

HYTHE & DIBDEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FRIENDS FIRST MEETING - JULY 1ST 1999

There was a meeting held at the Hythe and Dibden Community Centre on Thursday July 1st, to try to establish a group of support for the centre and the committee. Ten people attended who were interested in the idea, deeming it necessary for further efforts to be made to achieve our new building. The title of Friends of the centre was suggested and accepted and several ideas for support were agreed to be put to the committee at their general meeting on July 13th. It was also agreed to go slowly at first so that initial ideas would have a chance of being taken up and supported by the various groups who rely on the centre for their meetings. The centre's needs have been overshadowed by other local community projects and an unwillingness to stand for committee has made it very difficult to operate. This situation has resulted in this first meeting of the Friends and a further meeting has been arranged on Thursday, August 5th in the Centre at 2p.m. when the committee's response to the ideas put forward will be discussed and implementation of those ideas be put into operation.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 13TH

At the General Committee meeting of the 13th July, the Friends were pleased to get the backing of the committee for the furtherance of their aims. A notice will go in the monthly bills which the groups receive, asking them to notify their activities, which will then be sent for inclusion in a local "freebee". We will have to await the response. It was also agreed that we should open the centre from 10 a.m. to 12.00 on the first Saturday morning of the month, refreshment available, for table top and car boot sales, at a charge of £3 per unit. As previously stated, money will need to be spent on essential repairs on the building, regrettably, as we need the money for the new building.

LETTER FOR GROUPS

The new group of "FRIENDS" is anxious to get as much publicity for the Community Centre as they can and this is our first initiative. Please will you supply us with your activities/meetings list for inclusion in a local "freebee" by the 10th of the current month. Also, starting on the 2nd October, the centre will be open from 10.00a.m. to 12.00 providing opportunities for table top and car boot sales at a cost of £3 per unit. Refreshment will be available. It is intended to hold this on the first Saturday of each month, so rake out any unwanted items and help us to raise money for the building fund, instead of going to the tip!. If interested in the "FRIENDS" our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 5th at 2p.m..