

Easter SUSSED

Children's Activities Coming soon!!!!

Leisure & Community Development have a fun filled programme of activities organised to keep children entertained throughout the Easter Break. The SUSSED Children's Activity Programme will have nearly 2



weeks of activities planned from:

**Friday 2nd April –
Wednesday 14th April 2010.**

The sessions will be running at Codsall, Cheslyn Hay, Penkridge and Wombourne Leisure Centres as well as several community venues in South Staffordshire: - Codsall, Essington, Great Wyrley, Featherstone, Perton, Bishops Wood, Brewood, Coven and Pattingham!

Activities on offer this holiday include Easter Themed arts and crafts, sports coaching and free swimming for all under 16's!

For a copy of the Easter SUSSED programme please pop into your nearest South Staffordshire Council Leisure Centre, visit www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sussed or contact Leisure & Community Development on: **01902 696600.**

offered free to the public and are advertised as picnic concerts.

We are currently asking people who think they would like to be part of our event to call us for a 'Expressions of interest form' and apply to play at the concerts. For further details call Abi, Leisure and Community Events Officer on **01902 696234** or email her on a.oleary@sstaffs.gov.uk



Bands Wanted for 'Concerts in the Park 2010'

The Community Development Team are in the process of planning this years 'Concerts in the Park' programme. Are you part of a group, play in a band or sing on your own? If so then we have a fantastic venue that has proved hugely popular with many different types of musicians. Concerts in the Park is a summer long programme of music held at Bageridge Country Park on the purpose build Bandstand from July till August. Concerts are

Sport in the Community

The Leisure & Community Development team have a new booklet out, detailing a selection of the wide range of sports activities & facilities on offer from the service.

For you free copy please contact **01902 696600** or email leisure@sstaffs.gov.uk

www.sstaffs.gov.uk/communities



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Help create a healthy Community

SKATE PARK Roll up for Bilbrook's new skate park!

Youngsters in Bilbrook are dusting off their skateboards and heading down to Joeys Lane to enjoy the village's new skate park.

The facility should provide a point of contact for local young people, who previously had little to do but hang around the streets.

The idea for the skate park, on the playing field off Joeys Lane, came about as a result of consultation with young people carried out by Bilbrook and Codsall Action Group.

The park has come to fruition as a result of funding from the Codsall Community & Learning Partnership, Staffordshire Youth Bank and Staffordshire District Council.

Cllr Val Chapman, Chairman of Bilbrook Parish Council, said:

"This just proves what can be done when a positive attitude is taken to follow through local needs brought to the attention of the Parish Council. At long last we have somewhere for the youngsters of Bilbrook and Codsall Parishes to go and to use their energies in a positive way."

For more information please contact Leisure & Community Development on **01902 696600.**



Want to see more events in your community !!

South Staffordshire Council has worked with community groups around the District to organise a variety of different events in local places for a number of years. Promoting schemes such as the Spring & Autumn Concerts, Live and Local or Flicks in the Sticks, community groups and individuals are able to access the support required to enable professional performances and events to take place in their own village hall or community centre.

For example, Live & Local supports local volunteers to choose, promote & run theatre or music events, bringing communities together to enjoy affordable, memorable and uplifting live entertainment. Flicks in the Sticks enable film nights to



happen locally, and Spring & Autumn Concerts are targeted at people who would normally be unable to get to hear live music in nearby towns & cities. But these schemes are so much more than just a great night out! They play a vitally important part in the social life of communities. They help build support for community venues such as village halls, encourage volunteering, help to develop active communities and promote other community initiatives.

Through these schemes, advice is provided throughout the whole process, right from choosing suitable performances to how to promote the event, and of course it also provides a financial safety-net so that even small communities can benefit. If you would like to become involved with any of these schemes, contact Abi O'Leary on **01902 696234**

Do You Enjoy Sport?

Would you like to take part in friendly competitions each weekend this Spring?

Leisure & Community Development have now announced the event schedule for this years Inter Parish Games.

The Inter Parish Games are a series of sports competitions aimed at all ages and abilities, that aim to increase community spirit and promote physical activity within the district.

The events generally take place at weekends and are all free to enter.

It's a great way of meeting new people and having a bit of competitive fun at the weekend !

The games are open to all residents of South Staffordshire where you compete on behalf of the parish where you live.

This year the games will run from April – June with the following competitions taking place :-



Sports Quiz
Table Tennis
Rifle Shooting
Angling
Squash
Cross Country Running
Skittles
Crown Green Bowls
5 a side football

Wombourne Bowls Club
The Salem Church Hall, Cheslyn Hay
The National Indoor Shooting Centre, Aldersley
Kings Pool Shareshill
Codsall Leisure Centre
Baggeridge Country Park
The Swan Hotel Brewood
Wombourne Bowls Club
Monkton Recreation Ground Penkridge

Wed 14th April
Sat 17th April
Sun 18th April
Sat 8th May
Sun 9th May
Sun 20th June
Wed 30th June
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For more information please visit: www.sstaffs.gov.uk/ipp or contact Vicki on **01902 696519**



Cheslyn Hay Play Area

Cheslyn Hay Parish Council have been successful in obtaining funding from the Play Builder Scheme, to develop a new Natural Play Area. Managed by Staffordshire County Council, Playbuilder aims to provide new & improved open-access play areas for children aged 8-13yrs across the County.

The play area is situated in amongst trees at a recreation ground in the village. The site contains lots of play experiences, where children & young people can climb, run, sit and chat, and use the two zip wires. As all the equipment is built entirely from natural materials, it fits in with the natural woodland area.

If you would like to improve play facilities in your village, you are advised to talk through your ideas with South Staffordshire Play Partnership, who can give you all the advice you will need, including the latest national guidance around play.



Key contacts within South Staffordshire Play Partnership include:

Rachel Taylor, Community Development Officer
01902 696534

Karen Sullivan, Lead Officer for Play at Staffordshire County Council
01785 278659

New facility for young people in Wombourne

A variety of consultation had taken place with young people in Wombourne about the facilities currently on offer for them in the village. It was established that they would like a multi use games area, which would allow them to carry out activities in a safe environment with their friends.

The Wombourne Youth Action Team (WYAT) – a small group of young Wombourne residents, with the support of the Wombourne Community and Learning Partnership were then set the task of taking this project forward. WYAT have managed to secure funding for the project from Staffordshire Youth Bank as well as gaining support of the parish council and local partner agencies.

The hardwork of the young people paid off with the MUGA due for installation on the Brick Bridge Lane Playing Fields by the end of March.

