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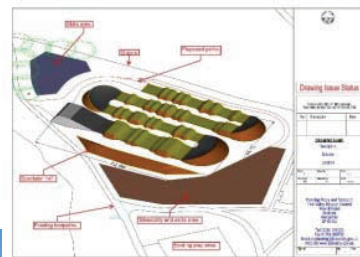
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BMX Track at Knightwood Leisure Centre

Test Valley Borough Council started work on the new BMX track at Knightwood Leisure Centre on 17 June and the picture below left shows Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden and Borough Councillor Andrew Beesley together with Kevin Paterson the Chief Executive of Valley Leisure at the launch of the works.

The works have now been completed and the picture top right picture shows a plan of the site and the bottom right picture shows the children getting ready for their first ride.



Spare a thought for us residents

Eastleigh Police are working with local councillors, Valley Park residents and representatives of businesses based at the Hampshire Corporate Park to address the vexatious issue of employees' inconsiderate parking in the residential areas of Montgomery Way, Donnington Drive and Calshot Drive.



Workers who persist in using visitors' parking bays as a car park will receive letters from their employer reminding them of their company's Park and Ride scheme and requesting more courteous behaviour in future. Anyone parking in a dangerous position will receive an on-the-spot fine.

To report instances of thoughtless or dangerous parking, please contact Eastleigh Police via the 101 hotline.



Valley Park in Bloom

This year's Valley Park in Bloom event was launched in June by Lawrie McMenemy and was an outstanding success. Once again special thanks go to Cooper Vision for their donation towards the flowers.

In the picture are children from Knightwood and St Francis Primary Schools together with Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Alan Dowden, Lawrie McMenemy (in the centre) and Borough Councillor Kath Tilling.



Green light for Valley Park's community cafe

Knightwood Leisure Centre has been quick off the mark in responding to residents' requests for a community cafe for Valley Park and construction work is already underway. The cafe, which will have a patio area overlooking the children's play park and the tennis courts, will be ready by 8 September, to coincide with the opening of the new BMX track.

Valley Leisure, who manage the Knightwood Centre, would like to hear from any volunteers who might be interested in running the cafe on a sessional basis. Training in food handling and health and safety issues will be provided. For further information, contact Neil Barker on nbarker@valleyleisure.com





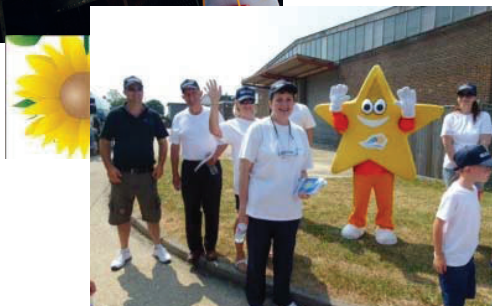
Councillor Kath's Star Turn



Romsey Carnival was the setting for the launch of Test Valley Borough Council's new campaign to make us all recycle more effectively. "Recycling Stars" aims to increase both the number of recyclers and the amount they recycle, by promoting a greater awareness of the many benefits and a better understanding of the recycling process itself.



At the Carnival, Councillor Kath Tilling (pictured left) joined Council staff and the campaign mascot to give out leaflets to explain which products can be recycled using domestic brown bins. "Residents are often mistaken about what can and can't be recycled through the brown bin scheme" said Kath. "The campaign aims to clear up the confusion and get us recycling more. That has to be better for the environment as well as making good economic sense."



Work will continue with residents throughout the Borough to find out what the Council can do to support them to lead a more environmentally friendly lifestyle. If you would like to take part, a short recycling survey can be found online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/recyclingstars.



Knightwood Youth Club are looking for more volunteers

Time has flown by since we opened Knightwood youth club and at the end of September the club will celebrate its third birthday.

We meet at Knightwood Leisure Centre on a Friday evening between 6.30 and 9.30pm. Our members are aged between 13 and 17 and we are delighted that we continue to regularly welcome new members to the club. Entry and hot and cold drinks **are free** and we offer a range of activities including table tennis, pool, music, Xbox, Wii and Play Station games, arts and crafts, advice and information, or simply a warm and safe place to get together with friends. We also offer outside activities such as last year's residential weekend at Calshot, Go-Karting nights and visits to Thorpe Park.



Why was the club set up?

The club was established in 2010 under the initiative of Cllr Alan Dowden and local policing organisations, with financial support from the Parish Council and with an initial objective of helping to reduce the large number of alcohol and antisocial behaviour related incidents impacting the area around Knightwood Leisure Centre. Two years on and police reports indicate that the original objective has been achieved and that issues of this kind are happily now a rare occurrence.

Who runs the club?

The club committee run the club and they took the decision from the outset to employ the services of a professional youth leader and then support that person with enthusiastic volunteers. Thanks therefore go to the team of nine volunteers who turn up on a regular basis to support our Friday club night activities.

Important to note that without those volunteers the club would not exist, so if any of our readers would like to consider joining us to support young people in our area we would love to hear from them. Just drop in on a Friday evening or call Alan Stevens on 07785 732336 for more information.



Speeding in Valley Park

Owing to concerns raised by local residents the Parish Council recently carried out speed surveys on Knightwood Road and School Lane. The results were disturbing and have been passed to Hampshire Constabulary with a request that speed limits be enforced.



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