**Time &Talents**

**What is it?**

Firstly it is an opportunity not only celebrate the great diversity of opportunities, but to engage in all manner of activities provided by dedicated, willing volunteers, who enrich our communities by their selfless organisation, involvement and participation to our benefit.

Secondly it is an opportunity to provide details of those groups, activities and organisations held at the Village Hall, Barry’s Fields Sports and Social Facility and the Recreation Ground Pavilion for so our communities can become more aware of those that may appeal to them to prompt joining, getting involved in working with them or support remotely.

As well identifying their organisations the opportunity will be utilised to help identify where there are opportunities to increase membership, encourage those with skills to help run them or those with needed skills to provide support remotely for a maybe few hours per month.

**How will this be achieved?**

In December two preliminary open meetings were held to facilitate those groups and organisations, who have indicated an interest to be involved in the initiative, to meet and identify the way forward.

From those meetings a working party was established, holding its first meeting on 10th January. Those on the working party have managed the initiative on behalf of all the involved Groups and organisations

**The initiative focuses on two stages**

Firstly an A4 Booklet is near completion, giving all concerned the opportunity to contribute

details of their activities, which will be delivered to all homes in the Winterslows, Lopcombe Corner and Firsdown this month. This is an informative journal to be kept as a reference document and identify all the contact details so you can become engaged if you wish to.

This is followed, on Saturday 13th April, by a major event held at Winterslow Village Hall under the banner of ***Celebrating Our Communities;*** running from 10am to 4pm.

This will be a *free to enter family event,* with displays by all those involved in the initiative.

Two similar events have been held at the Village Hall previously and were hailed as a great success by visitors and exhibitors alike.

*So make a note on your calendars and in your diaries to remind you about 13th April.*

***Not Yet Involved??***

**Would you like become involved, contribute to the Booklet and attend Celebrating Our Communities??**

***It is not too late to get involved, so long as you contact me by the 8th March.***

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