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The Harrow Way *Light*

Wishing you a safe winter and all the very best for 2021!

From all at

Viabes Community Centre

If you need help with shopping, medication collection or anything else during this difficult time, please use the following support lines:

Hantshelp4vulnerable – 0333 370 4000

The Silver Line Helpline – 0800 4 70 80 90

Mind—0300 123 3393

Age Concern Hampshire—01962 868545

Our number is 01256 473634. If we can help you, we will.

Message from the Manager

Hello everyone!

Well I think we can all probably agree this hasn't been the best year for so many of us. However, we are, as always, trying to feel positive and are looking forward to all of the good things that will hopefully come with 2021.

In spite of this year's challenges, we have successfully navigated through the pandemic thus far, supported our wider community as a hub, developed and grown partnerships and relationships with others, started new support groups and restarted our regular hires safely and securely to help local businesses and attendees alike, increasing their confidence in our ability to look after them. We are so very grateful for everyone's support and acknowledgement of our hard work and dedication and would like to thank our regular hirers for coming back so responsibly.

We also managed to provide some children's activities beautifully socially distanced and adhering to all the new guidelines.

I would personally like to thank Katie and our Trustees for the support they have offered to both myself, the centre and to our users.

This much smaller edition of the Harrow Way is a one off until we have more to report to you all. In the meantime, stay safe, stay warm and please contact us if we can be of any help to you.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Luan Squire

What we've been up to



Messy Play, Arts and Crafts, Baby Steps and Baby Massage have all taken place face-to-face or digitally since we reopened and have taken place at safe distance, whilst still keeping people engaged.



Why not gift someone a baby massage course this Christmas?



We have brightened up the Four Lanes Room and made the wall easier to maintain

We signed up to be supported through the Basingstoke and Deane Community Lottery. You could win and support us all at the same time! Go to www.bandcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/viablies-community-association



Other Community News

Registered Charity 1086263

CHRISTMAS 2020 FUNDRAISING QUIZ



To help raise a little money for our local u3a in these challenging times, we've put together a fun quiz with a Christmas theme: pictures of celebrities dressed as Santa for you to identify, pictorial clues to words and phrases associated with Christmas, stills from Christmas films, and a "spot the differences" Christmas scene.

If you'd like to tackle the quiz (prize a gift voucher), please do two things:



1. Make a donation of £2 (or more, if you're feeling generous!):

Name Basingstoke – Old Basing u3a

Sort code 30-90-53

Account number 48364760

IMPORTANT: Please add your name as a reference when making the donation, so that we can link it to 2 below.

2. Email basingstokeu3aquiz@gmail.com to let us know you've made the donation. We'll email back a quiz as soon as our treasurer has confirmed its receipt.

Each copy of the quiz will have a unique number. You'll be free to seek help with the quiz from family and friends, but each entry must have this reference on it. We'll only accept one entry per number, emailed from the person to whom we sent it.

Entries to basingstokeu3aquiz@gmail.com must be received **by the end of this year**. The person with the highest score will win and, in the event of a tie, the winner will be the first name drawn. The answers will appear on our website www.basingstokeu3a.org early next year.

The competition is open to anyone, so please mention it to friends and encourage them to donate for their own copy and a chance to win.

Whilst at Viabes we won't be able to have our usual Christmas Celebration, we do hope to host something based on the restrictions we have at the time, so please keep an eye on social media or call us nearer the time.

Christmas!

