 for details.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOP;** There are lots of great bargains to be found at the Hesters Well Neighbourhood shop; see page 30 for all you need to know.

The views and opinions expressed within Viewpoint are not necessarily those of the Hesters Way Partnership.

The Hesters Way Partnership is helping to develop a **Neighbourhood Development Plan** and needs the help of community volunteers to make it happen. If you are interested in shaping the future of West Cheltenham and have some spare time to offer why not join in. We already have 26 keen local people signed up for the forum but the more the merrier!.

For details see page 3 and 4 opposite or see the presentation or video on line at;  
[www.hwpartnership.org.uk/neighbourhoodplan.html](http://www.hwpartnership.org.uk/neighbourhoodplan.html)

# NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The first meeting of the **Neighbourhood Development Forum** took place on 10th February with 20 local residents discussing the first phases of the plan. The introductory meeting facilitated by Andy Hayes of the Hesters Way Partnership teased out some of the key features which will shape how the plan works.

Those attending had to come up with a constitution document **for guiding the plan's future development**. This included agreeing the area that the plan focusses on and its main aims and objectives.

All participants were given the chance to influence the **boundaries of the area** and good arguments were put forward for the boundary to follow the main roads (Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester Road), the river Chelt, the Honeybourne line or main railway line. Some debate involved the inclusion of the Moors estate and Benhall too.

The boundary suggestions were drawn up on maps provided and a consensus will have to be reached before the forum can proceed.

The group then cast its eyes over the suggested aims and objectives documents prepared for the meeting. Most people agreed that the plan should deal with;



- the **social, economic and environmental well-being** of West Cheltenham
  - **allocating sites for business, retail and housing development** including affordable housing
  - solutions for **transport, traffic and parking issues**
  - plans to **mitigate against the effects of climate change**
- **protection for existing buildings/areas of note** and worth
  - **support for local businesses, schools and community spaces** such as libraries, community centres and public facilities
  - **protection of green spaces** and bringing environmental benefits to the area.

We will need to **involve as many residents, local workers and local businesses** in the process as possible and **attract wide support** for the plan so if you'd like to get involved why not come along to the meetings or give us a call.

The next **FORUM MEETING** at;

**Hesters Way Community Centre** on **Wednesday 13th April at 5.30—7pm**

so if you'd like to join up and come along please call us on **01242 228262** or email [jennyperkin@hwpartnership.org.uk](mailto:jennyperkin@hwpartnership.org.uk) or see [www.hwpartnership.org.uk/neighbourhoodplan.html](http://www.hwpartnership.org.uk/neighbourhoodplan.html)



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Contact us to find out more about your children coming play at Desirable Childcare

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### Puddles Nursery

Hesters Way Community Resource Centre  
Cassin Drive, Princess Elizabeth Way  
Cheltenham, Glos GL51 7SU  
Tel: 01242 527545

### Giggles Nursery

Springbank Community Resource Centre  
Springbank Way, Springbank  
Cheltenham, Glos GL51 0LG  
Tel: 01242 574511

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# FUNDING FAIR

**GAVCA Funding Fair – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at the Pavilion, Cheltenham.**

Meet local and national funders - *Big Lottery, Children in Need, Heritage Lottery Fund, Peter Lang Trust, Summerfield Charitable Trust, Gloucestershire Environmental Trust, Active Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire Disability Fund, Barnwood Trust* and many more..... develop your funding skills by booking onto the workshops: *The fundamentals of fundraising, how to identify the need for your service/project, presentation skills for fundraisers or demonstrating the value and impact of volunteering.*

**Bookings are now being taken [www.gavca.org.uk](http://www.gavca.org.uk)**



# Free Health Walks



WEEKLY FROM:

Hesters Way Resource Centre; Tuesdays at 10.30am

Springbank Resource Centre; Thursdays at 10.30am. **Drinks available!**



For further details contact the  
Healthy Lifestyles Office on  
01242 775202 or  
[www.cheltenhamtrust.org.uk](http://www.cheltenhamtrust.org.uk)



## Sport, Play & Healthy Lifestyles Team



We deliver a range of community based activities across Cheltenham, including;

**Walking football  
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StreetGames  
Plus many more...**

To contact the team about these, or any other programmes we deliver;

Tel: **01242 774740**

Email: [sportsdevelopment@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@cheltenhamtrust.org.uk)

Web: [www.cheltenhamtrust.org.uk](http://www.cheltenhamtrust.org.uk)

The Cheltenham Trust is a charity dedicated to enriching the lives of residents and visitors through art, culture, heritage, sport, play and performance.



# ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE in Hayden Lane

**C**heltenham Borough Council is advertising vacant plots on two allotment sites, as waiting lists across the borough continue to shrink. The Hayden Road site is in the north of the town has plots available immediately for Cheltenham residents looking to 'grow their own'.



'This is a great time of year to take on a plot' says allotment officer, Fiona Warin. 'There is still time to clear and prepare the ground before the start of the main growing season.'



She adds that 'some people may have been put off applying in the past, due to the long wait for a plot. We would encourage anyone who is interested to get in touch, as they could get a plot straight away'.

Across the country, other authorities are reporting a drop in allotment demand. It has been suggested that the decline in the number of television programmes dedicated to food-growing and allotment gardening may be a factor. However, those with allotments are as enthusiastic as ever, with one tenant at Hayden Road describing her site as 'the best place in the world to spend time, get fresh air, get fitter, grow amazing food and invite friends for a cuppa'.

Waiting lists in the south of the borough are also falling fast but current applicants might expect to wait a year or more, particularly for the sites with a low rate of plot turnover. Those interested in applying for a plot can go [cheltenham.gov.uk](http://cheltenham.gov.uk) and fill in an application form.

## Governors Required

**Hesters Way Primary School are looking for a person with accountancy or finance or business or management skills (or all of these!) who is linked to the area, to join its board of governors.**

This is an excellent opportunity to make a big contribution to the area by supporting the children at the school and through them the community. We are a "good" school according to Ofsted but we have outstanding pastoral care and placing within the community. For the person who wants to make a difference, this is a rewarding opportunity.

If you or anyone you know may be interested please contact Jill Hulley. Email: [jillchamberlain@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillchamberlain@hotmail.co.uk)



**HESTER'S WAY**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# HESTERS WAY FINALISTS IN POLICE SCHOOLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

On Friday 25th September 2015, Gloucestershire Constabulary organised a football competition for schools in Tewkesbury and Cheltenham for children aged 10-11 years old.

The event was sponsored by 'Gloucestershire Community Foundation' and was held at Balcarras School. Each team were given their own individual coloured t-shirts to wear with the logo 'one game, one community'.



Each match was ten minutes long and every match was played in a good spirit. Both groups were tightly fought and the top two places were not decided until the last group matches were played.

In the first semi-final, St Gregorys played Shurdington. St Gregs, successfully secured their way into the final in a close fought match. In the other semi-final, unbeaten Oakwood played Hesters Way School in a much tighter match. **Hesters Way won the close fought encounter 1-0 and went through to the final.**

The final was an intriguing affair - St Gregs finished top of their group. However, Hesters Way had beaten St Gregs in the group match, so the final was set to be an interesting and finely balanced encounter. Hesters Way played well and tried very hard, but St Gregs proved too strong and were worthy winners of the 2015 Community Cup.

Winners and runners up, as well as all those participating, received medals and certificates. Furthermore, each team was awarded a sportsmanship mark (out of 10) after each match during the group stages. After all the group matches were played, two teams were joint top - Gloucester Road School and Oakwood School. Both teams received the 'Sportsmanship Trophy' after displaying excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament.



PCSO Wayne Lippett of Cheltenham Neighbourhood Policing said:

*"This Community Cup has been a great success over the years all schools thoroughly enjoyed it and hopefully next year the competition will be just as exciting."*



## ANDREA'S FRESH CHALLENGE LEADS TO A CHANGE OF CAREER



Andrea who attended the Forwards Work Club was interviewed by Action on Disability and Work UK....

Over recent months we have been working with Andrea to provide advice on her work situation and discuss options for a change of career and we're delighted to hear that she has just started a new job.

This year, Andrea says, "I made a decision to have a new challenge and I applied for a role with PING (Physical Inclusion Network Gloucester) as an Expert by Experience Quality Checker. I've recently started in my new job, which is an opportunity to use my own experience in a different capacity."

**PING is commissioned by Gloucestershire County Council to carry out quality checks at residential homes and supported living settings across the county.** These checks are to ensure that disabled people who live in these settings are safe, healthy and

happy and that the care they receive is appropriate to their needs.

PING has an excellent policy of ensuring that these checks are peer-led, which means that someone with experience of a long term health condition or impairment will talk to people during these checks and put their findings into the final report. Over the summer, Andrea attended the Forwards Job Club in Cheltenham, which she found very helpful and it was through the job club that she heard about the advertisement for the Expert by Experience job and decided to apply.

Vicci Livingstone-Thompson, PING's Managing Director told us: *'At PING it is really important that we are run by disabled people for disabled people. We are thrilled to have Andrea on the team as she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the quality checking work that we do, along with a fantastic, friendly personality. We feel very lucky to have found Andrea and I know that she will make a real difference to the people we work with.'*

At the moment Andrea says it's a busy time, as she's training up for the new role and there's lots to take in. She's also combining it with a voluntary position as a member of the Advisory Board of the National Star College in Cheltenham. She attended the college herself as a student in the 1980's and being on the board is again an opportunity to share her experience and contribute to the lives of other disabled people.



For more information call 0844 445 7123 or visit [www.adwuk.org](http://www.adwuk.org)




..... with West Cheltenham Churches this year.

## St Mark

**St Mark. Church Road. Cheltenham. GL51 7AL**

[www.stmarkonline.org](http://www.stmarkonline.org)

 St Mark Church, Cheltenham





Sunday 20th March	10:30am	Palm Sunday Service with the Bishop of Gloucester, Right Revd Rachel Treweek
Friday 25th March	10:30am	Good Friday Family Service
Sunday 27th March	10:30am	Easter Day Morning Praise

## St Aidan & St Silas

**St Aidan & St Silas, The Oasis Centre,**

**Cassin Drive, Cheltenham, GL51 7SY**

 St Aidan and St Silas  @staidan&stsilas




Sunday 20th March	10:30am	Palm Sunday Morning Praise
Thursday 24th March	7:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service with Informal Communion and Passover Meal
Friday 25th March	10:30am	All Age Good Friday Service
	11:30am	Open air service on Coronation Square
Saturday 26th March	7pm	Easter Eve Vigil starting on the St. Aidan site with fire & lighting The Paschal candle
Sunday 27th March	10:30am	All Age Service



**St Barnabas. Orchard Wav. Cheltenham. GL51 7JY**

[www.stbarnabas.wctm.org.uk](http://www.stbarnabas.wctm.org.uk)

 St Barnabas Church, Cheltenham



Sunday 20th March	10:30am	Palm Sunday Morning Worship
Thursday 24th March	7:30pm	'Last Supper' Reflective Holy Communion
Friday 25th March	10:30am	All Age Worship
Sunday 27th March	10:30am	All Age Easter Service with Baptisms and Holy Communion

**WEST CHELTENHAM TEAM MINISTRY**

Contact all Churches through the Parish Office - 01242 580022, [parish.admin@stmarkonline.org](mailto:parish.admin@stmarkonline.org)

# Pate's Pupils Work for the Community

Over the past year, **Pate's Grammar School's Community Committee** has been busy getting involved with weekly volunteering and events in and around the local area.

Last July, our Committee of thirteen Year 13 students invited mothers and their children to a summer picnic held at Pate's as part of our work with the **Family Space** charity. Family Space works to provide a break for parents and gives them a fun and supportive environment for themselves and their children to go to. It was therefore lovely to see the youngsters come and get stuck in with some arts and crafts, treasure hunts and games.

In addition to working with Family Space, the Community Committee promoted and organised the collection of food for **CCP's 'Hamper Scamper'** at Christmas. The Hamper Scamper scheme provides gifts and hampers for some of the county's most disadvantaged children, young people, families and vulnerable adults.

As well as organising events, the Committee runs weekly volunteering opportunities for Year 12 students. We have been delighted to continue our **'Reading with Children'** scheme this year. Within this, students from Pate's spend time with local primary school children each week to help support their literacy skills. The schools we work with include Springbank, St. Thomas More, Hester's Way, St. Mark's and Rowanfield. Our sixth-formers find this to be a very rewarding experience and it is wonderful to see the children gaining confidence in their reading.

We have also continued our volunteering opportunities for Year 12s at Monkscroft care home. The students support our local elderly residents through several mediums, including musical performances, craft workshops, reading books, and just being there as someone for the residents to talk to.

The Community Committee has had a great year so far, and we hope to continue to develop new relationships and further existing links with our local community in the next few months. Written by Hannah Castle, Year 13



# What's happening on 5 May 2016?

## Cheltenham Borough Council elections

- Voting for half of the Borough Councillors

## Police & Crime Commissioner election

- Voting for the Police & Crime commissioner

### If you're not registered, you won't have a say!

Your say won't be taken into account when important decisions are made and your credit rating may suffer.

To register to vote, go to:

**[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)**

To download an application for a postal or proxy vote, go to:

**[www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)**



- Last day to apply to register: **18 April**
- Last day to apply for a postal vote: **5pm on 19 April**
- Last day to apply for a proxy vote: **5pm on 26 April**

If you don't have access to the internet, you can contact the office using the details below.

☎ 01242 264132    ✉ [elections@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cheltenham.gov.uk)  
[www.cheltenham.gov.uk/elections](http://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/elections)

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BOROUGH COUNCIL

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# Springbank Surgery

## The West Cheltenham Practice

## Providing NHS Services

- ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS FOR NHS CARE
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- EXPERIENCED LOCAL GP's
- MODERN PREMISES WITH FREE PARKING
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### Open Times:

Monday to Friday 8.00 am - 6.30pm

Register on our website or call our practice number  
[www.springbank-surgery.nhs.uk](http://www.springbank-surgery.nhs.uk)



Tel : **01242 507111**

Springbank Community Resource Centre  
Springbank Way, Springbank Cheltenham, GL51 0LG



# Cheltenham Neighbourhood Policing Team

## Mobile devices allow police officers to spend more time in their communities

Over 800 police officers in Gloucestershire Constabulary are now using new mobile devices to promote a more effective and efficient way of working.

The Samsung Galaxy Note 4 devices, which were introduced across the force area in July 2015, have enabled officers to remain on the beat rather than travel back to police stations to complete paperwork and tasks on computers.

The project, involving over £2 million of investment, means that around 80% to 90% of work that officers were previously completing in an office will eventually be carried out within the community on the touch screen devices. This includes taking statements, issuing vehicle tickets, monitoring emails, arranging calendar appointments, updating incident logs and filling in stop and search forms. Many of the applications have proved vital, such as Google translator when liaising with members of the public who have little or no English. Several

more useful programmes will be introduced onto the devices in the coming months.

Over 20 large retail outlets have agreed to actively promote officers to use their public facilities. The outlets, including Sainsbury's and Tesco stores across Gloucestershire, are highly supportive of officers using their cafes and restaurants to carry out work on the mobile devices.

Local PCSO Wayne Lippett was one of the officers selected to trial the devices on behalf of the constabulary.

Chief Inspector Neil Smith of Local Policing said: "I think it's one of the greatest practices we've ever introduced and will allow our officers to give the very best service to our communities."



## Protect your home from burglars

Reducing the number of dwelling burglaries is one of our strategic objectives. Your local team have been working hard to achieve this. Officers are using local intelligence to apprehend offenders and help residents to protect their homes from burglary.



In recent months in the local area, sheds and garages have been targeted by burglars with door locks being forced.

To make it difficult for burglars to target your home:

- consider installing a good quality burglar alarm to your property
- use low level dusk-to-dawn lighting around the outside of your home
- consider using prickly plants as boundaries; criminals do not like climbing through prickly plants and hedges
- consider installing a crunchy gravel driveway; they are a good deterrent as thieves do not like to be heard
- protect your shed - install metal grilles over windows, reinforce hinges and invest in a good lock
- consider securing valuable items inside your shed or garage using security cables or chains with robust padlocks
- keep boundary fences and hedges at the front of your property low to allow as much natural surveillance as possible from neighbours, passing pedestrians and traffic
- have a secure boundary at the back garden
- security-mark garden furniture and ornaments and secure them with bolts or fix them to a concrete base with metal pins
- secure expensive plants in the ground with wire and pegs around the root ball

Please assist us by reporting any suspicious activity via the **101** telephone number, or by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

For further information on protecting your home, please visit our website at [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

### Useful numbers

Gloucestershire Constabulary  
999 In an emergency  
101 for non-urgent matters  
[www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

Neighbourhood Watch  
[www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

Crime stoppers  
0800 555 111  
[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Secured by Design  
[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

Sold secured  
[www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)

Hesters Way Partnership presents;

# EAST EGGSTRAVA

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March 11-1pm

St Marks Community Centre

## Activities planned

Art and craft, charity stalls, face painting, cakes, refreshments, sports and games, fire engine, tombola, Neighbourhood Watch, Scouts bbq, obstacle bridge, egg hunt, police vehicle, free prize draw and more!!

**Bring your bike for free tune up at the Bike Hub**

For information contact [jennyperkin@](mailto:jennyperkin@)



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# ER GANZA

tre, Brooklyn Rd, GL51 8DS

**Free entry  
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**KGV MULTI-SPORTS sessions**

Hesters Way Partnership's sports drop in sessions offering coaching in football, basketball and more by YMCA and The Cheltenham Trust.

Just drop down to KGV on Tuesday and Thursday between 12.30pm and 4.30pm and join in the fun.

# HESTERS WAY SPORT AND PLAY



## FREE SPORTS DROP IN AT KGV

# EASTER HOLIDAYS

MARCH 30 / APRIL 1, 4, 6, 8

Details 01242 228262 / [andyhayes@hwpartnership.org.uk](mailto:andyhayes@hwpartnership.org.uk)



HESTERS WAY  
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YMCA CHELTENHAM



## Speak with confidence

# GESE (Graded Examination in Spoken English) and ISE (Integrated Skills in English)

inlingua Cheltenham are offering evening preparation classes for those living and/or working locally. The times of the lessons are in the early evening at convenient times. The two courses are:

### GESE (Level A1 and B1)

GESE preparation courses at inlingua are designed to focus on building confidence and motivation to improve your English. The method of teaching is largely through communication which is the primary skill to start with. GESE level A1 is the acceptable level for those who require 'Further Leave To Remain'. GESE level B1 is the level required for 'Citizenship.'

#### Times of lessons:

**WEDNESDAY 17:30 - 19:30**

### ISE (Level 1)

The Integrated Skills in English is a contemporary qualification in the four skills for young people who are at or wish to go to College or University and may need an entry language level. It is suitable for teachers and other adults who require a respected language qualification for Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 4 visas.

#### Times of lessons:

**MONDAY 17:30 - 19:30**

Start Date	Duration	GESE A1	GESE B1	ISE Level 1
29.2.16	10 weeks	v	v	
11.4.16	10 weeks	v	v	v
8.8.16	4 weeks	v	v	v
12.9.16	10 weeks	v	v	v
21.11.16	4 weeks	v	v	v

**The price of lessons : £79 for a 10 week course  
£45 for a 4 week course**

**Fee includes : online self-study package through Macmillan to accompany the course.**

**Not included: GESE or ISE Examination fee (£62) and course book (£24).**

Come in today for more information.

Or contact us +44 1242 250493

info@inlingua-cheltenham.co.uk

www.inlingua-cheltenham.co.uk

# 'Our Place' Parent Coffee Mornings



For parents & carers. Come along  
for a drink, a chat & activities at:

Hesters Way  
Children's Centre


Every Friday  
9.15am – 11am



All sessions are free, with free  
refreshments.  
Children are welcome.

Contact Abbey from Inspiring Families for more info:  
[cheltenham.gov.uk/inspiringfamilies](http://cheltenham.gov.uk/inspiringfamilies)

 InspiringFamiliesChelt

 07796336752

## Reach for the Stars!

Reach for the Stars is an event being held at Springbank Primary Academy and Rowanfield Junior School focusing on developing the aspirations of their pupils.

Last year, thanks to the kind generosity of organisations and individuals, children enjoyed learning about the world of work and career opportunities. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with the children benefiting enormously from the opportunity.

The schools are planning another event on **Wednesday 25th May 2016 at Springbank Primary Academy and Rowanfield Junior School** in West Cheltenham. The event will include a guest speaker followed by 3 sessions (providers can opt for one or repeat the workshop for two or three groups).



**If you can offer an interesting and inspiring workshop** please contact Liam Hinkley Springbank Primary Academy 01242 527766 [lhinkley@springbankpri-ac.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lhinkley@springbankpri-ac.gloucs.sch.uk)



### Hesters Way Library Club

**meets on the first Wednesday of each month  
10.15-12.00**

It's great for people who like to choose their own books but would appreciate some help in doing so.

#### Coming up we have some special visitors:

2<sup>nd</sup> March David Edgar co-researcher and compiler of the Hesters Way/Alstone histories

6<sup>th</sup> April local author Chris Green will be reading some of his short stories

4<sup>th</sup> May Philippa Claridge will be with us from the Cheltenham Festivals

1<sup>st</sup> June Rosemary Lynn will chat with us about Dementia Friends



*You can also enjoy  
a cuppa and a chat!*



Contact Hesters Way Library on 01242 514969

If you have problems getting here, free Community Transport to and from the library can be arranged for reasonable distances, including those with wheelchairs

(A small annual fee may be payable to Community Connexions to cover insurance, which would also enable you to use Community Connexions for other transport needs).

The Library

01242 527766

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- Personal accounts
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# FUNDING ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

It would seem that parents of children, age two plus, are not always sure of whether they are eligible to access 15 hours free child care each week. Whilst there is information available on line, it is sometimes confusing for people to fully understand.

Acting Nursery Manager, Tracey Hyett, from St Thomas More Nursery and Pre-School in Hesters Way explains.

"Some two year olds are able to receive free early education and childcare. If their parent(s) receive working tax credits and have an annual income of less than £16,190 before tax, they may be able to claim for 15 hours of free early learning childcare each week (570 hours a year). They may also be entitled to a funded free place if they meet the eligibility criteria used for free school meals, if their child has a statement of Special Educational Needs or if their child receives Disability Living Allowance. Parents may also be able to claim if they receive Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit or support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act. If a child is eligible, parents can claim at the start of the term after their 2nd birthday. For example, if the child turns 2 between 1st January and 31st March, they can claim at the start of the Summer term in April. If their birthday is between 1st April to 31st August, they can claim at the start of the Autumn term in September or if their birthday falls from 1st September to 31st December, they can claim at the start of the Spring term in January."

Parents wishing to check their entitlement should contact Gloucestershire Family Information Services on 0800 542 0202 or visit [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal) immediately after their child's second birthday. Once registered parents will receive a letter which they can then take along to an appropriate approved childcare provider or nursery such as St Thomas More.

"We are always happy to help parents who are unsure of their funding eligibility," says Tracy. "With spaces currently available at our nursery for 2, 3 and 4 year olds, we know that many parents are not making use of their entitlement and would encourage them to do so. When a child turns 3, all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free funded nursery education a week until they start school."

**St Thomas More Nursery and Pre-School is holding an Open Day on 24 March 2016.**



# St Thomas More

Nursery & Pre-School

Looking for an exceptional  
Nursery & Pre-School  
local to you?

St Thomas More Nursery & Pre-School

**Open Day on Thursday 24th March 2016**

You can see what we have to offer. Funded spaces currently available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Situated in Lewis Road, Hesters Way,  
we are holding two drop-in sessions:

9.30 a.m. until 11.00 a.m.  
and 1.00 p.m. until 2.30 p.m.

For further information visit or call 01242 300146 to find out more.



# “R.I.P DIABETES”

## How to reverse & prevent Diabetes



Presented by

**Dr. Chidi Ngwaba**

@DrChidiMD

A regular medical expert for  
**ITV's Good Morning Britain**  
 and the UK's most high profile  
 Lifestyle Doctor.

Dr. Chidi will talk about how to:

- Prevent and improve type 1 diabetes
- Reverse all type 2 diabetes

He will show that by changing people's lifestyles they can really benefit their health and general wellbeing to reverse the disease.

**There will be a time for Questions & Answers**

## Free Event

All are welcome to attend.

Sunday March 20th, 2 - 4pm.  
 Springbank Community Centre,  
 Cheltenham, GL51 0LT

Contact & Info

**James Shepley**

07595 28 88 33

jshepley@secadventist.org.uk

www.cheltenhamstda.org.uk



SEVENTH-DAY  
 ADVENTIST CHURCH



# EASTER FAIR

Monday 28th March 11-2pm

FREE ENTRY

Springbank Community Centre

Entertainment including;

RAFFLE

RANGE OF STALLS

BOUNCY CASTLE

BBQ

FIRE ENGINE

And much more

HAPPY  
EASTER

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**Neighbourhood Project**  
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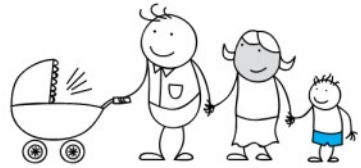
For information call 02142 539088 or email [helen.hope@hwnp.org.uk](mailto:helen.hope@hwnp.org.uk)

# Have your say...

## on the future of services for families with young children



Gloucestershire County Council wants to know your views on proposed changes to services for families with young children.



Have your say by completing an online survey: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/familyservices](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/familyservices)  
Come and see us at drop in sessions - **times and locations on the back of this card**

You can share your views from **18<sup>th</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016**.

No decisions about the future service will be made until after the consultation.



## West Cheltenham Coworking Directory;

*Collaboration, Openness, Community, Accessibility and Sustainability.*

**It's FREE to Join Our Open Community!**

**Why?** The directory aims to develop and grow a network of local professionals in West Cheltenham and beyond. It will help people find each other, connect, collaborate and share contacts and ideas. We will continue to develop, expand and advertise the directory.

**SQUARE  
COWORKING**

**For Whom?** If you live in West Cheltenham or have connections or activities which link you to the area and you are independent professional, volunteer, freelancer, business owner, start up, artist, community worker, or other professional then you can join for free and create an online profile.

**How?** Simply register at [www.squareCoworking.co.uk/directory](http://www.squareCoworking.co.uk/directory) login and edit your profile.

**About Us.** Through the Square Coworking we want to give the local and wider communities of Cheltenham better working experiences, improved creativity and innovation and new possibilities for growth by providing:

- an affordable, accessible environment for like-minded people where they can work, meet, collaborate, network, learn and have fun
- a unique environment where new businesses can start-up faster.

# OASIS CHELTENHAM

01242 580022 admin@oasischeltenham.org  Oasis Cheltenham 

















## Open for Business....



Space available at Oasis for  
**Community Use Meetings**  
**Parties Conferences**  
**Sports**  
**...at great rates.**

## Activities at Oasis....



	Organisation	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday		Time Out for Mums ( <i>Term Time - Contact for Info</i> )	10am - 12pm	01242 580812 timeout@familyspace.org.uk
		F.C. Lakeside Under 9's	6 - 7pm	07985 349084 andrewpuddy@yahoo.com
Tuesday		Student Sports ( <i>Term Time</i> )	12 - 1pm	07920 018067 paul.hewitt@gloscol.ac.uk
		Kids Club ( <i>Term Time</i> )	3:30 - 4:30pm	01242 264308 ellen.policott@cheltborohomes.org
Wednesday		F.C. Lakeside Under 10's	6 - 7pm	07557 108292 whehan1980@yahoo.co.uk
		Balance and Exercise for the Less Mobile	10:30 - 11:30am	07817 851214 zest.forlife@yahoo.co.uk
		Drop In	11:30 am - 1:30pm	01242 264308 ellen.policott@cheltborohomes.org
		Oasis Ability Hub	1:30 - 4pm	01242 774783 karen.lowden@cheltborohomes.org
		Wacky Wednesday Youth Activities ( <i>Term Time</i> )	4:30 - 6pm	01242 524408 office@cheltenhamyfc.co.uk
Thursday		Stay and Play Drop In ( <i>Term Time</i> )	10am - 12pm	07557 405675 admin@gloucestershiremas.co.uk
		Student Sports ( <i>Term Time</i> )	12:15 - 1.45pm,	07896 786135 cjacksos@yahoo.co.uk
		Exercise Class	6 - 7pm	07896 786135 cjacksos@yahoo.co.uk
Friday		Coffee Shop & familySPACE+ Drop In	10am - 12pm	01242 528567 aidanandsilas@thevonsmiths.eclipse.co.uk
		Community Cinema/Bistro Night	Contact for info	
Saturday		Cheltenham Child Contact Centre 	1 - 3pm	01242 580812 cheltenhamcontact@familyspace.org.uk
Sunday		Family Service, Parish Tea Service ( <i>5th Sunday Only</i> )	10:30am, 4pm	01242 528567 aidanandsilas@thevonsmiths.eclipse.co.uk

A West Cheltenham Team Ministry

In Partnership with...



# HESTERS WAY

## Neighbourhood Project

... run by local people for local people ...



[www.hwnp.org](http://www.hwnp.org) / facebook  
and twitter @hesterswaynp  
Tel: 01242 521319

### COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

every Thursday at 10am  
at Springbank Community  
Resource Centre

Come along for coffee, tea,  
cake and a chat  
Tell us what activities you  
would like to see here



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Neighbourhood Project  
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### BABY AND TODDLER Springbank Little Steps

Every Wednesday

10am to 12

Entry £1.00

Free Refreshments

Springbank Community  
Resource Centre  
(Youth Centre)

Join us for a chat and meet new friends

For children up to school age

## THE LIVING ROOM @ Rowanfield Exchange

Run by Hesters Way Neighbourhood Project the Living Room offers a range of activities for local people. The first "Friends of The Living Room" AGM was held on 10<sup>th</sup> February. The meeting was well attended by residents and joined by local St Marks Councillor Chris Coleman. FOLR now has a new constitution, elected committee members and officers .

To run a group or to book contact Izi on 01242 521319.

<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>Open Session 1 to 4.30pm Youth Group 4-6pm</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>Mother and Toddler Group 12 to 2pm</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>Adult IT 9.30am to 12pm, Open Session 1 to 4.30pm</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>Youth Group 3:30 to 6pm</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>Crafty Crafters (fortnightly) 10:30am to 1:30pm (Sorry no children) 1:30 to 5pm - Open Session</i>



## Hesters Way Neighbourhood Project

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# Confused with computers?

Then come along to

## "FREE" IT DROP-IN CLASS

### Learn

- Keyboard basics
- Mouse basics
- Using emails
- Online searches
- Using public services
- Social media
- Skype



At Hesters Way Resource Centre,  
Cassin Drive, Hesters Way,  
Cheltenham.

**Wednesday 1.30 pm - 4pm**

**Thursday 10am - 12.30pm**

For more information contact the centre: 01242 521319

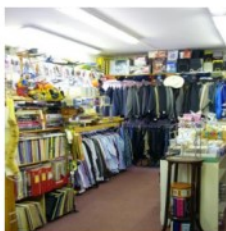
**BARGAINS GALORE!**  
Save money  
Help to recycle  
Raise funds to support local projects



16 to 18 HESTERS WAY ROAD  
(Next to the Co-Op and Post Office)

We stock - nearly new  
CLOTHING, SHOES, BRIC a BRAC, TOYS, BOOKS, etc

**Come and visit our Aladdin's cave of surprises.**



**Tel: 252325**

**Open Monday to Friday 9:00 - 3:00**

# POPPS PROJECT

Cheltenham POPPs (Springbank) aims to bring together older people locally for fun and companionship. We hold fortnightly meetings on a Wednesday afternoon (2 p.m. till 4 p.m.) at the Springbank Community Resource Centre, Springbank Way, GL51 0LG. Sometimes we have a guest speaker and sometimes we participate in an activity together.



At our birthday tea in January we remembered our member Lorna Alcock's 100th birthday attended by the then Mayor Wendy Flynn. Lorna kindly remembered us in her will and we used this money to buy some lovely new mugs from the Chateau Blue collection

The afternoon charge is 50p for members or £1 for non-members and tea and coffee is provided. For more information and to join, please contact Liz on 01242 698146

## POPPs (Springbank) Spring Diary 2016 *(provisional and may be subject to alteration)*

March 2nd	India	Wendy Binks
March 16th	Dementia Awareness	Rosemary Lynn
March 28th	Springbank Easter Fair	Cake stall to raise money for trips
March 30th	Rondo Singers	
April 13th	Ukulele	David Thacker
April 27th	AGM / A Way with Words	Philippa Claridge (Chelt' Festivals)

## BROMFORD WORKING FOR YOU

Hi ! I'm Jo Herbert the new housing manager for Bromford in Cheltenham. I have been working for here for 14 years in supported housing and our home income team. My role as housing manager is definitely my favourite so far!

I am enjoying meeting Bromford customers and other residents living in our communities. I focus on getting to know customers and working with them to achieve their goals. This could be a range of things from helping people manage their money and prepare for the changes in benefits that are coming, to connecting people with local services to find jobs or other opportunities. I help customers manage their tenancy well, look after their home and support them to resolve any issues they may have. My goal is for my customers to live to their full potential in a community they're proud to call home. What I love the most is the face to face contact I have with people and that every day is different.



If you're a Bromford customer and need my help, you can you can email me on:

[jo.herbert@bromford.co.uk](mailto:jo.herbert@bromford.co.uk) Or try our website: [www.bromford.co.uk](http://www.bromford.co.uk)

# WEST CHELTENHAM BUSINESS BREAKFAST

## Chef's Special Presentations 2016

Last Wednesday of the month 8.00—9.00am

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Engaging with the third sector— **Angela Gilbert**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Development tools for business—**Gerald Crittle**

**June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Greening your business— **Claire Mitchell**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>** – Soft skills for business— **Nicki Stewart**

March 30<sup>th</sup> — Easter Break / August 31<sup>st</sup> — Summer Break

**Hesters Way Community Resource Centre**

**Cassin Drive, Cheltenham GL51 7SU**

**8.00—9.00am** JTs Café

**9am—11.30am** Coworking Annex upstairs

**FREE ENTRY**



**FREE PARKING**

**West Cheltenham Business Network**

For details call **228262** or email **andyhayes@hwpartnership.org.uk**